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## Two-day tournament a success

All eyes were on the bouncing ball at Portlock Park last weekend when the Salt Spring soccer teams hosted a tournament. Hamish Lloyd, right, of the Salt Spring Strikers, moves in on a forward on

the Cordova Bay team. Strikers lost but the tournament was a success, according to organizers. See stories, Pages Sixteen and Seventeen.

## Housing survey shows need for 20 units

An analysis of the senior citizens' housing survey on Salt Spring Island has indicated a need for 20 residential units.

The survey, which was conducted last year by the joint Legion-Lions-Rotary Committee for Seniors' Accommodation, had been submitted to the ministry of housing nine months ago.

The ministry's housing and development manager for the Vancouver Island region, Mrs. Pat Grove, told the committee in a letter last week that the need for seniors' housing was well documented by the questionnaires.

However, she noted there was little possibility that a project of 20 units could be approved on Salt Spring during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Of the 20 units needed, Grove said, three should be for people with physical disabilities.

A number of respondents indicated they supported the concept of seniors' housing but did not wish to move within two years. Others, Grove said, either had relatively low shelter costs relative to income or were presently receiving other provincial assistance, such as SAFER, or presently reside in a low-rental seniors' project.

The net result is a need for 20 additional units on the basis of the questionnaires submitted, she said.

The committee which conducted the survey is now going ahead with formation of a society for the purpose of constructing accommodation when and if funds are available.

The society will be known as the Legion-Lions-Rotary Society.

## People or gallons?

# Rescind permits, Valcourt asks regional health committee

Sewage discharges from a Ganges place of business are to be closely scrutinized for a month after Salt Spring Island Regional director Yvette Valcourt, last week, protested the issuance of a certificate of occupancy to a modified building in downtown Ganges.

The front of a gas station has been altered, charged Valcourt, to utilize it as a stationery store. The lease was signed before application was made for building permits, she told her colleagues on the Health Services Committee of the Capital Regional District last Wednesday.

The proprietors of the gas station had reported that the staff had been reduced by laying off six persons, charged Valcourt.

"When I heard of this, I asked to get hold of the list of the six laid off," said the island director.

The list included employees laid off as long ago as March 1980, she told her fellow members.

She felt approval of the new rental facilities was a breach of committee policy, stated the director.

She cited a resolution approved on February 3, prohibiting new construction or additions until satisfactory disposal of sewage had been established.

"Why are these things happening?" she asked.

### REVOKE PERMIT

She moved that the approval of the stationery store in the Ganges Auto-Marine building be rescinded.

"Another store across the street is doing the same thing," she added.

The questions arose from the changes made in the Ganges Auto-Marine to accommodate et cetera

Salt Spring Island Book and Stationery. The stationery store had moved from its two former locations in the former sales area of the gas station. One of the locations was in the Valcourt Business Centre and the other next door to Ganges Harbour Grocery.

The work had started when the proprietors were unaware that a permit was required for interior changes to a building. The building inspector had been instructed to issue a stop-work order and the work had stopped. The company had then taken out the necessary permits and the work had started again. Once again the building inspector was directed to issue a

stop-work order because the sewage system was challenged.

The building is connected to a sewage holding tank. A permit has been issued to authorize this disposal method and the building is permitted a total discharge of not more than 250 gallons per day.

Chairman Jim Cumming summarized the complaint.

### NOT THE CASE

The business is on a holding tank. A permit was applied for and the owners indicated less staff, but the island regional director "contends that this is not the case".

"The onus is on the applicant to prove it," said Valcourt.

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## New residents discover island hospitality

She was already fond of Salt Spring Island, but on Good Friday the pleasure of living here increased considerably for Helga Williams.

A 60-foot moving van loaded with the household appliances, furnishings and darkroom equipment of Colin and Helga Williams arrived on Salt Spring Friday destined for the Williams' home on Mt. Belcher Heights.

The truck made it as far as the first bend in Charlesworth Road and became stuck.

Helga Williams hadn't a clue how she was going to move her belongings from the truck to her home until four young Salt Spring Island men showed up and went to work.

Two hours later the van was empty and the Williams' possessions were in their home.

What did she owe them, Williams asked the four men.

After a quick discussion, they told her.

"Give us \$5 for the gas and call it Salt Spring Island hospitality."

## To cost \$1 million

# School of fine art planned

Salt Spring Island will soon be home to a school of fine art.

Allan Edwards of the Federation of Canadian Artists announced plans to build the school on the island when he opened the Ewart Gallery on Salt Spring Way last weekend.

Edwards told *Driftwood* that the school will be located on 11 acres on Churchill Road and plans for an auditorium with an art gallery as well as accommodations and classroom space for 70 students. Accommodations for instructors will also be built.

The project carries a price tag of \$1 million and a fund-raising drive is seeking that amount through

corporate and personal donations.

"We hope to get started on this in the fall or at the latest in the spring of 1983," said Edwards.

The FCA holds regular summer seminars on Salt Spring attracting up to 160 interested participants from across North America. When the school has been completed, additional seminars in the winter months will be set up.

The idea behind the project is to create a full-time fine arts school patterned on the one in Banff.

"I think it's needed," said Edwards, "and it's something which is definitely needed in B.C."

The school, he noted, will fill a need for basic training which an

artist would need to make a career in the field.

"There has been tremendous enthusiasm about it among the art community," said Edwards. Salt Spring Island was chosen as the site for the school because of the summer seminars which have been held here as well as because of the activity of local art groups.

"Access to Salt Spring is ideal," continued Edwards. "From all standards it has everything going for it for this type of project."

The organizing group will soon have brochures available for distribution and Edwards indicated support of the provincial premier for the project.

## Seaplane flips over at Saturna

The Cessna 185 was attempting to take off from Lyall Harbour at Saturna Island when a gust of wind caught the wing and flipped the seaplane over.

Neither the pilot, the passenger nor the dog, all residents of South Surrey, were injured in the mishap and Saturna Islanders turned out quickly to help.

Ed Reimer, the pilot, Pat Milliken, the passenger and Dubie, the dog, were picked out of the water within 10 minutes of the plane overturning. Ken Johnson of Saturna was at the dock and saw the incident. He jumped into his boat to rescue the occupants.

The plane had been heading to Vancouver but stopped somewhat short of its destination. Reimer said the insurance company is checking the plane and he could not put an estimate on the amount of damage.

The accident occurred at noon on Monday.



Photo by David Reid

### Students appear on TV

Four students from the Gulf Islands Secondary School will appear on BCTV's *Student Forum* Sunday at 1 pm with their guest, Uri Cogan, from Tribal Drum

Communications on Salt Spring Island. The topic to be discussed is "Technology and Social Change". This is the second student forum show that GISS students have

taped for BCTV this school year. From left to right, they are Koko Wenzel, Robin Sacker, Uri Cogan, Kevin Kline, Rowan Dixon and BCTV host.

## Dentist to get one year's help

### Health committee wants revenue on Mayne

A dentist will be permitted to practice in the Mayne Island Health Centre for one year without being charged rental for the use of the building.

On Wednesday afternoon last week the health services committee of the Capital Regional District accepted the recommendation of the Mayne Island Health Centre Association that encouragement

be given to a dentist prepared to practice on the island. But the encouragement would be for one year only.

The health centre is being used by the public health nurse and by a physician, Dr. D.J. Galvon, said the Mayne Island report.

The Centre urged that as the building had to be lighted and heated, the accommodation of a dentist for two days a week would represent no additional cost to the island or the region.

Medical officer of health Dr. A.S. Arneil noted that the administration of the Health Centre is the responsibility of the region. In the past the region, through the health services committee, has been guided by the advice of the island association.

#### ENTICEMENT

The committee was reminded that the doctor practicing on Mayne was invited to open his practice with provincial assistance and that part of the method of encouraging him to come to Mayne Island had been the offer of rent-free accommodation for his office.

The health officer endorsed the island request for a similar deal for the dentist.

Services are not provided unless there is a profit motive, observed Shirley Wilde.

"The dentist would probably feel better if he were called on to pay a share of the costs."

"I only know there was no

doctor and the arrangement was to make the situation more attractive. To attract a dentist they're using the same bait."

The region is paying \$3,000 for the upkeep of the centre, commented Wilde. She suggested that the dentist and the doctor be invited to contribute 25% each of this cost.

Who supplied the building, asked the chairman, Jim Cumming.

It was built at a cost of \$45,000 by the community, the region and the province, reported Arneil.

#### HOLDS TITLE

The region paid either \$5,000 or \$10,000 and the regional district holds title to the building although it does not own it.

Ken Hill moved the provision of accommodation for a dentist for one year. It was seconded by Robin Blencoe.

Before it was approved, Wilde pointed out that it was a matter of principle. A breakdown would show the doctor and the dentist contributing \$2 per day.

Is free ferry service affecting the matter, asked Yvette Valcourt. Free services were provided for access to services on Salt Spring Island or in Victoria, she suggested.

It was a good compromise, urged Blencoe. A year's trial would prove whether or not the service is viable.

Committee approved the proposal for one year.

## Harbour House to re-open?

Harbour House Hotel may be re-opening under new ownership.

Discussions are currently taking place in an effort to come up with a group of people willing to purchase the Salt Spring hotel.

Union officials are cautious in appraisal of the situation. Workers have been asked to accept a wage level lower than that given them before the facility closed last fall.

The workers seem to be in agreement with what has been offered and indications are that the hotel could be opened in May if the prospective group of owners can be organized.

When the hotel re-opens, at least 12 people will be rehired and the staff would be increased on a seniority basis as business picked up.

Talks between union officials and a representative of the owners will be held later this week.

## Load figures almost triple in nine years

Power consumption in the islands during the peak load period this year was almost three times higher than it was nine years ago.

The 1981-82 peak load period is over, reports B.C. Hydro, and the winter was an average one.

Peak load recorded this year was 22.1 megawatts compared to 8.7 megawatts in 1972-73.

Figures released by Hydro district manager John Langston show a steady increase over the past nine years.

Recorded peak load in 1973-74 was 9.5 megawatts, and it jumped

to 12.5 in 1974-75. It was 12.5 again in 1975-76, 12.75 in 1976-77, 14.5 in 1977-78, 16.5 in 1978-79, 17 in 1979-80, 18 in 1980-81 and it jumped to 22.1 this past winter.

In summer, said Langston, the load figures drop by about one-half.

Meanwhile, Hydro is in the process of constructing a new line between the Ganges substation and Charlesworth Road.

