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## Who was the mysterious bicyclist?

The driver insists that the accident occurred on August 8, but RCMP cannot find the boy who was involved.

W. Bacon, of Salt Spring, was driving his car near the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges roads when a boy on a bicycle wobbled to the side of the vehicle.

The lad was apparently shaken up but left the scene of the accident quickly. At least two other people saw the incident and confirmed Bacon's story to police.

The RCMP have been checking on the boy but have not been able to find him.

## It's the 58th fair

# Mayne Fall Fair Saturday

BY FRED DODDS

Mayne Island Fall Fair will be staged on Saturday, Aug. 20.

It is 58 years since Mayne Island held its first fall fair and in those 58 years the island has built quite a reputation for its fall fairs.

More islanders than usual are preparing their entries for this year's fair.

The fall fair is, perhaps, the island's greatest effort of all community projects and many have been working on fair projects for many months. In addition, the work of many entrants has taken a great deal of time and effort. Flowers,

Gladiolus come in a variety of forms and Dorothy James listens as Bill Kempster of Victoria explains his blooms. Kempster was awarded the grand champion ribbon for his

display of glads including a double-flowered variety. The flowers formed part of the Summer Flower Festival in Fulford Hall held by the Salt Spring Garden Club.

## Flowers and growers at Fulford

The grand aggregate winner at the weekend's Salt Spring Island Garden Club summer flower festival was Mrs. Freda Carter. Prize for the Best Exhibit went to I.C. Shank of Churchill Rd.

Ken Lee won the Champion Dahlia Blooms with his Kids Climax, and Bill Kempster won the Champion Gladiolus prize with Vicki Lyn.

Best in cut flowers was I. C. Shank with the Lily Auratum and best floral art prize went to F. M. Wood.

Visiting exhibitors from Victoria took most of the ribbons for the

gladiolus and dahlias but in all other classes the Salt Spring Island flower gardeners came away with the honours.

## School board concerns to be aired Wednesday

The Gulf Islands school board meets Wednesday of this week to discuss items of importance as well as other things.

The school trustees from the various islands will talk about the use of school facilities by the public and why the users will be charged a minimal fee.

exhibits in the hall, and have had a cup of tea with our senior citizens, walk over the road and go through our museum. There have been many changes this year and more interesting exhibits to view, and if you have the time read some of the stories about Mayne oldtimers that are now available in easy-to-read book form.

### COLOURED BROCHURES

The museum still has a few very interesting coloured brochures of Mayne Island in the 1920's that were put out to sell a proposed large building program. All Mayne Islanders should have one of these to show their friends.

## Hovermarine is here

# Two daily round trips

Hovermarine service will begin in the Gulf Islands next week.

The 84-seat Vosper Hovermarine, operated by Sea Speed Transport Canada Ltd., will make stops at all the major Gulf Islands as well as Sidney.

The service will begin on Monday, through Friday.

Ports of call and departure times are as follows:

Ganges, 7 am; Port Washington, 7:20; Sidney, 7:50; Lyall Harbour, 8:25; Miners Bay, 8:45; Sturdies Bay, 8:55; Ganges, 9:20; Port

Washington, 9:40; Sidney, 10:10; Port Washington, 10:35; arrive at Ganges, 10:55.

The vessel will remain at Ganges for 3½ hours before beginning the afternoon schedule:

### AFTERNOONS

Leave Ganges, 2:35; Port Washington, 2:55; Sidney, 3:25; Port Washington, 3:50; Ganges, 4:10; Sturdies Bay, 4:35; Miners Bay, 4:45; Lyall Harbour, 5:05; Sidney, 5:45; Port Washington, 6:10; arrive at Ganges, 6:30.

One-way fares, between any two points, are: adults, \$2; children aged five to 11, \$1; and children under five, free.

Weekend schedule will be announced in an advertisement next week.

The Hovermarine, described as a surface effect vessel, cruises at 34 knots and is run by a two-member crew.

## Alarm called by youngster at Mouat Park

The fire in Mouat Park was burning nicely last Saturday until the boy sounded the alarm.

Aaron McCarthy, 9, saw the flames and ran to find the park ranger. The Salt Spring volunteer firefighters arrived and put the fire out. It had burned about 36 square metres (400 sq. ft.) of the park by the time it was extinguished.

Fire Chief Bob Leask said a careless smoker could have been responsible for the bush fire. It had started in the brush along a trail away from the camp sites.

## Fire hazard is high on Salt Spring

The fire hazard on Salt Spring Island stands at high and open fires are prohibited.

Fire chief Bob Leask warns islanders and visitors to be careful with fire while the current situation exists. He asked that care with campfires and cigarettes be exercised.

The use of incinerators is allowed before 9 am and the fire chief suggests that the flames be watched closely until the material is burned.

No open fires such as for the burning of slash will be permitted until the situation eases.

## There are two kinds

A re-definition of watershed areas will be investigated by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to ensure that they are appropriately identified.

The re-definition comes as a result of the Islands Trust modification of minimum lot sizes for property lying in watershed areas. The minimum lot size was changed from seven to 12 hectares recently.

Currently, there are two kinds of watershed areas. Watershed areas include a drainage basin from which water can travel to a potable or non-potable water source, namely, a lake. These areas include Maxwell, St. Mary and Stowell Lake.

The second kind of watershed is land which holds ground water that is used as well-water. Properties that include this kind of watershed include many acres.



Lisa Stafford in prize-winning photo

## Photographer wins twice in national contest

Driftwood photographer Alice Richards has been named the winner of two prizes in a national photo competition.

She won first prize, a Pentax 35 mm camera with flash and carrying

### Sheepskin deed

Joe Moulton purchased a property in eastern Canada and his title deed proves it.

A copy of the deed arrived at the Driftwood office recently, made out in the reign of King George IV, of the United Kingdom, by the Grace of God.

Written on parchment of sheepskin, the deed refers to Lot No. 7 on the Sixth Concession.

The Joseph Moulton acquiring the property is not living on the islands. But his descendants are. Stan Moulton, of Fulford, is the owner of the old document.

case, with a photo showing young Lisa Stafford of Salt Spring Island holding a parachute, which appeared on Page 1 in the May 25 issue of Driftwood.

Presentation of the camera is to take place at Ganges later this summer.

The entry chosen for second prize, which appeared in Driftwood May 18, showed Salt Spring youngster Patrick Hayes playing baseball.

Prize for that entry was \$100 worth of sportswear.

More than 35 photographers submitted nearly 150 photographs in the contest, sponsored by the Canadian Parks, Recreation Association.

## Saturday lecture

# Californian to speak on sewage

A California community solved its septic disposal problems and a public meeting in Ganges, Saturday, will shed light on how it was done.

The Ganges Citizens' Committee has invited Jack Burnham to the island from Stinson Beach, California to tell how that community got around the high costs involved in sewage disposal.

The meeting will be held in the activity centre at the Salt Spring

Elementary School and begins at 11 am. Burnham will talk about the waste management district set up in Stinson Beach as well as other matters involved in the solution.

