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## No vote on pool, commission decides

Salt Spring residents will not be voting on the fate of a swimming pool this year.

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted Monday to defer the matter until next year to give more thought to the problem of financing the project.

"We came to the conclusion we'll have to do a lot of thinking about this," said commission chairman Glenn Woodley.

The commission will spend the time looking for ways of obtaining the best swimming pool for the most reasonable amount of money.

The board of the Gulf Islands School District was to have been a source of financing, through the

ministry of education.

The school board had not given the Parks and Recreation Commission a firm commitment, waiting rather to determine the extent of use which students, through school programs, would require.

"They're the group who are going to gain the most benefit from the pool," said Woodley.

The commission did not want to go to a vote without having explored all avenues of financing in order to keep the cost to Salt Spring residents to a minimum.

A referendum on the fate of the pool can, on orders from the Capital Regional District, be held at any time.

## Five seats to fill on school board

Election time is coming to town and Gulf Islanders will have the opportunity of choosing among candidates and deciding money issues.

The Gulf Islands School Board has five openings this year.

Board chairman Strick Aust is seeking re-election as are Tom Davidson of Saturna and Jeannine Dodds of Mayne Island.

Mary Williamson of Salt Spring Island will not run again and Vivian Pinteau was unavailable for comment.

The others on the board, Jim Ripley, Galiano; John Zacharias of Pender Islands; Bert Beitel and Charlie Baltzer of Salt Spring each have one more year of their term left.

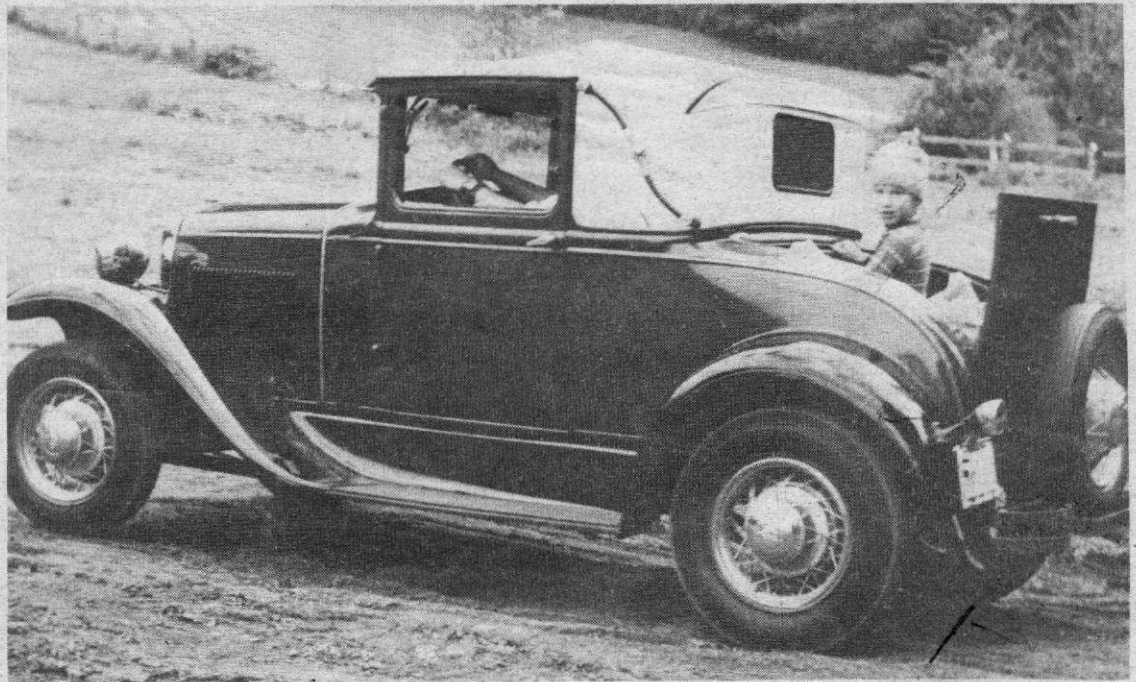
Election for the Islands Trust

is also in an off-year although residents of Galiano may have the chance to choose a representative. The trustee for that island has moved and the vacancy must be filled.

Despite the lack of election for Islands Trust on Salt Spring, the Elect Luke Harrison to the Islands Trust committee is working and spending.

Yvette Valcourt is seeking re-election to the Capital Regional District and faces an election battle with former *Driftwood* publisher Frank Richards.

The choice for the Outer Islands representative on the CRD is made necessary by the retirement of Jim Campbell of Saturna. Vern Roddick of Pender Island has announced that he will be in the running.



## Vintage cars visit island

Salt Spring Island members of the Victoria branch of the Vintage Car Club of Canada own this 1931 Model A Ford Sport Coupe. Dennis and Elsie Marshall were

hosts to about 30 members of the club last week. Brett Marshall enjoys riding in the rumble seat of the car. More photos on Page Twenty-Four.

## Six students are sent home

## Lice are back at local school

Head lice have returned to Salt Spring Elementary School to cause problems for staff and infested children.

School principal Tom Watson said six children had been found to have the tiny parasites and were sent home for treatment.

The outbreak at the Salt Spring school follows a pattern at various schools across the province. Last fall, a similar outbreak occurred both on Salt Spring and elsewhere.

The head louse, a parasitic insect with the Latin name of pediculus humanis capitis, is one of two varieties which attack humans. The other unwanted guest is the body louse.

### SEEK WARMTH, FOOD

Watson pointed out that the lice

do not necessarily seek dirty hair, what the parasites seek is warmth and food. The adult insects do not survive for long away from the warmth of a head of hair.

"It doesn't start in the school," said Watson. "Children come here and we find the lice. Then we have to tell the parents."

Children infested with head lice are sent home and must stay away from school from five to seven days.

They must have the head shampooed with a strong insecticide to kill the adult louse and a mixture of water and vinegar to destroy the eggs, or nits.

The process is repeated approximately five days later. In the interim, the hair is combed with a fine comb to find any lice or nits which have survived the shampooing.

Clothes and head gear should be washed thoroughly. Drycleaning is recommended as the best way of de-lousing clothing.

If, after the second treatment, the hair shows no signs of infestation, the child can return to school.

The problem with lice occurs when, after the tiny creatures have fed on blood, the child scratches. The insects' feces is rubbed into the small sores and severe illness could result.

Lice have been known to cause typhus, relapsing fever and for a time around World War I, trench fever.

## Gabriola ferry terminal discussed by Trust Council in Victoria

A call for information to aid the study of the impact of a proposed ferry terminal on Gabriola Island, the request for legislation to manage the Trust islands' groundwater resources and the discussion of goals for the regional plan were among the highlights of the recent Islands Trust Council meeting.

The proposal for another crossing of the Strait of Georgia, which would involve the construction of a bridge from Vancouver Island to Gabriola and a ferry link from that island to the mainland, has drawn sharp criticism in the past from island residents.

The council, after hearing from a delegation of islanders, has requested more information on the rationale for such a development, the social and economic cost, the terminal's environmental impact and an examination of alternative transport routes.

The end of the summer brings water shortages to a number of the Trust islands and this problem is expected to worsen with increased residential development. The Trust Council passed a resolution calling for provincial legislation to provide for the licencing and management of the islands' groundwater resources. Surface water resources already have this protection.

The council also received a draft of 14 goals that had been prepared by the Trust's regional planning committee. This is an important step in creating a comprehensive regional plan for the entire Islands Trust area.

The aims of these goals include environmental protection, the preservation of the rural character of the islands, controlled change and the protection of the interests of the province as a whole in the Islands Trust region. Council recommended approval in principle of these goals.

The meeting, held September 18 and 19 in Victoria, was attended by 23 of the 26 trustees.

## Band shell planned for park

Music wafting through Centennial Park in Ganges will be one of the attractions next summer.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission decided to allow the Rotary Club to proceed with plans to build a band shell in the park.

The commission will look at various plans for the shell to ensure that it does not block the view of the harbour.

Once constructed the band shell will be maintained by the Parks and Recreation crews.

## Measurement change foils reporter

*Driftwood* reporter Bill Webster goofed. He read the report from B.C. Research but obviously not closely enough.

The report on sewage disposal at the Ganges school complex was talking about various measurements in feet but at one point changed to yards, which Webster missed. The cost of the all-weather playfield would be as in the report, \$150,000 to \$175,000 at 1980 prices.

The costs of the treatment plant to hook up to the all-weather playfield are not known.

# Sidney court house to open October 20

The new court house at Sidney opens for business on October 20 and the official opening, with dignitaries and such, is tentatively planned for November 5.

The court house, at 9884 Third Street just across from the Sidney town hall, will serve the Saanich Peninsula. The possibility of Gulf Islanders having to visit the court instead of the Ganges court exists.

Part of the original plans for the Sidney court house were to include the Gulf Islands but the case load for the Saanich area is such that the Ganges court will continue for now.

The opening was delayed by several things including the difficulty of staffing the building

caused by the hiring freeze of the provincial government.

Court will sit Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

The official opening in November will include Hugh Curtis, MLA Saanich and the Islands and minister of finance, as well as Allan Williams, MLA West Vancouver-Howe Sound and attorney-general.

## Season a slow one for Coast Guard

Somehow at least 11 boats discovered rocks from Ganges Harbour south to the end of Prevost Island this summer.

The Coast Guard unit on Salt Spring Island helped those boats as well as 13 others which found low water in various places in the Gulf Islands from the Canada-U.S. border to Gabriola Island.

The groundings were part of 142 distress calls received by the unit over the spring and summer seasons. The majority of calls for help, 68, concerned breakdowns of one kind or another.

This year was the summer of the electrical failure as the majority of breakdown calls came from vessels which had lost power due to wiring malfunctions.

The crew members evaluated the season as "slow" in comparison to other years. Several reasons were put forward: better boating habits; better equipment, except for the wiring; and mainly — the lousy weather.



VERN RODDICK

## Candidate

First candidate to announce himself in the Outer Islands is Vern Roddick, of South Pender, who is running for a seat on the regional board.

It is not Roddick's first entry into public affairs. He was unsuccessful in the same election campaign two years ago when Campbell came out on top of a three-way fight.

Retired army officer, he was retired in the rank of Captain from the Corps of Mechanical Engineers. He has lived on South Pender for the past 15 years.

Roddick is a member of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society and a member of the board of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

During his 15 years in the islands, he has taken an active part in many community projects on the Penders and extending into the other islands.

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## Avon Searider fills in

The end of summer spells repair and refit but not necessarily relaxation for the Coast Guard unit at Salt Spring Island.

The Coast Guard vessel 122 sits in Canoe Cove being refitted, primed and readied for the rough weather of winter.

While the 122 is away, the Ganges unit depends upon an Avon Searider to aid and assist in Gulf Island waters.

The searider is a plastic-hulled craft with a large, inflated rubber collar. Powered by two 50-horsepower outboard engines, the boat can reach speeds of up to 43 miles per hour.

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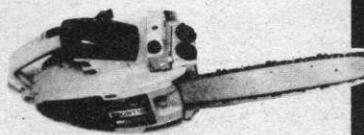
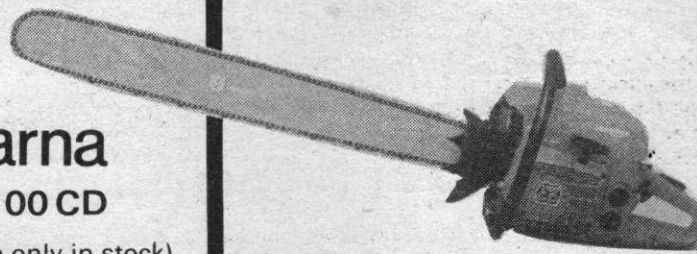
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It was a breakfast party and the conversation leaped around like a Tory candidate at a Liberal nomination. My host was speaking of a friend who, he explained, is the only Canadian airman to have landed a plane on the back of another. Both planes were given permission to land, he recalled, and the Mosquito dropped neatly on to the back of the Lancaster and remained piggy back until the Lank rolled to a stop. "My God!" exclaimed one of the party. "The Lancaster was driven by my brother!" The names don't signify on the islands because they were visitors from the wilds of British Columbia.

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The rain rains and the British Columbians huddle in the dry privacy of their homes and the yellow grass is slowly turning green. Maybe it is miserable, but the fall rains clear the air, clean up the gardens and give us all something else to get miserable about.

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I heard from my family deep in the boondocks of Britain. And they explained that a friend of many years ago was in touch with them. It reminded me of another aspect of the last war. A small factory in the English Midlands was engaged solely in the production of pins and bushes for endless tanks. Tanks ran on the tracks and he was making the linkages for the tanks. He wasn't permitted to enlist. All he could do was work 20 hours a day, seven days a week making pins and bushes for tanks. The various items were machined on an automatic lathe and inspectors checked each one as it came off the lathe. Rejects were steady and expensive. The machine would lick up the piece of metal and automatically shape it and cut it off to size. Unfortunately, the automatic feed often failed to thrust the metal fully home and the item would end up short or with short shoulders as a result of not being thrust fully home. And my former friend figured it out for himself. He mounted one lathe at a 45 degree angle, with the support set in concrete. Of course, it worked. Rejects were almost non-existent. He was delighted. Not so the elderly foreman. He came in the first morning and saw the lathe up-ended. He quit on the spot. Man and boy he'd been in the engineering business and he had never seen a lathe set up like that and no way would he work such a design. Before long the plant had every such lathe set up the same way and within years the manufacturer was offering them with a gravity-assisted feed.