The line is being put in behind Mouat Park and will help look after the increased load and act partially as a back-up to existing circuits.



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# To Be Frank



by richards

It was Palm Sunday and the custom of distributing palms in churches is one that has many centuries behind it. But, explained Fr. Bergin, of the Catholic churches on Salt Spring Island, the weather in the United States was so bad last year that the palm fronds distributed in his two churches on the island were brought here from Africa. United States palms were frozen out. The change resulted in palm fronds neatly tied into a cross, instead of the straight leaves. When I was a small boy it was the custom in Catholic churches to distribute palm fronds so folded into a cross, while in the Anglican churches, the palms were distributed, untied.

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The ordinary car dealer sells used cars. The socially superior dealer sells pre-owned cars. These are better than used cars and infinitely superior to second-hand cars. The only problem is finding out what they are. I have bought a used car and I have bought a new car but I have never bought an un-pre-owned car. If it isn't pre-owned, who's selling it? For mine all cars are pre-owned, new or used. But it sure sounds like a swell car!

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Thinking of cars, there was a 1969 Peugeot advertised in Vancouver for \$700. It was a 204 and the vendor announced that it had run less than 30,000 miles. We called. Not only was it sold but the advertiser had received over 40 calls!

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Bumper sticker in Ganges read "free the West". Doesn't the driver know that the West things in life are always free?

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It was published in Ontario, but even in Ontario they must have the same Roman numerals that grow in this coastal province. It was a newspaper I was shown bearing a volume number XLX. In the time of Julius Caesar, when Pontius was a pilot, the letter "L" meant 50. And when Caesar was counting the days, he would put a letter in front of the 50 to indicate that it be subtracted. So that XL meant take 10 from 50 and that makes 40. Similarly, LX meant add 10 to 50 and reads as 60. But XLX has me baffled. It sounds like a long way round to say 50.

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They're wearing me out. I haven't enquired too far afield, as yet, but I've lost all my double-knit pants. Different stores have different explanations for the sudden disappearance of a material that I have worn for more than 10 years. It snags easy, explains one store. It doesn't hold up, says another. But nobody seems to know why a sound, durable material has suddenly been discontinued by every maker.

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Louise Fuoco was driving PA's car and waited for me to leave a vacant parking spot. So when I passed a Volvo a few minutes later how was I to know that it was the same driver? Just too many two-car families these days!

## Legion news

### Membership grows

Membership in the Salt Spring branch of the Royal Canadian Legion continues to grow. At a recent meeting of the Legion, three ordinary members, five associate members and 10 fraternal affiliates were accepted. Eight associate members were initiated at the meeting.

The new facilities made possible by the addition to the hall last year are in almost constant use, the Legion reports, including the darts boards, shuffleboard and pool table.

In other news, a recommendation is expected soon from the committee studying the replies to the transportation survey published several weeks ago.

Jake Javorski has been named delegate to the Legion Dominion Convention in Quebec in June.

Secretary-manager Jack Potheary reports that the branch has donated \$2,730 to various local

and provincial organizations and charities since Christmas.

A life membership is being awarded by the Ladies' Auxiliary to Lucy Moore in recognition of her work for the Legion and her efforts in community activities.

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## Photographer off to Kamloops

Another Salt Spring artisan will have work displayed at the B.C. Festival of the Arts in Kamloops.

Alice Rich was represented in a regional show in Victoria by one of her photographs last week. The study, entitled *Bedclothes*, impressed the judges and they chose it for showing in the provincial festival.

The Victoria show was part of the regional community arts council shows and another Salt Springer, Liliane Johnson, exhibited a woven garment named *White bomber*.

The two local artisans were among 500 who entered and only 36 were chosen for display.

Rich joins Salt Spring artist Ron George as part of the contingent of B.C. artists and artisans who will be displaying their work at the Kamloops festival in June.



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Alice Rich

## One Silly Poem

The enumerator beat her way to my back door and knocked. I groaned "Oh dear, I'm in the bath" but she was no whit shocked. If I'd known she was coming I'd have worn a hat or perhaps a walking stick;

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— R. J. Weston

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### The home of Randy and Faye Cocker of Salt Spring Island was destroyed by fire last Wednesday.

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## Jobs on the line, backs are turned

In times such as these, when the direction of the economy appears uncertain, most people, especially those in business, act with a certain degree of caution.

And any business which is forced by unhealthy economic conditions to lay off personnel would set aside plans for expansion, particularly plans which require substantial outlay of capital.

Last week the Gulf Islands School District gave notice to nine of its employees, a move which many claim was unnecessary at this point.

But despite whether it was necessary to be so hasty in implementing the budget cuts demanded by the ministry of education, there is another more logical route to saving money.

The expenditure of \$1.8 million on a new school in the Fulford area is one that should be examined by the ministry and the school board. Surely all of those involved in the construction plans would find it preferable to delay those plans in favour of retaining district staff.

With last week's layoffs, the school board has left itself wide open to justified criticism. Board chairman Strick Aust said in February jobs were not on the line.

Premier Bill Bennett said in announcing spending restraints that "we cannot and will not turn our backs on those most in need in our society".

Since then, jobs have been put on the line and backs have been turned on those in need.

The programs cut here are in the area of family support services. It's somewhat ironic that May 1 is the day those cuts are to go into effect. May, we are told, is Family Month.

It's not too late for the school board to reverse its decision to lay off staff.

That decision should be revoked and at the same time, plans for a school at Fulford should be put on hold.

## Economies

No measure by any government has had sharper effect than the provincial cut-back on municipal expenditures. It is the nature of humans that they apply logic to every expenditure they undertake on behalf of a public or private corporation. And the logic is that if you need something you get it.

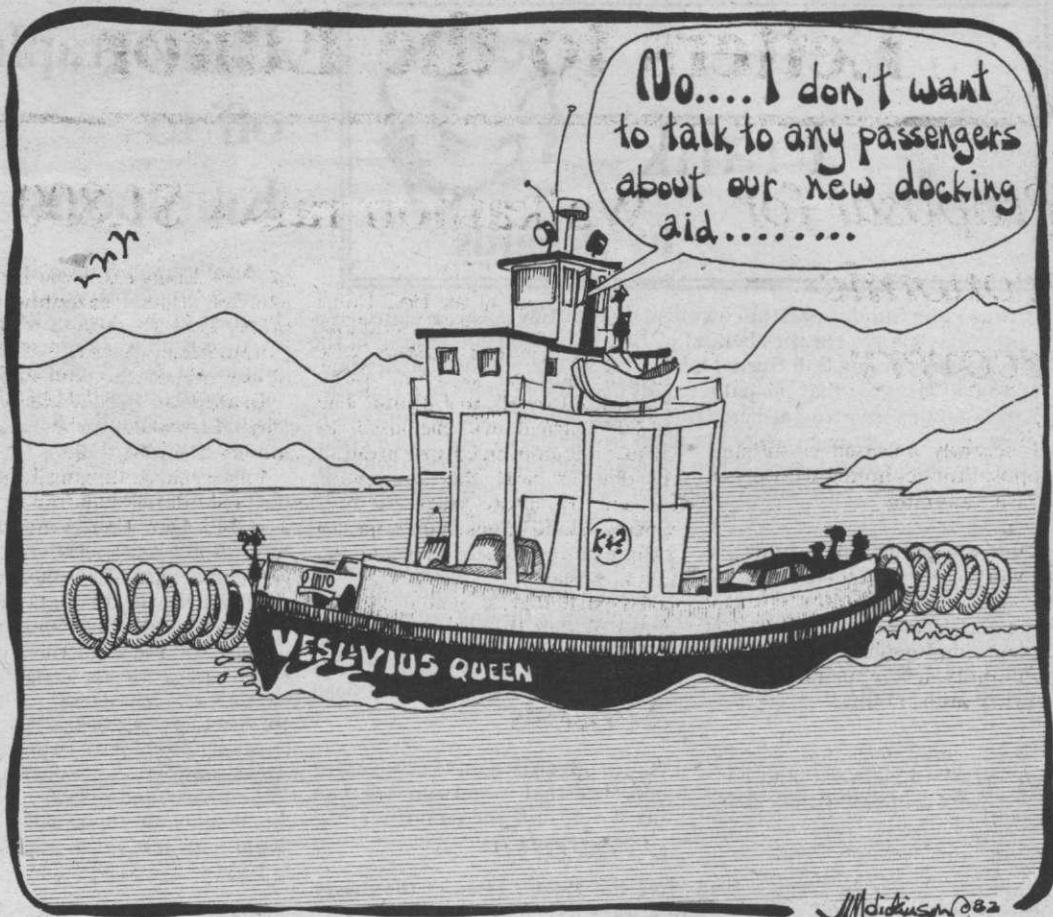
Councils, school boards, commissions and regions are slashing as freely as Jules' torturers at expenditures. Among the agencies so engaged is the health services department of the Capital Regional District.

The department has cut back on educational services until the fall, when it will be reviewed.

We have, in the past, pressed for reconsideration of this branch of regional administration. The educational services are of value in many directions. Unfortunately, the value is not clear-cut in the case of many of these information programs.

It is high time the health services committee took a close and critical look at this aspect of its budget. It is very difficult to understand how the committee could rail at the suggestion a dentist might be enticed to practice on Mayne Island and, yet, find funds freely to tell children what to eat during the summer months.

There is a considerable danger of having the region trespass into matters which could be handled more properly and more effectively by one or both of the senior government levels.



Bill Webster

## Some come to relax and others to let off steam

Pack up the kids and lock the doors, the silly season is upon us.

The long weekend brought typical Gulf Islands weather, rain mixed with rain and sunshine above the clouds. But the good weather also brought the dread touristas.

Some people come to the Gulf Islands to relax and enjoy while others come to let off steam. The relaxed people can be welcomed as neighbours but the others, the dread touristas, only increase the coffers of the spirit salesmen and help the provincial parks people spend money repairing the re-arrangements made to local parks.

Who needs that kind of nonsense?

The blotter at the local cop shop becomes cluttered with complaints of misplaced antics and noisy parties.

### DRASTIC REMEDY

Bernie Bungle suggested a rather drastic remedy last week at the regular meeting of the Belcher Brigade. We were sitting at Louis Bolivar-Finchley's air-conditioned fireplace discussing world affairs over a spot of tea.

"Those touristas should be barred from the islands," ranted Bernie. He went on to suggest that a screening process would weed the bad from the good.

