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## Weather

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## Candidate sparks fly at Fulford meeting

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Staff Writer

Sniping, carping and not-so-subtle criticism characterized a packed all-candidates meeting at Fulford Hall on Friday as gloves came off between Salt Spring candidates for the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District (CRD).

Long-standing rivalries seeped through bland electioneering rhetoric when CRD candidates Bill Curtin and Darlene Steele discussed the future indoor pool.

As the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) chair, Curtin indicated that the planned multi-purpose pool would serve the whole community. But Steele, who has been Splash pool society president, responded with a whopper.

"I have two words to say to Bill," said Steele, "Baffle-garb and bullshit."

She claimed that PARC has some very large problems and she called for an elected PARC board.

"They have a toxic culture there."

For his part, Curtin claimed that Steele would "spend us into the poor house" if she was given reign.

Incumbent CRD director Gary Holman threw up his hands over the long-standing and much publicized disagreements between Curtin and Steele related to pool developments.

"I urged cooperation between the two groups and I do think we failed somewhat," he said. "You can bring horses to water but you can't make them drink."

Holman also talked about the need to set fixed terms for PARC commissioners.

**FULFORD MEETING A4**

## Budimcic works to clear his name

Following national news coverage alleging a war criminal past in the former Yugoslavia, Salt Spring resident Josep Budimcic gave the following written submission to the Driftwood on Tuesday:

My name is Josep Budimcic, better known to most

of you as "Joe Somebody — Mobile Mechanic and Handyman." I appreciate this opportunity to briefly share with you some of the facts surrounding the difficulties that my family and I have been facing recently, as well as over the past number of years.

**JOE RESPONDS A3**

## Island man remembers the 'forgotten war'

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Staff Writer

Anything involving a free world tour along with full room and board can't be all that bad.

At least that's how 81-year-old veteran Reg Winstone described with a laugh his sojourn aboard the Royal Navy's HMS Phoebe during World War II.

Despite the good food and jovial atmosphere on deck

back when he was 24 years old, the island resident said his time at sea also gave him the scare of a lifetime.

"When you're young and so far away like that, it becomes easy to believe you will never get back home again," he said. "You're always sort of scared and that is natural because you're just not used to it."

Though he keeps a modest collection of pictures,



**POPPY SEASON:** War veteran John Matheson is out and about in Ganges exchanging poppies for donations. Remembrance Day is this Friday, with Salt Spring's annual march of veterans and wreath-laying ceremony set to start at 10:45 a.m.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

medals and newspaper clippings from his years in the Navy carefully catalogued in a simple brown envelope, Winstone said he is not overly keen on ceremony.

"I'm not much for getting into these kind of events," he said candidly. "I think the war is over and I am glad it's over."

Winstone may not like the recognition, but he did confess to a certain pride

whenever younger islanders come up to his dark blue 1981 Cadillac after spotting his veteran licence plates.

"There's nothing wrong with speaking about war and it's amazing when 18, 19 and 20 year olds come up and say 'thank you.'"

When he was that age, Winstone was drafted into the Royal Navy and immediately began his naval training.

In 1943, he left his home, family and a carpentry apprenticeship in south-east England to answer the call to arms for a nation at war.

Winstone explained how daily news bulletins warning of the German advance across Europe and his firsthand exposure to the damage inflicted by bombing raids in England helped foreshadow

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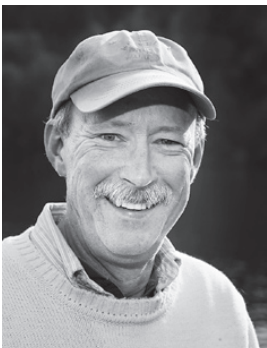
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FORGOTTEN WAR

From Page A1

the impending battle.

“We had lived in air raid shelters and I’d seen my mother cowering in fear during the blitzes,” he recalled.

After several months’ training, he soon set sail for the Mediterranean where his ship undertook several missions at Malta and Asiago, Italy.

When the Phoebe pulled into Malta, Winstone recalled being shocked at the number of Allied masts sticking out of the harbour.

“That was the point when I started asking myself what I’d gotten involved with,” he confessed.

Within months, the ship made its way to South East Asia via the Suez Canal as part of the largest armada ever commissioned by the Royal Navy. Winstone’s ship was among those defending the armada’s four aircraft carriers from the Japanese.



MEMORIES: Reg Winstone holds photos from his time in the Royal Navy.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

Winstone recalled how the meals and living conditions on board were far superior to what his countrymen in the army had to deal with.

Not having to worry about moving camp and fighting on land during the monsoons helped make life a lot easier, but still did not hide the real fact he remained in a war zone.

Life on board was defined by strict order and hygiene requirements, which, if followed, he said, made life bearable.

Apparently, life was not so great if one failed to abide by the rules.

“Cramped living conditions meant cleanliness was very important,” he said. “Sailors who didn’t follow suit were submitted to a

thorough scrubbing.”

Usually confined to a footnote compared to the 600,000 Canadian soldiers deployed to Europe, the 10,000 who served in Hong Kong and the Bay of Bengal were crucial in regaining control of valuable shipping lanes and colonial outposts in the South Pacific and along the Asian subcontinent.

Winstone knew little of the Pacific theatre before he was drafted largely because German offensives in Western Europe and the Soviet Union were not only headline news but also knocking at the door.

“This was a remote war, thousands of miles from anywhere,” he said of his experience. “It took a letter eight weeks to reach us from

our families back home.”

From a naval base on Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), Winstone took part in raids on locations scattered between the Burmese and Indonesian coasts.

Serving on the forgotten front became even more pronounced after victory was declared in Europe and celebrations began.

While the celebratory spirit spread across Europe and North America, Winstone quickly realized an extra tot of rum issued to mark the occasion was the brief and only respite from the task at hand.

“We felt the war wasn’t over and soon found out it wouldn’t be for another several months,” he said.

It did not occur until unconditional Japanese surrender was announced in September, after American forces dropped two atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Winstone said there were mixed emotions aboard the ship after they had heard news of the first bomb. Whereas civilian lives had been lost, he said, the bombs brought a swift end to a battle that could have raged on for years.

When you’re young and far away from home, he said, the only priority is getting on with your life.

“In war, everything in your life just gets put on hold for a few years,” he said. “It was a relief to get home, even if I was 22 years old and still trying to finish my apprenticeship.”

Winstone currently lives on Salt Spring with his wife Vanda. He has five children and can often be found helping out at Croftonbrook or enjoying a friendly game of snooker down at the Legion.

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In other RCMP news:

• Deer hunters visiting the island from the lower mainland in October were issued a hefty fine after they were caught discharging a firearm in a quiet residential neighbourhood.

A witness provided police with a description of the vehicle and the two men were later found at Ruckle Park on October 27.

Though each hunter possessed a valid license, police issued a \$345 ticket under the British Columbia Wildlife Act.

Officers advise hunters, especially those from off island, to familiarize themselves with regulations and ensure they are not discharging weapons in populated areas or near roadways.

• Members of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department were dispatched to the scene of a chimney fire on Walker Hook Road at 2p.m. on Thursday, November 3.

Crews were able to contain the fire and no major damage to the home was reported but the fire department is taking the opportunity to remind homeowners about the need to inspect their chimneys before the onset of winter.

Most of the time, these fires are contained in the chimney but they can occasionally escape and cause significant damage to the structure, said Captain Dale Lundy.

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## JOE RESPONDS

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I am a Canadian resident of Croatia descent. We applied to come to Canada as refugees and in 1995, along with my wife Tatjana and two children, were granted landed immigrant status. All the necessary legal and investigative requirements were met.

I now stand falsely accused of "war crimes." My trial, of which I was never notified, was held in abstentia. The entire proceeding, including prosecution, "defence," deliberation, as well as sentencing, took only one hour to complete. No witnesses were heard. Witness statements filed with the court contained conflicting evidence. It is interesting to note that the witnesses, who had all served only briefly in the military, since testifying falsely against me, are now enjoying the benefits of a full military pension in Croatia.

Courts in Croatia are not independent fact finders as they are in Canada. Such so-called trials are politically motivated. It is common knowledge that countless innocent individuals have been falsely labelled as war criminals in an attempt by the Croatian government to legitimize their standing in the International Community.

As reported in the November 2 Driftwood newspaper, the Human Rights Watch as well as Amnesty International both have the same grave misgivings about the truth and fairness of "war crimes trials" in Croatia. International observers, who have reviewed this type of kangaroo court, find these proceedings to be corrupt and devoid of legal status.

Since that time, the RCMP have gone to Croatia and interviewed these witnesses. The statements given were found in many important instances to contradict their prior statements.

My wife is of Serbian origin and after the outbreak of hostilities in 1991, our mixed marriage (Serb/Croatian) put us in a very difficult position. When, in the name of Croatian nationalism, pressure to kill my family was put upon me, we decided that it was no

longer an option to remain in Croatian-held territory. In an attempt to safeguard my family, we fled to Serb occupied territory — an area in which I was not trusted because I was Croatian. Consequently I had no liberties, power or weapons entrusted to me at any time by the Serbian occupying forces. At no time did I have any involvement in, nor power over any situation, let alone situations where abuse, interrogation or execution of prisoners occurred.