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He served in HMCS Drummondville during the second war, recalled Pat Meagher. It reminded me of the day when Claude Martin, of *Le Parole*, Drummondville's weekly newspaper, came to visit me one weekend in order to lay eyes on an English dogan. He never knew there were adherents of Rome in England and if there were, he never knew they ever crossed the Atlantic.

It's all a matter of applying yourself! I learned my lesson years ago. That's how I got into this mess. In 1975 I decided that the garage at the edge of my driveway should go ahead. So I decided to level the shale bank. The hard shale bank. I dug the soft stuff off the top and started with the pick. That was in early 1976. Last week I had moved about 20 tons of tough, hard shale. Too tough for a backhoe. I was warned by an eager helper. He would be along to see it, said a blasting expert. Once he said and twice he didn't show up. So I picked away. Last week I could see the pattern of parking. Even if I don't go ahead with a garage, I've made myself a good parking area. Women's Lib takes one look and comes up with the perfect answer. Why not level off the whole bank, she enquires, it would make it look much better! It didn't make me feel any better.

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I was putting some pictures through the darkroom. My daughter-in-law handed me a film in a plastic case and noted that she had opened the camera only to learn that the film hadn't rewind. So she emptied the camera in the darkroom. After quickly slamming the back, of course! I blithely took the cap off the case only to discover that the film lay inside looking up at me. It wasn't in a cassette. But what of it? I had to develop another film so I ran the two together. Almost every shot came out. Twice it was opened in daylight and it still came up. I sure live right!

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### Nature Club program

## Several activities in October

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has prepared its program for October.

On October 6 there will be a hike and walk on the old Cunningham property and the old creamery. Leaders will be Ernie Jenkins and Brenda Cornwall. Participants will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.

Several activities are planned for October 13.

Bob Ball will lead a hike on Mount Belcher while Dorothy Black will lead an intermediate walk on the same mountain.

Life on the seashore at low tide will be examined in a study walk led by Pearl McAllister, from Price

Road to Beddis Spit.

Meeting place for all of the foregoing will be Centennial Park at 10 am.

On October 20 Bob Robertson will lead a hike on Mount Prevost, north of Duncan. Hikers will meet at Centennial Park at 9:30 am or at the Vesuvius ferry terminal at 10 am.

On the same day there will be an intermediate walk on Snag Hill led by Val Keys. Meeting place is

Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10:15.

On October 27 Jack Fisher will lead a hike on Mount Erskine, for which participants will meet at Centennial Park at 10 am or at 250 Collins Road at 10:10.

Also on the 27th there will be walk and talk at the Cowichan Valley Geology and Water System led by Clarence White of Duncan. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9:30 am or at Vesuvius at 10 am.

### Musical at Mahon Hall Saturday

An evening of music and theatre will come to Salt Spring Island Saturday when the Inter-Island Performing Arts Co-operation Society brings *Fly By Night Angels* to Mahon Hall.

Written by and starring Paul Bankes and R.Y. Glover, the musical will play Saturday, Oct. 10 as well.

Show time is 8 pm and tickets are available from Annie's and et cetera, \$4 each and \$3.50 for I-IPACS members and OAP's. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

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## The constitution

It is more than a century since the fathers of confederation sat down together to create the new nation of Canada. Not very many years ago this nation joined in a celebration marking the 100th anniversary of that original accomplishment.

And it was an accomplishment. It was a pattern of procedure to be adopted by a new country with new aspirations and new technologies. It was a pattern to be adopted after long and bitter exchanges, heated debates and all the irrationalities of human beings in disagreement.

That the nation thus created should stand firm and prosperous for a hundred years was a tribute to the men who founded it. But times have changed.

The concept of colonialism, on which the philosophy of the new nation was based, has lost its appeal. Colonialism is a four-letter word today. The technology which launched the nation was that of the early steam train and the low-speed engine. The geography on which the new nation was based scarce recognized the Rockies, still less considering land beyond the western peaks.

The tale of the constitution's immediate past, with Britain triumphant over a colonialist France, is a story from an ancient book.

In an age of political awareness, technological advances, changing geography and a new international philosophy of liberty, there were cracks in the fabric erected so proudly and confidently on that Charlottetown foundation nearly 120 years ago.

Change was necessary, said the federal observers. Change was desirable, agreed the provincial leaders.

And the debate which ensued has taken on much of the character of a circus offering an animal show. The single nation suddenly discovered new rifts and new jealousies. While there was general agreement that amendments were desirable, there was little agreement on how they might be accomplished.

The appeal to the Supreme Court has accomplished little. Few Canadians expected the court to rule a unilateral approach as illegal. It has accomplished a five-month recess. And the national stage is not vastly dissimilar to the national stage of 114 years ago.

The stage is bigger. There are more actors and actresses. The issues are wider. The talk is louder. And the stakes are higher. But the pattern is the same. The discussion centres on the distribution of power and the allocation of moneys between the participating components. It also embraces the hopes and aspirations of innumerable Canadians.

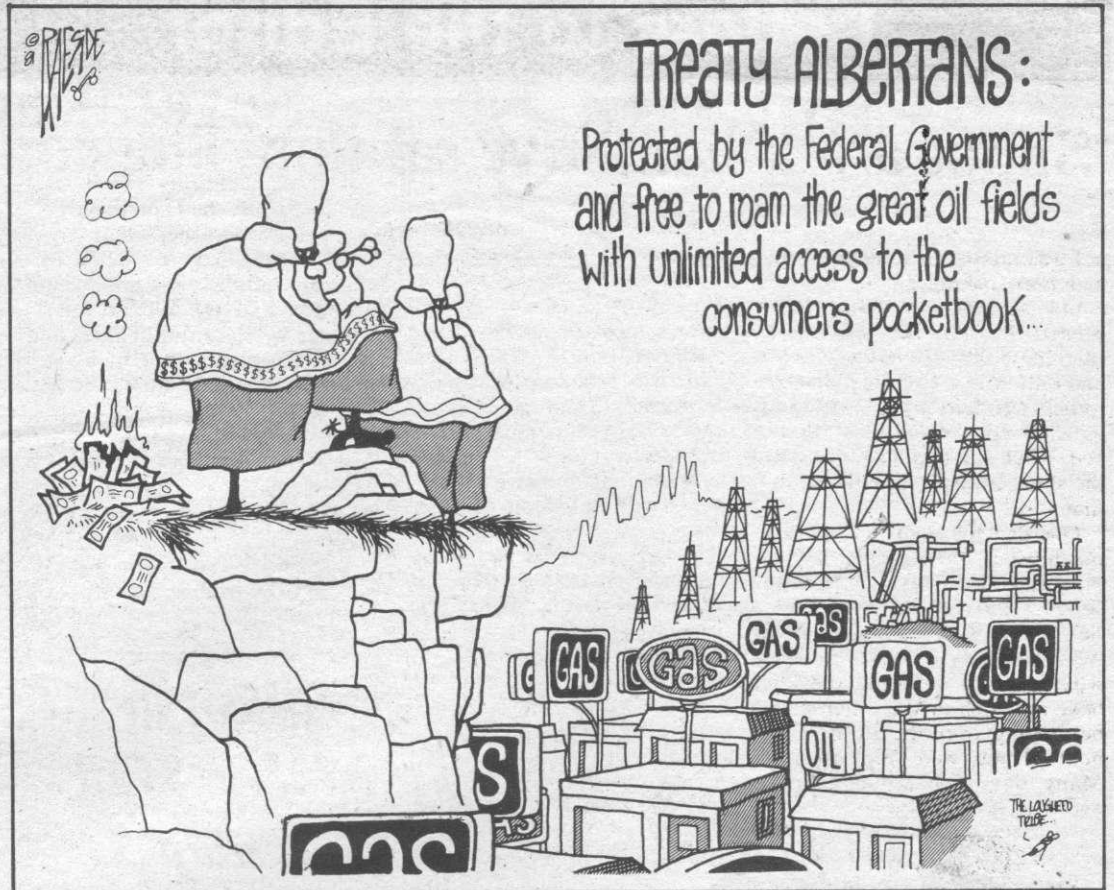
Surely the future of this nation deserves the best from Canadians and not the self-seeking bitterness that has been brought to the debate by so many prominent spokesmen for the regions? Surely we should expect our leaders and our acknowledged spokesmen to exercise the same stature that we find in the dust of Charlottetown?

The constitution debate cannot now be abandoned. It must be settled. And the next months will decide whether the nation's leaders today are destined to pass into history to take their places alongside the founders of the nation. Or will they enjoy a posterity dedicated to their revilement?

The remaining debate will accomplish little if it consists of 11 bitter men sitting around a table to await the first conciliatory move from the enemy. Nor will the ordinary Canadian gain from a personal hostility between delegates.

The vocal Canadians have told every leader what he must do and why he must do it. It is time for the leaders of the nation to consider the quiet Canadian who depends on them to find the answers and who will inevitably suffer from their mistakes.

Above all, this is not the time for an iron fist, gloved or exposed and the Canadian leader who clobbers the opposition must bear in mind that he is clobbering his fellow Canadians.



Bill Webster

## A severe following of critics

A friend and a family share several common factors, not the least of which is acceptance of one's foibles.

A friend means never having to say "thank you" for a proffered hand. A family means shelter when life gets rough; a place to go for willing compassion and forgiving intuition.

As the weekend rain drenched the Gulf Islands, to turn, for the moment, grass green, so life continued in a thousand artless ways.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley came to visit. He squinted at me, turned to watch the rain and said:

"I can see your mood matches the weather. Don't tell me, I can guess."

He sat down, took out pipe and tobacco and proceeded to explain what he thought my mood was.

### FOLLOWING OF CRITICS

"You've developed a severe following of critics, right? They pick on everything you write and accuse you of creative invention regardless of how thorough your research."

"Yes," I admitted.

"Don't back down, my boy. You have a job to do. Remember what Winnie once said, 'A fanatic is someone who will not change his mind and cannot change the subject.'"

"But Louis," said I, "they're talking about you."

"Me?"

"Yes, people claim I've made you up, that you're just a flight of fancy."

### FIGMENT OF IMAGINATION

"Nonsense. Look at me. Do I look made up? Besides, aren't we all partly truth and partly fiction? Remember, my boy, reality is just a figment of someone's imagination."

Blue smoke billowed towards the ceiling for a moment before Louis continued.

"There are some people in the Gulf Islands who would never admit I exist. They would prefer that I were part of your make-believe."

"There's no animosity, mind you, they just pretend I'm not around. It all stems from the time when officials tried to introduce street numbering to Salt Spring."

"Getting directions on the island becomes confusing at times. Think of it, an off-islander asks where Nip Perkin lives and is directed to the lane through the trees, the second road, not the main one, at the telephone pole on the corner up the street from the tourist sign across from the church past Rainbow Road."

### BUNCH OF WIMPS

"Now, how could anyone find that place? I compared those who opposed numbering to a bunch of wimps and they've never forgiven me."

Louis paused to puff in profound reflection and when I returned from brewing a cup of coffee, he was gone.

My old Plymouth hates rain. Whenever a heavy mist settles, the floor on the driver's side floods. Such was the case when I tried to get to work one morning earlier this week.

I surveyed the gathering moisture just as Louis drove up with a pump to help drain off the accumulated water.

As we were stemming the tide, a man, carrying a suitcase and wearing a three-piece button-down suit complete with neck-tie, walked past. Louis paused in his toil and called to the stranger.

"Suitcase? Is that you?"

The stranger, turning around, looked at us in surprise.

"My gosh," said he. "If it isn't Louis Bolivar-Finchley and the *Driftwood* reporter. Are you related to Jack?"

### MANY YEARS HAD FLED

Louis and Suitcase began hugging each other, slapping the other's shoulder and behaving as if many years had fled since they last had met, which of course was the case.

"Suitcase," said Louise, "the last heard of you was when Menander Island suffered terminal ferry phobia. I thought you went down with the rocks."

Suitcase set his suitcase down and narrated the story of his rescue. He had floated down Trincomali Channel clutching his precious suitcase. Someone had fished him out near the Saanich Peninsula and he had wandered away trying to dry out and recover from his briny bath.

"Those long hours adrift gave me the chance to think about my life," he said. "I vowed that if I got out of the water, I'd find honest employment."

### COUNTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

"I work for the federal government now," he told us. "My task is to count endangered species."

"Then what are you doing on Salt Spring?" asked Louis.

"I'm touring Western Canada looking for Liberals," was the reply.

"We have a lot to catch up on, old friend," said Louis. "You must come visit me."

"Sounds good," Suitcase said. "Where do you live?"

"On Hemlock Lane," said Louis. "Take the narrow road to the left about two miles past Maxwell Lake. My house is the one on the hill as you pass Betta Hedron's red barn."

# Letters to the Editor

## 'Shoot a sea lion: save salmon, ling cod'

Sir,  
I was talking to somebody who had been fishing all his life and could recall when fish were plentiful. Imagine one boat catching 5,000 pounds in a week and only with a bandline. The fish were in the shallows then. The kelp patches were loaded with big ling cod. Rock cod could be seen from the shore as many as a dozen at a time.

One day the boats delivered so much fish at Porlier Pass that they practically sank the floating dock. When I was fishing in the 60's I only had a small boat and there were some days when the boat would be full of fish so I would have to watch or the water would be coming over the stern of the boat. These were big fish too. Many days fish would average over five pounds dressed.

Over the years the average size of the fish has decreased. Then in the last couple of years there has been a severe decline. Being naturally unafraid they are easy prey for skindiving spearfishermen.

Their spawning habits make them easy prey for sea lions. Young ling cod like the shallow reefs where seals abound, so they can't survive.