Stinson Beach faced problems similar to the situation in Ganges. The village was told to clean up its septic act and when a sewer system with a \$9 million price tag was suggested, residents balked at the cost.

The solution adopted was on-site

disposal systems with cluster systems to serve properties when on-site disposal was not feasible.

### MOVIE SHOW

Also part of the meeting will be a film presentation of various methods of solving septic disposal problems.

Burnham arrives on Salt Spring on Friday and will spend the evening with members of the citizens' committee and guests. The group will hold a potluck supper in the Catholic Church hall as a means of getting acquainted with Burnham.

Saturday morning meeting will allow islanders the opportunity to listen to and question the California visitor.

He moves on to the Western Communities of the Capital Regional District to talk to more people there before returning to California on Monday.

## Visitors enjoy Market

Tourists come to Ganges and find the Saturday morning Farmers' Market an enjoyable attraction.

Driftwood went to the market last Saturday to talk to visitors about the event, and the results of the unofficial survey showed unanimous praise for the market.

Robby Filer came to Salt Spring for a visit from her home in Hythe, Kent, England. She had heard about the market before she came and on Saturday her comments were to the point.

"Great," she said. "It's lovely." Her home town in Kent does not have such an attraction, she added.

Roderick Filer of Vancouver was escorting his mother about the market. He thought the market was "nicely done and nicely run" although he did express disappointment that more fruit and such were not available.

### IT WAS A MUST

Merv and Pam Fedoruk, of Vancouver, also enjoyed the experience. They were told on arrival to Salt Spring that the market was a must on their schedule. She was enthusiastic about what she saw but one thing concerned her. The pair arrived too late to buy fresh corn.

He said, "I think this is an exciting idea." An aspect of the market which he appreciated was the fresh vegetables, despite the lack of corn.

Ron and Deborah Hamilton visited Salt Spring from Vancouver. Saturday marked their first visit to the Farmers' Market. Both visitors approved of the activities.

### SHOWS UP LOCALS

"It's fine," he said. "It gives us an idea of what the locals are doing."

The market also gave tourists something to do and see, he said.

She appreciated the friendly atmosphere and enjoyed the

opportunity to mingle with and meet people.

Peter Jansen came from Victoria on his boat and has attended the Farmers' Market for many years.

"It's quite interesting," he told Driftwood.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 ...that people who eat more fish are better listeners?

**EAT MORE FISH**

To Be  
**Frank**  
 by richards



**Sea Marks is back**

Gardner McKay's Sea Marks is coming to the Bellry Theatre, in Victoria. The play is familiar to many Salt Spring Island theatregoers who took part in its premiere in Fulford Hall several years ago. Sea Marks was the first play to be brought to the island by Stuart Margolin in his summer theatre project. Starring in the love story of the Irish fisherman were Margot Kidder and Joshua Bryant.

**He wants a saga**

Who has a spare copy of Salt Spring Saga? The island history written by Eric Roberts and published by *Driftwood* 20 years ago is now out of print. But the president of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society, Gordon Brown is in need of a copy. If any reader has a spare or knows where one might be acquired, he'd welcome a call to Driftwood.

**And no pictures?**

The historical society also sounded a call several weeks ago for any old island negatives. The society would like to borrow old negatives to have them printed off, thereby keeping historical pictures alive. The negatives would be returned to the owners. There has been little response, but if any reader has old negatives or knows where they might be found, the society will be grateful. Call me at *Driftwood*.

**The passing of an old friend and mentor**

While I was away on holiday one of my oldest friends, and the fellow who introduced me to the newspaper business, died after an illness of many years. Clair Rivers was publisher of the Sidney Review from 1949 for 20 years. Shortly after he took over the paper I went to work for him and stayed with him for 17 years.

A veteran of the Canadian Artillery, he came out of the army with a captaincy and a wound that would plague him the rest of his life. Before the war he was a reporter with the Lethbridge Herald, his native city, where his father was a teacher.

After the war he returned to Alberta to take the news editor's chair. He found the daily pace too severe and looked for a weekly paper.

In the final choice, he looked to Sidney in preference to Salmon Arm, acquiring the business from Fred C. Ford. A man with a bubbling sense of humour, he would forget almost anything to work a gag on his staff or anyone in town. He had a vocabulary of cliches of his own. An Englishman "as British as Dunlop" was always "Old Cock," the ancient English cant term for a friend.

If a nut and bolt was too tight to loosen up, "the Almighty couldn't shift it with a sledgehammer."

He was a tough taskmaster and he would never settle for second best. But he would spend hours explaining the shortcoming of a story or a submission and his patience was unlimited.

He was murder on phone calls, "Write it; write it!" And he couldn't tolerate photography. Those were the days when photographs cost money. The big papers ran a few and the small papers none at all.

In the 20 years he was at Sidney he started and sold two weekly newspapers. I started as a reporter and left as editor.

**ENJOYED THOSE YEARS**

I enjoyed the years I spent with him.

I fought him bitterly when I disagreed with him and I never knew him resentful of it.

Getting a raise was like drawing teeth from a chicken. But after 17 years I had enough to be thankful for.

I visited Rivers in hospital several days before his death and he was joking about the Liberals and the next federal election while explaining that his days were numbered to but a half-dozen.

A life-long Methodist, he went without any ministrations.

His story of his attachment to the church of his fathers was typical of his irreverent manner.

**BACK HOME AFTER INJURIES**

He was wounded in France and was ultimately repatriated. He lugged his baggage to the gangplank when the NCO in charge ticked him off the list: "Capt. J.S. Rivers, yes. United Church."

"Methodist," said Rivers.

"That's United Church, sir," explained the sergeant, patiently.

"It's Methodist," said Rivers. He put down his bag and baggage and sat on them.

"I enlisted as a Methodist," he chided the NCO. "I was commissioned as a Methodist. I embarked for Europe as a Methodist and I landed as a Methodist. I was wounded in Germany as a Methodist and I was repatriated as a Methodist. Now, I'm damned if I'm going to leave this ship as anything but a Methodist."

And he didn't.

They changed the rules for the only Methodist left in the Canadian army.

That's why I liked Rivers. He was never lost for words and he could always make them funny.

**AN HONEST MAN**

When he went to the Liberal convention which nominated Pierre Elliott Trudeau, he came among the delegates in his dressing gown, carrying a lamp. He explained to any who questioned him that he was looking for an honest man.

And, withal, he was a first-class journalist. He would scowl if he could read that sentence because he loathed the term.

I owe him a lot. He showed me how to relate the incidents of the day and the mechanics of applying ink to paper. It was a long apprenticeship and I shall miss him.

As our mutual island friend Walter Hunt-Sowrey would have written, *May he rest in Peace.*

**Salt Spring Committee**

**Transportation survey is abridged**

BY BILL WEBSTER

Salt Spring residents were asked 15 questions about ferry service earlier this year but only five of the answers were passed on to the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

The questions had been asked of islanders in a random survey during May and June and the results were fed into a University of Victoria computer for tabulation. Members of the Salt Spring transportation committee met with officials of the boat company and the provincial government last week to present the results of the survey.