As mentioned previously, we were accepted into Canada with refugee status. We were hopeful that this country would offer us a future free of cultural or ethnic prejudices. Ever since news of these accusations surfaced in Canada (2001), I have been in contact with the RCMP and Immigration officials and always advised them of my whereabouts. I have never hidden anywhere nor changed my identity. Joe Somebody is my business name. My real name is printed on my work truck as well.

The impact that these false allegations have had on our day to day lives is indescribable. The media attention has caused much stress and created health issues in our family. Two job terminations and associated economic losses have resulted as a direct consequence of the false accusations.

I would like to thank those people on Salt Spring Island and on the Prairies who know us and who have supported us in so many ways during this extremely difficult time. We truly appreciate your kind words and actions, without which we would not be able to continue our struggle to prove my innocence.

We feel privileged to be living in Canada and would be honoured to become Canadian citizens. As always, I continue to work with the Canadian authorities to clear my name and have a future for myself and for my family in this country. We have faith in the Canadian judicial system.

## McColls aid library fund

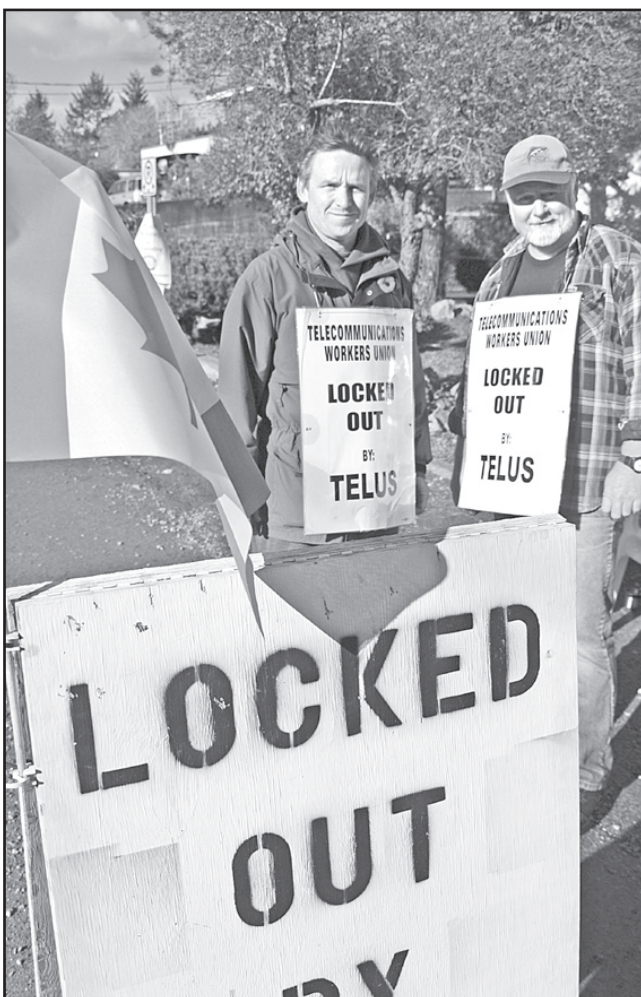
Salt Spring's Public Library Association announced receipt of its first big donation in the drive to raise \$250,000 towards the purchase of the lot next to its current McPhillips Avenue site.

The McColl family — Lee, Mary Ann, David and Stephen — which owns the subject lot have donated \$25,000 to the fund.

Library board chair Garth Hendren said Lee and Mary Ann McColl have promised

to increase that donation by a further \$25,000 if the community contributes \$50,000.

Bylaws to facilitate purchase of the \$600,000 property for a new library in future go to referendum on November 19.



**STILL OUT:** Salt Spring Telus workers Gary Bywater and Doug Wellington are waiting to hear the results of a second union vote scheduled for this week. The workers have been picketting since July. Photo by Derrick Lundy

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# Better governance among topics

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Staff Writer

ArtSpring was filled to the brim last Thursday night when candidates for Capital Regional District (CRD) and Islands Trust seats met their first large mass of public in the 2005 campaign.

While the library and pool issues proved contentious in Ganges as at the Fulford Hall meeting the following night, (see front-page story) the first meeting's overall tone was much tamer.

After using their allotted few minutes to deliver prepared introductory statements, candidates faced audience questions ranging from drinking water concerns to affordable housing, tourism management and, of course, the leisure pool question and library referendum.

Local governance attracted detailed answers from all eight participants.

Susan Russell, from Islanders for Self-Government, asked if candidates would support requesting another incorporation study from the provincial government within six months of the election. All CRD candi-

dates except incumbent Gary Holman said they would, and all Trust candidates except incumbent Kimberly Lineger said they would not.

On the CRD side, candidate Dietrich Luth, who did not support requesting a study during his tenure as CRD director from 1993-96, said he would do so now if a study's parameters were properly set.

Darlene Steele responded with a yes, but added she would also like to see the concept of a "local community commission" explored for the island, as well as an elected Parks and Recreation Commission.

Bill Curtin gave an "unequivocal yes" as a response.

Holman elicited audience cheers after giving his spiel that noted \$100,000 was spent on a study only a few years ago, and that improvements to the current system could be made.

"I'm not convinced [incorporation] is the best thing for Salt Spring or the Trust area as a whole," he said.

Among Trust candidates, Kimberly Lineger was the first to respond.

"I support looking at a restructure study," she said, adding, "We need to put it all on the table."

George Ehring disagreed. "I'm running for the Trust, not against the Trust . . ." he said before inviting Russell's group to speak to him about what may have changed in the last three years since the incorporation question was rejected by 70 per cent of islanders.

Peter Lamb agreed with his running mate Ehring, saying he did not want to dilute the Trust and that improvements could be made within the current system. That includes working more cooperatively with the island's CRD director and provincial agencies, and seeking greater representation, tax equity and resource allocation through Trust Council.

Ken Rouleau also said no. "Firstly, I have no sense that is what the majority is looking for."

He also said he would want to strengthen the Trust in problem areas, including an examination of jurisdictional overlaps.

Complete accord was found on one issue.

All candidates for both the CRD and Islands Trust agreed the proposed new B.C. Transmission Corporation power lines should not go over the island on the existing right of way as planned.

Lineger said the January B.C. Utilities Commission hearing on the matter "is going to be the fight of our community."

"We've got unanimity on this subject," observed Luth.

The November 3 meeting, which was sponsored by the Driftwood and Chamber of Commerce (simply meaning they paid the bills), was videotaped and will run continuously on Salt Spring Cable Channel 12 for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15.

The Neighbourhoods Coalition has organized another all-candidates public session for Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Farmers Institute, and various candidates are holding open houses in the next week, as outlined in their ads.

For candidate positions on various issues, see the Driftwood's special eight-page pull-out section in this edition.

## FULFORD MEETING

From Page A1

Both Curtin and Steele took turns firing salvos at the incumbent.

"I agree with Gary," Steele said while looking at Holman. "You've been a failure in leading us."

After Holman rattled off a long list of accomplishments during his opening speech, Steele shook her sabre.

"Please remember, just because it happened on Gary's watch doesn't mean he made it happen."

While she called for "stronger leadership," Curtin complained that Holman "dithered" instead of acting decisively over pool plans.

Curtin and Holman also squared off over the location for a new library. Curtin favours the Rainbow Road

recreation site and Holman aims to preserve the library in the Ganges core.

When questioned by an audience member if Curtin took any responsibility for the conflict between Ssplash and PARC, he replied: "If I were CRD director, I'd call an end to the community consultation process and make a decision myself."

Fellow CRD candidate Dietrich Luth had a creative suggestion to help resolve problems between Ssplash and PARC.

"You put them in the pool and don't let them out until they have a decision. It won't take long."

But Islands Trust incumbent trustee Kimberly Lineger indicated that "healthy debate" is a natural part of the democratic process when she cautioned voters about her opponents George Ehring and Peter Lamb, who are running on a slate together.

"We have long prided ourselves as an argument surrounded by water," said Lineger.

It wasn't just candidates who were sporting for a fight. Susan Russell questioned the idea of Ehring and Lamb running as a team in contrast to their voiced support for diversity.

"It seems like we're voting for the 'Bobbsey Twins,'" said Russell.

And many age-old debates such as vacation rentals, bike paths, affordable housing and — the ever-popular development-versus-preservation casserole — were re-heated

through questions during the all-candidates meeting.

As a resigning member of the Local Trust Committee (LTC), Eric Booth asked candidates about their position on the vacation-rental issue.

While Lineger was dismissive — "We're done with it. Get it moved off the plate" — Rouleau sought a compromise between different sides, and Ehring and Lamb voiced opposition.

"When you allow them to open the door, they keep coming and coming," Ehring said.

But Ehring, Rouleau and Lamb all indicated a willingness to keep an open mind regarding the vacation-rental issue when questioned by ASTAR president Arlene Dashwood.

"After three years of looking at this already, you'd have to go a long way," Ehring said.

Lineger pointed out she's already taken a beating for being open minded about the vacation-rental issue.

"I got totally crapped on when I realized we were going the wrong way," she said.

And Greg Spendjian criticized the incumbent trustee and Booth for not respecting the work of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) during vacation rental studies.

"I respect the work of the APC, but I couldn't take the community there knowing the outcome," Lineger said.

Ganges Marina project manager Robyn Kelln tried to pin Ehring down to a restric-

tive "yes or "no" answer on his position regarding the existing rights of islanders to develop their properties.

While Ehring hesitated, he offered an "inclination to say 'yes.'"