It only took 30 years for the buffalo to practically disappear from the great plains and the same thing can happen to the ling cod.

The fisheries have ignored the problem.

In fact, they have added to it by their method of retiring salmon boats from the fleet, converting them to a C license so that they have to fish cod, crabs or some other bottom fish and also requiring these boats to land so much fish each year to retain the license.

It's a poorly thought out scheme. Another trouble for the bait fisherman is the scarcity of the herring. Not long ago it was easy to jig herring in Active Pass, Sansum Narrows, Porlier, and Tumbo Channel. Now only in Porlier and they are scarce. Don't underestimate the damage being done by sea lions and seals.

What worries me is the California sea lions that now spend the winters here in the Gulf Islands and Georgia Strait. As far as A. Netboy's comments about decline in Columbia river fish, I believe that there is a relationship there. Sea lions being protected causes them to increase in number, causes them to eat up all the fish, causes

them to migrate into new territory in search of food. When the sea lions succeed in finding a fresh source of food then they are going to be back year after year until that too is gone. Their numbers will continue to increase unless they are being killed off or unless they run out of food when there will be a die-off from either malnutrition or disease.

A herd of sea lions takes up residence and they clean everything up in the way of fish. Years ago anytime a seal or a sea lion showed up most fishermen would feel right in shooting same as this would help the fish population. I know that things have changed from those days.

What should be done? When the sea lion herds arrive, assemble a fleet of boats and start killing them. Have another group retrieving the dead sea lions and butchering them and making them into steaks, chops, roasts and hamburger, saving the skins and anything else of value.

I have known people who have eaten seal meat and say it is delicious.

There are lots of countries where people are starving for protein food and we could do a good turn if these products of the sea were sent to these countries, and we would be saving our fishing industry at the same time from a very serious situation.

I saw some bumper stickers the other day which said "Save the salmon, shoot a sea lion" for the salmon fishermen and "Save the ling cod, shoot a sea lion" for cod fishermen.

I figure I owe it to the fishing industry to write this.  
**GEOFF HOWLAND,**  
Ganges.  
September, 1981.

## Hand weeding is healthier

Sir,  
I have written the following to my MP, my MLA, Stephen Rogers, Bill Bennett and Tom Waterland, and I hope more concerned folks will follow suit.

"For God's sake, and ours, please put the screws to the forestry service's appeals for more herbicides to be spread in B.C. We are poisoning the environment that gives us life.

"Hand weeding works just fine in my garden, and there's no reason why it shouldn't work as well in 'Ours', when so many of us need jobs. I'd rather die from applying too much elbow grease than from cancer induced by herbicides."

**ROSALIND HILDRED,**  
Rouse Bay,  
Lasqueti Island, B.C.  
September 14, 1981.



## Tony Richards

**THE DAY IS RAPIDLY** drawing near when I shall have to face reality and brace myself for an appointment to which I can only look forward with loathing.

This particular date is bothering me so much, in fact, that I can barely concentrate on writing this column.

The root of the problem is that I am diseased. I probably have several diseases, all of them confined within my mouth.

Pity the poor dentist, you might say, with whom my appointment is scheduled. The unfortunate man will have to probe around inside a mouth which is probably infected with all kinds of ghastly ailments with ghastly sounding names: gingivitis, trench mouth and pyorrhea, to name but a few.

But it is not the dentist you should be pitying -- it's me. On the day in question I'll be a nervous wreck. I can feel the warning signs already.

And after five minutes in that loathsome chair, I'll have a vice-like hold on its arms and my shirt will be soaked through with sweat.

And my mind will wander back to the days of childhood visits to the not-so-friendly local dentist, who made the most out of a no-holds-barred technique. He had a theory that a mouth which was not opened to its limit could be made to do so by reflex action.

You know how a doctor tests for reflexes by tapping you on the knee. Well, this dentist was convinced that the same type of reflex action could be obtained with a sharp slap in the cheek.

He would apply a good smack and your mouth would automatically open wider so as to let out a

scream of pain. His theory was a good one in that it certainly got the mouth open. But it had its disadvantages: the patient was seldom eager to return.

Later, as a teenager, I had the opportunity to visit another dentist -- a kindly old man who must have been approaching 80 when I saw him.

After several unsuccessful attempts with the needle, he apparently gave up on the idea of anaesthetic and pulled the offending tooth. After that experience many years passed and many teeth dropped out before I found the courage to make another dental appointment.

Only right now, I don't feel so very courageous.

**I PICKED UP** an interesting item from part-time Pender Island resident, Peter Speck, publisher of the *North Shore News* in North Vancouver.

What are the three least credible lines in the world?

1. "My cheque is in the mail."
2. "Sure, I'll respect you in the morning."
3. "I'm from the government. I'm here to help you."

**WHAT LOCAL POLICE** failed to mention a couple of weeks back when they told us of radar patrols in school zones was that such patrols are not restricted to those areas.

Radar checks are being carried out elsewhere on Salt Spring Island.

It cost me three points to obtain that information.

## Not too late to stop 'insanity'

Following letter was submitted for publication.

The Hon. W. Bennett,  
Parliament Bldgs.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I am writing this as an open letter to you so that the people on Salt Spring may be updated at the same time as you are on the controversial Sewer situation. I would hope that they are not discouraged while at the same time you are encouraged by the illusion that the problem has finally been resolved simply because there is a barge defiling the magnificent recreational waters of our harbour.

The Civil Liberties Association have undertaken to investigate the unconstitutionality of your government's action in denying the people of Salt Spring right of access to the courts and the right to determination by way of a vote in their own affairs. Other organizations including SPEC, the Law Society, the B.C. Medical Association are also undertaking to investigate the appropriateness of resolutions condemning your government's illegitimate use of the Enabling and Validating Act.

Your father had a home on Salt Spring so surely the significance of 500 letters of protest and a meeting attended by 700 people protesting the Big Sewer cannot be lost on you. This must indicate to you that by far the majority of the people on Salt Spring are not only opposed but resent the government action. Mr. Curtis declined to attend this meeting. This I can understand, because although the rough and ready era of tar and feathering is long since past, he no doubt, was sensitive to the fact that he would have faced 700 angry people.

In such a situation where the MIA is reluctant to face his constituents on a contentious issue, unfortunately, the views and desires of the community are not adequately conveyed to the government. Our situation on Salt Spring is further worsened by the fact that our Regional Director is of a mold that from her first appearance was never acceptable to the dominant establishment at the CRD.

You should be aware, Mr. Premier, that never once has the CRD or your Ministers attempted to negotiate co-operatively with the objectors to the Big Sewer. Never once have they said, "What can we do to remove your objections and yet still provide a sewer system for Ganges that would clean up the problems and allow for controlled growth." Instead they have been adamant in forcing upon the people their decision as to how the community will be serviced.

Ninety percent of the objection to the sewer would be defused by the simple agreement that there

would be no outfall into Ganges Harbour.

It is not too late to stop this insanity of a three mile outfall at a cost of \$2.2 million. There is no need for this to be considered a total loss but simply a bad and rather expensive mistake. The saving in cutting this off now could be applied to providing tertiary treatment by way of a sand filtration basin and disposal as the final step to the presently proposed secondary treatment.

This method was recommended by an engineer in your own Ministry of Environment Waste Management Branch. Unfortunately, none of the appropriate ministers Mr. Rogers, Mr. Vander Zalm or Mr. Curtis were prepared to listen to this proposal, as they had concluded falsely that anything to do with the sewer was a partisan issue.

I do hope that you have the courage to cut your losses right now by rescinding Section 68 of Bill 31 while there is a chance that your government may still receive credit for taking another famous second look.

**P.A. TIERNAN,**  
Ganges.

September 25, 1981.

P.S. My letter to you went unanswered dated July 18, 1981. I do hope that you will favour me with a reply so that we may know this matter has reached you for decision.

## Slide area still hazardous

Following letter was submitted for publication.

Hon. Alex Fraser,  
Minister of Highways,  
Parliament Bldgs.,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Last December, as you may know, a major rock and mud slide took place near the north end of St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring Island.

Although the slide was large enough to close both lanes of traffic on North End Road, and while subsequent minor slides have taken place, it appears that nothing has been done to reduce the potential hazard to passersby.

Since the rains began this past week, more slippage has occurred and pieces of rock have again started to accumulate at the base of the slide area.

As one who must travel North End Road daily, I feel compelled to ask you sir: when will action be taken to remedy this most dangerous situation?

**EDWARD T. ARMSTRONG,**  
Maliview Drive,  
Ganges.  
September 28, 1981.

## Another heavy crop

Sir,

In the edition of September 23, you present another heavy crop of misinformation, under the heading "Price tag of \$1.3 million to use play field for sewage disposal", referring to the study of alternative methods for the Ganges school complex, commissioned by the school board in summer 1980.

Bypassing for today over half a dozen partly decisive inaccuracies, I must call your attention to that cost statement, which you repeat at the end of your article. The \$1.3 million is entirely without base in the Report given by B.C. Research.

The study presents three alternatives to the Big Sewer

connection. For two of these costs are not available at this time. For the third, a raised drainage field on the elementary sports grounds for conventional septic effluent, the Report gives an estimate of from "\$150,000 to \$175,000", out of which some \$35,000 would go towards the fill necessary for raising the field by about one meter (three feet).

No other cost figures show up in the Report. Your \$1.3 million are an obvious error that needed clarification. The thing can be done for \$175,000.

**DR. HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,**  
Ganges.  
September 28, 1981.

## More Letters to the Editor

### Doctor exposed to propoganda

Sir,  
The September 27 issue of the Vancouver Province carried a report that the chairman of the British Columbia Medical Association's Environmental Health committee, Dr. Robert Woolard, had written a letter to Premier Bennett objecting to the Ganges Sewer project.

I know Dr. Woolard, mostly by reputation, and he is a very hard working, knowledgeable and conscientious chairman of his committee. I particularly admired his work when he was investigating the possible health hazards associated with nuclear power. But in this instance I can only assume he has shot from the hip.

Doctors, because of their possible influence on the general public, should be particularly cautious about making statements for or against anything of a medical nature without a very full study of all aspects of the matter. Dr. Woolard has very obviously been exposed to a good deal of the information provided by members of the Sewer Alternatives

Committee, much of which can be rightfully termed propoganda. Certainly this group could not be accused of holding any objective opinions. To my knowledge he has not taken the opportunity of studying the matter first-hand and certainly has not asked for opinions from those who see the present proposal as reasonable under the circumstances.

He could have consulted the Regional Health Officer, Dr. Arneil, who is very well acquainted with the problem.

He might have been interested in asking the engineers of the Capital Regional District why they feel that the present proposed disposal method would not be a health hazard. He might have even discussed the matter with one or more of the dozen doctors on Salt Spring Island who are in active practice. He may even have visited the Lady Minto Hospital and listened to their problems and the difficulty, if not impossibility, of solving the problem unilaterally. None of these people admit to having had any conversations with

him or his committee. What makes this worse is the fact that on September 28 when Dr. Arneil phoned to challenge him on the subject he claimed that he was not discussing a health issue, but the matter of government legislation.

Unfortunately, this fact will not be known to any readers. Furthermore, I am not aware that either Dr. Woolard or his committee have any mandate to pose as experts on legislative or constitutional matters. In fact the British Columbia Medical Association has not investigated this matter, has no official position on it, and I would therefore suggest that Dr. Woolard has no right to make such a statement as a representative of that body.

Consequently I, as a physician, condemn his actions in the strongest terms. If the British Columbia Medical Association wishes to investigate the matter, which I doubt, they are cordially invited to meet any or all of the above persons and anyone else they could name. Until then this report of Dr. Woolard's should be ignored and I have written Premier Bennett to ask him to do just that.  
**CHARLES H. BORSMAN, M.D.,**  
R.R.1 Ganges,  
September 28, 1981.

### Psycho-educational programs driving kids psychotic

Sir,  
The summer holidays are over and once again the campaign for School Trustees is rallying. This is a very timely opportunity for Parents Interested in Education known as PIE and their PIE "Watch Dogs" in various districts to keep a keen eye out on these campaigns.

Check the "platforms" of these people. Scrutinize every inch of these candidates to make sure that they are not a "front" for vested interest groups like psychiatry, who have wreaked havoc throughout the educational field. You can be sure that their influence to distract students from real education, while stirring up highly charged issues like "Sex Education", "Values Clarification", "Moral Reasoning", "Hyperactivity", and dozens of other "psycho-educational" programs which come pouring out from their "mind game clinics",

### Service is insult to intelligence

Sir,  
If everyone on these Gulf Islands and thousands more across Canada sends a letter to complain against a postage rate hike we obviously could prevent this completely unfair proposal. Why should we be expected to pay more, the service has been an insult to the intelligence of all Canadians for too long, we must like being walked on.

We could accept a postage hike to perhaps 20 cents for first-class mail but only with a guarantee that service will be first-class.

Don't just sit there, write. Speak your mind, hit below the belt that's what they have done to us.  
**G.M. BARKES,**  
141 Rourke Rd.,  
Ganges,  
September, 1981.

will continue if allowed.

These programs cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars and are yearly pushing the costs skyward and worst of all are driving the kids more psychotic. Sex and crime rates are skyrocketing, juvenile delinquency is so rampant that it is becoming almost socially acceptable because it cannot be coped with.

There are positive alternatives to all this madness. There are many proponents throughout the school system, teachers, principals, educators of all sorts who have proven alternatives. There is a real need for a return and support of academic education.