"We could have the B.C. Carboat company issue passes to non-residents," he said.

"They would have to pass a simple test of sobriety and uprightness before the card was

issued."

The idea was intriguing. Imagine armed gunboats patrolling approaches to the islands. Active Pass would live up to its name as ferries were searched for undesirables.

Bernie warmed to the topic and speculated upon the extent of the Gulf Islands navy. He had visions of a shiny fleet of swift pursuit boats chasing ferries about.

### BLOCKADE SWARTZ BAY

"We could blockade Swartz Bay," enthused Bernie in his watery revelry.

Louis spoke up. "What about the highways and byways? What if the touristas came in canoes? In the dark?"

Bernie wouldn't be deterred. "We could organize a vigilante group to patrol the parks and bonk the undesirables. We could have uniforms and big sticks and sirens and flashing lights."

Bernie was getting excited about the possibilities. He ranted on and the rest of us merely turned to the television set, turned up the volume and enjoyed the telecast of a dart tourney from a local hot spot.

When Bernie had mumbled himself out and wandered off into the rain, I asked Louis why he had become so adamantly anti-tourist.

"Bernie once had a rock garden," said Louis. "He grew the neatest rocks in the Gulf Islands."

### TALE OF WOE

Louis continued the tale of woe. Bernie, it seems, was proud of his garden and put

signs around the islands inviting people to visit and look. Naturally, the only people who came were tourists. The residents ignored the local sights as they have always done.

The visitors came from across the high hills and from south of the imaginary line. They came in droves to see the rocks grow. Bernie was proud of his attraction.

But one day, Bernie noticed that the rocks in his garden seemed to be fewer than the previous day. He took a survey of the rocks and counted each one. The census of rocks lasted for several days and Bernie could never be sure exactly how many he had.

The faster he counted the fewer the rocks. Bernie brightened one day and concluded that the visitors were taking the rocks for souvenirs. By the time the summer was over, the ground in Bernie's garden was bare.

"And that's why Bernie doesn't like tourists," explained Louis.

Bernie, of course, is not typical if islanders, most of whom accept the presence of the visitors. Most islanders are happy to see licence plates on automobiles from such exotic places as Saskatchewan and New Mexico.

Most islanders are willing to forego silent sleep to allow visitors from Surrey and New Westminster to enjoy frivolity into the wee hours of each morning.

Aren't they?

# Letters to the Editor

## Proposal for economic recovery

Sir,  
I recently released a 40-page proposal for economic recovery in British Columbia.

Our program for economic recovery pays particular attention to forestry, housing, small business, vocational training and student employment, tourism and community development, the food industry, and mining.

These new measures would create some 43,000 jobs, and cost the treasury approximately \$309 million. I have proposed 26 specific undertakings, and have been extremely gratified by the positive response of the business and labour sector. Everyone wants British Columbia to "get back to work", regardless of politics.

I write to tell your readers that the full text of the proposal is now available to any citizen who requests it. I would be grateful for your comments and criticism, and for any practical proposals you could make for economic recovery in our province. Please write me at the address below.

**DAVID BARRETT,**  
Leader of the Opposition,  
Legislative Buildings,  
Victoria, British Columbia.  
April 6, 1982.



## Tony Richards

**MY FAME, THEY WROTE,** could spread from Whalley to Pouce Coupe, and even as far as Old Crow, if I could answer one simple question.

That fame, such as it is, will have to remain within the confines of my office, for the question is one I cannot answer.

The question came in an unsigned note from a local reader who was desirous of obtaining the services of some of our advertisers.

"How does one, short of bribery, cajolery, intimidation, kidnapping or picketing," the note read, "obtain the services of those self-described experts who advertise regularly in your paper?"

The writers were in a "total state of frustration, even paranoia" because since October they have been trying to enlist the services of some local contractors.

They are not newcomers. They were summer visitors nearly 50 years ago and built their vacation home here 35 years ago.

They did not sign their letter because they didn't want to attract well meaning but unable amateurs. They tried that route "with disastrous results".

Their question is as serious to them, they point out, as Virginia's was to her when she asked, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Well I could let optimism get the better of me and reply that, yes, there are people here who will undertake to do the services they advertise.

How dreary this island would be if that were not the case. It would be as dreary as if there was none to complain about the difficulty in obtaining their services.

I could also say you have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. But I will not.

The editor of the *New York Sun* said in 1897,

## Walkathon raises \$1,800

Sir,  
As Chairman of the 1982 Lions Walkathon, I would like to thank the 28 determined walkers who turned out on a cold, rainy Saturday to walk to Fulford. The \$1,800 earned will be used to ensure the continued operation of the Easter Seal Bus for senior citizens. In future years, the Salt Spring Island Lions Club hopes to offer a better bus service, using the funds raised.

In particular, I would like to thank Walter Brigden who earned

## Seniors' book available

Sir,  
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**CHARLES BARBER,**  
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April 7, 1982.

\$477.90, Lions President Bob Hele \$463.80, Ellen Hazenboom and family \$149.80, a group of Bank of Commerce employees \$178.80 and all the others who walked.

In addition I would like to thank Dan Evanishen who provided movies at Fulford Hall.

Lastly, the following Lions and wives should be mentioned: Lions Ted, Bill, Dan, Fred, Frank, Steve, Les, Bob, Cliff, Daisy, Renie, Nellie, Norah and all those others who helped with the organization.

If anyone who has sponsored a walker has not paid their pledge, please do so at my office — 152 Fulford-Ganges Road.  
**RON McQUIGGAN,**  
Chairman, Lions Walkathon.  
April, 1982.

## Gun control bill now a fact

Sir,  
Re your article in the March 10 *Driftwood*, "Gun control worry unfounded", saying that Bill C451 couldn't be dealt with by parliament without publication: I got off-putting letters similar to Dennis Andrews'; but Bill C451 is now a fact.

It has been printed. Contact your MP and ask for a copy of your own, then tell him, MP Allmand, the Solicitor-General and Joe Clark what you think of it.  
**ROSALIND HILDRED,**  
Lasqueti Island, B.C.  
March 23, 1982.

## Special services should not be target of budget cuts

Sir,  
In the last issue of *Driftwood*, the front page story told of local teachers losing their jobs. Further into the paper, a letter to the editor pointed out the stupidity of Canada's involvement in the arms race. These two apparently unrelated items make a connection when I see the federal government trim \$5.7 billion from health and education, while merrily spending \$5.4 billion on fighter planes.

The \$8 million set aside for defense in 1982 will create few jobs and no useful goods. Defense spending has been cited as the prime cause of inflation.

But, given this policy, and on a local level, I am astounded that special services should be the target of the budget cuts, since these students are least likely to cope without the help. Gains made in their formative years save time, money and suffering. Why not close a few classrooms of normal, well-adjusted students and have them do their work by correspondence, attending school only for consultation? Or close the entire institution for as long as is required to make up the budget cut, since this shares the burden most evenly?

Special services which have been tailored over many years to meet the needs of our community should not be subject to arbitrary political whims.  
**FRANCES KERMAN,**  
Harrison Ave., Ganges.  
April 11, 1982.

## Check legality before signing

Sir,  
Recently I was approached by a "land-developer" who wanted to buy my "subdivision rights". On checking with the Islands Trust I found that there is no such thing as subdivision rights and other landowners who are approached with this line of tactics should be very cautious, and check the legality of any transactions before signing any sales agreements.

I realize that development of the Islands is inevitable but I would prefer to see it done in a well organized and legal fashion.

Be cautious.  
**SHEILA REYNOLDS,**  
Fulford Harbour.  
April 7, 1982.

## Three parking slots for use of handicapped

Sir,  
Just a reminder to the general public and the handicapped that the Gulf Islands Handicapped Society have now marked out three parking slots for handicapped use only. One is beside the main entrance to the K & R; another adjacent to the ramp at the Post Office; and the third one is in the car park of the Red and White Store immediately at the white wall of Miller and Toynbee.

If you are handicapped please ensure that the car you are in has a decal on the windscreen. A friend or relative owning the car would be O.K. but it must have the sticker. For example, I drive around in a disreputable old station wagon but the owner is Henry Bryan who is blind and I also transport other handicapped islanders. We can provide the stickers on application.

If there is no decal or sticker on the car a "conscience" note will be

placed under the windshield wiper but the writer and our Board of Directors trust the islanders to give consideration to the handicapped.

Finally, this only applies to such islanders who are wheelchair-bound, or others who cannot walk without difficulty, or the blind.

Permission to use the slots, other than a displayed sticker, would be the Easter Seal Bunny bus as operated and owned by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

**BRYAN SMITH,**  
Gulf Islands Handicapped Society,  
April 12, 1982.

*We remind readers that we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.*

*Letters to the editor must be signed, and should be addressed to The Editor, Gulf Islands Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges.*

## Paper always eagerly awaited

Sir,  
I must write to acknowledge the last issue (March 31) of *Driftwood*. To me it seemed very special — so many articles which were of personal interest. I thought it an especially good issue.

The fact is, your publication is always eagerly awaited and invariably scanned cover to cover. It is life at our local level. It is hard to single out any particular items for comment, but I especially enjoyed the cartoon by Dickinson on the Court of Revision and the report, "Fear was the Driving Force" by Frank Richards. Please thank him for it.

I enjoyed working with him on the Court and felt I came to know a fine and honourable man and one with a delicate and ready sense of humour. Together with another fine and concerned person, Marg Keating, I sensed we worked well as a team not only to see that

equity in assessments existed, but also that we were a Court of co-operation and empathy, rather than one of conflict and competition.

We did our utmost to bring understanding of the system, help to relieve fears of the appellants and to lower assessments when it was proper to do so.

With *Driftwood* as a vehicle you are doing a great job for the community, Mr. Richards. I feel you should know that it is appreciated.

**DR. RALPH G. CHATWIN,**  
R.R.1, Mayne Island.  
April 5, 1982.

**More letters:  
Page Six**

# More Letters to the Editor

## 'Idiots in print' list

Sir,  
I awoke sometime after the second paragraph of Tony Richards' newest critical farce.

But I think the flow of the review was set by the inanity of the beginning because the intelligence of the review never fully recovered. There were many parts of the review that I abhorred. There are, however, many reviews which have been done locally that I would like to see again. Mr. Richards' review of *Rose* is not one of them.

One or two readers complained that he might be attempting to imitate an intelligent critic, not an uncommon mistake, but one that should be avoided at all costs. But even if he was, his attempt was one that cannot easily be overlooked.