And Lineger pounced on him.

"I'm surprised you had to think about that one," she said.

Asked about their stances on development, Ehring promoted respect for property owners' rights, Lamb expressed the need for a strong economy, Rouleau talked about sustainable-growth models and Lineger pointed out that Salt Spring has not been developing at an alarming rate.

"Rampant development" didn't happen. We had one per cent growth last year," said Lineger.


One area where all the candidates could agree was apple-pie affirmations about the need for affordable housing, which Curtin even dubbed a "motherhood issue."

But the topic received short shift within the moray of development and vacation-rental arguments.

In the end, moderator Ken Lee had to call a halt to questions when the meeting ran past scheduled time and Luth had to leave early due to ill health.

Lee had the final word when he called his wife Jill out of order when she asked for a show of hands in favour of vacation rentals.

He thanked the hall on behalf of the candidates and sent some 150 islanders packing without further remark.




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**FLAG RAISING:** Fire captain Dale Lundy raises a new flag on the Ganges firehall clock tower in honour of the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Forest land history

The current Galiano Island forest lands debate is tied to a 1998 Galiano Local Trust Committee decision to

amend the island's official community plan (OCP).

The amendment sought to restrict any residential use previously permitted by the island's 1995 OCP so as to allow trustees to plan for the cumulative effects any development would have on the island by assembling sufficient community input and impact assessment studies.

After successfully appealing a 1993 decision by the Supreme Court of B.C. favouring previous landowner MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. and continued residential use in forest lands, Galiano Island trustees were in a position to proceed with the amendments.

When the final court decision was handed down in 1995, the new forest lot owners were outraged.

"Not since Japanese Canadians had their property confiscated and were forcibly moved to 'interior camps' has a government attempted a 'resettlement' of its citizens," read a pamphlet published by the Galiano Forest Lot Owners Association from December 1998.

Bylaw amendments dictating the current rezoning conditions were approved and the forest lots owners have been trying to reach a compromise ever since.

# Galiano evictions situation is not a clear-cut issue

**By SEAN MCINTYRE**  
Staff Writer

A decade-long feud pitting property owners against local trustees and environmentalists has resurfaced after three Galiano residents were served with an eviction summons last week.

"It's big time when long-time islanders are getting evicted from their land," said Barbara Geary, speaking on the landowners' behalf. "There is nowhere else in Canada where you cannot live on your land."

After MacMillan Bloedel put the 98 "forest land" lots covering an estimated 2,800 hectares (7,000 acres) on the northern half of Galiano Island for sale in 1991, buyers were under the impression zoning regulations would soon be loosened to allow for construction of single-family units on the property.

To this day, owners cannot build dwellings on the lands, unless the use is approved through rezoning and various conditions are met.

In the interim, the three owners being considered for eviction decided to go ahead and build on their land regardless of the bylaw.

Despite the community uproar, the Islands Trust's director of local planning Wayne Quinn said there is still plenty of time for both sides to reach a compromise.

"This does not mean anyone will be evicted next Tuesday," he said. "It takes these things a long time to make their way through the courts and, at any time, the property owners may initiate a proposal."

Under current regulations, land owners wishing to build a home on their property must rezone and "donate" 75 per cent of their land to a conservation-oriented third party or register a covenant ensuring the property's forest is managed in a sustainable fashion.

Landowners must also provide a right of way for use as a public road, enabling emergency vehicles to reach all the properties.

Quinn said the Galiano Local Trust Committee and the Trust's Executive Committee are currently preparing the resolutions necessary for the evictions.

"We are not evicting people quite yet," he said. "When the court renders a decision, we reserve the right to ensure the property is in compliance."

According to Geary, the dispute is quickly becoming a matter of civil disobedience, although the parties directly involved are maintaining a low profile.

"People have built on their properties out of necessity. No one can put their lives on hold for this long," she said. "These are not big bad developers."

The forest lands topic resurfaced at an all-candidates meeting on Galiano last Saturday, forcing incumbents Sheila Anderson and Louise Decario to justify their handling of the situation during the past term.

Anderson said much of the hysteria fuelling the debate has been the property owners' unwillingness to see the forest for the trees.

"There aren't as many newspapers here as on Salt Spring so it's always a challenge when the rumour mill starts working," she said. "There's definitely been an effort to pull at the heart-strings of the community."

Anderson said supporting the plight of a dozen or so local residents just because they are "friends and neighbours" may seem like a noble cause, but added any changes to the zoning regulations would mean both on and off-island developers could then jump at the chance to clear, subdivide and develop their properties.

"This is not any kind of personal attack on any individual," she said. "This is a big problem and I feel our community is being manipulated."

Anderson said most people who purchased the properties during the 1990s had the area's development potential in mind and were hoping the Islands Trust would back down.

"We are planning for the future and for the maintenance of this land as productive forest for years to come," she said.

Anderson reiterated Quinn's call for more one-on-one negotiations between landowners and the Islands Trust, adding it is now up to those who were issued summonses to step up to the plate in search of a solution.

"We've made every attempt to compromise and reach a solution. They [the landowners] have made none."

According to Geary, landowners will await the result of the upcoming local elections before deciding how to respond.

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# BEFORE YOU VOTE CONSIDER THE FACTS

## Vacation Rentals in Perspective

**Many Years Of Study And Review Culminated In A Staff Report Of March 2004, which stated:**

“This prohibition (of vacation rentals) is considered a relatively unique position as staff is not aware of any other communities that have a complete prohibition on vacation rentals. In general terms it appears that most communities provide for vacation rentals as one of the various types of tourist accommodation offered in their communities for use by tourists.”

“It has been reported in various committee meetings that many islanders vacationing off the island often stay in short term vacation rentals for various reasons. These reasons include the ability to stay longer in a community setting that provides a richer community experience.”

“It may be difficult to defend a position that this generally accepted type of accommodation is not an appropriate land use in any location, or at any level on the island.”

### Recommendations from the Staff Report

“The existing Official Community Plan policy should be modified to provide that the Local Trust Committee may consider temporary use permit and rezoning applications to permit the use of residential dwelling units for short term vacation rental.”

“Islands Trust proposes to work closely with the various tourist accommodation groups to facilitate self regulation within the tourism industry.”

## Consider...

- **Tourism on Salt Spring Island is a renewable and sustainable industry.**
- **ASTAR believes all complaints must be investigated by the Bylaw Officer to determine legitimacy, and dealt with accordingly.**
- **Tourism on Salt Spring accounts for 25% of our economic activity. It is a sustainable industry. As Islanders, we believe this must be managed.**
- **Tourism is a pillar of our economic wellness. As Islanders, we believe that Salt Spring can become a model of responsible tourism.**
- **With a well researched Tourism Management Plan we can foresee the establishment of limits on the number of tourism accommodation units.**

## There is a solution

Bylaw #409 has received first reading, but was stalled before the public hearing.

The Bylaw will provide a solution to the perceived vacation rental problem by allowing STVR's to operate legally under a temporary use permit.

This permit will require strict adherence to terms and conditions for 2 years and provide a safeguard for this community.

Bylaw #409 will provide the opportunity for STVR's to operate alongside all other tourist accommodation operators.

# Get out and vote!

**Please support Islands Trust candidates who are prepared to:**

- Consider a fair solution to the vacation rental issue.
- Proceed with the Public Hearing with an open mind and without bias.
- Establish a Tourism Advisory Committee.
- Look for a solution that will provide harmony for the community.

**CANDIDATES WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN OPEN MIND OVER THESE ISSUES ARE:**

**KIMBERLY LINEGER**

**KEN ROULEAU**







# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What is your reaction to the “Joe Somebody” story?*



**Sam Barnes**

*I don't think it should concern anyone but him and the investigators. It shouldn't be out in the public because it's one man's business.*



**Wendy Hartnett**

*I think the government should investigate and give him an appropriate trial.*



**Gary Brooks**

*When somebody is convicted in absentia there are always questions remaining to be asked.*



**Marian Hargrove**

*I just have a feeling it has been overplayed largely because Salt Spring is such a lovely place. Trouble in paradise always makes the headlines.*



**Brian Brett**

*I think it's classic that everybody is speculating without knowing what it is all about.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Focal point

I have been a library volunteer for just over 17 years, so have seen many changes in that time. There are the obvious ones, such as the two major additions to the building and the introduction of computers, as well as some now almost forgotten — a telephone, public washrooms, a photocopier, and various other everyday items.

One thing has not changed, though, and that is the use of our library as a meeting place, a community “drop-in” centre. A large number of our patrons often park somewhere in the downtown core, go their separate ways to shop, then meet later at the library. It's also a convenient place to arrange to meet someone before heading off to some appointment in the village. People new to the area often drop in to ask directions, or have questions as to where they can find some service or other.

If the library moves out to the Rainbow Road site, the village will have lost its focal point, it will be a col-

lection of commercial enterprises — all useful in their own way, but still — commercial. ArtSpring is the only other cultural gathering point, wonderful to visit for a concert or art display, but it would not fill the gap left by the library if it should be moved from the heart of Ganges.

**BETTY BURRIDGE,**  
Vesuvius

### No regrets

In response to last week's front-page article and headline, I do not regret my decision regarding Bylaw 404 — Ganges Marina.

I can't change my mind. I won't change my mind regarding my decision on Bylaw 404. Given the circumstances it was the right decision to make regardless of any application that may come forward in the future for development on this site. Any comprehensive development will require the same OCP amendment.