We here in PIE will also be preparing to handle the abuses that come in, accompany parents to give a balanced support when they are confronted with issues. We will be getting together with educators of similar interest and organizing seminars and talks. From these we will be putting together sane alternatives to present to the Education Ministry and educators.

There are already reams of valuable information we have gleaned in our few years of existence, like nutritional alternatives for what is falsely called "hyperactivity". It can be handled by a proper diet. We know what it is like to feel frustrated with institutions, and if we can do anything to help then it will be worthwhile. We can refer people to the right agency, or interpreting their rights for them. You can become one of the growing members of PIE Watchdogs around the Province, and part of the campaign to extend PIE's reach into the community and do more justice to the many cries for help we get every month.

PIE makes sure our parents know their rights, and backs them up when they are exercising them. PIE is not held together by professionals, but by dedicated parents who have been there and know what it's like to feel confused and frustrated.

**STAN and DIANE ROGER,**  
Delta, B.C.  
September 23, 1981.

### They deserve better treatment

Sir,  
May 1, through your paper, voice a complaint about our school transportation.

Our children, at the North End have to be up and ready to leave home by 6:30 am. I think the day is long enough by the time they get back to Galiano about 3:30 pm. By the time they have done the odd chore and their homework they are very tired and quite understandably so.

Yesterday, September 23, Mr. George saw the three young girls hurrying down the wharf, one of the girls having come straight from her Agriculture class. Mr. George untied the boat and left the three girls, Kathy Baines, Gina Wilson and Schon Hardy standing on the wharf and told them, "Have a good ferry ride home."

One of these girls is my granddaughter and I think they deserve better treatment than this by a man who is paid to transport them to and from school.

My grandson also travels from the North End and he got a raking

### Generous publicity

Sir,  
I would like to, on behalf of the Artercraft '81 committee of the Community Arts Council, thank you sincerely for the generous publicity you gave to the Artercraft '81 show and sale.

Your help and co-operation in this regard made a significant contribution to the success of the show, which this year showed a 12% increase in gross revenue over last year.

**ANN LEIGH-SPENCER,**  
Publicity Chairman,  
Artercraft '81,  
September, 1981.

over the coal about being late when in fact he was on time the day before this incident. I shudder to think what could have happened to those three young girls, if we had lived on the mainland.

If my son and daughter-in-law have to go to Vancouver on business at times the children stay with me and can you imagine my state of mind if Kathy did not come home on the school bus. If they are a bit late coming from Mayne Island Mr. Denroche also leaves them to find their own way home. We live 18 miles from the wharf. I do not drive and my husband is often away quite late fishing.

I just think our children deserve better treatment than this.  
**(MRS.) DEVINA BAINES,**  
North Galiano,  
September 24, 1981.

### Elimination of raw milk protested

Sir,  
Please register my protest of governmental efforts to eliminate raw milk from the market. Raw, or unpasteurized, milk is my preference as an informed consumer, and I request that this preference be left alone until there are substantial reasons to protect me from it.

Also, please note my protest at the contamination of whipping cream currently sold in B.C. stores. We now buy cream and stabilizer (dextrose, carrageenin, polysorbate 80). What and whose purposes do these additives serve?  
**B. OLIVER,**  
Box 115,  
Fullford Harbour,  
September 26, 1981.

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## Children have to learn to play

BY ANNE CARR

After discovering my 16-month-old stuffing a loaf of bread down the toilet recently, I took a deep breath, counted a few numbers and watched. Parental emotions in check and quickly computing new menu ideas for breakfast, I observed her animated body and listened to her shrieking laughter.

She was playing practising her pushing technique! But how did this playing come about and when does it first happen?

By 12 months or so, the baby not only pushes, but pulls, crawls, walks and has some rudimentary language, for example, "mama", "doggie" and probably "no!" It is the application of such newly acquired skills to everything that forms the basis of playfulness.

How we as parents deal with the major issues of mobility, language and choice directly affects that playfulness.

#### IN FIRST 12 MONTHS

However, it is during that first 12 months of life that a baby learns how to play.

Surely children don't have to be taught to play — that's the one thing they can do for themselves. Surely they play by instinct.

It is *not* true that children play by instinct. You have to learn to play. In some societies where children's work contribution is vital for family survival there is little time or evidence of play.

Although it is true that from approximately three months babies learn to play by watching others play, they learn even better if they participate, as we all do. Most of the play and games of the world are learned by watching and participating, not teaching.

However, there is a little instinct about babies and play. No one, for example, shows them how to play during the first few months. Yet they do. They

play with their lips, bubbles, fingers and cooing. That much seems to be there at the start and as long as they are fed, handled and kept comfortable, they will do that much for themselves.

#### BY WATCHING

So children learn to play by watching us, their parents, play. But some parents find playing an embarrassing activity. How do we know what to do? Why should we do it, anyway?

As adults, we learn how to play, like babies, by being good observers. Usually the first human communication, where the baby does something, you do it and the baby repeats, occurs without you even thinking. Soon, to maintain the baby's attention (and perhaps because you're beginning to enjoy it too!) you invent a slightly new game by using what the baby can already do.

This is really what education is about — using what's already there and expanding it in an interesting way. Babies certainly don't need many cues in order to continue and expand their play and you don't have to play endlessly with them. In fact, if it isn't fun for both of you, forget it!

#### FIRST PAY-OFF

The first major practical pay-off is that the more you play with your baby, the more your baby will play alone (because you are continually increasing their repertoire to practise).

Secondly, when you play that endless chasing game, or peeping, or making faces or unwrapping pretend gifts, your support helps them to play social games far more complex than anything else they can do at such a young age. You are directly supporting their learning.

And finally, since we are aware of the link between playfulness and versatility, it's encouraging to know that the best answer to the future of civilization might be on the floor, flat on your back, holding up your one-year-old and making faces at each other!



## Students' mural depicts trustees and officials

Mayne Island artists worked long and hard to reproduce the likeness of the trustees and officials of the Gulf Islands School Board.

Said one observer, "That's the closest anyone has come to the truth about this board."

Actually the artists are children in grades 3, 4 and 5 of the Mayne School who drew the mural for the visit by the school board to Mayne Island recently. The mural graced the wall in the gymnasium while the trustees deliberated.

## South end residents won't have to 'pop up' to Ganges for class

**BY VIRGINIA NEWMAN**  
Director, Continuing Education

Scheduling classes closer to where people live is one of the goals of the Gulf Islands continuing education department. It is astonishing how the distance between Fulford and Ganges fluctuates depending on who is driving where!

It is often taken for granted that the residents at the southern end of the island can just "pop up" to Ganges, but when the situation is reversed, the drive to Fulford or Beaver Point becomes "too much".

With this in mind, Psychology - beginning - is scheduled for Nan's Coffee Bar in Fulford on Wednesdays at 7:30, starting October 7.

Instructor for the course is Karen Scoble, who received her training at the University of Waterloo. She has taught high

school in Toronto.

Husband Mervyn is offering watercolour, acrylic, and oil painting, and beginning photography. His art training took place in England at South Devon School of Art, St. Martins School of Art and a degree at Manchester University. He taught art and photography in Toronto. Together they will be presenting vegetarian cooking on the cook 'round the world series.

Aino Tamm will be the instructor for Estonian and Mexican cooking in the series. After graduation from UBC she taught home economics 14 years in Vancouver. During World War II she fled to Sweden to escape the German occupation of Estonia. She worked there as a secretary/translator, subsequently married, and came to Canada in 1955.

Information on other teachers new to the area will appear in these pages from time to time.

The Heritage Conservation Branch is again co-sponsoring Beth Hill's "Introduction to Anthropology" by paying film rental and transportation charges. Films are being obtained from across Canada and the U.S.

The first one, *Bushmen of the Kalahari* is a detailed and delightful picture of the way of life of our ancestors. Students will see *Search for Fossil Man*, *The First Northwesterners*, *Franz Boaz*, *The Shadow Catcher* and many other excellent films.

Each session includes film, lecture and a discussion of some part of the text, *Cannibals and Kings*, by Marvin Harris. There is still room for more students. Please register now to be in time for the first session next Tuesday.

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# 'Poor man's cow' produces milk more efficiently

And now folks, something entirely different. As many of you know by now, we have recently built a goat shed and have acquired some goats to go with the shed.

This article shall be devoted to goats for two reasons: one, every time I sit down to write something I have these goats running around in my head; and secondly, since this column is entitled "Farming and Gardening", I can justify it, at least to myself, under the farming part of the title.

I hope that after this, these goats will stop running around in my head, for we are new goat keepers, and I would be hard-pressed to write about them at length. However, we are all pleased with our new goats.

First of all, goats are very bright and personable. They just love company, both that of other goats and that of people. They come to us without hesitation and just love to follow us around, wherever we go.

I find it rather a pleasure to have an interested gang of goats around me while fixing fences or putting around the goat shed. They are beloved by all the family and return our affection in abundance.

It is such a pleasure to see our little six-year-old lady, petting them and talking to our milling gang of goats, with just her head showing above their rumps.

## **BILLS HAVE DROPPED**

So far, we are now getting our own milk, our own yoghurt and cottage cheese from these goats.

Our grocery bills have dropped by about \$50 a month with these items alone. We are hoping to make goat's milk butter, which is said to be fabulous, and also feta and other cheeses. But we have not figured out yet how to make cream without a separator.

This is altogether very nice but the most beautiful part is that our goats are providing this from old neglected pasture which abounds in weeds, brambles, nettles, thistles, willows and other goodies. These are all cherished by our goats and it is such a pleasure to see these goats devouring thistles and blackberry brambles with undisguised relish.

They also love buttercups, of which we used to have some rather alarmingly large patches, until recently.

## **THEY NEED IT**

The goat's internal heating system is actually based on rough browse: they need it to keep warm; and their liking for weeds is caused by their high requirements for minerals. In the old country, goats have long been used to improve sheep and cattle pastures for these reasons alone.

The goat has often been called the "poor man's cow". It thrives on poor pasture and can convert this to milk more efficiently than a cow. An average cow will produce about 600 gallons of milk per year on two acres of average dairy pasture.

On these two acres one could run four average goats which will produce a total of about 800

## Farming and Gardening BY PETER WEIS Foxglove Nursery Consultant

gallons of milk per year. Further, you can figure about half a bale of hay per day for a cow, as compared to half a bale of hay per week for a goat.

That is why a goat is called a poor man's cow. It will provide milk, dairy products, meat and manure on small acreages. One acre of goat pasture is sufficient to maintain a couple of goats easily, and goats actually thrive on and prefer pasture which is steep, rocky or inaccessible to anything but a goat.

Our climate and land conditions are ideal for goats. They also thrive in areas close to the sea as the higher salt content of the air and pasture is exactly to their liking.

## **NOT AFRAID OF DOGS**

Another item in the goat's favour is that they are not afraid of dogs. There is no problem whatsoever. Further, although the market for goat meat is limited, goat keepers see goats as being more profitable than sheep.

Goats hardly ever bear a single kid. Twins and triplets are the rule. Hence the average number of offspring for the goat is two as compared to 1½ for sheep.

Another large factor in favour of the goat is its milk. It is well known that goat's milk is easily digestible by humans since its fat particles are almost the same size as human milk. (Cow's milk fat particles are about 20 times that of human milk).

Infants, people with stomach ulcers or cancer are often put on goat milk diets by their doctors. The goat has also been called the "universal foster mother" as their milk is easily digested by infants and other small livestock such as pigs.

What then are the requirements for keeping a goat. First of all it should be two goats: one goat, due to their strong sense of sociability, would be hopelessly lonely, and a lonely goat would try its utmost to obtain your companionship at any cost.

## **GOOD FENCES**

Secondly, good fences are needed. They need not be substantial fences as for cattle, but they need to be four to five feet high to discourage jumping. Chicken wire does the job for us in parts of our fences.

A shelter is needed as well. A simple shed with a separate area for feed storage and milking area is sufficient. Abundant water (up to 10 gallons a day for a heavy milker), feed concentrates (between one and two pounds per day per goat), and a wide range of supplementary minerals are needed.

Maintenance consists of trimming hooves if stony ground is not available, and worm medication three times a year. In my experience goats are far less trouble than sheep and much more fun.

There are several very knowledgeable goat keepers on the islands, among them Jim Scott of Dana Farms, Phyllis Coleman and Joyce Hartwig, who have been most helpful to us in our new venture of goat keeping.

These are also breeders of good quality goats and, I am sure, would be as helpful to you as they were to us.

## Watch out for bats

Beware that bat.

Dr. A.S. Arneil, health officer of the Capital Regional District, has issued a warning to residents to take care in their relations with bats.

A bat from the CRD area was recently tested and found to have rabies.

"It is a well known fact that bats on Vancouver Island can suffer from rabies," said Dr. Arneil in his warning.

Parents are asked to inform their children of the danger and be on the lookout for bats acting in an erratic manner, such as being out before dark.

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## Move Over Mrs. Markham

# With their help show will go on

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

The unsung heroines and heroes of theatrical enterprises are the people whose work and talents don't receive applause, but without whom the show would not go on.

There are a very few occasions when neither sets nor costumes are used. Actors and script must be of the highest calibre, and the audience does much of the work in building the illusion.

Generally, however, the first sight of the stage set is all-important. It must be attractive and believable. It must look as though people live in it, if it's an interior. If only one room, it will be larger than life-size, but mustn't look empty.

The opposite is the case in *Move Over Mrs. Markham*. A whole upper-class, spacious London apartment must be conveyed at once. Three or four rooms are implied with doors and passages, but the spacious living room and luxurious bedroom, with dressing room attached, are constantly and simultaneously in view and in use.