Without doubt, on the whole, I was disgusted with the review. For instance, the author appeared to be saying something about the Player's production of *Rose*. What exactly he was trying to get across escapes me.

Richards tries to write a review and fails. His humour fails. His writing skill fails. His only successful relationship is with his newspaper. But that is jeopardized by his relationship with his intellect.

When I try to analyze the feeling which keeps nagging me about this review I find it hard to decide who is at fault, the writer or the publisher of this drivel. Perhaps it is both.

I would be very surprised if the review itself came away with any

journalism awards. But it would not surprise me in the least if Tony Richards was named to the "Idiots in Print" list. He deserves it.

J.R. CAKE,  
P.O. Box 902,  
Ganges,  
April, 1982.

## Board action 'inhuman'

Sir,  
Our school board may have been trying to please Caesar when it crucified several of our fellow citizens, but it did not please the local population.

I have spent the Easter weekend hoping the board will take an interest in the story of the Resurrection, and return life to several programs so badly needed by our children.

Years of concern and effort, to provide direct service to the many children in this district who need and deserve such help, are wiped out by the whim of our school board.

To terminate, with one month's notice, dedicated people who thought their jobs secure, is inhuman.

We pay for the service, let's not throw it away.  
NICK GILBERT,  
R.R.3 Ganges,  
April 13, 1982.

## They're our Boats Bill

A father gives his son a prize  
Saying, "Here son, try this on for size.

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And a team of men to make it so much more.

With railroads and mines and industries  
And a fleet of ships, to sail the seas."

This country bumpkin from Kelowna came  
And earned his way to political fame.

From a lady's finger and a lettergate  
He plundered through to find his fate.

Now this man and the rest of the boys  
Had the ships become their toys.

And when they received a pack of decals nice,  
(Though rumour has it they paid a price)

They smeared them all over the little boats  
To catch for them a few more votes.

But those little toys were the country's pride  
And all around you could hear it cried.

Who set loose that seven-year-old  
To smear large decals on so bold

Across our fleet of ferry boats  
Sailing proud in their painted coats.

Though the decals themselves are nice  
It may not have hurt to think it twice,

And then made them half the size  
To keep the fleet the country's prize.

— Alec Niemi,  
Mayne Island.

# Cuts in professional personnel unacceptable

Open letter to Strick Aust, Chairman, and Members of the Gulf Islands School Board.

We are surprised and disappointed that the school board of this district has acted unilaterally, without open, public discussion nor with the agreement of the school principals or the GITA, to terminate the services of highly qualified professionals rendering services directly to the district's special needs children and their families.

It seems to us that the province's wealthiest school district can well afford to provide our children and their families with the services of these educational professionals at least until the end of the present school term, and should not even then be empowered to dispense with them without an open and public discussion involving concerned parents and other educational personnel.

It is foolish to act as though well-trained professional intervention were a frill on basic education. As every experienced teacher and thoughtful parent is aware, the availability and active participation of professionals such as the educational psychologist and the speech therapist in the educational

lives of a number of children makes it possible for the classroom teacher to develop an educational approach that benefits every child.

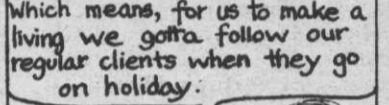
We are especially concerned that the position of school psychologist, which the school board just recently deemed so valuable that it needed to be extended to full-time, has been cut from the budget without consultation with, or consideration for, the families involved. As psychological counselling involves an ongoing process if it is to serve the child by enabling him to derive the most benefit from the school situation while not hindering the educational attainments of others in his class, we consider this particular dismissal an untimely and definitely harmful move.

Further, despite the oral response of your new Secretary-Treasurer to questions asked her by representatives of the Salt Spring Elementary Parents' Advisory Group that the school principals and the GITA were in agreement with you and even in favour of these personnel cuts, Michael Hayes, speaking for the GITA, and Tom Watson, principal of Salt Spring Elementary, both deny that any such approval or recommendation was given by either of these two groups during any meeting between themselves and the school board.

In short, we find it unacceptable that these cuts in professional personnel rendering direct services to school children have been made in this district even before the provincial government has, in fact, brought the reductions in educational spending into law. We also find it unacceptable that the onus for all budgetary restraint in this district seems to have been placed deliberately on those who are least able to help themselves or to defend their small portion of the total budget: the children and families with special needs.

Perhaps the taxpayers and parents in this district should be asked for their budgetary preferences: three or four new administrative positions in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 plus per year bracket; or would they opt instead for properly trained, well-experienced professionals rendering specialized educational

services to growing children?  
MARGARET WARBEY,  
TERENCE WARBEY,  
Box 817,  
Ganges,  
April 8, 1982.



## Poet's Corner

The recent talk by Beth Hill to the Galiano Humanist Group inspired the following poem.

### A Plea for Disarmament

Leaders of our nations, hear the voices of your people:

First our species' arms were clubs,  
now they're bombs of every sort.  
Ages tell that man against his fellows has tried each new and deadly weapon out,

Just as the fighting cocks blood-stain their cruel spurs.

Leaders of our nations, remove the blindfolds from your eyes!  
Cease to arm nation against nation — a foolish game

Played with the dice of hated sanctions, nuclear or bacterial wars.

Your only goal destruction of yourselves, mankind, all living things.

Leaders of all nations, hear the voices of your people: Think!

Find other means, more sure and wise, for all to share our planet Earth —

Consult, Agree, Disarm! Disarm!! Disarm!!!

— A.A.K.

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## Report from the Commons

# Constitution not yet complete

BY JIM MANLY

On Saturday, Apr. 17, Queen Elizabeth II will formally proclaim Canada's new Constitutional Act. After nearly 115 years of nationhood, Canada will have its own constitution and will be able to amend it.

As most constituents know, I voted against the constitutional proposal at its final reading in the House of Commons last fall. I thought then, as I do now, that it did not provide adequate recognition of the aboriginal and treaty rights of Canadian Indians, Metis and Inuit peoples.

The relationship between these peoples and the rest of Canada is so basic and fundamental that it should have been spelled out very clearly and firmly. The failure to do this means that our new constitution has serious drawbacks. While it includes some recognition of these rights it does less than full justice to the native people.

### OVERRIDE PROVISIONS

The constitution also suffers from the override provisions in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This provision means that provincial or federal governments can pass laws that specifically deny fundamental rights that the charter is supposed to guarantee.

The government of Quebec continues to reject the proposals and this position of the provincial government finds a deep response in the people of Quebec.

In spite of these serious flaws, the patriation of the constitution is an important step.

If the aboriginal peoples got less than they deserved, at least we all know that the responsibility lies with Canada. The old colonial fiction of a special relationship of Indian people with the British government can no longer exist.

Indians and other Canadians are neighbours and we are all directly responsible for our relationships with one another. The Victorian myth that the Indian people would be looked after by the "Great

White Mother" has now been laid to rest with Victoria herself.

### NOT YET FINISHED

We are now responsible for our own constitution but we cannot regard the constitution as a finished, complete document. The present Act calls for a first minister's conference within a year of patriation.

At that time there has to be a further definition of aboriginal rights and leaders of the aboriginal peoples will be invited to participate in these discussions.

In addition a number of other constitutional concerns must be placed on the agenda, either for this first minister's conference or for others down the road. We must reach constitutional decisions about such diverse topics as telecommunications, off-shore resources, appointments to the Supreme Court, family law, and international trade. Each of these topics brings its own legacy of tension, vested interest and misunderstanding.

### NOT A HAPPY PROCESS

The constitutional process has not been a happy one so far. Our celebrations of patriation must be tempered by knowledge of the

divisive forces at work amongst us. At a time when our economy is in such critical shape, Canadians do not want our governments to be pre-occupied with constitutional wrangling.

We need positive programs to put our people back to work, and to enable farmers, fishermen and small business people to face the future with confidence, instead of fear.

But patriation is an achievement that has been the goal of many Canadian leaders. Perhaps we can use the observance of this achievement as the beginning of a new attempt on the part of all Canadians to understand one another and work together.

## Telephone stolen

The RCMP are interested in a telephone collector who struck a phone booth at Sturdies Bay on Galiano Island.

The collector took the telephone, valued at \$1,500, from the booth sometime in the night between March 30 and 31.



## Softball team makes donation

Byron's Babes threw a dance at Fulford Hall recently to raise money for the upcoming softball season and many people came. The ladies had bucks left over and Kitty Bantel, team representative, helps team manager Howard Byron, left,

present a cheque for \$300 to Salt Spring Lions president Bob Hele. The team also gave \$25 each to the Legion and the Rotary Club. Hele said the money will help build a compound for the Lions' bus at Greenwood.

## Pioneer Village facing major drainage overhaul

Pioneer Village in Ganges slowed down sharply this week.

Residents have been urged to exercise the greatest possible care in the use of water until drainage problems have been resolved.

Residents are asked to minimize the use of toilets and to throw washing water on the lawns until the drains have been cleared. There is also a clamp on the use of baths.

Fred Brookbanks, of the sponsoring Lions Pioneer Village society, explained on Monday that an initial check had indicated that

the entire disposal system might have to be replaced, but it is still hoped that it might prove that the stoppage is due to a plugged line or a broken tile rather than stoppage of all the system.

The work must be undertaken immediately, he told *Driftwood*.

The community sewer has been held up too long, he added. The society is now facing the expenditure of a lot of money because of this long delay, he told *Driftwood*.

## Cutting back on regional health administration costs

Health services committee of the Capital Regional Board was introduced, last week, to some of the ramifications of holding the line on costs.

Members heard an outline of the methods adopted by Medical Officer A.S. Arneil and his staff to establish a budget within the restricted limits imposed by the provincial government.

No overtime will be permitted without the approval of the program director.

There will be no summer students hired this year.


No educational funds are to be

expended, except with specific approval. Policy on educational funds will be reviewed in September.

Travel expenses will be reviewed and monitored as also will postage costs and long distance calls.

Restrictions will be imposed on book purchases and stationery costs are to be reviewed with a view to bringing costs down. All staff are to be encouraged to reduce the use of copying machines and no photographic or audio supplies are to be purchased.

List was prepared by the deputy regional health officer A.B. Allen.



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### Fashion show to aid fund

The monthly meeting of the HMS Ganges Chapter of the IODE was held recently in the hall at the United Church. Regent Mrs. Roma Aston presided.