They met Stuart Hodgson, chairman of the ferry corporation, as well as local MLA Hugh Curtis and Alex Fraser, minister of transportation and highways.

**DIFFERENT WORDING**

The wording of the results of the survey given to the government officials differed from the wording of the questions on the survey itself. Bev Unger, chairman of the island transportation committee, said the wording of the government presentation was essentially the same as the survey, but in a simplified form.

The questions on the survey had been worded to explain the problems of ferry service but had not been set up to solicit a specific response, she said.

The results given to the government were listed in order of priority with percentages of those surveyed who favoured the items.

The first result handed the government read: "Transfer from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour at no extra cost over the Tsawwassen to Long Harbour fare." The question was favoured by 77.1% of those people who answered.

However, on the actual questionnaire, the question was worded:

"Some residents find it hard to make the Tsawwassen-Long Harbour ferry and are forced into long waits at Tsawwassen. If you could get from Tsawwassen to Fulford via Swartz Bay at the same cost would you utilize this run?"

**CO-ORDINATION**

Another example can be found in the following result as put forward by the committee. The government officials read: "Co-ordination of the Fulford-Swartz Bay and Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen sailings." 72.1% of those who answered thought that to be a good idea.

On the survey, the question was in two parts, not one and was also a portion of a four-part question.

It read, on the survey: "Would you like to see, a) ferry schedules adjusted to co-ordinate timing of Swartz Bay arrival departures? The question was followed by two choices: Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay adjustment; Fulford-Swartz Bay adjustment.

Each choice offered a response of yes, no, or no opinion. The computer managed to correlate the results of both choices into a single percentage answer.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Also on the presentation to the ferry corporation was a policy statement which was not dealt with on the questionnaire.

It reads: "The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee is unanimous in the following policy statement:

"That the residents of Salt Spring Island strongly recommend that the vessel serving the Tsawwassen to Long Harbour run remain domiciled on Salt Spring Island.

The matter apparently came out of a rumour that if the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay-Fulford connection was made and proved successful, the Long Harbour run could be axed to save money.

Approximately 130 people responded to the survey and other results given to the boat company are listed below.

The results show that 66.1% thought a late night weekend sailing between Fulford and Swartz Bay in exchange for early morning sailings at 6:40 and 7:20 am on the weekend would be a good idea.

**BOOKS OF TICKETS**

Books of 10 tickets with no expiry date met favour of 61% of those who answered the survey.

Another result from the survey showed that 72% of those who

answered wanted the department of highways to take over the Vesuvius-Crofton route with sailings from 7 am until 9 pm each day.

The survey asked about the department of highways taking over the Gulf Islands ferries in two ways. The Vesuvius-Crofton run took one question while a second question asked if the department of highways should take over the entire system for the islands.

The transportation committee did not include the results of that question in their submission to the government.

Also missing from the submission were results of questions about the co-ordination of foot passenger service and bus schedules. The questionnaire contained a question about the use of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry if the times were extended to 9 pm. No mention of the results were in the submission to the ferry corporation.

The memorandum handed to Hodgson concluded, "It is felt that these recommendations should be addressed by the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the ministry of highways in their plans to meet the needs of Salt Spring Island residents."

Arvid Chalmers, a member of the transportation committee, told *Driftwood* that the meeting with the ferry officials and the two cabinet ministers lasted close to two hours but no positive response had resulted.

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## There was a fire

There was a fire. And there was a nine-year-old Ganges boy. On Saturday when a fire broke out in Mouat Park it was seen almost immediately by Aaron McCarthy. The boy ran until he found the park ranger and reported the fire. The alarm was raised and the firemen put out the fire without incident.

Had Aaron not been around or had he ignored the blaze and gone his merry way there is no limit to the amount of damage that could have been caused.

## A fine record

The largest ferry fleet in the world is operated by the British Columbia government.

The British Columbia Ferry Corporation is big. The ferry corporation has operated for better than two decades and it has operated the islands ferries for nearly 20 years.

Millions of travellers to the islands every year have used this service since it was acquired from the islands corporation which formerly owned it.

More millions have travelled through the islands between the capital city and the big city of British Columbia.

In those years two ferries have ground to a halt on Galiano rocks; one has been stopped violently in a collision with the only loss of life, and there have been minor incidents when a ferry has touched a rock or a barrier without ill effect. The most recent and to Salt Spring Island the most devastating incident was the collision last week of the Vesuvius ferry with the dock.

The record speaks out for the ferry service beyond any commendation which might be written. B.C. Ferry Corporation can take pride in maintaining a service which stands out in efficiency and cleanliness and which has established a history of getting its passengers through some very tricky passages among these islands fast and safely.

It is a fine record.

## The concern is above politics

Island people have been aware of the threat of nuclear war for many years. The international concern over nuclear armaments has nowhere gained the impetus felt in the islands. Indeed, the proposed caravan to Ottawa in opposition to nuclear armaments was conceived on Salt Spring Island.

On August 6 there were public ceremonies in various island communities marking the anniversary of the first atomic bombs to be used in warfare, at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

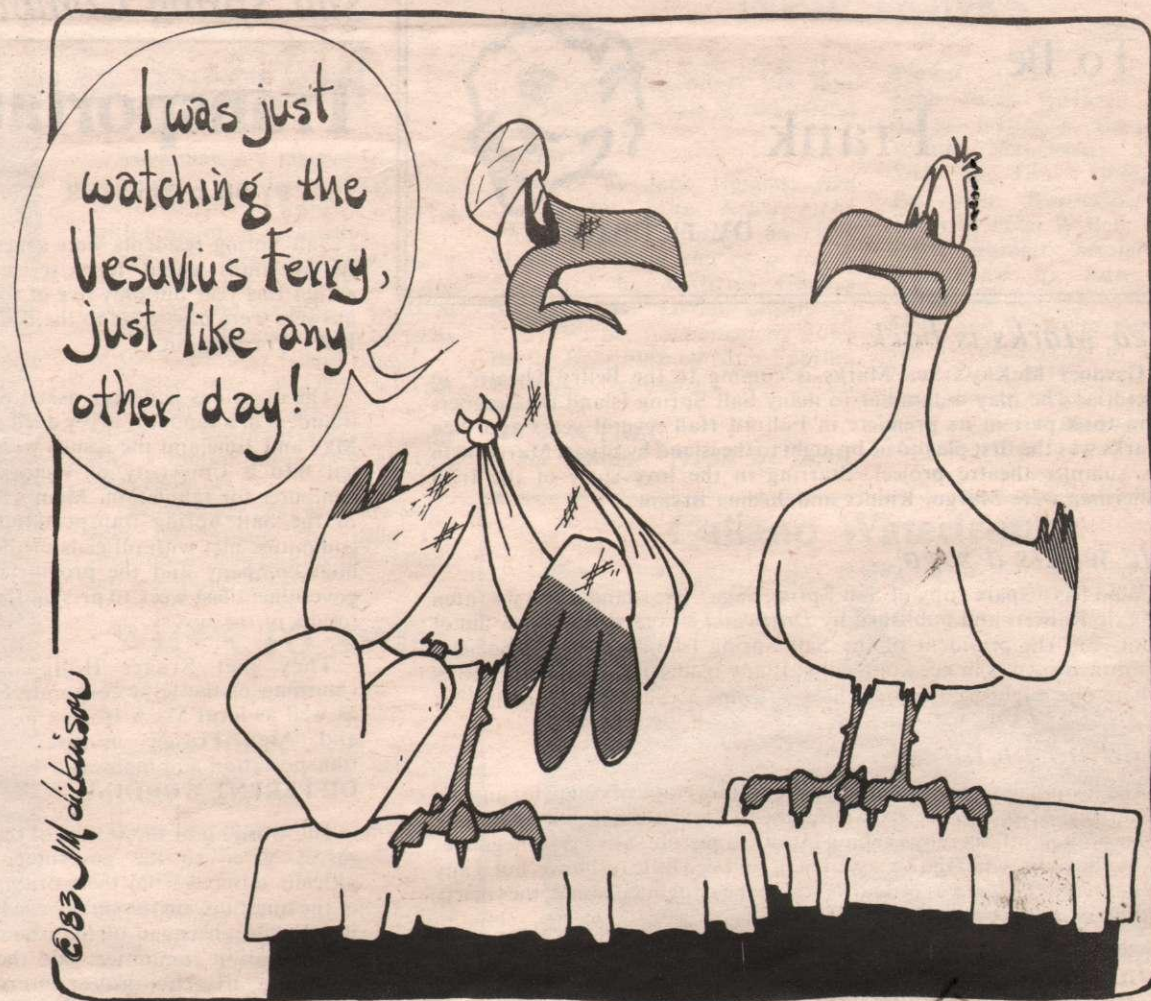
There is, here, an earnest concern for the future of mankind and a great fear that the powerful nations of the world will destroy all life on this planet in their quest for power and for ascendancy over rival philosophies.