### OUTSTANDING DESIGN

This difficult feat has been achieved by the outstanding design of Elma Rubright, who will also design the foyer at Mahon Hall, setting the mood for the audience

before the stage is even sighted. Construction must be of the highest calibre in a complex set, where all the doors receive hard and constant use. Hugh Cummings and Reg Taylor have ensured that nothing will collapse or fly open at the wrong moment!

The first sight we have of the actors is also very important. If the character looks right, that's half the battle. Costumes for *Move Over Mrs. Markham* are in the capable hands of Maggie Warbey, and the cast will look as though they really live in those clothes.

Make-up is another vital part of the actors' stock-in-trade. Professional actors rely on the expertise of the make-up artist to "plot" their faces. We are indeed lucky to have Pat Desbottes perform this function. The director of *Fiddler on the Roof* should find this child's play by comparison!

### MUST BE JUST RIGHT

Stage and personal "props" are the blood which courses through the veins of a play. They must be just right for the action, for the period and for the actors to handle. They can be one of the hardest aspects of mounting a good production. Hard work, improvisations and generosity of friends and the community, are all employed by Marilyn Taylor, Dorothy Cummings, Dorothy Roberts and Margaret Howell, to ensure that the Markhams' apartment is suitably furnished and equipped.

All this work is in vain unless the audience can see and hear what is going on. Hugh Cummings is in charge of lighting and the sound effects which require split-second timing.

This is a large team, held together by the able and versatile stage manager, Ernie Rubright, who also stands in for male actors who have to miss rehearsals once in a while.

### OTHER FUNCTIONS

There are other vital functions. Tickets must be sold — at cetera. The potential audience must be informed of their availability. Mary Anne Hume is in charge of posters and the programs which will tell you who's who. Greeting you at the door "on the night" and making you feel at home will be Marion Thomas.

All these functions are allotted by and supervised by producer Catherine Faulkner. She unravels tangles, soothes ruffled feelings and exercises a quiet, firm authority.

The director, Dawny Scarfe, supervises all happenings on stage, with the able assistance of Nan Jenks, who keeps track of the words. Dawny's task is difficult indeed. Were she not backed up by the tremendously talented and hard-working "backstage" crew, the play would never take shape. It was her idea to write this special tribute to the people who leave her breathless with admiration and enable her to do her job more easily.

Last and least is the writer, whose function is to keep your interest alive and let you know that Mrs. Markham is alive and well and coming to Mahon Hall on October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 5, 6 and 7.

## Suggestions for improvements wanted

A special "post-mortem" meeting of the Arcraft '81 committee of the Community Arts Council, to hear the suggestions and complaints of the artisans who participated in this year's show, will be held at 7:30 pm Monday, Oct. 5 in the board room at Mahon Hall.

Although the show this year was termed "highly successful" the committee is working on the premise that nothing is so good that it can't be improved.

With that in mind the committee urges all those artisans who had entries in Arcraft '81 to attend the meeting and bring their suggestions for improvements and air any complaints they might have. If unable to attend they are asked to submit written briefs which will be read at the meeting.

All suggestions and criticisms will be recorded and incorporated into the planning process for next year's show.

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Bev Unger, chairman of the Mahon Hall committee, said the hall is available for certain days during the week and most weekends.

The cost of the rent is currently being reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission but will continue, as in the past, to be reasonable.

Olive Clayton is the person to speak to about a series of bookings and Tom Watson at the elementary school handles one-shot dates.

One of the more recent events at Mahon Hall, the summer-long crafts display, proved successful. So much in fact, that the Community Arts Council is chipping in \$5,000 to help repair the hall.

An ad hoc committee from the CAC and Parks and Rec are considering the extent of the repairs needed.



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# Outstanding concert by Pacific Wind Quintet

**Review**

**BY DWAIN PROSK**

The Salt Spring Concert Society began their new season with an exceptional performance by the Pacific Wind Quintet last Sunday at St. George's Church.

The program began with The Blaserquintett (Windquintet) in B minor Opus 56 #1 by Franz Danzi. Danzi, a pre-romantic North German, wrote in a melodic style that is usually attributed to the middle/late Romantic period. The Quintett Opus 56 #1 is no exception. Each of the four movements is woven around songlike melodies reminiscent of the later romantic operatic style.

Donald Hyder, oboe, and Lanny Pollet, flute, pleasantly exchanged these aria-like melodies for the majority of the piece with the other instruments being used primarily for harmonic colour and punctuation. Of notable exception was Jesse Read's virtuosic bassoon playing in the Allegretto first movement.

**CONTRAST TO DANZI**

The sweetness of Danzi's music was contrasted by the powerful Kleine Kammermusik fur funf Blaser (small chambermusic for five winds) Opus 24 #2 by Paul Hindemith. Written in 1922, this composition foreshadowed what happened during the late 20's and early 30's in Germany. The turbulence following World War I and preceding the stockmarket crash of 1929 is reflected by the gloomy, powerful and unrelenting rhythmic forces used in this composition.

These forces are combined with the vagueness of quartet harmony (harmony based primarily on 4th's, 5th's and 2nd's as opposed to the standard tertian harmony based on 3rd's and 6th's) to make this work a powerful statement about the unresolved turbulence throughout Europe at that time.

The second half began with Three Shanties for Wind Quintet by Malcolm Arnold (1929 - ). Throughout the piece Arnold uses

Caribbean rhythms and harmonies to paint pictures of various ports in the West Indies. The deceptively simple were combined with syncopated Latin rhythms and some sweet orchestrations to yield vivid glimpses of life in the Caribbean. A special warmth and colour was added throughout by Richard Ely's luscious muted French horn playing.

**CAPTURED THE STYLE**

Fantasia in A major for solo flute by George Philip Telemann was brilliantly performed by Lanny Pollet. A fantasia by its very name suggests a form which allows for much imaginative interpretation. Mr. Pollet truly captured the Baroque style while adding his own delightful interpretation to this "flighty" piece.

The final composition on the program was the Blaserquintett in E Major Opus 88 #3 by the Austrian composer Anton Reicha. Reicha, who lived at the same time as Beethoven, did for the windquintet what Beethoven did

for the string quartet (generated interest and added much to the repertoire).

The Blaserquintett Opus 88 #3 is in the standard and movement form. The first movement, lento, allegro moderato, was tastefully interpreted by all members of the group, particularly the bassoon and flute who exchanged many lyrical passages. The scherzo that followed highlighted all the instruments with a theme that was passed about. The trio section was more contrapuntal as opposed to the homophonic style of the scherzo proper.

**TASTEFUL DYNAMICS**

The oboist, Donald Hyder, was featured in the third movement Andante grazioso. Hyder's tasteful dynamics and yearning tone brought life to the sweet melody while the other instruments subtly sustained mildly chromatic harmonies.


The finale, Allegro molto, had a bouncy six-eight rondo-like theme played by the clarinet. Credit also

goes to Jesse Read, bassoon, for his amazing agility while effortlessly playing a mitful of fiendish triplets at the relentless allegro molto tempo.

All in all it was an outstanding concert that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

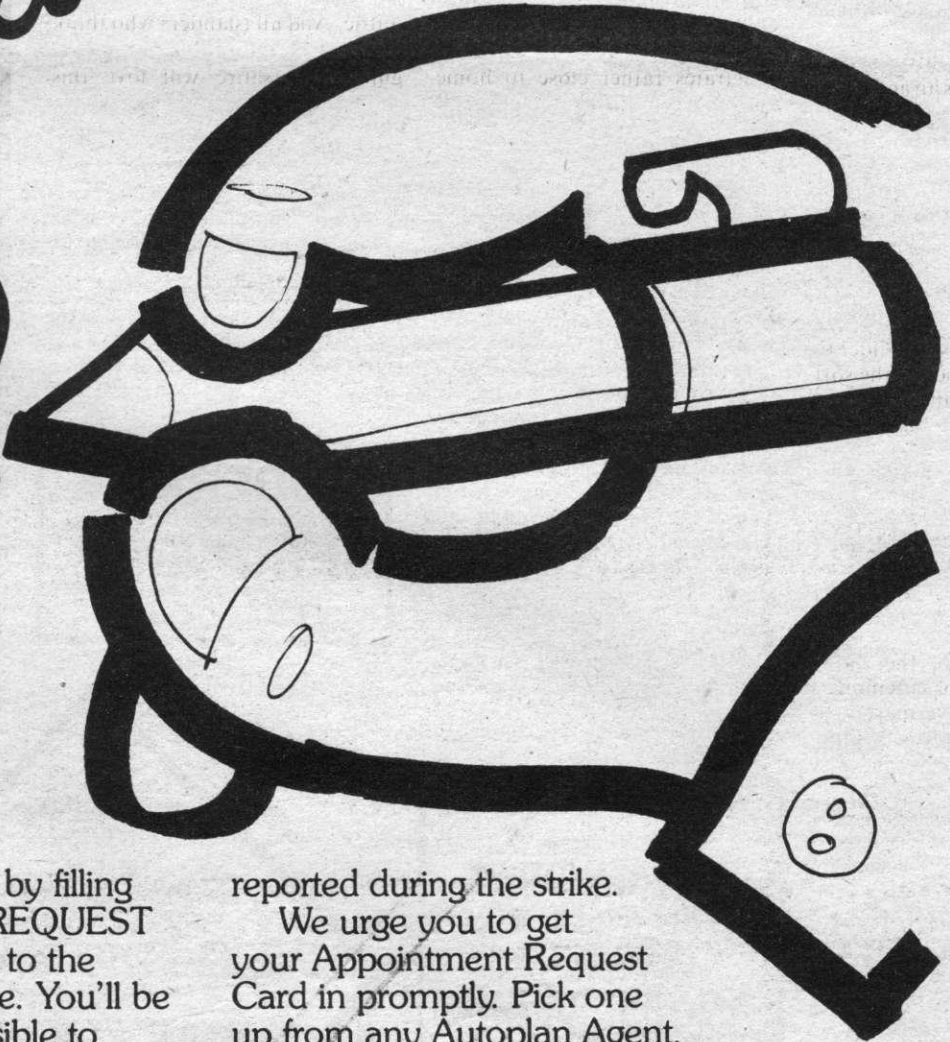
The next concert will feature Kathryn Eli, harp, and Lanny Pollet, flute, on Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. George's.

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**Fly By Night Angels:**

**Islanders will identify (some uncomfortably) with characters**

**BY BILL DEVERELL**

Randy Glover is a writer-comedian whose genre is satire: a keen-edged satire, at times hilarious. Paul Bankes is a classical guitarist with a growing international reputation.

This is an unlikely combination. Somehow it works very well indeed.

Their two-man show they call *Fly by Night Angels* is touring the Gulf Islands and last Friday had its finest night to date, a sold-out Legion Hall on North Pender Island.

Both Glover and Bankes have been on-and-off Pender Islanders for some years, so it might have been expected that a Pender audience would receive the performers' home-grown material with polite applause. But the response was not only loud and enthusiastic, but genuine: unaffected by self-indulgent local pride.

**THEY GOT IT**

Many in the audience had heard Paul Bankes before in concert and knew they could expect a clean, impeccable virtuoso performance with a guitar. They got that. But what about Mr. Glover? A former *Vancouver Sun* reporter, he has gained some reputation as a playwright, but none heretofore as a performer.

It turns out that Glover can do more than write: he is an actor with a deft sense of timing, and he is possessed of a plastic face whose repertoire of expression ranges from high snob to low slob. His best is a quizzical deadpan that somehow always breaks up the audience.

But it is Glover's material which is the tour de force of this show, material which refuses to pander to ethnic or sexual prejudice (the sort of put-down humour that bad comedians rely upon to produce cheap laughs) and avoids to a large degree the scatological. Much of Glover's writing contains very subtle stuff that tells of a warm understanding of his characters' slightly-warped but human souls.

**PLAYING ROLE OF MC**

In the first half of the show, Glover is a master of ceremonies playing the role of a master of ceremonies as he introduces short sets by Bankes, sets easily listened to without being cloying. Glover's introductions of Bankes turn out to be rambling, anecdotal accounts of his and Bankes' adventures in Europe.

We learn that Glover, in Europe, has been an effete and decadent ex-student, forever working on the first chapter of his penetrating political opus, *The Contributions*

of *Canadian Political Thought to Western Civilization*.

In the meantime, he has been jumping hotel bills and clinging leech-like to the person of Mr. Bankes, who has achieved a reputation both musical and heroically sexual at the same time on tour and on the run.

**CANADIAN HUMOUR**

This is Canadian humour, and Glover has created a truly Canadian character—a reminiscing wastrel with a learned English manner, more British than the British, brought up in one of those Canadian homes in which the walls are decorated with Union Jacks. (Our hero's mother had not been distressed to learn that Margaret had left Pierre in apparent preference for the company of Mick Jagger. "At least he's British.")

The first-half format involves frequent shifts between humour and classical guitar and creates some minor difficulties for the audience in adjusting to mood. But given the disparate nature of the night's two forms of entertainment, Glover and Bankes have welded their two talents amazingly well.

Glover and Bankes describe the second half of the evening as a "folk musical." Well, it's about Gulf Island folk, and for some of the folk around these islands, it penetrates rather close to home. Glover wrote his character's well-lubricated soliloquies and the lyrics to the songs, and Bankes and a few musical friends composed the tunes.

**ANY ISLAND**

The setting is a Gulf Island. Any Gulf Island. Glover plays a beer-bellied, island-born, odd-job carpenter who, after failures in the city (working the corner of Georgia and Granville next in line

to a Jesus freak), returns to the island of his innocent youth, where he must face that awful, ultimate confrontation with the memories of his childhood. The house is avoided. (No wonder—it's something out of Hitchcock's *Psycho* but redone, with plastic bubbles on the roof).