So, contrary to the Driftwood headline, I do not regret my decision, just the consequences of it. And I only regret the consequences

because I do not think many in the community understood exactly what these were, despite many attempts to explain them.

As a trustee, I take very seriously my responsibility to uphold the Trust's preserve and protect mandate. However, I sometimes think that in being too narrow in how we define what that is, we miss the opportunity to achieve other long-term goals outlined in our OCP.

In the end, the right decision was made and I stand by that.

**KIMBERLY LINEGER,**  
Islands trustee  
and candidate

### Joe who?

Throughout our known history there have been acts of unimaginable brutality perpetrated by individuals who can turn on the charm.

After the Second World War, many Nazi war criminals took up residence throughout the world and became the lovely, quiet neighbour next door. How many times have we heard, “I know him or her and I know they could never have committed such a crime”?

I do not know “Joe Somebody” — I have never met him, and I would like to give him the benefit of the doubt — but if he has been accused of crimes against humanity then it is our responsibility as “world citizens” to see that these accusations are proven false and that he gets a fair hearing through the world's court that deals in such crimes.

We all know that unimaginable acts of brutality were committed in the former Yugoslavia and that there are guilty individuals out there who must be held accountable — if not, then we will never progress beyond our brutal nature. It appears the world never learns from past experience.

I do hope Mr. Joe Somebody has a clear conscience and is innocent.

**D. PENHALE,**  
Salt Spring

### Literary soul

Heart: the central or innermost part, the essential or most vital part of something.

What better way to preserve the heart of our island than to locate the new library smack dab in the centre. This

will continue to define Ganges as a “walking around” village. Defined around people and the things they do on a daily basis all brought together, not by cars. Sure, we can save some money by building the library at the rec centre property. Moving essential services from the centre of town has fractured villages in many parts of the world. It is the thin edge of the wedge and leads to the eventual decline of village centres. Many cities are re-examining their centres and now clearly see how important it is to maintain a vibrant, healthy walking-around core. We have the opportunity to do this right — right from the start and avoid these same mistakes.

If we are prepared to spend \$5,000,000 for a covered pool — if we are prepared to spend \$600,000 to cover two tennis courts, and if we can enthusiastically raise \$600,000 to buy land on Mount Erskine, then surely we should be prepared to allocate required funds to preserve the heart of our community.

A library is more than a simple repository of books.

It can be a centre for discussion, for debate, for intellectual exchange. Locating the library just around the corner from ArtSpring is a logical extension of Salt Spring as an arts centre. This benefits the whole spectrum of residents of the island. I cannot think of a better heart than one that represents the intellectual spirit of the island. Keep Ganges as a place with a soul — a literary soul! Keep our library in the centre of Ganges.

**BEN GOODMAN,**  
Tern Road

### A friend

Joe Somebody's family's troubles in Croatia have come to roost on his doorstep. This saddens me, as his fine proud family will suffer greatly as a result.

I cannot imagine a more trying circumstance, being accused of such things, and in no position to defend one's self.

I am choosing to stand by Joe and I am proud to call him a friend.

**RON ATEAH,**  
Isabella Point Road

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Candidates, cardigans strangers no more after forums

Last Thursday I managed to find an empty seat at a packed ArtSpring to take in the all-candidates forum. Sitting amongst a sea of comb-overs and cardigans, the care and concern that Salt Springers feel about their island was palpable. And it became obvious that there was no lack of love for the island from those sitting on stage — The Magnificent Seven. Plus Dietrich.

If Dietrich falls short on his bid to win the CRD chair, I think he should be proclaimed a national historic site. He is the walking embodiment of Salt Spring Island. While the other candidates puff up their chests and proclaim to have planted roots here as far back as, say, 1991, Dietrich first came here sitting on the back of a tractor 50 years ago. On stage, he showed a wit and a bald honesty that can only come from a man with nary a dissembling bone in his body. I was shocked.

But that is why I was there. Most of the candidates on the stage were near strangers to me. I had heard their names attached to headlines — the swimming

### HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



pool, the marina, Mount Erskine — or noticed them at local Trust meetings, or bumped into them in the produce section or laden with Tupperware at garage sales. The all-candidates forum is the perfect venue to see them under fire.

By the slick full-page ads appearing in this newspaper, it seems that Peter Lamb and George Ehring have the same professional election-winning juggernaut behind them as we witnessed during the anti-incorporation vote a few years back. Riding on the crest of the Mount Erskine victory, I suspect the handlers decided that Peter's best strategy is to say very little and ride that wave onto the victory podium. And so he sat, as mute as a face on Mount Rushmore, occasionally nodding in agreement at his running mate's declarations. Or perhaps he sat

in mute terror over the enormity and responsibility of the job, should he succeed. Be careful what you wish for.

I sympathize with the task ahead for Kimberly Lineger. Full-page ads cost a lot of money. Mounting any kind of effective campaign against the above Green juggernaut with only pocket change is a daunting task indeed. She has to rely on her integrity and honesty. Here's a story.

Six months ago, I heard through a friend of a friend, that Kimberly wanted to join my fitness centre. I emailed her and offered her a free annual membership, as my small way of thanking her for putting in endless hours of research, enduring abuse and insults at the Islands Trust public meetings, remaining objective and open minded through it all. I had no agenda, no secret subdivision, nobody would even know. It was just a “thank you for putting up with all this for a lousy \$1,000 a month.” She respectfully turned

it down flat. Conflict of interest. Now that's integrity.

Ken Rouleau, who recently went down to defeat as the provincial Green Party candidate, is a passionate, well-spoken idealist out to save the world, starting with Salt Spring. His time will come.

On the CRD side of the table, über bureaucrat Gary Holman was seated between Bill Curtin and Darlene Steele, thankfully preventing a full-blown catfight between these two over the community swimming pool. Bill appeared on the verge of blowing a blood vessel, and at one point hinted that Darlene had cooked the numbers on her 2,000-name petition to include a leisure pool. Nasty, and as far as I could tell, unsubstantiated.

I had thought that Ms Steele, as the driving force behind Splash, was a single-issue candidate. Not so. She has passion, brains and energy. She is loaded for bear, and wasn't about to take Mr. Curtin's sniping laying down. The following evening, at the Fulford candidates forum, she had a truly Howard Dean moment, respond-

ing with the immortal “bafflegarb and bullshit!”

On the other side, Mr. Holman has the intellect and skills in spades. Maybe the years of wading through bureaucratic sludge has blunted his passion a little. His reputation of moving at a glacial pace is likely a reflection of his careful, cautionary approach.

And so here we are, back at Dietrich Luth. Again, a total surprise. His challenge is to live down the unfortunate run-ins with the media that accompanied his last tenure as CRD director. That, and his wardrobe. If he wins, I will personally drive him to a Moores outlet for a decent suit, and sit him down at the local barber shop for a haircut. After all, we can't have our CRD rep showing up in Victoria looking like a Salt Springer, can we? At the end of the day, I suspect Dietrich should remain a tourist attraction.

So, who to vote for? I am coming to the conclusion this island, and indeed the planet, would be better served if run by women. In cardigans.





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# More letters

## Walk in their shoes

In the contests for CRD and Trust there appear to be some people who suggest that new would somehow be better. I disagree.

As a member of the Channel Ridge Homeowners Association executive I have had the opportunity to express concerns relating to the impending development here to both Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth over a period of years. They have done a first-rate job in assisting us in changing the nature of the development from quarter share to permanent residents and in modifying the potential size of the village.

Any politician has to face

a myriad of competing interest groups. Every decision they make will not be popular with some. Without denigrating any of the other candidates in the races, I would ask: have Kimberly Lineger and Gary Holman been conscientious in fulfilling their duties?

Have they worked full time at jobs that are theoretically part time? Do they work for compensation which any university or college graduate would spurn on a first job offer? I submit that the answer to all of these is a resounding yes.

Because of the nature of the Trust and the CRD, there is no possibility that our representatives whoever they are, can control these organizations. To put it simply -- we are outvoted.

Throwing away committed, experienced and inexpensive leadership merely for the sake of change makes absolutely no sense for our community. I want to say thanks to Eric, Kimberly and Gary for their service and thanks to all the new candidates for offering to serve.

To those who would carp and complain from the sidelines, offer to run for one of these positions and walk, for even one day, in the shoes of those who have been there.

From one who spent more than 40 years in a wide variety of elected offices . . .

**RON MARTIN,**  
Murrelet Place

## New trustees

The past two years have been an arduous time for public education. Many unacceptable and poorly researched changes have taken root in our schools. An education experiment, delivered against the will of the community — the four-day school week — exists indeterminately.

Two-tiered education is now available on Fridays for those that can afford it, an inequity that undermines the very foundation of public education. The four-day school week, initiated only to protect the bottom line and cushion us against declining enrollment, has, ironically, been counterproductive.

At the minimum, 35 students, including preschool children, have either moved off island, attend school in Sidney, or wait at Vesuvius for the ferry to take them to

private and public five-day schools in Duncan. This is a serious loss to our community, not only of crucially needed students, but also of approximately \$350,000 a year; the cost of restoring the five-day school week.