This concern for the future of mankind is shared by many people of widely disparate philosophies and some of the comments made on their behalf are accomplishing less than was intended.

A concerned writer last week submitted a letter to *Driftwood* expressing her views on nuclear armament. She was indignant with the national government in Ottawa and accused various ministers of dishonesty in their defence of their actions.

If nuclear protest is to be identified as merely partisan political propaganda, then its purpose is lost. If nuclear protesters are to draw their support from only specified political factions their campaign is without force and without reality.

A protest of this nature must transcend political bounds and boundaries.



## City writer irate

# Ferry deficit higher than bus loss

BY FRANK RICHARDS

I am an islander.  
I love my isolation.  
I hate strangers.  
I hold mainlanders in contempt.  
I never cease holding out my hat for handouts.

My hat remains empty.  
I didn't know I was like that. I didn't know that all islanders look that way to any jaundiced British Columbian non-islander.

I wouldn't have known if it hadn't been for Jim Hume, *Times-Colonist* columnist who is, incidentally, an islander of another colour: a Vancouver Islander.

There is the sneaking suspicion that none of us would have known if the BC Ferry Corporation had not discovered the deficit incurred by the island ferry services. There remains a strong suspicion that we might have escaped identification if our ferries had been more profitable.

### Ferry deficit of \$13.6 million

So the Island ferries have a deficit of \$13.6 million. Sad! And because they have that deficit, Mr. Hume is moved to attack, not the ferry system, not the principle of operating ferries to the islands, but the people of the islands for being here. We all recognize Mr. Hume as a skilled writer with enough whiplash in his pen to make us writhe. And if he is convinced that I am a lousy bum because the ferries don't pay, then I am a lousy bum. Who am I to argue with my betters? But why only the islands?

In his original attack on the unfortunate islanders Mr. Hume let the rest off lightly.

He thrashed us soundly and smiled on other losers.

He even overlooked a little matter of a \$14 million loss on his own ferry which takes him to the mainland for his shopping trips and other business.

The Protector of the Right.

subsequently looked to other areas and gave them the joy of his benevolent smile while paternally slapping their cheeks.

But let's take a look!

The Nanaimo-Horseshoe Bay service runs in the red, mildly. It is mild by comparison. A loss of \$2 million last year.

### More expensive than island service

The Sunshine Coast service was slightly more expensive, in losses, than the islands service. Sunshine Coast lost \$13.8 million. And the North Coast services cost the taxpayers of the province \$14.4 million.

And where do we find the rancour? Why would Mr. Hume find the people of the Gulf Islands a revolting assembly of British Columbians for their temerity in running in the red, while not merely slurring over the greater sinners of the province, but not even mentioning them?

We could assume that he never sails his yacht so far north. But if he has no yacht, the assumption would be empty.

Why, please, Mr. Hume do you not hold up the people of Nanaimo "in their squalid little rundown commercial areas, their haphazard, scattered and badly serviced developments, their paved roads that go nowhere" as being as worthy of contempt as the island residents?

Or is your disaffection in direct proportion to the dollars expended?

Then what of the wicked North Islanders? This group of miserable Canadians, living far away from the crummy capital solely in order to earn a dollar, has the temerity to run up a bill of more than \$14 millions for their ferry services.

Why then single out the Gulf Islands people?

### Not vital to economy

If the islands were vital to the

provincial economy Mr. Hume might tolerate the cost of their ferries. We are left to assume that Mr. Hume has his own scale of values for provincial communities. If he feels that a community passes his tests, then it is permitted to run up a deficit without earning his disapproval.

Lucky Port Hardy! Lucky Nanaimo! Those cities have passed the Hume Testing Service. They are valuable.

Port Hardy, stand up! You have the Hume approval of holding out your hat for a handout! Nanaimo, likewise! You great valuable cornerstones of this great province, you have both passed the test and I am honoured to invite you to enter the Hume Hall of Provincial Fame!

### Islanders! Not so fast!

Islanders! Not so fast! You have been formally declared scenic. You are charming. Here there must be a brief pause. The adrenalin was running low at this point and the islands went up the Hume Scale for a boost. But the residents of the islands keep the lid on development and discourage modern tourist facilities. They protest any move which could lead to an increase in population. That's the way he sees us.

### Tackle city buses

But let's hope that Mr. Hume will tackle his city buses next and refinance them to meet the \$12.3 million deficit. That's right. A deficit of \$12.3 million that we all have to pay just to get the customers into a few crummy little stores in the city! Gee! I'm learning to write just like the big guys!

# Letters to the Editor

## World appeal against nuclear war

Sir,  
I have just returned from Prague, Czechoslovakia where I attended the World Assembly for Peace and Life, Against Nuclear War.

Over 3,600 citizens of 132 countries attended this conference to discuss the most pressing issue of our day, possible annihilation of our planet by nuclear war. Amongst the many international organizations represented were the United Nations, the International Red Cross, the YWCA, international trade union federations, and the world's major religious bodies. Also

in attendance were elected officials from both capitalist and socialist nations. Four Vancouver Island delegates were among the 73 Canadians in attendance.