In the meantime, the hero surrounds himself with an impervious shield of beer-swilling cronies—friends who protect each other from the ravages of the real world. It's *The Iceman Cometh* to the Gulf Islands, complete with pipe dreams.

The songs are marvellous. They range from a gossipy indictment of someone we think we might know (*Classy Lady*—she drinks ginseng tea, straightens out her head on weekend encounter sessions, and winters in Mexico) to a rhapsodizing tribute to that old junker pick-up doing battle with island roads (*The Old Ford's Rollin*).

**WILL IDENTIFY**

Everyone who has spent any time living on one of the Gulf Islands will identify—some more comfortably than others—with the characters described by Glover and Bankes in their words and music. And all islanders who think they might enjoy a rich stew of guitar and satire will love this show.

It goes October 2 at the Mayne Island Hall and on October 3 and 10 at Mahon Hall in Ganges, starting at 8 pm. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

*Bill Deverell is a lawyer-turned-novelist living on Pender Island. He owns an old Ford pick-up and knows something about island roads.*

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# Arms race will have opposite effect—ex-brigadier

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Helen Caldicott, a physician whose life is dedicated to exposing the true dangers which face us, says, "Unless we succeed in abolishing the risk of nuclear war, all our efforts in all other directions are in vain."

At the provincial conference of the B.C. Coalition for World Disarmament, we heard specialists in many fields. Keynote speaker was retired British Brigadier Michael Harbottle. A staff officer in charge of a peace-keeping force in Cyprus, Harbottle now devotes his time, energies and undeniable expertise to persuading all who will listen, that the arms race will have the opposite effect to what is desired and generally believed.

In simplest terms: we talk about "deterrent" weapons bringing security. So, we should feel twice as secure as we did in 1970. True or false? We've doubled our nuclear weaponry and, I venture to say, our uneasiness.

### 'LIMITED' WAR?

Major powers talk about "limited" nuclear war. Common sense and expert opinion deny this possibility. Once a first strike is effected — by whomever — a chain of events is put into action from which there is no return. A bleak prospect faces even the few survivors.

Hiroshima was the first, and we have still not fully appreciated the enormity of that offense. The weapons which now lie in wait make Hiroshima look like a Hallowe'en party.

The neutron bomb takes the capability of nuclear attack into the hands of field officers. While we don't wish to malign their intelligence, the temptations are greater and the safeguards fewer than those which surround "the big ones".

We've been brainwashed into believing the neutron is a "clean" bomb which only destroys people, not buildings. (I'd call that "squeaky clean"!)

Now it appears even this nifty device renders buildings radioactive for 30 years. Do we realize that "the big one" may be used in retaliation for a neutron bomb attack?

Before World War Two, members of the peace movement in England were reviled as traitors and "dirty communists" (or fascists, we weren't fussy!). They were accused of helping to weaken British resistance to aggression.

### WILLING TO JOIN

Now I'm willing to join them. Knowing that if Canada disarmed completely it would not change our status, except by making a moral statement. Our only purpose in NORAD (according to the general in charge) is to let the world know we support the U.S.

NORAD itself is obsolete, simply ensuring that we are a buffer zone. Our influence in NATO is "negligible" and just forces us to spend our money foolishly — like buying inefficient airplanes that nobody else wants.

An economist assured us that military spending is the biggest single factor in all our economic ills — unemployment, inflation and stagnation.

Ten resolutions were presented before I left. I'll share them with you later, but for now I suggest you take pen in hand. If you're interested in survival — yours as part of the human race — write to the prime minister, our MP, Jim Manly, Mark MacGuigan and anyone else you can think of.

Our ambassador for disarmament has a budget of \$150,000. Let's press for a ministry with a

## More Food for Thought

BY MARY C. WILLIAMSON

budget comparable to that of defence!

### NUCLEAR-FREE

Let's demand that Canada be declared a nuclear-free zone, on land, sea and in the air. Mexico is!

If our constitution means anything, let it establish that manufacturers of weapons of mass destruction are indeed "war criminals" as defined at Nuremberg and Geneva. We could then legally ensure we do not repeat our mistakes, such as making India into a nuclear power.

## Poll book method to replace voters' lists?

The British Columbia government will be looking at the possibility of doing away with municipal voters' lists for future civic elections.

The proposal, to be considered as part of a comprehensive review of the Municipal Act, would save time and money, said a ministry of municipal affairs official.

The act calls for a list of electors and past experience has shown that the costs of each election, municipal, provincial and federal, have been added to by enumeration.

The system which the provincial officials are considering is a poll book method. Each voter would appear at the poll, swear to be who he claimed to be and sign the book, before voting.

Charles Barber, MLA Victoria and NDP municipal affairs critic, termed the move away from voters' lists "disgusting."

"If Social Credit didn't have such contemptible attitudes towards the franchise, we would have full enumeration and permanent voter's lists," he said.

"At the local level, this cost could be shared under a re-written Revenue Sharing Act," he continued.

The poll book system is now partially in use in B.C. and seems to work reasonably well, said the official. Abuses may occur but such breaches are part of the election system with full enumeration, he said.

B.C. has 161 municipalities or districts and the savings involved in moving to the poll book system of voter registration would be significant said the ministry official.

## Tentative date for meeting

A group of Gulf Islanders will be meeting B.C. Ferries president Stuart Hodgson on October 30 — maybe.

The oft-delayed meeting will give the local group, headed by Bev Unger, the opportunity to explain islanders' ferry problems as well as the chance to present the last of the petition calling for commuter ferry tickets for the Gulf Islands.

Unger said the meeting had been tentative up to this time, because Hodgson was out of town a lot.

We are selling nuclear technology to a mixed bag, including Rumania, South Korea and Argentina. The last named is costing us money, and we're taking our losses in pesos! That's not only a silly way to run a business: it's a disgraceful way to keep an unworthy industry alive.

Brigadier Harbottle says: "We're being protected to death by nuclear weapons!" The man knows what he's talking about!

P.S. On the eve of Mr. Trudeau's departure for South Korea, where he hopes to sell a third Candu reactor, the prime

minister was asked if he intended to raise the question of human rights violations (in which South Korea scores very high!).

The answer was, "No. There wouldn't be any point to it."


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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Treasurer's directions followed for making expense claims

BY YVETTE VALCOURT  
Regional Director

I find it puzzling that the CRD has approved my expense claims up until now, and never suggested any changes. I have followed the directions of the previous treasurer, and each and every month the finance department has examined my claims, signed them and paid them.

Now all of a sudden, for all the back claims to be challenged just two months before the up-coming election seems somewhat unusual, to say the least??

Several specific corrections of press reports are:

1. I do not charge for just any alleged "extra passengers in my car". I have claimed an extra \$1.25 for ferry fares for my alternate director, when she has accompanied me in order to accomplish a lot of running around in town on your behalf, while I attend the meetings.

Also, a lot of research has been done by Mrs. Humes. This is part of CRD business. The total of the extra fares in 19 months is \$22. No one else.

### ON ONE PHONE

2. I claim operating expenses on one phone, just recently brought in as an additional phone necessitated by the amount of community response, generated by the many controversial issues during my directorship.

3. I have indeed returned phone calls from solicitor R. Price, seeking information for the Sewer Alternatives Committee, and am doing the same for any other members of the community, or individual. A great number of these calls are incomplete calls, where Mr. Price was not in his office.

I have consulted Mr. Price on many occasions, about certain rules and interpretations of municipal law or sections of the act which are necessary to better serve you the constituents.

### LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Price is also acting for me in a legal action involving Mr. Young, the executive director of the CRD, in regards to the sewer. This case will be going to court November 2-4, 1981.

Since I was elected on a platform of open opposition to this CRD

proposed sewer system, I have continued to assume that I have a public mandate to strongly oppose the manner in which this system is being forced upon our island.

5. Finally, in my haste to fill out my expense claim for the month of June, I omitted to cross off a phone call to my daughter in Greece. The copy of the telephone bill was included with my claim for the finance department to check. It was checked, initialed and paid for by the CRD. The person who checked my claim also omitted to correct the error. On the bill, it clearly states, "Greece", in capital letters.

In view of recent *Driftwood* headlines regarding my latest dispute with the CRD, I offer the following clarification.

### NO BYLAW

(a) The CRD, according to ex-chairman J. Campbell, had no procedural bylaw. With my insistence, we now have adopted a procedural bylaw.

(b) Shortly after I was elected to office, I requested a copy of the regulations in regard to expense claims, only to be told that there wasn't one, and there is still not one today.

For example, Mr. J. Campbell from Saturna, having been on the board for some 10 years and served eight years as chairman, failed to instruct me as a new director that I could do like him, and charge a "per diem" fee, and hotel bills as he did for his attendance at CRD meetings, including social banquet.

### STAYED WITH RELATIVES

I have never claimed per diem, or hotel accommodation. Instead, I have stayed with relatives and claimed specific costs to me, mainly: telephone costs, and clerical costs, on matters which I considered essential to get information on matters which islanders felt were of interest to them: photocopies, postage, registration, office supplies.

If I were to re-submit my

expenses, from the day I was elected, and claim on a "per diem" basis, the CRD would owe me another \$400 beyond what has already been paid to me. All the meal expenses which I have claimed averaged \$2.54 per day, for the days I have spent in Victoria, on your business at the CRD.

For the dumb oversight of the famous call to Greece, I hope that I wasn't elected on the expectation of being infallible. I have always stood for open documentations, so I now extend an invitation to all of you to come and see for yourselves. My records, like the doors of my home, which is also my office, are always open. Besides I would like to hear from you as to how you feel about a swimming pool, and perhaps let me know just what facts you would like me to look into on this issue.

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## Saturna Scene

BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN

James and Dora Martin came from Edmonton to visit Margaret Kerr, Dora's daughter.

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Flora Ratzlaff, the secretary of the community club, has a message — note well: "Anyone, anyone, wishing to use the community hall for anything, at anytime — come and book it."

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Women's discussion group met Thursday, Sept. 24. They are considering having yoga. If you are interested ask Taime Hindmarch.

Rain seems to have settled in — much of Saturna has gone back to sleep.

Do you remember or know of any books you loved as a child, or children of your acquaintance have found intriguing? Spend a few minutes rummaging around in your brain and see if you can come up with some authors or titles that brought you pleasure.

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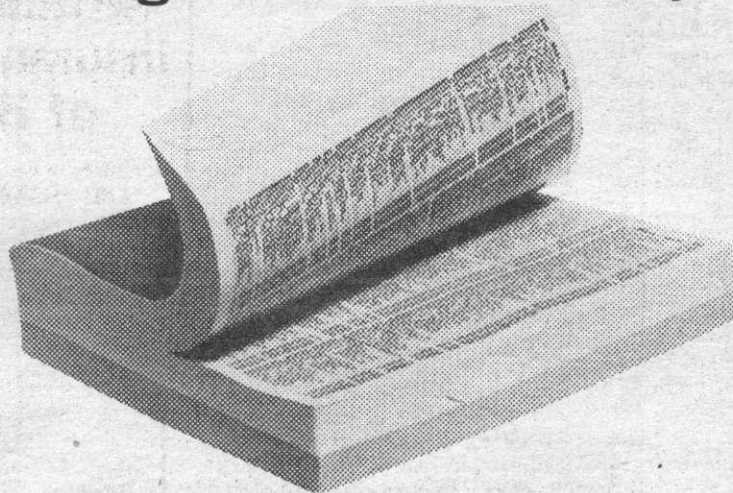
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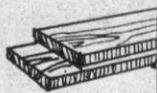
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BOOK REVIEW

*She found solitude, beauty but raw and unsettling too*

**BY ARDEN HENLEY**  
*Wilson's Bowl* by Phyllis Webb, Coach House, Toronto, 1980.

An aura of peculiar mystery surrounds *Wilson's Bowl*, island resident Phyllis Webb's recently published collection of poems. It is attributable in part to the mixing of western mind and coastal waters, in part to the poet's self-conscious quest.

Like many of us, perhaps Webb was attracted to this island by the sea, by the mountains and rolling valleys, by the signs of solitude. But inasmuch as she found solitude and beauty, she found something else, something raw and unsettling. She uncovered Raven's tricky ways and heard the Wild-Woman-of-the-Forest's shrill late night calls.

From "In This Place":  
 The spirits are not benign  
 up on Mt. Erskine chattering  
 at fog-flyers

up on Mt. Maxwell with cougar  
 who spies out the lambs of  
 Musgrave.

**'POEMS OF FAILURE'**

*Wilson's Bowl* begins with "Poems of Failure", a sequence of poems salvaged by Webb from a more extended work she had

envisaged on the Russian anarchist, Kropotkin. This sequence shifts in and out of focus, historical analysis giving way to personal perception, perception fading into dreams. Revolution external, revolution internal. And always "...a shadow following the hand that writes".

Following "Poems of Failure" there is a series of poems entitled "Portraits", sharp poetic sketches of western intellectual illuminaries - Socrates, Pound, Rilke. The series closes with a confessional written to Canadian novelist and poet Margaret Atwood.

**SEES SUFFERING, EVIL**

Just as this poet and intellectual bears witness to achievement, she also sees suffering and evil. In "Crimes", Webb tours wide-eyed the prisons, battlefields and gas chambers as much our heritage as Socrates' penetrating reason. The suffering is dark and impenetrable. This section ends as does the west, on this coast, where mysterious Raven lives. From "Free Translations":

Raven has blue eyes, like the waters of the

Queen Charlotte Islands on a good day.