The chapter is interested in helping with the establishment and furnishing of the lodge in Victoria for the use of out-of-town patients who are receiving treatments at the Cancer Clinic.

With this in mind the meeting was chiefly concerned with plans for a luncheon and fashion show to be held at the local Golf Club on Wednesday, May 12. Mrs. Barbara Toynbee is in charge of the fashion show.

Proceeds will go towards the cancer lodge fund.

Reservations and tickets for this occasion may be obtained from any member of the local chapter IODE.

Another item discussed was the annual Garden Coffee Party. This will be held this year at the home of Mrs. Dorothy James, Langley Road, Vesuvius, on Wednesday, June 16. There will be further discussion concerning this at the May meeting.


Observance of Citizenship Day, under the guidance of Miss Olive Mouat, will be held in the three local schools on dates still to be announced. Scholarships, bursaries and books will be awarded by the IODE at that time.

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### Weekend Concert

Shari Ulrich wove magic moments at a concert last weekend at Fulford Hall. She sang and played for a large audience of neighbours and friends who seemed to enjoy the entire evening. Many people got up and danced as the music filled the hall and spilled into the warm evening outside.

## Relief Tea becoming institution

It's not just an ordinary church tea taking place at Ganges April 24 but a major event, one which is fast becoming an institution on the island.

The workers involved in the Relief Tea, says spokesman Olive Moutat, need the help of everyone else.

The World Development and Relief Tea begins at 1:30 pm Saturday, Apr. 24 at St. George's Hall. Not a cent raised by the event will be used locally.

Norman Levi will be the guest of the NDP club at their April 15th meeting at the Salt Spring Elementary School library. He has been an elected representative since 1972, originally joining the party in 1963.

The tea is being sponsored by four local churches. Members of the Anglican congregation will serve the tea while those in the Community Gospel Chapel will oversee the white elephant stall.

Levi is the consumer and corporate affairs critic and is interested in waste disposal management and the problems associated with drinking-driving.

Home baking will be looked after by the Roman Catholic congregation and plants will be handled by men and women of the United Church.

Fresh drinking water can replace stagnant pools, sight can replace blindness and food may be grown where at present nothing is produced through donations made at the tea, she points out.

Each dollar collected from the World Relief Tea will become \$4 by the time it is put to use.

After the tea is over, organizers will apply for a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency, which will match each dollar raised with \$3 in grant.

Money raised at past teas had been split among the participating churches but this year organizers will combine for a joint project primarily as a means of gaining information about how the money is used.

## Players in Victoria with Rose Saturday

The Salt Spring Players will be part of Theatre B.C. Festival of Plays in Victoria this week.

The Players will be performing *Rose* in competition with theatre groups from the Victoria Theatre Guild, the Peninsula Players from Sidney, the January Players from Duncan and the William Head Theatrical Society.

The event kicks off with *Knight of the Burning Pestle* April 14 at the William Head Penitentiary in Metchosin because, as organizers noted in a press release, due to regulations, this theatre group is not allowed to perform outside William Head.

The Salt Spring Players will do their act on April 17 at the Langham Court Theatre at 8 pm. With the exception of the festival opener, all plays will be presented at the Langham Court Theatre each evening at 8 pm.

Tickets cost \$5 per evening, \$3 for students and seniors or a series of tickets for the Festival can be purchased for \$12, or \$9 for students and seniors.

After each performance, patrons are urged to attend a get-together to meet the adjudicator, casts and crews.

The adjudicator is Vancouver playwright and theatre critic John Lazarus. Awards will be handed

out following the performance April 17 and will distinguish best director, actor, actress, supporting actor and actress, play, backstage co-ordination and visual presentation.

One of the plays will be selected as the South Island Zone representation at the Festival of Arts in Kamloops in June.

The Salt Spring Players' production is directed by Michael Armstrong and features Dawn Luker, Elma and Ernie Rubright, John Lomas, Annie Shuttleworth, Anne Prosk as well as Armstrong.

Tickets and reservations can be had at the box office at the Langham Court Theatre.

### Weekend theft

The equipment had been stored at Musgrave Landing but when the owner went back, the items were gone.

Mel Marchbank of Isabella Point reported assorted items such as an ox-head ax, a tarpaulin, a length of rope and lumber missing. The material disappeared over the long weekend and Ganges RCMP are investigating.

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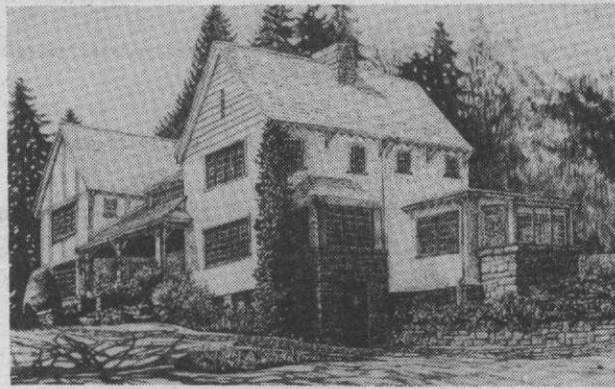
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# Local stars on television April 22

Two of the stars in the Salt Spring Players' production of *My Fair Lady* will appear on television April 22.

Arlene Dashwood, who plays Eliza Doolittle, and Andy Orkin, who has the part of Professor Henry Higgins, will perform a song from the musical on the *Ida Clarkson Show* on CHEK TV.

Director Marilyn Taylor will also appear on the show, and will accompany Dashwood and Orkin on the piano. The show will be seen at 11 am.

*My Fair Lady* opens April 29 and runs for 10 days. Tickets are available at et cetera.



Driftwood photos by Bill Webster

Tea time at Ascot and Eliza Doolittle (Arlene Dashwood) is the focus of attention of Freddy Eynsford-Hill (John Bailey) right, Colonel Pickering (Hugh Cummings) rear left and Henry Higgins (Andy Orkin).



Colonel Pickering (Hugh Cummings) enjoys a moment with Eliza Doolittle (Arlene Dashwood) during a dress rehearsal of *My Fair Lady*.

## Church won't deal with bank

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce deals with governments in South Africa and Chile so the United Church of Canada in B.C. won't be dealing with the bank.

The executive of the B.C. Conference of the United Church voted recently to withdraw all church funds from the Bank of Commerce by June 30, 1982 to show displeasure at the bank's dealings with "oppressive regimes that deny human rights to the majority of its citizens."

The United Church on Salt Spring Island does not deal with the Bank of Commerce.

The B.C. Conference has an annual budget of more than \$500,000 with current investments of almost \$1.4 million. The decision to seek another financial institution which has a no-loan policy to repressive governments was made at the request of churches in South Africa.

"In this way the Church sees itself acting in solidarity with those who stand to suffer most immediately from disinvestment, but who are nevertheless committed to the struggle for change," a press release from the B.C. Conference noted.

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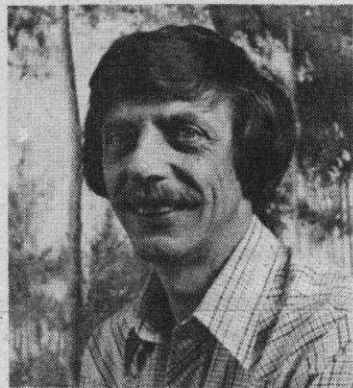
# Continuing education to offer painting, photography courses

Two newcomers to Salt Spring Island will be teaching courses with the Gulf Islands School District's continuing education department.

Colin and Helga Williams, who have moved here from Fort McMurray, Alta., will be teaching landscape painting and photography, respectively. The painting course begins in May while the photography classes start next week.

While in Fort McMurray Colin Williams was artist-in-residence at Keyano College. His wife taught photography at the same college for four years, in addition to operating a photo lab.

Before coming to Canada in 1969, the Williams lived in



**Colin Williams**

Australia where Colin taught at the National Art School for six years. Upon moving to Canada, Colin was artist-in-residence at the

Banff School of Fine Arts and also worked as a sessional instructor at the University of Calgary.

He specializes in landscape painting and his work is represented in the Australian National Collection, the Lord Beaverbrook Gallery in New Brunswick, several other public galleries and in many corporate collections around the world.

In 1974 Colin Williams was sent by the federal government to observe the Canadian peace-keeping forces in Egypt and Cyprus. The paintings he did at that time are now in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, in the Alberta government offices and at the Alberta Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.



**Helga Williams on a photographic assignment in northern Alberta.**

## Organization, planning ensure success

**BY BILL WEBSTER**

One person's discard is another's treasure often states the obvious when a garage sale is in full swing.

Garage sales have become a phenomenon of the times as recycling forgotten or seldom used items has for many people become a source of good hard cash. But just piling the stuff on the lawn won't ensure success.

To discover what can be for sale around the house, make a list and check it twice. Go through closets, basement, attic and those handy corners where something was put momentarily years ago.

Old games, toys, furniture, pictures, dishes, cameras, radios, clocks, lamps and draperies. Items kept and carried from house to house because they just might be needed. Ask yourself if the item has been used sufficiently in the past year to justify keeping it. If the answer is no, the item becomes a prime candidate for the garage sale.

### KEEP INVENTORY

Begin with cardboard boxes from a grocery store. Keep your inventory list handy. Check each item for such pertinent information as colour, brand name, size or special features and store it in the box.

Note the condition, scratches, dents, tears, missing parts or whether it is like new. If it's electrical or mechanical, check to see if it works. Price is not important at this step but if you can remember the purchase price put it down as well.

Once all items have been inventoried and the condition described, set the boxes to one side and consider price. Catalogues come in handy at this point to show the current price of items and the inventory list will help make comparisons.

Basic fundamentals which affect price are age and condition. Don't forget as you attempt to price

things that people go to garage sales for bargains. Don't overprice the market.

### SALES AIDS

Sales aids are the next consideration. Self-sticking labels aid in putting a price on each individual item. Bristol board and felt pens can be used to make signs.

You will need bags, masking tape, newspapers to wrap fragile items as well as string or twine. Save grocery bags and keep those cardboard boxes handy.

Customers will come for a specific item but will often purchase other things.

Display the items attractively on tables. You could use picnic tables, patio tables, card tables or borrowed tables.

Customers at a garage sale know they are not paying for new items but the value can be enhanced if a bit of washing, dusting and polishing were applied before the event begins. Group items which are related and if radios or toasters are up for grabs, have an electrical outlet handy to prove that they work.