After an opening demonstration by conference participants and Prague citizens numbering over 200,000, and six days of free and open discussions and dialogues which dealt with topics of the arms race such as military, political, economic and social, an appeal to the world was adopted unanimously.

The appeal stated that "...Preparation of a nuclear war is the most serious crime against humanity. But war is not inevitable. It is not too late to prevent a nuclear holocaust..."

The appeal called for no new missiles in Europe; real negotiations on reduction of all types of nuclear weapons in Europe; freezing of all nuclear arsenals now; no nuclear weapons in the east or in the west; nuclear weapon free zones; and peaceful political negotiations, not military confrontation.

The participants of the conference concluded that the only way to halt the arms race is for the people of all nations, both east and west, to work together regardless of political or religious convictions, to influence the practical policies of their governments in the direction of peace, beginning with an immediate nuclear arms freeze and mutually verifiable arms reductions.

There are disarmament organizations in almost every community on Vancouver Island. I urge every reader who is concerned about the future of our world to become active.

**(MRS.) FREDA KNOTT,**  
4810 Sooke Rd.,  
Victoria, B.C.  
July 30, 1983.

## Speaker on alternative to sewers

Sir,  
This Saturday, Aug. 20, at 11 am Jack Burnam, of Stinson Beach, California, will speak at the Activity Centre about waste water management districts.

Waste water management districts are an effective and far cheaper alternative to central sewers. They promote water conservation, provide for controllable growth and local jobs, and they can cope with sewage disposal problems within cost-restraint guidelines.

Residents or businessmen in Vesuvius, Ganges or Fulford who cannot afford annual sewer fees of \$1,000 and up should attend this meeting.

Operators of a backhoe, bobcat, dump truck, bulldozer, or gravel business should attend to learn how a waste management district provides local contractors with moderate but steady employment levels. (Alan Sproul, of Tacherra Excavating in Stinson Beach, told me that the community's decision to establish a waste management district to supervise on-site and clustered drain fields instead of a sewer meant that local equipment operators could compete on the small and medium-size jobs to repair, upgrade and maintain these systems over the years. He pointed out that work on installing a centralized sewer would have gone to bigger, bondable, city-based equipment contractors and engineering firms.)

Advocates of controlled growth

for Salt Spring should attend. Sewers installed to alleviate a health hazard inevitably, by virtue of their high cost, force growth beyond planned limits. The moderate growth envisioned by Ganges and other small communities becomes impossible in the face of a need to establish a large revenue base of users quickly to pay for centralized sewers.

Advocates of government spending restraint should attend. As the Nova Scotia Health and Municipal Affairs Departments point out, waste management districts allow government supervision of both publicly and privately owned disposal systems. This approach allows the private sector to use and retain ownership of the capital investment already in place (septic tanks and fields) while ensuring that the disposal systems are properly operated and maintained.

Those concerned about island water supplies should attend because one of the keys to successful operation of a waste management district is promotion of water conservation.

A film on waste management for small communities will also be shown. The film features Stinson Beach and shows construction of an aerobic mound tile field for difficult sites.

**GAIL SECOR,**  
Box 23, R.R. 1,  
Fullford Harbour,  
August 15, 1983.

## Deer dying out on Salt Spring?

Sir,  
The reason I am writing to you is because I am terribly upset about the fact that I hardly see any more deer on my place here on Salt Spring Island where I had hoped to retire to and enjoy this land and the sea with all its animals as we found it 20 years ago after struggling for a living in cities all our lives, saving our money and working very, very hard.

Now people move here with lots of money from all over the world, because people of this island kept it nice and kept their animals alive, and they can now shoot them all, does, fawns and bucks alike.

What are the laws regarding killing?

Not that it matters, but if it wasn't for some laws, there wouldn't be a single creature left, since it is a satisfaction of seeing a beautiful creature dead rather than enjoying their beauty and grace, their dignity and their calming effect on our harassed lives. We, who like to see them alive, have no rights at all.

Not that I don't understand that where all predators of deer have been eliminated that it is necessary to reduce the deer population, but

now we have almost none.

I can see people who had to struggle hard to make ends meet, had to supplement their food supply and those people should continue to do so, but it seems those people have more compassion. It's people with lots of money who do the shooting and my dog and I often find dead ones in the woods and on the beach, probably the ones that only got injured and later died in agony. So one can actually shoot 20 of them and only kill one, who cares?

And we have to stand by helpless. So they eat a few flowers, one can put a cheap fence around one's fruit trees or vegetable garden, we all eat too much anyway and people are all getting sick and strokes from having too much food and booze and smokes. How much meat is there on a deer anyway, in dollars and cents, after expenses? Is there no room left for our fellow creatures?

Maybe our peace movement and compassion for mankind should start right here.

**RITA APTEKMANN,**  
4762 West 7th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
August 14, 1983.

## Benefit concert at Central

Sir,  
Saturday afternoon, Aug. 27, some of the many talented musicians and composers in the Gulf Islands will be presenting their original music in an outdoor concert at Central Farm (opposite Central Hall).

This is a benefit concert for the Inter-Islands Performing Artists Co-operation Society and an occasion to show support for I-

IPACS. We hope you'll take this time to enjoy the original material of these unique west coast artists in a concert atmosphere. Bring your children. They'll enjoy the music or the storytelling and children's activities. Come after the Saturday Market 1 to 4 pm and "Listen Here!"

**APRIL CURTIS,**  
Ganges,  
August 15, 1983.

## \$5 million could be saved

Sir,  
If Mr. Bennett is really determined to lower the cost of government, why doesn't he start in his own back office, with his friend Doug Heal and Mr. Heal's 200 assistants.

He could save an estimated \$5,065,000 per year in salaries alone. What is the function of staff of this

back office? Their only function is to program Mr. Bennett and spend tax dollars polling and advertising for the Sacred Party.

That five million plus would give a lot of aid to the handicapped, retarded and elderly.

**B.E. ARISS (MRS.),**  
R.R. 1, Ganges,  
August 11, 1983.

## Wonderful report

Sir,  
Thanks to Kathy Benger for a wonderful report of the Galiano Fiesta, it was a great day.

Although I am exceedingly proud to be a Georgeson, the reason I was chosen to be among the honoured citizens was that I am also Albert Hawthorne's daughter. He came to Canada from England in 1912, and spent a considerable time on Galiano in the early 1920's when he

was founding his own meat market in Victoria.

His excellent type of English show lamb and beef were well-known at that time; he also made a contribution to life on this Island.

Thank you.

**(MRS.) MARY ELLEN (HAWTHORNE) HARDING,**  
Galiano Island,  
August, 1983.



Bill Webster

## Deer dine during discussion of life's variegated facets

Dusk descended gracefully, transforming the top of Mount Maxwell to a silhouette against the night sky.

We sat, Louis Bolivar-Finchley and I, watching the deer frolic through the clover behind the mansion. Words had been few between us but as the darkness grew stronger, Louis warmed to the topic he wanted to discuss.

And of course, with Louis, discussions follow the topics which he has in mind.

"Rhetoric," he began in the gloom, "has two edges and many people who indulge their tongues don't realize that."