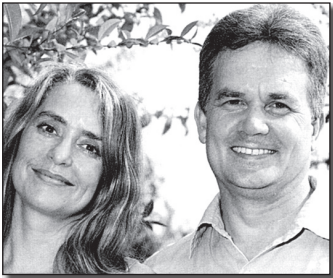
In the past year, student and parental stress has increased. Academics have not improved. The school district's business company, a private corporation, made \$1 million and spent \$1 million in 2004. Its income was not used to restore the fifth day. Why? Wasn't the business company set up to help fund public education in our district?

Presently its finances are used to facilitate the growth of private education in our schools and in other countries. These questions and many others have left us feeling deeply disappointed in our current school trustees.

We need new defenders of public education. We need a renewal of trust, ethics and vision. We need trustees who will bring back the five-day school week, who will put quality public education first, make all finances transparent, say no to two-tiered education and be courageous, vocal, not armchair advocates, to any government. On November 19 we will be voting for Gail Glode, Garth Hendren and Wolfgang Temmel. Join us.

**MONA FERTIG,**  
**PETER HAASE,**  
Ganges

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The new library will include a much needed meeting hall that could be rented out for a modest fee to various community groups and organizations.

Only a library within the village centre will continue to fulfill these important community functions. There is no other venue on Salt Spring that can act as a gathering place in this way.

Salt Spring is a caring community: people care deeply about the environment, about other people's welfare, and about the village and the way it looks and functions; they believe that some values are more

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important than dollars and cents. Many people care passionately about keeping the library in the centre of the village, and have already pledged money towards purchasing the adjacent property, thus reducing costs to taxpayers. For a small outlay from taxpayers and donors — less than \$10 per average household per year for 15 years — we can purchase an irreplaceable community asset and save our meeting place in the heart of the village, forever.

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## Valuable

Largely unreported and unnoticed, Gary Holman has done an excellent job chairing the Salt Spring Island Water Council.

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I hope Gary is re-elected so he can continue to make this valuable contribution to our island.

**MIKE LARMOUR,**  
Beddis Road

## Open mind

At the all-candidates meeting in Fulford, I was asked my opinion about vacation rentals (I oppose them), and was then asked, in a set-up following question, if I could have an “open mind” about them.

Trust policy requires trustees to have an “open mind” about individual applications. The question was an attempt to show that I shouldn’t be elected to the Trust because I wouldn’t have an “open mind.”

Through the years this issue has been studied to death, and every single review has determined that short-term vacation rentals in residential neighbourhoods are not something the community wants. The most recent decision came from the Advisory Planning Commission in March of 2004. The trustees ignored that recommendation, as well as the official community plan, in moving ahead to allow them. Fortunately, their proposed bylaw hasn’t yet been approved.

I have to say that, as a trustee, if someone proposed opening a casino on Salt Spring — another development, like vacation rentals, that is specifically contrary to our OCP — it would be easy to stand on firm ground and oppose it. So would I have an open mind about a casino application? Not so much. What if someone wanted to store nuclear missiles or toxic waste here? Would I have an open mind about it? Not much.

And, as taxpayers, how much more of your money should we waste on Trust staff time to keep on reviewing vacation rentals? Not much.

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Hobbies: Kayaking, researching my next trip, photography, painting.  
Home finished/unfinished: Finished.  
Favourite people: Dewey, Tara, Lauren and spirit-questing people.  
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## DERRICK’S ISLAND PICS

## Leisure pool?

A lap pool is now a leisure pool? Yes folks, you’ll be glad to know that with only a little sleight of hand we do have a leisure pool — but wait.

At Brinkworthy Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 2 and again at Fulford Hall on Friday, I heard Bill Curtin campaigning and was very surprised to hear him say that the six-lane, four-foot to eight-foot-depth lap pool that PARC is building has somehow morphed into a leisure pool as well. Oh if that were only true! The only way this could be possible is if the lap pool and leisure pool were adjoined to each other; an idea proposed by architect Vic Davies 18 months ago. Strangely this idea was soundly rejected by PARC because they argued the water temperature in the leisure pool would be way too high for a lap pool and would interfere with competitive swimming. PARC resoundingly rejected the idea of maintaining water temperature half way between the usual lap pool temperature and the usual leisure pool temperature. So I am stunned to hear Bill Curtin now saying, in effect, that a lap pool is a leisure pool. Such misinformation does the community a great disservice.

What is a real leisure pool? It is a separate body of water with a ramp entry for disabled access. It has warm water suitable for users to receive hydro-

therapy, to play and enjoy. Usually a shallow section is dedicated to young children, and a bubble vortex is for older users, where the bubble jets can be used to increase circulation. Often there is a lazy river or raindrop, which are fun and bring families back time and again.

So why do we need a leisure pool? Because a leisure pool makes money; a leisure pool allows for cradle to grave fitness; a leisure pool can be used for hydrotherapy.

So don’t be duped; there is a difference in both community use and revenue generated.

**JANE HORSBURGH,**  
Brinkworthy Place

## Clear decision

I will be voting for Bill Curtin to be our CRD director. I believe Mr. Curtin understands how important it is to spend our scarce tax dollars within the context of an overall plan for our community. Broad community consultation and timely decision making are what we can expect from Mr. Curtin.

Darlene Steele is still holding our fundraised pool money at ransom. Mr. Holman has already spent every cent of our taxes and wants more new levies, all without so much as asking us? The decision is clear! Vote for Bill Curtin.

**LISE FRASER,**  
Beddis Road

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## Divisive

I was saddened by acting Ssplash president Wendy Rosier's political attack in last week's Driftwood in which she questioned my outrageous claim that I tried to encourage PARC and Ssplash to cooperate and that I worked hard to help secure funding for the indoor pool.

For the record, the \$2-million grant application was a PARC application, not Ssplash's and I ensured that the CRD Board gave this application top priority. I realize that Ssplash lobbied our MLA Murray Coell on the grant, but so did PARC, myself, and other members of the community.

I did persuade PARC to establish the joint Ssplash-PARC Committee, which designed a survey to determine the community's willingness to pay for aquatic facilities. These surveys indicated a strong preference for a basic, indoor swimming pool with a whirlpool, which is exactly what we are now building. On the basis of these surveys, I earmarked all of PARC's 2004 requisition increase for an indoor pool. And I did attend two pre-referendum PARC-Splash meetings to urge cooperation to gain taxpayer approval for the indoor pool. If Wendy needs to refresh her memory, then she should call the facilitator of these meetings.

I did state at the CRD Board that I had failed to get PARC and Ssplash to cooperate, but it certainly wasn't for lack of trying. You can bring horses to water, but you can't make them drink. Who ultimately is responsible for the failure to cooperate — the mediator or the conflicting parties?

I would have hoped that Ms. Rosier would have adopted a more constructive approach to the pool issue, particularly since we had just discussed, days before her letter, my commitment to fund a second expert opinion of pool operating costs. Instead, it appears that Wendy has chosen to pursue the same divisive strategy as her predecessor, Darlene Steele, now running for CRD director.

Perhaps Wendy feels that her political intervention will ensure Darlene Steele's electoral success. If Ssplash get its favoured candidate elected then they will get their "leisure pool," regardless of the tax impacts, and uncertainties about purpose and design. Is this really the role of a non-profit group that has been entrusted with donated monies?

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
CRD director  
and candidate

### Need plan

So Kimberly has had second thoughts about turning down Bylaw 404 after receiving "more correspondence from people concerned about the decision's potential negative economic impact than from those who spoke against the plan in the months proceeding the vote." Amazing!

I presume that all this correspondence will be put onto the public record so that those of us who may be interested can see who made these submissions and assess the merits or otherwise of their arguments.

She goes on to say, "We are still willing to negotiate." I can't imagine that this prospect would be very attractive to any of us who participated in the hearings, including B&B Ganges Marina, who have evidently had it up to the gills with "negotiating" with the Trust!

This is getting to sound more and more like the vacation rentals saga, where we start by ignoring the existing bylaw, proceed to the point of not allowing STVRs, except that we could allow a few, for a short period of time, if they pay a hefty fee for a temporary use permit, which could be cancelled in a couple of years! What all this demonstrates is how unacceptable it is to try to deal with development proposals on an ad hoc basis, reacting to each by bending, stretching, ignoring (by moratorium) the OCP, rather than having a comprehensive plan to guide the process.

It is like sitting on the tailgate of a truck, watching where you have been, rather than being in the driver's seat looking at where you want to go.

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**HAROLD PAGE,**  
Fulford Harbour

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# More letters

## Beware

Your Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) consists of 10 Salt Spring residents who put their names forward to be considered for the job. Normally an interview committee comprised of representatives from island groups, associations and services like seniors, hospital board, Rotary, Conservancy, RCMP, Chamber of Commerce, and the school board gather to vet all prospective commissioners in a demanding interview process. Three or four commission positions become available annually, and each term lasts for three years. This year, only three applicants applied on time for three vacant positions, so there was no election committee.

It's no secret that the commission takes its fair share of hits on the Island. The com-

mission attracts a lot of interest because it does a lot of work. It operates with a sizable budget, and has varied responsibilities. The indoor pool is an exciting new project, but the job also includes maintenance of parks, trails and playing fields. Also it looks after the skate park, tennis, camp colossal, Shelby pool and the Saturday market. Further, PARC liaises with government groups to secure grants, right of ways and easements for the benefit of the island. In doing such a huge job, you cannot please everyone.

Gary Holman says if he gets re-elected he will advocate for the CRD director to have a role in nominating the commission. How can this process be representative? The direction of the commission cannot come from one person's agenda. The pres-

ent process has withstood the test of time and provides checks and balances.