While many people are hesitant about buying used clothing from the original owner, their resistance can be overcome by an enticing low price. A chain hung in a corner of the garage or between two trees allows the clothes to be hung on hangers in a pleasing display.

### ONE CHANCE

A regular store has many chances to sell a customer; at a garage sale you have one chance: make the best of it.

With all the preparations, be prepared to be disappointed if no one comes because no one knows about the sale. Advertise. Put an ad in the classified section of the newspaper. Create signs for bulletin boards. Put up posters where they are legal. Talk to people.

Most garage sales are held on a Saturday or Sunday. The best time is between 10 am and 4 pm. If all has gone well, the busiest time should be the first two hours of the sale.

To maintain good relations with neighbours, inform them in advance of what is happening. Don't panic when people begin arriving an hour before the sale is to start. And don't start the sale early just because people have shown up.

Another don't involves not being disappointed if everything doesn't sell. Whatever is left over can be sold by listing them in a classified ad. Some people look for specific articles and flea market dealers are always on the lookout for bargains.

As a final resort, the leftover items can be donated to a local charity or school for fund-raising events.

Just about anyone can hold a profitable garage sale with organization and a bit of planning.

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As required by the letters patent of the District the annual general meeting will be held for the following purposes.

- (a) to receive from the trustees a report on condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the improvement district.
- (b) to discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the improvement district.
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- (d) to elect two trustees for a term of three years.
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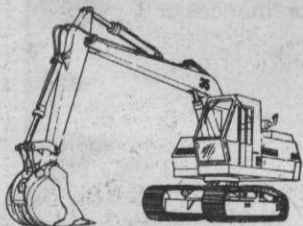
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**NATURE NOTES**

**Treefrog usually heard, not seen**

**BY KEN CAMPBELL**  
Frogs are fun. They make fascinating noises and don't eat flowers, leaves or roots. Indeed, most gardeners welcome these interesting creatures because of their unfailing appetite for insects. They don't move about very much and rarely get in the way. Of course, there is the occasional rather startling visual impact of unexpectedly discovering a resident frog peering at you when you check the pole beans or tend the petunias. It seems the most common frog on Salt Spring Island is not a "true" frog, but a treefrog - of the genus Hyla. To be precise, Hyla regilla - commonly called "Pacific Treefrog". Treefrogs are small; a big one might be two inches long. They

have pads on their toes which assist them in climbing among leaves and stems of bushes and shrubs. **HEARD, NOT SEEN** Most often, treefrogs are heard and not seen at all. The voice is a loud two-part "kreck-ek" with the accent on the second syllable. It is a frequent sound throughout the year and the tiny singer may be in any of the vines or shrubs around the yard. The Pacific treefrog has large eyes and dainty slim legs. When on leaves it has a leaf-green back with a black eye-stripe. The underside is cream-coloured. It looks remarkably like a beautiful piece of fine jewellery. Not that it is obvious; quite the contrary. It is difficult to see a leaf-size green creature among green leaves. The little treefrog seems to know

that it is almost invisible and sits motionless, convinced of your inability to spot him. If it moves to a different perch it can quickly change its colour to tan or brown so as to blend with its new surroundings. It can adjust its colour from dark to light in a few minutes. These abilities in camouflage may explain why this little fellow is so rarely seen. **RED-LEGGED FROG** The "true" frogs, of the genus Rana, are represented here by Rana aurora, the "Red-legged frog". This handsome frog is about four inches long with a reddish-brown back dotted and splotted with black. The lower abdomen and underside of the hind legs are red. The long hind legs contribute to its talent for jumping. The red-legged frog prefers

permanent ponds with cattails and other plants which provide good cover. In the spring it sings. The voice is a monotone chuckle "...uh-uh-uh-uh-rowrr" accelerating into a growl. The breeding period, and the singing, is usually restricted to a few weeks in February and March. A well-planted garden lily-pond of considerable size - and free of raccoons - is likely to attract these frogs. During the year they may move away from the water to cool, moist situations among the plants. Frogs are pleasant neighbours, even if they are a little boisterous in the spring. Still it would be nice to have a chunky, short-legged and warty toad or two as well. That's the genus Bufo - absent from Salt Spring, it seems.

**Beware!  
Icebergs  
in islands**

An icy blast is blowing yet from Ottawa. Laurie Neish reports that when the Association of Yacht Clubs asked for information on the islands the icy conditions of the west coast were cited as the justification for present procedures. Why is there no customs clearance at Bedwell Harbour during the winter months asked the association. Quick as a flash the federal government had the reply: Bedwell Harbour facilities are closed in winter owing to the ice conditions in the harbour. Says island yachtsman Neish: We should get a tax refund or something!

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**GALIANO NEWS**

# Easter service packs St. Margaret's Church

**BY BASIL AND KATHLYN BENGER**

Easter Communion was celebrated in St. Margaret's on Sunday morning. The small church was packed with worshippers, many of whom were holiday-makers enjoying Galiano for the first time.

The service was conducted by the Reverend John Dyer, assisted by Richard Bice as altar boy. The church was decorated with spring blooms including the traditional gift of Easter lilies from Victor and Gladys Zala.

Aini Haksi came from the Little Flower Shop at the North End to supervise the arranging of the beautiful displays of flowers. After the service flowers were taken to the residents of Page Drive.

## Garden Club

Last Wednesday afternoon over 30 members and guests of the Garden Club met at the intersection of Cook Road and Porlier Pass Drive. At this point they crowded into a convoy of sturdy vehicles capable of negotiating with nonchalance the ruts, gradients and potholes of the track to Race Point Lighthouse. Glimpses of forest glades dappled by shafts of sunlight, and patches of cloudless blue sky seen between green tree-tops made the journey itself one to be treasured.

At the lighthouse the first sight was of a host of golden daffodils beneath the trees swaying in the breeze. Escorted by lighthouse keepers Geoff and Renee Howard, the party wandered across an immaculate lawn on to the rocky

point jutting out into Porlier Pass on which stands the light and fog-horn.

The path was bordered by patches of blue-eyed Mary and clusters of Easter lilies waving delicately in the gentle wind. Clinging tenaciously to bare rock almost to the sea's edge were sedums, stonecrop, not yet in bloom but still beautiful with their succulent multicoloured leaves which resist drought so well.

The mechanically minded of the visitors inspected the generator and automatic fog-horn while afternoon tea in the British style was served on the lawn. Thanks are due to the Howards for providing a most enjoyable afternoon for Garden Club members.

## Mysterious Earthworks

Guarded by a wire fence and screened by trees a strange construction has appeared at Page Drive. Preliminary indications of this puzzling activity were piles of planks torn from Sturdies Bay wharf and piled near the senior citizens' residences.

The next step, carried out by Charlie Gardner and Tony Kingscote, was the extraction of several bucketfuls of large spikes.

The mystery deepened when a certain naval person joined the gang accompanied at times by a group of younger helpers. The heavy planks were manoeuvred into a complex pattern of rectangles and spiked in place.

An intrepid *Driftwood* photographer managed to

penetrate the wire perimeter and take pictures which have been sent to Peter Weis for interpretation. A *Driftwood* columnist was able later to infiltrate the conspiratorial group and obtain a copy of the plan but this made little sense.

Two of the group, George Griffiths R.N. retired and Professor Kingscote, are renowned world travellers and sailors. Is the present trouble in the Falkland Islands a mere coincidence, or were they foiled in a plan to retreat to the South Atlantic islands, and instead have been forced to dig-in on Galiano?

The fact that Charlie Gardner, who contributed much to the beginning of the enterprise, and who is a landlubber from the Prairies, has publicly dissociated himself from the project, gives credence to this speculation.

Galiano residents are warned to keep a close watch on whatever is going on at Page Drive. If some big power should develop an interest in the mysterious activity, the lives of all on Galiano might be affected.

## Nature Notes

At any time of the year the passes are scenes of great natural activity. In Active Pass a large flock of terns have been seen drift fishing in the swirling current with hundreds of cormorants and some goldeneye ducks engaged in the same occupation.

The terns, after wintering in the Strait of Magellan, are on their way to their Arctic breeding grounds. In Porlier Pass the first of the year's salmon runs is on its way coincidental with the blooming of

the pink salmonberry blossoms.

## Golf Club

Although the fine spring weather had already drawn players on to the course, the official opening of the Galiano Golf Club season took place on Saturday.

Favoured by the last day of the spell of fine weather 48 golfers crowded the nine-hole course. Playing the traditional simultaneous two-ball mixed foursome event created quite a traffic jam on tee, green and fairway.

Galiano's best blaster, Fred Robson, signalled the start of play with his shotgun. Fred was also awarded the honour of hitting the first drive to inaugurate the tournament in recognition of his work in rebuilding the first tee; an arduous undertaking involving heavy machinery and many hours of toil.

Low score for the day was made by Alec Phillips and George Stephen but first prize went to Barbara Cornwell and Jack Wright as the lowest-scoring legitimate mixed pair. Second prize was awarded to the male duo of Alec and George.

A preponderance of men had necessitated the formation of several all-male "mixed pairs". The event concluded with a luncheon prepared by the captain's wife and her helpers.

Men's captain Dr. Steve Parlee reminds the members of the men's section that their official opening will take place on Saturday next, the 17th. The 18-holers will start play at 9:30 am and the 9-holers at 10:30 am. There will be prizes and

a luncheon at the conclusion of play.

## Coming Events

### NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEETING

The Easter message of love eventually overcoming violence is particularly pertinent in our present world. All concerned citizens are urged to attend a bag-lunch meeting this Saturday at 11:30 am, at the home of Marie and Ken Hardy on Morgan Road. Cars should be parked on Morgan Road near to the drive marked Galiano Mountain Artworks.

The object of this important meeting is to decide what steps Galiano residents can take to help bring about nuclear disarmament. To illustrate some of the possible consequences and after-effects of a nuclear strike on a city Dr. Kevin Nolan will show a 30-minute film entitled *The Last Epidemic*. Mary Williamson from Salt Spring and Sandy Riley of Galiano, who have attended meetings on the mainland, will discuss what practical steps might be taken.

### BOOK SALE

Also this Saturday, between 2 and 4 pm, the Women's Auxiliary to the Fire Department will hold their monthly book sale in the South Fire Hall. Donations of paperbacks are requested.

### NORTH-END

The North Galiano Community Association will hold a work-bee this Saturday between 1 and 3 pm at the hall. Later that day at 8 pm there will be a multi-media presentation by Keith Simpson and Dave Martin of Vancouver.