A two-year-old buck jumped the fence and the pair of spotted fawns became agitated at being left alone. They scurried along the fence looking vainly for an opening.

When I didn't reply to Louis' comment, he reached over to shake me.

"Are you awake, my boy?" he asked.

"I'm waiting to see where you're going with that comment," I told him.

Louis started into his monologue. He said that he had been following the phrases hurled about by those stung by the provincial government's efforts to restrain the spiral of

spending.

The ordinary citizen scratching for supper can't comprehend the rhetoric of some who earn megabucks in a job bearing protection three ways from Sunday.

That ordinary individual, victim of circumstances, can earn a buck each week but also faces the line leading to the handout window if the job goes.

Davy Doleft talks about a quarter million poor souls who may have to learn a trade to live. But last year when the government talked about too many people at the public trough, Davy's supporters said, "Not so, there are only less than 50 thousand."

Which figure is the right one, one wonders?

For other latter-day doom-sayers, sympathy could exist except for the words they choose to call attention to their perceived plight.

Can comparisons between what went on in Germany during the 30's and 40's really be valid?

Billie's bunch want to cut government spending. If the comparisons with Adolph are to be accepted, then one assumes the next step will be the creation of "camps" for those who, according to government, do not fit.

But the "camps" would cost money and that's what Billie and Hugh of the Many-Turned Coat don't want to do: spend.

And so the rhetoric blooms like nightshade in the garden of provincial discontent.

But wait: while words fly bountifully, Billie's bunch take their famed second look at the chaos.

Changes emerged from the stonepile by the harbour but apparently the difference doesn't meet approval of those who cry foul.

Bill 3, which allows public trough attendees to be directed elsewhere, was fine tuned.

Firing without cause was put by the wayside and government said if there is no work or no money, the employees should look at other employment. Remember that ordinary guy and his tenuous job?

Seems a pity that government toilers should be let go just because no work is available or no money to pay them is in the till.

But that's one of the variegated facets of life, eh?

Louis droned on as darkness deepened. The fawns found a hole in the fence and scampered into the clover to join the buck.

Salt Spring seemed so far from the madding crowd. And peace formed the gentle night.

*Herbologist reflects*

# It feels good to be healthy

**BY VALERIE RICHARDS**

A garden grows wild but silently fruitful. Away from the city the children are safe in the rural confines of a country peace.

The half-finished home, amidst the fields and forests atop the northern hills of Salt Spring, provides sanction for Don Ollsin, a herbologist and Victoria merchant.

According to Ollsin, a good constitution doesn't come from the modern drugs on which most of society depends. For Ollsin, good health comes by letting the body and plants work together, creating their own cure.

Bronzed and slender, Saskatchewan-born Ollsin says he's studied herbs for 16 years.

"Eighty per cent of North Americans are chronically ill," he explained while sitting cross-legged in his deer-proof herb and vegetable garden. "Not acutely ill. Customary medical cures are good for acute illnesses but not so helpful for chronic problems."

"Herbs provide reliable cures for chronic illnesses."

**PICK YOUR OWN**

At a recent course on herbology offered by Ollsin on Salt Spring Island, he provided an opportunity for students to make their own herbal medicine from herbs identified and picked on nature walks during the course.

His samples, all neatly bottled and labelled, included sage, sorrel and chickweed. He discovered that islanders are gardeners and as gardeners they are all potential herbalists.

"Islanders here took to herbs like ducks to water," Ollsin said. "There's a potential herb industry on the island. You might make \$1,000 a year."

The use of herbs goes back a few years. Ollsin says it was as long ago as 60,000 B.C. when the use of herbs was first known.

**ENDORISING HERBS**

Today, the World Health Organization is endorsing the use of herbs in efforts to provide cheaper and safer cures for third world populations. But herbal doctors in North America don't enjoy much recognition from their legal counterparts, Ollsin noted.

"There are so many useful plants around us that could be used in one's diet or kept in the medicine chest," Ollsin said.

But, he added, the drug companies wield a lot of power and the re-acceptance of old cures such as herbs would take a lot of time.

While socialized medicine in Canada provides easier access to the doctor, keeping healthy in the United States is more expensive if prescription drugs are the method of cure. The use of herbs and preventive medicine is often a more attractive option for Americans than Canadians who are more apt to await sickness before discovering bad dietary habits.

**LEARNING IS EASY**

While there are herbs that kill as well as cure, learning which ones are which is fairly easy. Learning their application can take a little longer.

Dandelion roots provide a tonic for the liver, while common garden chickweed cures a variety of ailments.

The Canadian thistle, explains Ollsin, has an exquisite fragrance that when captured can provide a pleasant massage oil.

Irish moss is rich in calcium fluoride. Along with Icelandic moss and comfrey, Irish moss can be used to speed up the healing process, particularly in broken bones or after cartilage operations.

Even the red ants in the garden have something good to offer, Ollsin commented. They provide folic acid which is beneficial to the human body.

**POTATO JUICE**

For stomach ulcers, Ollsin suggests raw potato juice for four to five days. This should clean up the ulcer, providing the person cuts out his tea and coffee.

The cures continue.

Ollsin's five-year-old son recently suffered a nose-bleed.

"He went down to the garden and ate some shepherd's purse," Ollsin said. Rich in vitamin K, the herb stopped the nose-bleed.

As a consulting herbologist, Ollsin sees many people of all ages about such problems as cancer to more common ailments like lethargy or insomnia.

addition, he read extensively to gain knowledge of dietary herbs and medicinal cures.

**ALREADY FAMILIAR**

When he opened his store in Victoria five years ago with partner Jim Green, he was already well acquainted with the products he was selling. Included at his herb store today are a restaurant and a health food outlet.

Although the store keeps him busy, he prefers Salt Spring Island as a home for himself and his family.

"People who have been raised in the country have a certain innocence," he observed.

Ollsin minds his Victoria store while also homesteading on Salt Spring. It's a busy life, he admits, but he's a high energy person.

"If I drank coffee I'd be over-extending myself to breaking point!" he said ruefully.

Ollsin explains that he hasn't time to be bored. Always studying facts about herbs, he often sponsors visiting herbologists to Victoria.

"It feels so good to be healthy," he admits, adding that quantity changes the quality of the good things in life.

Health is Ollsin's life. And good health means keeping peace with his own system and making it easy to be at home with his body.



The good life for Ollsin is the healthy constitution provided by good food, fresh country air, and correct exercise.

And finding the antidote in his own herb-vegetable garden is often the best prescription.

A firm believer in the "rebounder", the small spherical trampoline, Ollsin gets his exercise bouncing.

"It cleans out the lymphatic glands, which is important." A 79-year old friend "bounces" each evening to stay healthy.

When Ollsin first began exploring herbal medicines and foods there were few courses on the subject of herbs, but he found them. In



## Presentation for Alma Blackler

Alma Blackler, a long-time employee and familiar figure to many regular passengers, retired recently from the B.C. Ferries. She joined the ferries in 1968, serving first in the galley and then as a female cleaner. She has sailed aboard the *Queen of the Islands*, the *Sechelt Queen*, and the *Queens of Sidney and Tsawwassen*.

after work, when Capt. Ian MacLean gave Alma an engraved ship's bell as a remembrance from the crew of 'B' Watch.