At last Thursday's all-candidates meeting, Darlene Steele stated that her platform is to create an elected PARC commission. In two trips to the CRD board since September she has failed in her attempts to force a premature second pool, and the additional operating deficit, onto Salt Spring residents. Now she'll try to do it from the inside, as CRD director. Her agenda is disguised as PARC reform.

Who will pay the salaries for 10 "elected" commissioners? Will we have an election yearly for three candidates? The second possibility is 10 commissioners elected every three years. How much will this cost in both time and money? Taxpayers beware!

Bill Curtin has served on PARC with four different directors. Bill defends the integrity of the commission; he stands up to the pressure of special interest groups, and supports this democratic and representative form of government. Bill Curtin will be fiscally responsible, truly believable and accountable.

**ROSEMARY TRUMP,**  
North Beach Road

## Contentious

The present process to resolve the forest land use conundrum on Galiano Island is very complex and convoluted, well beyond the understanding of the average person.

As a forest lot owner and an engaged member of the community, I have tried to

understand the process and work through it; in doing so I have had to engage Jonathan Baker, a barrister and solicitor, generally recognized by his peers as an expert on local government authority and its use of restricted covenants. The legal opinion he provided suggests there may be certain illegalities in our bylaws. They are as follows:

- The use of development permits to regulate the tree cutting may be unlawful and is limited to the mitigation of the flooding and erosion of slopes as ruled by the Supreme Court regarding the Denman Island Forest Bylaw.
- The use of a specific restrictive covenant as a requirement for rezoning to gain residential use on the forest lands may be an unlawful fettering of a local government's discretion.
- The delegation of planning authority to a non-government organization (Silva Foundation, Galiano Conservancy, etc.) via the management agreement associated with the covenant for sustainable forestry may be unlawful.
- The adherence to the Galiano Road Network Plan, to provide and maintain roads conditional to the rezoning to rezoning forest land for residential use may be an illegal appropriation of land where the intent is to create a highway network.

Jonathan Baker's summary of the legally contentious issues regarding forest lot rezoning on Galiano is as follows:

"The condition in the OCP requiring that a restrictive covenant be entered into as a precondition of a rezoning is improper and could be set aside on the theory that it is an unlawful fettering of local government discretion.

"The covenant unlawfully delegates planning and zoning powers to the Galiano Conservancy Association and/or the Habitat Acquisition Trust.

"The covenant unlawfully attempts to circumvent the sections of the Local Government Act that requires owners be compensated when land is taken for public use. In so far as the OCP requires the dedication of land not just for access purposes but to create a private highway system for public use, it may be unlawful."

The complete text of Jonathan Baker's legal opinion has been provided to the Local Trust Committee and the planners and is available upon request.

**L. K. GAYLOR,**  
Galiano Island



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Which genius came up with this formula?  
**ARTHUR BLACK,**  
Salt Spring



# Election jeopardizes vacation rental bylaw

By ARLENE DASHWOOD

The Association for Short Term Accommodation Rentals (ASTAR) has been involved in the review process on vacation rentals on Salt Spring Island over the past three and a half years with the intent to legalize them.

We have participated in all studies, discussions and the review of the resulting drafts of bylaws that would accomplish our goal of permitting the rental of short-term accommodations with minimal impact on the residential community.

At this point it is very near completion, with the first reading of Bylaw 409 completed in August. The process was complicated with the resignation of trustee Eric Booth.

Unfortunately the process was cut short by the untimely cancellation of the public hearing, due to the lack of a quorum when David Essig was sick for 24 hours and could not make this final meeting.

This public hearing and subsequent readings are now postponed until after the elections on November 19.

I don't have to tell you that the controversy of this issue added to the discord in this community.

And yet, we have operated under the moratorium on bylaw enforcement with few if any of the problems

## IN DEPTH

feared by the group which has spoken out against vacation rentals.

Our elected trustees want to put an end to the controversy and to legally recognize VRs as one of the available tourist accommodations on this island.

One good outcome of this volatile time is to recognize that there are many issues and concerns voiced that are valid concerns for all of us.

Working together, the community and all accommodation providers need to offer good stewardship of our water resources, protect and nurture our green spaces and farmland, and work with all of the stakeholders to create a tourism management plan for our island.

There are, in fact, many initiatives underway already, including a draft checklist for "Green Accommodation" designation, a co-operative study of our water resources, and the establishment of the Tourism Advisory Committee of the Islands Trust.

By legalizing vacation rentals, an opportunity is created for all of the accommodation providers to work together.

No longer will energy need to be spent in combatting the negativity that

has been directed towards vacation rental owners and operators.

Singling out one group and assigning blame or responsibility for issues of wide concern has never been a successful approach. Excluding a group for the same reason is not a common sense solution.

Asking a group to take responsibility for their activities through specific regulations and requirements is an approach that works. Bylaw 409 contains those regulations and requirements, and although not perfect by any means, is a beginning.

If Bylaw 409 is a first step towards legalizing vacation rentals, then we give tentative support to it.

If in fact the temporary use permits are being used to provide a trial period of vacation rental use before creating a better way to permit their legalization, then we optimistically support it.

Also, if the requirements


of the vacation rental owners and operators are an indication of sensible requirements, which will apply to all tourist accommodations in the near future, then we applaud it.

It is our opinion that what is eventually needed is a licensing provision for this and many other business activities. The Capital Regional District could in fact create such licences now, and the Tourism Advisory Committee could vet them.

So what is next? It all depends on the actions of those we elect as our representatives to the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District on November 19.

Please take the time to ask all of the candidates how they would vote on this, and what they would do to resolve this issue, that would lead to harmony for all of us in this community.

*The writer leads the ASTAR group.*



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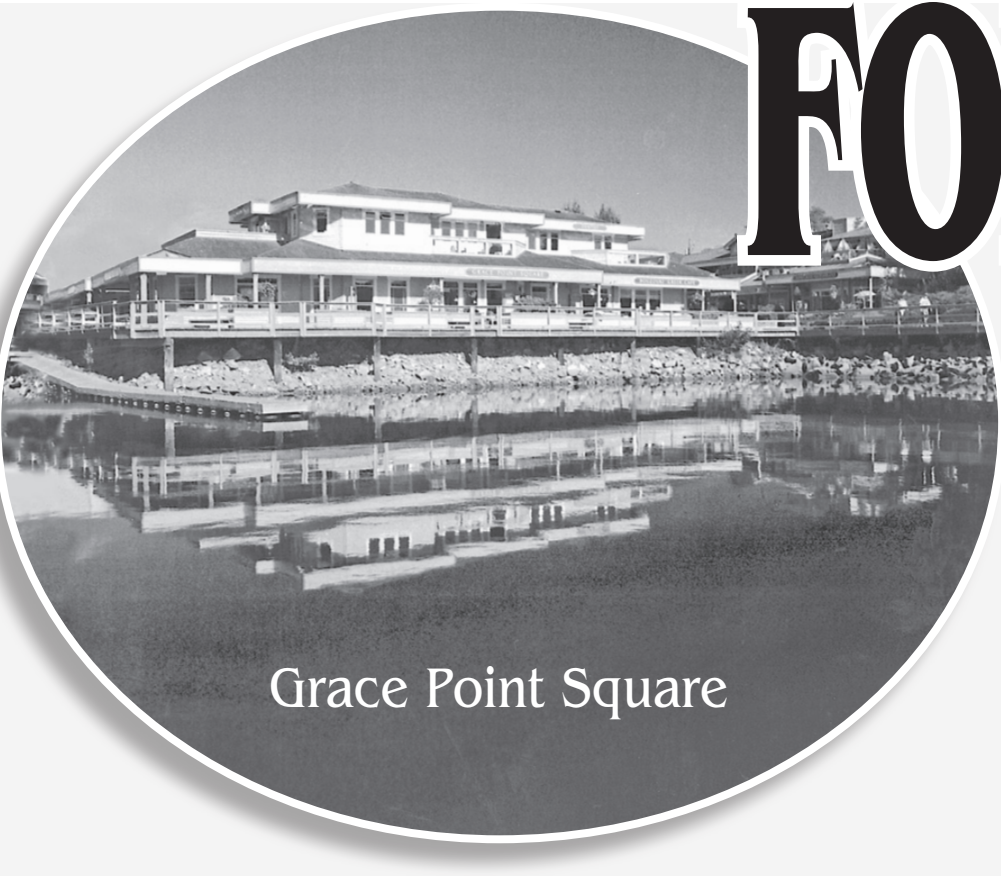
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"For the past 10 months, the Year of the Veteran has attracted unprecedented public attention on and recognition of Canada's Veterans," said the Honourable Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs. "I am confident that Veterans' Week 2005 will only increase this high level of enthusiasm

Canadians are demonstrating for our veterans. Veterans' Week will offer Canadians, especially youth, the opportunity to interact with our veterans, learn from their stories and ensure that the torch of remembrance is carried well into the future."

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songs of nostalgia from the First World War and Second World War eras that deal with sentimentality and remembrance rather than the subject of war.

"The Year of the Veteran is an opportunity to remember those who fought hard and made incredible sacrifices to ensure that Canadians could live in freedom," said Bond. "Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and it is important that they know the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans so that we may continue to live in peace."