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# Licence system is being computerized

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Applicants for resident hunting licences will have to present their resident hunter number card in order to obtain a licence. For those hunters who have not held a licence for several years, the application for a card can be made at a government agent's office or a regional fish and wildlife office.

The application should include either a legally obtained hunting licence or a sworn affidavit stating that the applicant has, at some time since the 14th birthday, held a valid hunting licence.

For those who have passed the government's Conservation and Outdoor Recreational Education

(CORE) program, a hunting licence can be obtained by presenting the CORE wallet card.

The CORE card certifies the prospective hunter has passed the course and contains a number corresponding to the graduate's resident hunter number.

Each hunter's number will identify the individual and will show the holder has fulfilled the legal requirements for obtaining a resident hunting licence.

The move by the ministry to computerize the hunting licence system means a saving in clerical time required to reproduce details of the hunter such as name, address and other particulars each time the hunter is involved in record keeping.

Hunters appear in ministry files on limited entry hunting lists, hunter harvest surveys, compulsory reporting forms and other paper work.

Environment Minister Stephen Rogers said, "The hunter number card will simplify the issuing of resident hunting licences for both hunter and licence issuers.

"Hunters will need only one qualifying document and licence issuers will not have to quiz each applicant to establish that he or she has fulfilled the legal requirements for obtaining a licence.

"The system will also simplify replacement of lost licences," he said.

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From Page Fourteen

Slides, music and poetry are synchronized to illustrate a particular theme.

The four topics are Yoho National Park, German Vacation, the modern cathedrals of Coventry and Guildford and Roses. As April 17 is likely to be Canada's Constitution Day the event will be marked at this meeting.

The fourth of the series of Scottish dancing lessons will be given in the hall on Monday the 19th, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The Community Association completed a very successful Modern Antiques Sale on Easter Saturday.

### SERVICE CLUB

Fresh from their efforts at their Annual Rummage Sale, the Ladies Service Club will hold their regular monthly meeting, delayed one week on account of Easter, in Page Drive Lounge at 2 pm on the afternoon of Monday, Apr. 19.

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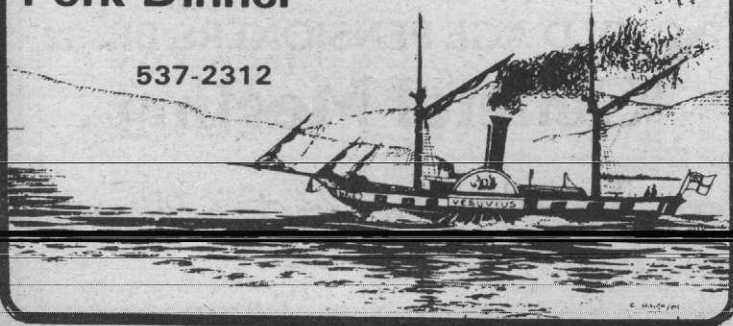
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KICK-OFF

Two days of first-class soccer last weekend



The Salt Spring Strikers took to the field at Portlock Park against Cordova Bay Saturday and the

action saw Brad Terrick chase the ball followed closely by ex-striker Tony Legg. Colin Bird, behind

Legg, heads out in anticipation of a pass.

BY MALCOLM LEGG  
The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association wound its soccer season up last weekend on a very successful note.

Although the weather did not co-operate fully the soccer our teams dished up was first-class not only in standard but also in the results achieved.

Salt Spring Sting 6  
Gordon Head 5

Saturday opened under sunny skies with a division 6 battle for the

Pete Roland Trophy. Gordon Head took the play to the Sting early in the game but the home side went ahead on Drayson Akurst's goal from a scramble.

The second half saw Gordon Head rally, notch a goal to tie the game, forcing overtime on penalty shots.

Strick Aust's squad came up strong as they converted all five shots from Chad Little, Andrew Aust, Curtis Bird, Anthony Archer and Charlie Hume, while

Mark Nordine stopped one key shot to ensure the Sting's victory.

Salt Spring Wranglers 2  
Parents 3

The Wranglers entered the tourney with no opposition to challenge for the Harry Nichols Trophy but at the last moment the Wranglers' parents decided to challenge the division 5 youngsters.

It was a close game but the parents emerged victorious on two goals from Lyle Brown and a single from Gene Scown.

Mike Brown and Todd Tamboline countered for the Wranglers.

Salt Spring Kanaka Cosmos 0  
Oak Bay 1

Once again the Cosmos' nemesis squeaked a narrow win away from our local girls' squad, and retained the Basil Cartwright Trophy. Oak Bay carried the play in the opening half and took the lead on a scramble goal.

The second half was all Cosmos as they pressed Oak Bay into their own zone but the girls could not find the back of the net.

It was a fine performance from all the girls, Joey Moger, Christie Aust, Grace Graham, Susan Box, Allison Proctor, Shanti Ford, Kirsten Luker, Suzanne Burch, Sandy Nelkin, Tara Martin and Angela Donnelly.

Salt Spring Strikers 0  
Cordova Bay 6

It had to happen eventually as the Strikers finally lost their hold on the Stan Wagg Trophy to a very fine Cordova Bay team.

The match was a tough one as Cordova Bay is a 4A team while the Strikers are a 4B, but the local side put on a gutsy showing against their stronger opponents.

Salt Spring Kicks 2  
Juan de Fuca 0

The Kicks came up with a solid two-way game to win back the Captain Drummond Trophy which Juan de Fuca had won last year.

In a very physical match the Kicks received goals from Chris and Paul Cottrell, sturdy defence from Andrew Hoeller, Lyle Brown and Bruce Caspar, and stand-out goal-keeping from Ken Marr. A great way to end their season.

Salt Spring Orange 2  
Salt Spring Canadians 1

The reunion game featured players from two of our graduated teams for the Lorne Black Memorial Trophy and although both sides were short-handed they came up with some excellent soccer.

The Canadians were strong favourites due to their youth but the first half was played very evenly due to the Orange countering with sharp passing.

Early in the second-half Dave Toynbee gave the Canadians the lead that looked to be all they would need.

The Orange rallied and Jay Bourdin forced the game into overtime where it was all Orange as after two minutes Dave Woodley notched the winner. Next year the Canadians promise revenge.

Intra-island Senior Stars 3  
Parents 1

Sunday's first match was played in drizzle, reducing both squads to a minimum number of players but it did not reduce their enthusiasm. It was a great match for the Senior Stars as Joey Moger, Corbin Scott and Darcy Kirkpatrick led them to a Gold Cup victory over the Parents' team.

Wendy Scott scored the Parents' lone goal but Wendy, Jean Davis and Susan Kirkpatrick could have scored a lot more except for a solid Stars defence.

Salt Spring Sockeyes 3  
Camosun College 1

The Sockeyes returned to tourney play trying to win the Des Crofton Trophy against the challenge of Camosun College.

The first half was slow and methodical as neither side could

muster much attack.

In the second half Camosun went up 1-0 and the Sockeyes looked to be in trouble but the team rallied and behind two goals from Colleen Childs and a single from Shauneen Spence the trophy was theirs.

Intra-Island Junior Stars 2  
Kanaka Cosmos 3

The Cosmos only had four players in Joey Moger, Christie Aust, Allison Proctor and Suzanne Burch against the full seven on the Stars' team but they hung on to win the Silver Cup in an exciting match.

Joey, Christie and Allison scored their goals to ensure the win with Rod Brownsword and Jeffrey Neilson scoring for the Stars.

Salt Spring United 7  
Duncan 0

Duncan were heavily favoured due to being District Cup champions and also due to the United's long lay-off. With the Ed Lumley Trophy on the line the United rose to the occasion to play their finest match of the season.

Chris Cottrell scored five, an amazing feat, Paul Cottrell and Dave Toynbee had singles, but of more importance was the fact that for Chris, Dave, Alan Webb and Kevin Kline it was their last game of youth soccer as they graduate this year.

It was a fitting farewell game for them and a wonderful performance for the whole team and their supporters. Look out next year, Victoria.

Salt Spring Executives 3  
Salt Spring Kicks 2

The tourney's last game was the classic executive challenge match for the Presidents Trophy. The Kicks started fast and soon were up 1-0 on John Howell's goal and could have gone further up but for Ken Marr's stout goal-keeping.

Slowly the Executives rallied and goals from Stuart Lyon and Ed Davies had them thinking of the trophy. Unfortunately, Paul Cottrell's late goal forced overtime, something the Execs feared due to their stamina.

Little time was wasted as Alan Goad quickly retained the Trophy for the Execs with a well-placed shot.

All in all it was a great weekend of soccer for the players, teams and spectators. Our showcase featured many good games and a lot of quality soccer, but more importantly promoted sportsmanship and fun in the game.

With a tourney like this there are many to thank for their support: the referees for the excellent officiating, Strick Aust for helping to run the tourney, the concession crew of Becky Legg, Norman Forsyth, Joey Moger, Christie Aust and Margo Caspar for serving lots of goodies and all our members for working to make the tourney a success on the field.

Our next event is the banquet, which is at 6 pm Friday, Apr. 23 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium.

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# Ringer helps Seniors to win

BY ED DAVIS

The Salt Spring Wranglers wrapped up the regular season this past weekend in a fun-filled game that saw the boys take on a team made up of their fathers and an assortment of brothers and sisters.

While it was quite a mismatch in size, the Wranglers more than gave the Wranglers Seniors a run for their effort. In the end it was one of the Seniors' ringer imports, Lyle Brown Jr., who made the difference and helped the fathers to a 3 to 2 victory.

The weekend before last the Wranglers travelled to Lambrick Park in Victoria to meet the Lansdowne Spitfires in the final cup game of the season. While the boys did not come away with the cup they put up one fine effort.

We opened up the scoring early and held them to a 1 to 1 tie for most of the game. Midway into the second half Lansdowne opened up with several sustained drives, utilizing one of their key play makers whom the Wranglers have nicknamed Goliath, which finally resulted in the go-ahead goal. Final score: Lansdowne 3, Wranglers 1.

With the soccer season all but wrapped except for the banquet on the 23rd of April I would like to

thank the Wranglers' manager, Mrs. Karen Archer. Good managers are hard to come by, and the job of looking after phoning, organizing car pools and the many trivial matters that come up in running a team of this size require a person who cares.

This year's team consisted of the following boys and their usual positions.