He also carries a black magic umbrella.

This makes me want to sing.  
 Caw. Caw.  
 Or cry.

In the "Artifacts" section of the book, this mystery, this pain becomes more direct and personal. The title poem of the book appears here. *Wilson's Bowl* is a Salt Spring Island petroglyph native Indian rock carving. It was discovered by Lilo Berliner, a friend of Webb, who named it after noted anthropologist Wilson Duff.

**COMMITTED SUICIDE**

Duff had committed suicide prior to this discovery and in the cold of January, 1977, Berliner walked into the sea off Salt Spring Island. Part of the effort in *Wilson's Bowl* is to face this death and to understand Death. From "The Place is Where You Find It":

What was the path she took?  
 As winding as her gut  
 with the pain it it?  
 Along the beach?

To the cays in the hill?  
 Path of her mind turning  
 on symbols. Civility and  
 the Wild Woman's scream.

From "The Bowl":

This is not a bowl you drink  
 from  
 not a loving cup.  
 This is meditations place  
 cold rapture's.

Poems like petroglyphs point to, bespeak, insinuate but sidestep the grasp of reason.

**DON'T FIT ELSEWHERE**

"Dreams and the Common Good" is the closing suite of poems. It includes, it seems, a couple of poems that do not fit elsewhere but refuse to be excluded in the end. And in the end the imaginary realms, the beauty of this island provide no lasting

refuge for the poet; her heart aches for mankind's suffering, for her friend's suffering, for our suffering.

From "Eschatology of Spring":  
 ...And if you catch me resting  
 beside the stream, sighing  
 against  
 the headlines of this pastoral,  
 take

up your gun, the flowers  
 blossoming  
 from its barrel, and join this  
 grief, this

grief, that there are lambs,  
 elegant black-footed lambs in this  
 island's eschatology.

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**BOOK REVIEW**

**Catalogue of delights for the tippler big change from past**

**Product Catalogue, by Peter S. Hyndman. Liquor Distribution Branch. 95 pp. Gratis.**

It could be subtitled, "Called to the Bar".

It has nothing to do with oil, despite the title. It is the thrilling trip through the bars and the bottles of the provincial liquor outlets.

The customer of the Liquor Store is offered a comprehensive summary of what is available and how to get it and what to pay for it.

This publication, which lives for a month and then dies off in token of the spiralling dollar, is only popular among the segment of the populace which imbibes alcoholic beverages. To the strict temperate teetotaler, it is anathema.

The book is a far shot from the days of the second war when a liquor store was a den of vice and a clerk who offered advice could be fired from the hip.

**EQUIVALENTS**

For example, the book offers metric equivalents. Like a 26 oz. is a 750 millilitre or a three-quarter litre and a Canadian gallon is 4.546 litres whereas a U.S. gallon is only 3.785 litres.

How strong is your drink? The old gauging by proof is disappearing, tells the book and strength is now denoted in percentage alcohol content. Pure water ranks as zero in alcoholic strength or proof. Pure alcohol, at the other end of the scale, is 100 per cent alcohol, 175.2 Canadian

proof and 200 USA proof.

USA proof is 50% alcohol content, ranks as 87.6 Canadian proof and 100 USA proof. Canadian proof is 57.1% alcohol, or 100 Canadian proof or 114.2 USA proof.

Whiskey is Canadian or Scottish and whiskey is Irish or American. Vodka is filtered through charcoal to remove all flavours and aromas other than alcohol.

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The handbook goes on to offer an extensive explanation of what wine goes with what, although explaining that it is merely a guide and that individuals have individual preferences.

And of beer: what is beer? It is ale, stout, lager, porter, bock and

pilsener. Ice-cold beer loses its sparkle and the temperature tends to numb the palate so that some of the flavour is lost. But most drinkers like beer cold.

The book even reveals secrets. Ever wonder what brand of whiskey you're drinking under the B.C. Liquor label? Rye comes as light Canadian, Park and Tilford; fine old, Calvert's; Scotch one-crown is White and Mackay; two-crown, MacDonald Greenlees and three-crown, Hill and Thompson. BCL imported brandy hails from L. de Salignac et Cie., France and BCL Demerara rum is made by the West India Rum Co., of Guyana and BCL Jamaica light is from The Rum Co., Jamaica.

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**Undefeated in five games**

# Slugs chalk up victory over Neanderthals

**BY GASTON GARTERBELT**

Aarrgh! Insanity rules! This is all getting too ridiculous. Undefeated in five games; 43 goals for six against in the last four; scoring in bundles, shutting them out at the other end; teams refusing to play; hundreds begging for the privilege of playing for them — it goes on and on.

The Slugs are definitely on a roll.

Unfortunately, at Fuller Lake last Sunday it was no different, as the Slugs came on strong at the end to club last-minute replacements, the Nanaimo Neanderthals 10-0.

Well yes, there were some encouraging signs — like our old relic Wild Bill dressed up like Pippi Longstocking in pink and white hockey socks that highlighted his incredibly skinny legs; and a pre-war (first), moth-eaten Maple Leaf jersey — doing an horrendous imitation of a referee.

**CAN'T SKATE**

Burdened down by 40 pounds of goalie pads and the fact he can't skate, Bill took the opportunity to whistle down the play anytime he was near the puck and needed a rest.

And then there was Tom Watson, skating gingerly at half-speed because of injuries suffered while dancing at a local disco. Or Boom-Boom Bergstrom, Salt Spring's answer to Jim Nabors, doing his imitation of Lawrence Welk as he cha-cha'd with the Neanderthal's helpless goalie as Peter "The Jet" Huser whipped the puck by both of them.

**BACKWOODS TRICK**

And perhaps best of all, Paul "Fruit" Sinclair showing us a backwoods trick or two as he leapt



**The Slug trail**

off the bench in the dying minutes to stop a sure goal by becoming the seventh man on the ice — a move that the Neanderthals did not really appreciate (or notice).

The Neanderthals themselves certainly lived up to their name, led by an ape-like simian with hairy knuckles dragging the ground and fur growing between his teeth. This true sportsman spent his time intimidating the Slug forwards and generally being a thug.

**LEFT GOALIE ALONE**

Pat Gaines definitely lived up to his reputation by gently caressing the ape on his backside with a delicately placed piece of lumber, not to mention being his usual surly self. For once, however, he *did* leave our poor hungover goalie alone.

All this, however, was in vain, as the Slugs got off to a slow start, then turned on the juice, scoring

eight third-period goals to swamp the Neanderthals.

Surprisingly, though they dominated, the Slugs had a great deal of trouble getting the puck by the Neanderthal goalie, who spent most of the day eating rubber. In the end, though, Mad Dog and The Jet had picked up three each. Moger had a pair and Topping and Pat Akerman had notched singles.

**BOUT OF FLU**

Down at the other end, Mark "Farm Boy" Hughes (with the help of Fruit) recorded the shutout although obviously suffering from a severe bout with the 26-ounce flu. Mark spent the afternoon dozing fitfully and generally doing a fine imitation of a fire hydrant.

Oh well, maybe this writer should just resign himself to the situation and accept the fact that the Slugs have gone legit. Maybe he should just leave the hockey

alone and concentrate on the characters.

**BALLET LESSONS**

For instance, did you know Boom Boom, Moger, Jukes, Stringer, Hardy and Topping are enrolled in ballet lessons with a local fitness instructor. Mel for one looks absolutely stunning in his

pink tutu and red tights. Team members, however, have balked at making this the new team uniform.

Anyway, this weekend the Slugs play two — Saturday against the Racquet Club Rejects at Oak Bay and Sunday against the Bloedel Loggers at Fuller Lake. Stay tuned as the Slug trail grows.

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**BY IMA SLUG**

First in a series, with apologies to the Elma, Washington, Chamber of Commerce, without whom none of this would have been necessary.

We in Western Canada and the United States are indeed fortunate to live in the slug capital of the world. Many species thrive in this area.

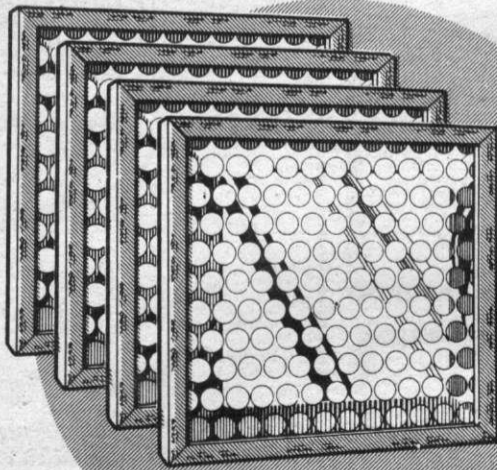
The public is just beginning to discover the rewards of slug ownership as family pets, as guards, breeding for show, and as racing stock. Over the course of the next few weeks we'll investigate many of the attributes that are making slugs one of the most popular new interests.

As family pets, love, loyalty and companionship are the basic ingredients of the human-slug relationship. The joy of having a slug's loyalty and affections cannot be overstated, for the person with a slug for a pet need never be lonely.

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Next week, the guard slug in today's crime-ridden society.

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**KICK-OFF**

# Serious shortage of coaches for local teams

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Last week's play was highlighted by our Division 1 United team being promoted from "B" to "A" calibre of play and the team responded with an impressive 3-3 tie in their first match. Special mention must also go to the new and improved Sockeyes who won their opening game 3-0.

With league play well under way at this level it is apparent that all our teams are in very competitive divisions which should produce

some excellent matches both home and away.

If you get a chance, come out and watch. Our schedule is always listed under This Week in Recreation.

**INTRA-ISLAND DIVISION**

This week sees league play commence at both senior and junior levels but we have one major concern at this stage, a very serious lack of coaches for all our teams. At present, six of our 10 teams have a coach but we need four more volunteers very quickly.

Many times people are afraid of the word coach because they feel they must be qualified in the sport and have a tremendous responsibility to ensure the team wins. In our association this concept of coaching does not exist as we want people who enjoy kids, will encourage the players to learn the skills of the sport, will encourage and direct their players, but most of all will promote fun and fair play.

As far as knowledge, our coaching staff will give help in-

- Div. 1: Salt Spring United 3, Lakehill 3 (Marleau, Cottrell, Toynbee)
- Div. 2: Salt Spring Kicks 0, Juan de Fuca 0
- Div. 4: Salt Spring Strikers 2, Peninsula 3 (Moger, Lloyd)
- Div. 5: Salt Spring Wranglers 2, Lakehill 2 (Stewart, Scown)
- Div. 6: Salt Spring Sting 2, Peninsula 0 (Little, Wanless)
- Womens Div. 4: Salt Spring Sockeyes 3, Richmond 0 (Pickering 2, Gimball)

the-field assistance, teaching aids and supplying older players to assist training sessions.

Our aim is to have two coaches per team thereby making it easier for someone to miss the odd game or practice if need be.

All games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm with senior and junior games being 50 minutes in length. Games will be played at the Ganges school grounds and Fernwood School (also at Portlock Park if conflicts arise on school fields). We will publish schedules each week under This Week in Recreation.

Next week I will preview all the teams and how they should fare and should you have any interest in coaching please call this writer at 537-5870 after 6 pm.

Our Association hopes to run a special coaches' clinic beginning in October which will have two objectives: to upgrade our existing coaches and expose the game of soccer to any interested parents, players or fans.

The sessions will consist of one night a week training sessions where all participants are taken through the same practice drills the players go through.

We will also bring in films, have chalk sessions and will also have first aid instruction. Watch this column for further details and please call this writer to register.

**BOOT EXCHANGE**

If you have any old soccer boots please get them in to us as we have a lot of players looking for footwear (especially the larger sizes). We still have some smaller sizes in stock.

## Wranglers tie with Lakehill

BY ED DAVIS

Saturday's soccer match between the Wranglers and the Lakehill Victoria Book turned out to be a real cliff-hanger. The Lakehill boys were eager, well disciplined and had a couple of ringers to boot.

In the first half they opened a 2-zip lead over the Wranglers. Our boys rallied to the occasion though, and in the second half the Wranglers fought back to claim a tie and almost a victory. Final score: Wranglers 2, Lakehill 2.

First-half action was in total disorder for the Wranglers, partly due to the coach trying a few new changes, and partly due to aiming at accommodating players' requests to play new positions.

Another big contributing factor to the jumble of confusion in the first half was due to the fact that several of our players were playing without soccer boots. Several of the Wranglers who are normally good competitive types could hardly stand on their feet, let alone kick the ball. The field was just that perfect combination of dampness, combined with still being petrified from the summer that it was nearly impossible to compete without good soccer boots.

**NO TRACTION**

A number of Wranglers spent considerable time on their backsides simply because they couldn't get the necessary traction with normal runners. It should be noted at this point that some

soccer officials will not allow players to participate in league play unless they are wearing proper boots. The soccer boots give the players the necessary traction that helps prevent injury from falling, and also, they are designed to hold up and protect the foot from constant battering of the ball. In future Wrangler games, boys without soccer boots will be helping with the cheering section until booted up.

Apart from these minor problems, the Lakehill boys just out-played the Wranglers in the first half. A couple of fast Lakehill forwards kept getting around our defense and there was a lot of play around the Wrangler goal in the first half.

**FOUGHT BACK**

In the second half the Wranglers got things together and fought back, undaunted by the opposition's lead. Regular fullbacks Jason Bush, Alfie Sheppard and Anthony Archer returned to the defensive positions and did an admirable job in checking the two offensive Lakehill attackers.