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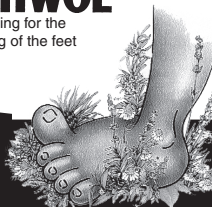
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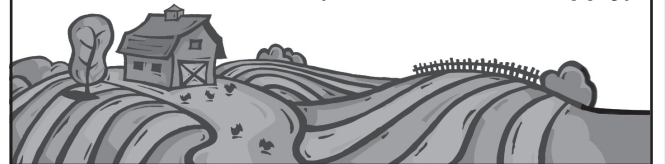
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**WILD WEATHER:** A wind and rain storm blew through Salt Spring last Thursday, cutting power to numerous households as well as Ganges and some of the schools. Seen here, clockwise from top left are: Clorisa Simpson and Allie Simpson in the wind; Camillia Wictorin splashing through an overflow of water at Centennial Park; boats washed up on the Ganges shoreline.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

# More letters

## No sense

Why have we been given such short notice for the very important library decision? Are we not supposed to debate such issues? Is this sound consensual decision making? I think not.

We are asked to pay \$600,000 for property (way above its assessed value) for the library expansion instead of selling the existing library property (worth at least \$300,000) and building the new library on the Rainbow Road Recreational property. Add in the cost of demolishing the existing buildings and this very quickly becomes a \$1,000,000+ decision just on the location. Does that make any sense at all? Are there not better ways to spend tax dollars?

Mr. Holman says the library must stay in the Ganges core because that's what the 1998 OCP says, even if that decision is irrational given the current and growing congestion in Ganges and given the free option of locating the new facility on Rainbow Road. This is not common-sense decision making in the best interest of our community.

When given the opportunity, progressive communities opt for integrating inter-generational services such as libraries and recreational complexes together for obvious reasons. We have the added bonus of the recreational site being adjacent to our schools, within walking distance of seniors and high-density housing and in sight of our Ganges Harbour.

Why are we not building our library there? Where is our leadership?

It's time for a CRD director who will make practical, common sense, and affordable decisions for our community. It's time for Mr. Curtin to be our CRD director.  
**WAYNE FRASER,**  
Beddis Road

## Keep core

All over North America, communities that have traditional town centres are most in demand as a place to live and vacation.

The fact that Ganges is walkable, beautiful and overlooks the harbour was a major factor in attracting us to Salt Spring many years ago. Even so, small towns are being destroyed everywhere by creeping sprawl that carry community services out of the centre. At first, a few stores and services moving out of town seems to be OK. Rainbow Road is still beautiful because it has a mixture of commercial, residential and farming uses. However, picture all of Rainbow Road between Lower Ganges Road and the Farmers Institute, lined with commercial uses. It won't be so attractive anymore.

To me, losing Ganges as an authentic town will mean losing our community. A positive step we can take now to protect Ganges is to vote to give the library authority to purchase land to rebuild in Ganges. It isn't just about the library. It is about saving what makes our island special.

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Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005  
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The Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee is holding a meeting as noted above. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

If you wish to address the committee, please provide advance notice to Co-chairs: Brian Hollingshead (250) 539-5191 or David Birchall (250) 539-5667.

Minutes of committee meetings will be posted on the BC Ferries Web site at [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com).

For more information contact Betsy Terpsma, Community Relations Manager (604) 948-3580, or [betsy.terpsma@bcferries.com](mailto:betsy.terpsma@bcferries.com).



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The Board of Directors of UNICEF Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Nigel Fisher as President & CEO of UNICEF Canada.

For the past three and a half years Mr. Fisher has served in the capacity of Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, first as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction in Afghanistan and, most recently, as Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services.

Mr. Fisher worked with UNICEF for over 20 years in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, as well as at UNICEF headquarters in New York. He led UNICEF's emergency operations in the Great Lakes region of Africa after the Rwandan genocide, in the Middle East during and after the Gulf War, and in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries after September 11, 2001.

As a United Nations Visiting Fellow in 1998, he advised the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on the development of Canadian foreign policy regarding children in armed conflict.

He has published widely on children's issues and has served on the boards of numerous academic and philanthropic institutions internationally.

UNICEF is the world's leader for children, working in 157 countries and territories to save, protect and enhance the lives of children. UNICEF Canada is commemorating its 50th anniversary this year.



## HIGH ROLLERS

High scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Tuesday, October 25: Jim Glenn, 209 and 203; Ken Robinson, 253.

Monday, October 31: Connie Hardy, 236 (604); Don McMahon, 202; Russ Crouse, 220.

Special Olympics, October 26: Gloria Dale, 194, 140; Mahjor Bains, 216, 196; Stuart Elliott, 154, 143; Jason Newport, 163.

Special Olympics, November 2: Jason Newport, 171; Gloria Dale, 177; Mahjor Bains, 207.


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**DRIVE SAFELY:** A pedestrian walking along Lower Ganges Road across from Ganges Village Market was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for minor injuries after being struck by a vehicle just before noon on Wednesday, November 2.

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# RANTS & ROSES

## RANTS

Rants to the person or people who dropped off all the lighting parts, old blinds, etc., right under the "do not drop off" signs at the Lions Club on Tuesday. After working all weekend cleaning up the front of our hall and paying hundreds of dollars for garbage drop offs, it is disheartening to see such little respect for a club that does so much. Please respect our times, drop-offs and sales on Fridays and Saturdays only, 10 a.m. to noon. We do not want your garbage we only want sellable items. S.S. Lions Club

## ROSES

Bright orange roses to Amy and Charles for their spooky talents at my Maliview Mansion, making Hallowe'en more memorable for many! LC

A thousand roses to Christian Paul Tatonetti for enchanting our last Saturday night (Oct.29) in Prince George while he was playing piano and sitar around the swimming pool for members of Réseau-Femmes. CB

A whole tank of heritage roses to Kire of Pipefish Plumbing for kindness and initiative — he's a real keeper! TF

Roses and doggie kisses to Anna, Helene and Marn-ee. Thanks again for having your head and heart in the right place. The little lost JRT wasn't mine, but your calls of concern were appreciated. E

A large bouquet to Gordon Lee "The Tree Guy" for all the members of S.S. Seniors Society for his clearing of the space for our new extension. Not only did Gordon fell the trees but he also bucked them.

Jazzy bouquets of classical, popular and indigenous roses to Monik Nordine, Bandemonium Music Society and the players of Swing Shift, for their recent donation to the Ray Newman fund, which supports music programs in the schools. (It was great dancing to the Sundogs too!) S&VN

Roses to all the soccer coaches who selflessly give countless hours of their precious time to improve the lives of our children — especially the ones who take kids for pizza while waiting for late dads.

A cheerful bouquet of mini pumpkins to GVM and our community for the Maliview Drive candy supplement. (It didn't last long.) May the Great Pumpkin be good to you.

The Salt Spring Tennis Association sends a huge bouquet of thanks to the great crew of members and non-members who assisted in various ways in the raising of our tennis bubble, in spite of inclement weather last weekend. Experience, organization, advice, muscle-power and enthusiasm made it possible — you know who you are — and we thank you!





**EYE ON THE BIRDIE:** Gail Temmel gets set to send the birdie back over the net in badminton action at Gulf Islands Secondary School last week. New players are welcome to join the club, which plays Sunday and Thursday evenings.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Island badminton club seeks players

Salt Spring Island Badminton Club has served up a new season and they are driving for new members.

Islanders aged 14 and up can rally over nets at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Thursdays (8-10 p.m.) and Sundays (7:30-9:30 p.m.).

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## GISS athletes get results in cross country, soccer

Seven students from Gulf Islands Secondary School brought in an impressive finish after seizing a berth in the B.C. Cross Country Championships.

The GISS team had placed third in the Vancouver Island Cross Country Championships the previous week to earn one of three berths for the region.

At Abbotsford on Saturday, Lowell Rockliffe placed 17<sup>th</sup> among some 300 runners in the six-kilometre race to earn a top-25 ribbon while the GISS boys' team placed 12<sup>th</sup> overall out of 40 teams.

Rockliffe ran with Kirby Garside, Jesson Motherwell,

Yoni Marmorstein, Brandon Shaw, Bonn Smith and Dimitri Wintermantel.

In other GISS sports, the senior boys soccer team placed second when they hosted the eight-team North Islands Championships on Thursday and Friday.

Following a 6-2 semi-final against Brentwood, the islanders lost 3-2 against Kwilicium in the final.

The Driftwood did not receive reports about various volleyball matches from the three junior teams and the senior girls' team before press time.

The senior girls are set to hit the North Islands in

## Varsity football finishes with Moscrop mud fest

By **JOHN FOLEY**  
Driftwood Contributor

The Scorpions varsity football team finished their season against Moscrop on Saturday in a defensive mud fest.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers. The local Hydro field was a mud bowl when they started and a mosh pit when they finished. The officials wanted to call the game due to inadequate lines on the field, but Moscrop had come all the way from Burnaby so they played the game anyway. Poor field conditions hurt the fast Scorpion team and favoured the bigger Moscrop offence.

The first half ended with Moscrop up by 7. The Scorpions offence couldn't utilize the speed of Taylor Stibbards, who rushed for a total of 40 yards on 12 carries.

Graham Meek carried for a total of 19 mud-filled yards. Every yard gained was hard fought and grinding.

The star of the defence was Dave Puhky with 13 tackles. Second in tackles was Meek and Mike Windsor; Max Nelson and Myles Teagle rounded out the rest of the tackles.