Forewards: Jason Bush, Robert Calkins, Chad Davis, Bradley Davies, Jason Minvielle, David McWhirter, Tim Owen Evens, Ryan Stewart and Michael Brown. Halfbacks: Reynard Graham, Sean Althouse and Troy Logan. Fullbacks: Anthony Archer, Aaron Lawrence, Robbie Shephard and Alfie Shephard. Goalkeeper: Mason Scown.

## Sockeyes down Camosun

BY MERVYN SCOBLE

On Sunday at Portlock Park a weakened Sockeyes squad defeated Camosun College 3 to 1 in tournament play. Salt Spring started the game with only nine players but Camosun, for their part, could only muster eight.

The Sockeyes, as usual, dominated play from the start but as they had left their shooting boots at home were unable to convert their territorial advantage. There were, however, several near misses and they were unlucky when a blistering drive from Teresa Byron scraped the bar.

Salt Spring's regular goaltender, Jan Hull, was unable to perform between the posts because of an injured finger and her duties in the opening period were shared by Shauneen Spence and Sue Spencer who handled less than half a dozen shots.

At the half Shauneen and Sue assumed their regular positions, bolstering the offence and defence respectively. Alison Althouse proved the value of a true team player and took over in goal, a position she had never previously played.

The students went ahead in the 50th minute but from then on Alison handled everything that came her way. The goal proved to be a tonic to the Sockeyes who stormed back with goals from Colleen Childs (2) and Shauneen Spence.

Jan Polowski, moved back to defence, performed superbly and, with strong efforts from Brenda Akerman, Shauneen, Teresa and Jan Hull, the Sockeyes were too much for their Division 3 "superiors".

In the end the Sockeyes were worthy of the label, champions.

## GOLFING NEWS

# Marie Hopkins victor in Brooks Cup play

BY PAT DOHERTY

There was no news from the nine-hole ladies at the Salt Spring Golf Club this week, but the 18-hole ladies were out in force to play for the Brooks Cup. After all the firing was over it was a tie between Connie Hardy and Marie Hopkins with net 67's. In a subsequent playoff Marie was the victor. Anne Monro and Betty Harrison came in with net 68's. The pot putt was won by Connie with 24 putts.

On April 7 Barb Maguire, Mildred Mitchell and Charlotte Cooper attended a rules workshop at Victoria, conducted by Margaret Todd. One of the interesting points they got straightened out was one that has been confusing some of our lady golfers for years, shotgun starts on nine-hole courses.

In the men's section it appears that number 2 hole is getting to be too easy for some of the members. Mac Mouat pulled off the "hole-in-one" caper last week. Luckily he had taken out hole-in-one insurance at the Pro Shop. Congratulations Mac, what took

you so long?

The ladies are having their big third annual invitational on May 6 and 7, and there is a sheet on the notice board asking for anyone who is available to act as spotters. This is a most important duty in keeping the play moving smoothly, and if you are free the ladies would love to have you.

It is interesting to note from the fixture list that the men are all washed up and finished for the season by August, while the gentler sex carry on into late October.

## Bridge Winners

Bridge winners on April 5 at Ganges were:

North-South: first, Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop; second, Lorna and Peter Pentz; third, Marion Ashmore and Hilda Orchard.

East-West: first, May Whiten and Margaret Ellison; second, Taddy and Phil Tindle; third, Don Nemeth and Norm McConnell.

Tuesday evening winners: first, Lorna and Peter Pentz; second, Helen Shandro and Marion Ashmore; third, Shirley Love and Fred Struve; fourth, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton.



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Building Inspectors for the Gulf Islands may be contacted at the following locations:

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# What can you do with 30 large, heavy rocks?

We were living in the city at the time we came into these rocks — about 30 of them, large and heavy.

We could not put them into the garbage cans, the garbage men would not have liked that at all. And it was a long way to the dump and only two of them would fit into the trunk at a time.

So we decided to have a rock garden. It turned out to be one of my life's most beautiful pleasures.

First we arranged them with much delight. It was so exciting to build a mountain range. There were two major peaks with a broad plateau descending into a vast valley. There were three minor valleys leading to the flatlands below.

The whole was rent with several canyons with ravines radiating from them in several directions. There were massive boulders strewn on crooked gravel slopes.

Bits of wood stuck out here and there as if some awesome earthquake had torn a massive mountain tree and left it sticking out of a pile of rubble like so much match wood.

### GATHERED MOSS

Then we gathered some really fine-textured moss and tucked it into the valleys or ravines, in behind rocks and at the feet of tall cliffs.

A bit of a dry twig on a bed of moss became evidence of a mighty tree carelessly tossed about by massive forces.

We could have left it at that. Just stone, moss and gravel. It was beautiful. But then I discovered hens and chicks, or sempervivums, also woolly thyme, and above all, creeping thyme, or mother of thyme.

It has the most delightful tiny leaves and the tiniest light red blossoms. The whole thing grows no more than one quarter of an inch high in a dense mass and sends out these deliciously curving star-shaped tendrils over flat, barren rock.

### ABOUT 30

I discovered about 30 varieties of hens and chicks, green ones, red ones, purplish ones, big ones, little ones and tiny ones. All fill the spaces between rocks so completely naturally with their great variety of size and shape.

And then there are the saxifrages. There must be an equal or greater number of varieties from the small to the tiniest leaf-shapes. They all make dense, flat patterns of shaped clusters, fitting snugly between the rock and pulling it all together.

In the valley we planted a carpet of arabis and aubretia, looking for all the world like an exotic evergreen forest.

All it lacked was some kind of tree, and joy oh joy, we found one in the chamaecyparis obtusa nana gracilis. A formidable name for the most graceful of all dwarf hinoki

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS  
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

cypresses.

It has the most elegantly twisted flattened sprays of leaves one could hope for. It grows to a height of three feet in 60 years. Very similar but smaller and denser is chamaecyparis obtusa "kosteri" and most unusual is the club-moss cypress of the same lineage.

### ONLY THE BEGINNING

This is only the beginning of the possibilities for planting and arranging a rock garden. There are many more ways and plants, including the "edelweiss" of legend and other alpine natives.

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Some of the most sensitive alpinines will only grow in "scree", rock chips with a bit of scattered organic material among the stoney debris.

But all my favourites mentioned here will be very happy in a mix of good, rich soil and grit, half soil and half fine, sharp grit. Good, high organic content soil for food, grit for sharp drainage and lots of sun to bask in.

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And when one is perched precariously over a mountain range with one foot over a vast valley picking out the odd tiny weed, one cannot help but become aware of a more cosmic perspective.

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Chetwynd said it costs Hydro about \$750 to replace a pole which can be protected from fire by a little forethought.

"All a person has to do is clear the grass away from the base of a pole for a radius of about one metre and dampen the area before setting the fire," he said.

A careful check should be made to ensure that the fire won't spread to adjacent properties where poles may be located. The fire should not be left unattended.

In the past, grass fires have damaged power poles on several occasions. In one incident a line of poles caught fire beside a highway.

"We almost had a line come down right on the road, which would have been a very dangerous situation," said Chetwynd.

Another problem occurs when people attach fences and signs to power poles. This practice creates safety hazards for linemen who must use the poles to repair powerlines.

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**Season almost over**

# Trail is growing cold

**BY ARNOLD APATHETIC**

Woe is me — what a disaster! Your erstwhile scribe through various and sundry means has managed to miss both last week's games against the Saints and the tournament in Summerland this past weekend.

Not much need be said about the Saints game — in fact the less said the better — the Slugs are certainly "peaking" for their upcoming tournaments.

More like peaking — from the dressing room — as the Saints scored at will.

As for the Summerland tournament — let's just say that the Slugs played their "normal" game. The fact that they were classified as comedy material was in keeping with their performances



## The Slug trail

in this tournament the last two years. One of these years though, we're going to stack our team like all the others do, and actually win the whole thing. The only problem

is — who can we stack it with?

Anyway, this weekend is it. Our grand finale — the first annual Slug Springtime Slush tourney — with teams from Gold River, Courtenay, Victoria and Duncan (pretty global, eh?). Then we're done for another year.

As is always the case, the games this weekend will be free to all "fans" as we try to express our thanks for your tremendous support this past year (thanks Webster, thanks letters-to-the-editor writers) etc., etc.

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## DOWN THE GUTTER

# Spring leagues run for eight weeks

**BY KEN COLLINS**

Spring leagues will be commencing as of May 4 and 5. There will be two separate nights of bowling, one on a Tuesday and one on a Wednesday. Both will commence at 8 pm. The leagues will run for eight weeks.

If you would like to enter a team be sure to leave your name and

phone number at the bowling alley.

Three of our bowlers made it to the zone roll-offs for the Canada Winter Games. They are Marvin Foerster, Steve Martens and Steven Marleau.

Here are the better scores of the past week: Terry Jenkins, 727-798-899; Carol Kaye, 733; Mick

(Sausage) Jones, 712; Gene Graham, 719-737; Carol Corcoran, 882; Denis Corcoran, 736; and this writer with 798.

We had 300 games from Terry Jenkins, 311-316; Cy Beech, 305; and Carol Corcoran, 380.

The bowlers of the week were Carol Corcoran and Terry Jenkins. For the Golden-Agers it was Margo Robinson and Gene Graham.

### Tip of the Week

Always bowl across alley to pick up those corner spares, never down the sides.

# Club hears how to grow vegetables year-round

**BY OPTOMIST**

At the Salt Spring Island Garden Club's March meeting members were entertained with an unusual subject. Eva Temmel told not only how vegetables can be grown most of the year but the best way to cook the more rare varieties.

Following the talk members were invited to taste a delicious salad of eggs, ham and cress, and a salad vegetable named Corn Salad.

A very informative workshop on dahlias held by Bill Hoopfer should help those who attended with dahlia growing.

On April 19 from 10 am to noon, a workshop will be held in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Shank. It should be a treat for all

lovers of alpine and woodland gardening. Anyone with difficult rocky areas on their property should get some good ideas of what can be grown in these situations.

The regular monthly meeting on April 21 at 8 pm will feature Cedric Myers from Honeymoon Bay on Vancouver Island, a well known gardener and a specialist in rhododendrons and azaleas. The talk will be illustrated with slides.

Thursday, Apr. 22 at 1 pm will see our spring plant sale and flower show at St. George's Hall. Come early for the best selection.

How about showing your best blooms? There is no entry fee or admission. Please donate any spare plants for this fund-raising sale.



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