Later in the week a barbecue was held in her honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sloan.

Picture shows: Capt. Ian MacLean, Alma Blackler, and Chief Steward Ivar Reinhold.

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### Ganges Committee

# Crofton is indignant over Region's delay on decision

BY BILL WEBSTER

Members of the Ganges Citizens' Committee are upset, to put it mildly, at the delay in the septic disposal study of the village and they want the Capital Regional District board to act promptly.

The committee endorsed two motions last Thursday, urging action on the study. They will recommend to the CRD that the engineers be allowed to continue the study rather than have time wasted. The members of the committee felt that the remainder of the original \$25,000 allotted for the study could be put to use now while a decision on the entire project is in limbo.

The CRD board had decided at a recent meeting to table the report until more directors were at a meeting to discuss it. The report will be brought back to the board at a meeting in September.

A second motion from the committee urges acting chairman Shirley Wilde, of the CRD, to take what action on the project is needed to ensure its continuance. The motion also expressed "dismay and regret" to the CRD board for the delay.

Wilde, of Metchosin, is acting chairman while the chairman, Howard Sturrock, recovers from open heart surgery.

John Crofton, representing the Ganges Property Owners and Tenants Association on the citizens' committee, had been at the CRD meeting when the Ganges study had been tabled and came away less than happy with the situation.

#### A VERY BAD TASTE

He told the committee "I came away from that CRD board meeting with a very bad taste."

Crofton directed his criticism not only at the seven directors who were not at the meeting but also at several directors who were there. He said they had been engaged in conversation and jokes while Underwood McClellan engineer Stephen McMinn gave his report.

McMinn, said Crofton, had been "extremely realistic" and "very honest" but was "not treated with the respect which should have been accorded a professional."

Another feeling which Crofton got while watching the directors debate the report and the extra money required was that the citizens' committee were "naive babes lost in a political jungle".

#### RESULT IN DELAY

The results of the delay could mean a loss of momentum on the study of the Gange situation, he said, as well as having the enthusiasm of the committee blunted. The study faces a minimum of two months delay while the decision is awaited.

The mood of the committee ranged from anger to frustration. Crofton said he was glad of the wait since the CRD board meeting. If the committee had met immediately after that board session, Crofton told the committee, he would have said "something intemperate".

Frustration at the situation was expressed by school board representative Ron McQuiggan

when he said "We've done all we can. What more can we do?"

Both Sharon McCollough, of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, and CRD director Yvette Valcourt expressed concern that the CRD board would put the project on hold until after the November civic elections.

McCollough noted that any further delays in the study could push the decision to a new board of directors. She backed the concern expressed by Valcourt earlier in the meeting.

#### AWAIT ELECTION

At that time Valcourt said that a movement at the CRD existed to keep the report tabled until after a new director had been elected for Salt Spring. At that point, she said, the CRD would then go ahead with the sewer system connected to the outfall in the harbour.

When the motion to urge the spending of the remainder of the \$25,000 had been debated, several committee members wondered if the Ganges group had authority to

spend the money.

Committee chairman Arvid Chalmers, who represents the Sewer Alternatives Committee, explained the local group could recommend spending but the CRD board had to approve it.

"We deal with petty cash," he said, "and the board deals with the dollars."

While the results of the committee decision cannot be measured, the members were determined to do something.

The committee will contact the CRD about the motions and attempt to have the matter placed on the agenda for the August 24 meeting.

As the conversation around the committee table wandered in an effort to discover what had happened to them at the CRD, Bev Unger, of the Islands Trust, put in a note of determination which the members picked up on.

"Let's not indulge in post mortem," she said. "Let's get on with it."

# Newcomers already looking to new successes next year

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Pender Polliwogs ladies' softball players organized a team in May of this year. Their coach, Ronnie Sewell, assisted by Randy Ross-Smith has had them practicing twice a week all season.

To date they have played and won three games against the Saturna Sea Hags and played and won one game against the Fulford Ladies team.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the team played against a Victoria team. The Polliwogs said it was their toughest competition to date and they worked hard. Score was 30-24 in Victoria's favour.

#### NEXT YEAR TO WIN

Next year the Polliwogs plan to enter the Islands ladies' softball league and play a lot of games to win. Sewell has built an enthusiastic team.

The game on Sunday was coached by Matt Murphy as Sewell

was off-island, playing baseball on Orcas Island.

Umpire was Ron Henshaw.

Polliwogs have a great pitcher in Joanne Holmes and Caroline Woodward is manager.

After the Sunday game at the Magic Lake ball park, the visiting team enjoyed a picnic with the Pender hostesses and friends.

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Polliwog team members are Leslie Frache, Nadine Nordby, Kari Amies, Joanne Holmes, Kathie Ross-Smith, Jan Letts, Sophie Odden, Carol Bradley, Barb Mollison, Millica Wittenhower and Kim Freemantle.

Leslie Frache was named rookie of the year by her team mates. Leslie had never played baseball previously and has made great progress in the game. Her teammates are proud of her.

# Nuclear disarmament raffle of local crafts on Salt Spring

Bringing in bucks to bring about a bomb ban continues on Salt Spring Island.

The island Nuclear Disarmament Committee will be holding a raffle for articles created by local crafts people as a money making effort.

The articles can be seen in the Loom Room display window in Mout's Mall in Ganges. Tickets are available at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

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# Death of Janet Georgeson in hospital after illness

Janet Georgeson, beloved wife of George William Georgeson, passed away in Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Thursday, Aug. 11, after a lengthy illness.

She was in her 86th year. Mrs. Georgeson was born in Lancashire, England. One of her early friends was Gracie Fields, the popular singer of stage and screen.

She came to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan with her parents and sister. The family moved to Sidney, where she met and married George Georgeson. They moved to Vancouver after their marriage.

In 1930 the couple came to Galiano with their son George to build a home at Georgeson Bay. After some years, they built another house, further up the hill on the Bay. They finally went to Whalers Bay to build a home.

Building was a challenge for the couple because the husband came home from World War I with only one leg. A good deal of the work was done by Janet Georgeson.

She was active in affairs on the Island, and always had a cheery smile and a word of kindness for all who knew and loved her.

In 1967, they moved to Sidney, where George Georgeson now resides.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, George and

Rosemary, of Galiano and Frank and Gemma Prefontaine, of Legat, Alberta; one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Phyllis) Geschke, of Langley; 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Captain John and Annis Georgeson, of Aldergrove, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

There was a private family cremation, with no service, by request of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Galiano School Memorial fund, or B.C. Cancer Society are invited.

Arrangements were made through the Memorial Society of B.C. and First Memorial Services.



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# KICK-OFF

## Plans all laid for Salt Spring soccer season

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Soccer is back with expanded programs and now is the time to register for them. I shall preview our programs and detail how to get involved. Register now to ensure being able to participate!