Sean Albhouse, fresh out of goal the second half, contributed

greatly, seeming to be all over the field working from the halfback striker position. It was forward Ryan Stewart who blasted the Wranglers into the game with a powerful drifting shot from outside the 18-yard box at the 15-minute mark of the second half.

That goal proved to be the spark the Wranglers had lacked for the first 30 minutes of play and during the remaining 15 minutes it was the Wranglers who fought tooth and nail to come up with the tying goal. The second Wrangler goal came at the 23-minute mark, after Jason Minvielle passed off to Mason Scown. Mason drilled it right into the goalkeeper. In the ensuing scramble, with what seemed like 15 players in front of the net, it ended up in goal.

The final seven minutes of play were as exciting as last year's District Cup final with both teams going all out for the win.

This coming Saturday we will be playing another home game at Portlock Park against Gordon Head West Coast Savings. Gordon Head is another old rival from last year's season and this should prove to be another good game. Game time, 1 pm. See you there.



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**This Week in Recreation**

**SOCCER:**

**Div. 1A:** S.S. United vs TBA, Sun. Oct. 4, 10:30 am.

**Girls A:** S.S. Sockeyes vs Gordon Head, Sun. Oct. 4, 11:00 am, Portlock Park.

**Div. 2A:** S.S. Kicks vs Prospect Lake, Sun. Oct. 4, 10:30 am, Prospect Lake #1.

**Div. 4B:** S.S. Strikers vs Juan de Fuca, Sat. Oct. 3, 2:15 pm, Portlock Park.

**Div. 5C:** S.S. Wranglers vs Gordon Head, Sat. Oct. 3, 1:00 pm, Portlock Park.

**Div. 6C2:** S.S. Sting vs Bays United, Sat. Oct. 3, 11:00 am, Portlock Park.

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# Golf balls' wakes rivalled *Queen Mary's*

BY PAT DOHERTY

On September 22 the nine-hole ladies played the second and final round for the Legion Cup. The winner was Joe Stone, and there is a tie for second place between Pauline Elliott and Anne Sober, necessitating a playoff game.

The next day 12 of the ladies travelled to Qualicum for a return match with Eaglecrest. The course was very wet, two holes were played in rain and putts left a spume of water in their wakes to rival the *Queen Mary*, according to our correspondent. This, together with a couple of dandy doglegs, made play rather slow.

In spite of the adverse climatic conditions, two of our girls managed to pick up prizes. Dorothea Crofton came in with the least number of putts, and Cathy Darling took the hidden hole. Congratulations to the winners. The ladies would also like to thank the three chauffeurs, and also Anne for arranging such an interesting day.

**MARG JOHNSON CUP**

The 18-hole ladies played for the Marg Johnson Cup on September 22, and congratulations are in order to winner Bev Menzies. There was a three-way tie for

runner-up among Gloria Lloyd, Connie Hardy and Phyl Henderson. The tie was broken by handicap, and the winner was Phyl Henderson. Congratulations, girls.

The putt pot was a three-way tie among Connie Hardy, Jean Jefferies and Ruby McConnell, each having 28 putts.

In the big mixed event on Sunday everyone co-operated except the weather man, and there were some very bedraggled looking golfers coming off number nine green. Congratulations are in order to everyone who finished the course under the very adverse conditions, and we think that would mean congratulating more women than men.

Anyway, the winners of the soggy event were: winning team, Brian Cross, Joan McCauley, Gary Coulter and Gordon Kennedy. Runner-up team was Art Lloyd, Frank Cunningham, Eileen Botham and Marie Hopkins. The most accurate players out there turned out to be the man and wife team of Joan and Alex McCauley, who both picked up the closest to the pin awards on No. 2. Congratulations.

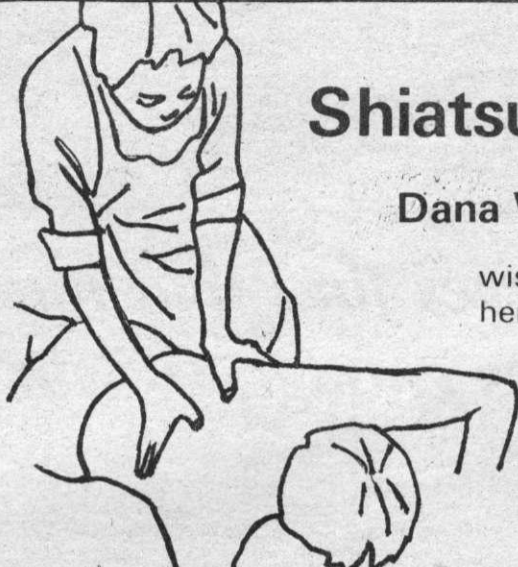
The men's longest drive was won

by Jack Noble, while Dorothy Kennedy was the power hitter for the ladies. Marge Mills took the ladies low putt prize, while Hal Stone and Frank Cunningham tied for putts for the men. Individual low net winners were Marie Hopkins for the ladies, and Gene Graham and Alex McCauley for the men.

We have been told that the ladies skunked the men on their second match, and this is probably why we never heard about it, the men have come up with a last-ditch do or die effort to beat the ladies. The match is open to everyone who wishes to play.

It is 18 holes on Wednesday, Oct. 7, beginning at 9:30. In an

attempt to lessen the ladies' already proven superiority, the format this time will have everyone playing from the men's tees. We hear that if the men lose again they will ask to play off the ladies' tees the next time out. The entry sheet is on the notice board for all those wishing to play.



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# Kicks defeated by Belmont despite excellent performance

**BY MEL COATES**  
**Juan de Fuca Belmont Collision 3, Salt Spring Island Log Sorting (Kicks) 0**

The Kicks lost a game and gained a sponsor last weekend. Pat Corneille of Salt Spring Island Log Sorting agreed to sponsor the Kicks for the 1981-82 soccer season, and on behalf of the 15 players on the team, their parents and supporters, the team manager Mrs. Coates, and myself, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to Pat. It feels really good to have that kind of community support.

Although the team did lose the game on Sunday, the final score of 3-0 certainly does not reflect performance. With the exception of a few unfortunate lapses, Salt Spring was very much in the game until the third goal was scored on a breakaway that went against the run of the play at that point.

The Dunsmuir field in Victoria is small and sloping. For the first half Salt Spring played up the slope and more than held their own. At the half-time whistle there was no score, although both goals had frequently been threatened. The Belmont team and its supporters were obviously concerned that the newcomers to the "A" league were providing such tough competition.

It was evident at that point that Salt Spring could win, and that having the advantage of the down-slope in the second half increased the Kicks' chances.

### FIRST-RATE SOCCER

The first half had been a ding-dong battle, with both sides playing first rate soccer. If the Salt Spring team were to be faulted, it was in allowing some of their passes to go astray — especially the forward passes. The strange thing was that the Kicks were putting the ball into the air so many times — strange because the team's main strength lies in its accurate ground-passing game.

After the break the coach made a serious tactical error. Three substitutes were sent into the game, the first substitutions made up to that point. However, the three players sent on had not been given an opportunity to warm up properly with a soccer ball. Because they had not been warmed up, the substitutes were out of touch with the extremely fast pace of the game. The whole team was consequently thrown off balance, and in the midst of confusion, the Belmont team scored.

As so frequently happens in hard-fought, fast-paced games, the first goal eventually proved to be the deciding factor. The Salt Spring team was not able to pick

up the rhythm they had shown in the first half. The team played well and often threatened the Belmont goal, but they never quite regained the excellent balance of the first period.

### ENCOURAGING

Despite the score, the team's performance was very encouraging. The players are getting better each time they turn out. The new players and the changed formation are proving more effective with every game.

A special mention should go to Mike Cue this week. Mike used to play for the Selects. On Sunday he played his first game in about six months, behind a defence he had not played with before, with players who were mostly a year older than himself, in the A league.

Despite all that he turned in a first class game. Brian Kaye also showed that he will fit in very well with the rest of the team, and he offers a tremendous advantage to the Kicks with his outstanding bursts of speed.

# Sockeyes find that nine players enough to win

**BY MERVYN SCOBLE**  
**Richmond Roders 0, Salt Spring Sockeyes 3**

Sunday heralded the season opener for the ladies' Division 4 team, the Sockeyes. The ferry pulled out and only nine players were aboard. Futile attempts were made at persuading the snack bar attendant to join our clan so we decided to hijack a couple of hitchhikers.

As we approached Victoria the distinct lack of female pedestrians led to dismay, that is, until the team took to the field.

It was soon evident that nine players would be sufficient to overcome the Richmond Roders, who fielded a regulation 11-player squad. The Sockeyes, forced to use a 4-2-2 formation, dominated play from the start and were unfortunate when, in the 12th minute, Shauneen Spence crashed a penalty shot against the crossbar with the keeper well beaten.

The pressure did not go unrewarded and two minutes later Denise "Tank" Kimball opened the Sockeyes' account with a blistering drive on a pass from Shauneen Spence. "Hurricane" Doreen Pickering proved a constant menace to the Roders' defence and her persistence paid off when she took a pass from

Brenda Akerman and broke in to score with a low shot to the corner. **SPECTACULAR VOLLEY**

With time running out in the first half Salt Spring forced a corner and Shauneen Spence's well placed kick found the "Hurricane", who volleyed home in spectacular fashion.

The second half saw the Sockeyes playing uphill but still they swarmed into their opponents' end and were unlucky not to increase their lead. As the team tired, the Richmond side came more into the game only to be stifled by a solid defence in which Sue "Big Foot" Spencer proved to be a tower of strength.

On the rare occasion that the Roders cracked the Salt Spring back four, they found Jan Hull, the Sockeyes' net minder, completely unbeatable.

When a side is two players short a fine team effort is required to overcome the disadvantage and the Salt Spring squad is to be congratulated on a magnificent display in the face of adversity.

The Sockeyes' team was made up of the following players: Jan Hull, Suzanne Terrick, Sue Spencer, Brenda Akerman, Alison Althouse, Ellen Carter, Denise Kimball, Shauneen Spence and Doreen Pickering.

# Youth bowling news

### Contributed

High scorers on our Y.B.C. leagues at Ganges on Saturday were as follows:

Jets: Jennifer Neilson, 80; Jennifer Bader, 52; Christopher Magnus, 53; Eric Taylor, 50.

Pee Wees: Jeffrey Neilson, 111; Brett Marshall, 105; David Lucas, 100; Angela Bader, 79; Candice Miller, 71; Tracy Cunningham, 62.

Bantams: Jodie Harrison, 166; Laura Little, 152; Lisa Jorgensen, 151; Mark David, 176; Chris Dafeo, 130; Nolan Magnus, 117.

Juniors: David Cates, 217; David Jaquest, 178; Layne Hellum, 162; Shannon Taylor, 200; Jennifer Lucas, 166; Danica West, 155.

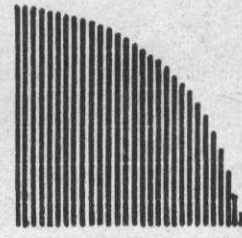
Seniors (for Wednesday, Sept. 23): Dawn Guilbault, 190; Trisha Westcott, 189; Denise Harrison,

184; Paul Trenholm, 247; Danny Fraser, 241; Steve Marleau, 226.

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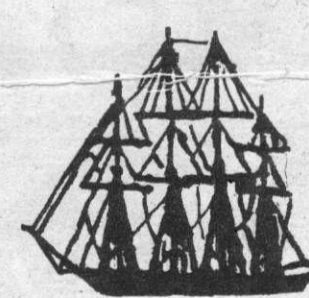
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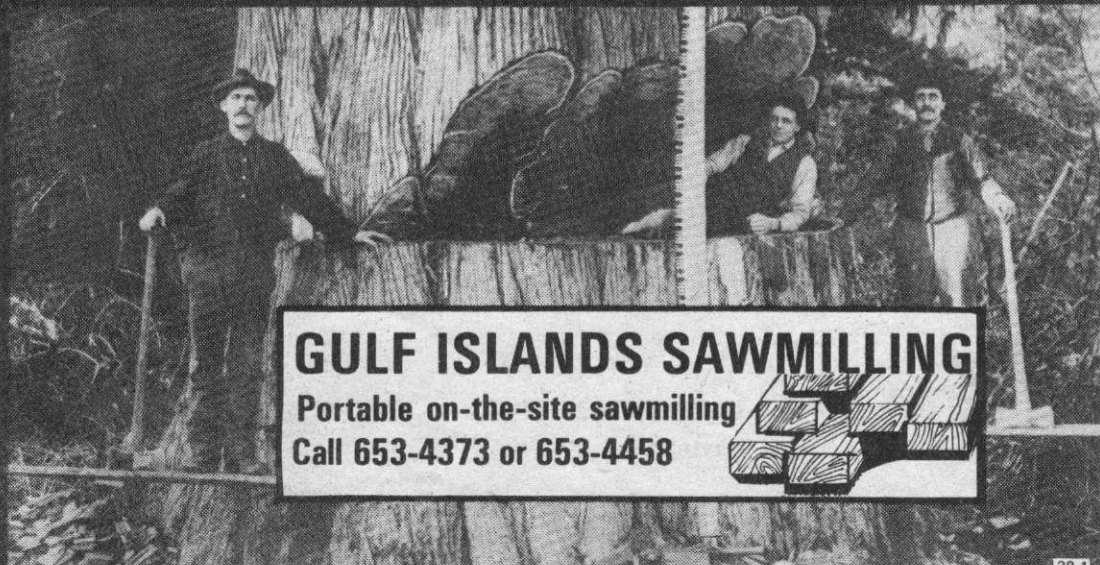
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