The Scorpions fought hard, but fell 16-0. This year's varsity squad was a young team with only seven Grade 12 players on the roster.

Looking at all the strong players coming up next year and returning stars from this year's team, it should be a good year next season.

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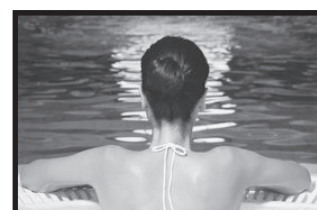
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### FOOTBALL

GISS Junior Varsity Football  
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# Youth soccer teams brave the rain

• Salt Spring U11 Warthogs encountered fierce opposition in their game against Gorge #3 at Portlock Park two weeks ago.

Action-packed and fast-paced from start to finish, the match was a great test of endurance and teamwork, in which the Warthogs triumphed with a score of 4-1.

The first Warthogs goal, and the game highlight, came within minutes of the opening, with Tai Dunkley-Whelan deflecting a shot by Ronan Gunn. The home players were jubilant, as this was their first attempt at a recently learned, pre-set free-kick play.

Notable performances included Aidan Holmes, with another great game in net, Nevan Young as a midfielder, and the "turbo-charged" Kyle Matheson on the front line.

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ing and scoring a great goal for the Warthogs, Jason Funk, aka "Spud," received the distinguished title of "Warthog-of-Week."

• On a wet Saturday morning at the upper high school field, a determined Salt Spring U12 boys team overcame a physical and occasionally talented Prospect Lake team with a 4-2 win.

Players built on their skills of "triangulation" borrowed from the Brazilian national coach's theory of attack build-up.

The attack diamond of Jyah Flam, Adrian Alonso, Luc Comeau and Dylan Bulloch again came through with well-constructed movement that resulted in a hat-

trick for Flam and a well-earned opportunistic goal by Jake Bellavance.

Bellavance was the "player of the match" with ever-increasing confidence in front of the goal.

Keeper Byron Mussell was "player of the match" the week previous when the boys took on Gorge at Hampton Park.

A late goal after a brave attempted save at the feet of an onrushing Gorge forward did nothing to diminish a fine goalkeeping performance in a 6-1 victory for the Salt Spring team.

Salt Spring, playing as a team, had fine individual performances from Alonso, who scored a hat-trick but also greatly contributed to the win by mixing fine passing skills to fellow team players.

Skillful back-up was provided by Flam and Steve

Fedberg who, with Bulloch, formed an effective attacking unit.

• The U15 boys team was victorious over the Bays Surf team in one of the rare games played on a rainy and windy Saturday in Victoria. Jeff Pringle and Graham Wrigley deserve recognition for their remarkable efforts, with Pringle scoring the only goal late in the second half.

The victors played on an artificial turf field for the first time in their careers. Once they adjusted to the change of tempo they began to control the play during most of the second half.

Casey Knight and Dave Outerbridge shared keeper responsibilities, and both were solid and calm under pressure.

The U15 boys team is a combination of grade 8 and 9 players that merged at the beginning of this season.

# Slayers shut out undefeated Renegades squad

By ROY BANKS-BYWATER  
Driftwood Contributor

The Salt Spring Junior Bantam Slayers came out on top when they hosted the Nanaimo Renegades for their last game of the regular season on Saturday.

The game was cursed with bad weather from the start and every player was covered from head to toe in mud within five minutes of the kick-off.

The Slayers dominated the Renegades on defence, not allowing the Renegades past the line of scrimmage on most of their plays, and also overpowered the Renegades on offence.

They were led by a guest performance from former Slayers tail-back Braedan Simmonds, who had several lengthy runs, two of which resulted in touchdowns and finishing the score at 12-0 for the Slayers.

Other offensive plays deserving mention were a 15-yard gain on a quarterback sneak by Luke Stevenson and a 25-yard gain on a reverse compliments of slot-back Eric Pultke.

The defence was led by nose-tackle Gordon Fraser, who dug down and showed off his defensive talent with eight tackles.

Other outstanding defensive players included Simmonds with five tackles and a sack, and Oliver Schnare with four tackles.

The Slayers start play-offs next weekend in Nanaimo.

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# FC squeaks out tie after Powell River parties

A road trip to Powell River provided a great team-building experience and a sunny 1-1 tie to boot for Salt Spring Football Club's (FC) Division-1 men.

"We were kind of looking to have a little bit of fun with the trip and we weren't too much worried about the game until Sunday," said FC captain Chris Jason.

The team headed north on Saturday and enjoyed themselves in Powell River overnight before the game, he said.

"We were short numbered, which hurt us, and we partied more than we should have."

Sunny skies proved as much of a surprise for the under-the-weather islanders as some flat play from their opponents, he said.

FC brought up several players from the Old Boys (Jesse Fisher) and Div.-5 squad (Alessandro Deviato, Mark Nordine, Simon Munneke and Jasenn Wensveen).

Jeremy Morrison scored the Salt Spring goal 20 minutes into the second half off a nice cross from Nordine, Jason said.

"Jerry took it down and took his time to put it home from about the penalty spot."

Unfortunately, Powell River Villa broke down the left wing with four minutes left in the match.

"Chris Griffiths made a really nice save off the first shot, the second one went off the post and the third rebound they slotted away in the corner."

FC was disappointed with the tie against the ninth-place team, said Jason.

"We thought we were going to get out of there with the win and it would've been the perfect weekend," said Jason.

"On a better day I think we should beat them no problem and we probably will when they come down here."

Griffiths was definitely the "man-of-the-match" after he made a number of saves against Villa when they threw a strong attack against the islanders in the second half, Jason said.

"He gobbled the ball up and didn't give away many rebounds."

New addition Deviato also played a strong game when he was called up from the Div. 5s, Jason said.

"He's probably going to end up playing with our team."

SSFC's Div.-1 men kick off against the Gordon Head Titans at Portlock Park at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.



**READY, SET:** Sailboats jockey for position in Ganges Harbour at the start of a blistery November sailing race held Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Unbeaten junior varsity squad heads to playoffs

**By JOHN FOLEY**  
Driftwood Contributor

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions junior varsity football team put their undefeated and unscored-on record against Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS) in their last regular season game.

The mud bowl of a field hindered the speed game of the Scorpions squad.

The first half was a defensive battle. Myles Raposo and Dan Foley had a personal competition to see who could notch the most tackles. Raposo got 12 tackles and caused one fumble, Foley had nine tackles, caused two fumbles and notched a sack. Sebastian Banks notched six tackles; Matt Miller and Trevor Cottrell each had four takedowns.

It was a real team effort on defence, with Stephen Greenwood, Hugh Finer, Angus Fraser, Peter Walker,

Zack Sawchuck, Ian Barrett, Trevor Morrisette and Will Cornwall all chipping in with tackles.

Cornwall broke a 54-yard run to give the Scorpions an 8-0 lead at the half. Cornwall completed the day with 241 yards rushing.

Fraser rushed for 68 yards, most of which he either mowed down or carried on his back an NDSS player. Cornwall would score again in the

third quarter to make it 16-0.

The big story came in the fourth quarter when NDSS was second down on our one-yard line. The Scorpions' unscored-on record looked in trouble, but the defence came up big and stopped NDSS three times. Three plays later and behind great blocking, Cornwall broke out to the 25-yard line and then broke two tackles and ran 93 yards to the NDSS

three-yard line.

In the next play, Greenwood scored to finish the game 24-0. The Scorpions junior varsity squad plays the first ever playoff game on Salt Spring on Thursday, November 10 at 2 p.m. — probably at the high school, unless the field is closed. Be there to cheer them on.

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All ages of local chess players are welcome to enter the November 12-13 match, said organizer Conrad Koke.

Salt Spring's Chess Cup was first awarded to William M. Mouat in 1931 and the local chess club maintained an annual tradition until 1948 when the trophy was lost.

But local chess aficionados re-instated the annual event last year after Ivan Mouat reclaimed and refurbished the trophy.

Starting in February 2004,

10 players entered a round-robin match that stretched until November since competitors arranged their own game schedules.

In the end, Koke was victorious, Ted Baldwinson took second and youth sensation Farley Cannon placed third.

But the boards have been re-set for another set of matches this weekend.

Since last year's chess event took 10 months to complete, Koke has adopted a new format where players will complete the tournament in one weekend.

Players will face off in six timed matches (one hour per player per game) on two days.

Competitors will be determined by the Swiss-pairing

formula instead of a round robin. And players will earn a point for each win and half a point for each draw. Whoever earns the most points will win the cup, Koke said.

"There will be one big pool unless there's a chance we could get some novice players and we could create a separate section."

Drop-in chess groups meet regularly at the Seniors' Centre on Mondays (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Tuesdays (7-10 p.m.) and youth players meet with adults at the Ganges fire hall on Fridays (12:30-2:30 p.m.).

Koke will need to hear from prospective competitors by Thursday so he can draw up a schedule of play, he said.

Unfortunately, the silver

cup that rekindled the chess championship tradition has proven too posh for the local club to maintain.

When Koke looked into updating the trophy, he found that adding new plaques would be prohibitively expensive and that the silver cup had substantial value itself.

"They don't make them like that anymore."

So the club is looking into donating the traditional trophy to a museum or historical society. A newfangled trophy will have to fill the bill.

The chess tournament will run free of charge at the Ganges fire hall from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call Conrad (537-1304).

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