### SOCCER SCHOOL:

The soccer school will run from Monday, Aug. 22 to Friday, Aug. 26 at Portlock Park.

This year the school is divided into two clinics; junior for 10-year-olds and under which primarily concentrates on basic skills and senior, for youths 11 and over, which covers advanced skills and team play.

The junior clinic runs from 8 am to 12:30 pm; the senior 1 pm to 5:00 pm. The cost of \$25 includes a t-shirt and ball. To register, either send in the blue form you received in the mail, phone this writer or register at Kanaka Place Restaurant on Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 am to 1 pm.

### LEAGUE PLAY:

This year we expect a full complement of teams both off and on-island with the following breakdown:

#### Competitive League (Div. 1-7)

These teams play in the Victoria leagues on 11-a-side teams every Saturday or Sunday. Registration fee is \$30 and a copy of each player's birth certificate is required. The following teams are listed at present for the coming season: Salt Spring Strikers (Div. 2—Under 16); Salt Spring Wranglers (Div. 3—Under 15); Salt Spring Sting (Div. 4—Under 14); Salt Spring Selects (Div. 5—Under 13); Salt Spring? (new team) (Div. 6—Under 12); Salt Spring Cosmos (Girls, under 15); Salt Spring Sockeyes (Women-girls, 15 and over).

#### Intra-island Division:

These teams play in a non-competitive league structure where fun and participation are promoted. Two divisions exist: senior (8-10 yr. olds), junior (5-7) and they play every Saturday morning. Registration fee is \$20 and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

#### Pre-school Soccer:

This is a totally non-competitive brand of soccer open to all 2-5 yr. olds on Salt Spring. The program will start on September 17 and will run from 9-10 am every Saturday at

Portlock until the end of November (as long as weather holds). The concept of this program is to expose youngsters to the sport, let them have fun and learn at the same time. The fee is only \$10 and a copy of birth certificate is required.

To register for the league programs please return blue forms (in mail) with cheque payable to S.S.I.Y.S.A. and copies of birth certificate to Box 1189, Ganges V0S 1E0, or call this writer (537-5870) or Strick Aust (537-9386) or register on Saturday, between 10 am and 1 pm at Kanaka Place Restaurant.

#### ADULT SOCCER PROGRAM:

This year we are pleased to offer a new program aimed at getting men and women out of the house to enjoy some exercise while playing recreational soccer.

Games for both men and women will be played at Portlock Park every Friday evening starting at 6:30 pm with the first night set for Friday, Sept. 9. Teams will be made up from those that come out (unless you wish to enter your own team) and they will play seven-a-side using smaller goals and half-sized fields. Games will be 15 minutes long then teams rotate to play a different opponent.

Scores and standings will be played down as fun and exercise will be the goal of the program.

No fee has been set as yet but \$5 would be a likely amount and the program will run to the end of November. Call this writer (537-5870) if you wish to register.

#### REFEREES' PROGRAM:

Once again we are pleased to announce that Lin Beattie will act as our head official, which means he will conduct our clinics and do all assessment of officials. We plan pre-season clinics for both senior and junior officials, the senior being held on Sunday Aug. 28 at Portlock Park. Lin also plans to hold a beginners clinic and another upgrading (possibly). If you wish to officiate or become an official please contact this writer or Lin Beattie (537-2555).

#### COACHES

Every season we start the year hunting for enough coaches to man our many teams. Fortunately, last year, we had a tremendous group of enthusiastic people step forward and do a super job with the

youngsters. Our areas of concern are as follows:

Off-island; Strikers and Sting need coaches to be worked in to replace Strick Aust when he leaves the island.

Intra-island: there are many openings as we expect 12 teams at this level.

Pre-school: we need a couple of people to run this program with myself. You must be patient and love kids.

We plan clinics in September to assist existing and new coaches—please contact this writer if you are interested. We can use the help.

#### MINOR PROGRAMS:

##### Soccer Shop:

This year we again make available many items that players and those involved might wish to purchase at a reasonable price. Items include balls, jackets, shin-guards, t-shirts, kangaroo tops, track suits, kit bags and gloves.

##### Boot Exchange:

If you have boots for sale or require second hand boots please call us and we will try to help.

##### Concession Stand:

We will again operate the concession stand but with Norm Forsyth being absent for the first few months we will need assistance in running the stand.

##### Kick-a-thon:

Our fund-raiser program will be done by intra-island teams only (unless a senior team requests to do it). Forms will be out in early September—kick taken Thanksgiving weekend. Senior teams must do other forms of fund raising.

##### Sponsors:

We are avidly seeking sponsors for our Association and have plenty of options available whether you want to sponsor an off-island, intra-island team or the Association as a whole. Please contact Becky Legg (537-5870 or 537-5022) for further details. Your assistance can greatly benefit our Association in fulfilling its goals.

Please note that all funds raised in the minor programs are turned into the general revenues of the association.

##### Upcoming events:

The wheels are already turning and we have some dates and events you should watch for. Saturday, Aug. 20, Soccer School

and League registration; 10 am to 1 pm, Kanaka Place Restaurant.

August 22-26, Soccer School, Portlock Park; Junior, 8 am to 12:30 pm and Senior, 1 pm to 5 pm.

Sunday, Aug. 28, Soccer Sunday, Portlock Park, Victoria Lakehill vs. Salt Spring United Old-Timers; Victoria Lakehill vs Salt Spring All-Stars (times of double-header to be announced).

September 9, Adult Soccer, Portlock Park, 6:30 pm.

September 10-11, final registration—pre season games.

Salt Spring vs. MacSween (N. Van) eight-year-olds.

September 17, intra-island and pre-school starts.

September 24-25, off-island leagues start.

October 8-9, Soccer Days, Portlock Park, Kick-a-thon, skill contests, fun games and photographs.

With all this and more to come, you had better make sure you are registered. So send in the blue form with cheques and birth certificate or call this writer or Strick Aust but do it now.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Events and activities to be published here must be submitted in writing to the Driftwood office by 3 pm on the Monday preceding publication. No listings will be accepted over the telephone.*

**SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**FOOD BANK** still needs donations; please give generously to help your neighbour. 537-9212.  
**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** Thursdays 1 pm.  
**BATTERED WOMEN'S** support group. Call 537-9212.  
**S.S.I. PARKS & REC.**  
**SWIMMING LESSONS:** Harbour House pool; register Thurs. 11-12:30 at Tourist Info. Adult Aqua-fit: info. 537-9627.  
**DAY CAMPS:** Ages 6-12. Register Thursdays 11-12:30, Tourist Info.

**PENDER ISLAND**  
**PENDER POST** meeting Thurs., Aug. 18, 10:30 am, Woodwinds.  
**FALL FAIR ENTRIES** received 3-7 pm, Fri., Aug. 19, Community Centre.  
**SAT., AUG. 20: FARMERS' MARKET** 9:30 am, Driftwood Centre; **FALL FAIR** 1:30 pm, Community Centre.  
**SUN., AUG. 21:** French Conversation group, 2 pm, G. Dickin's, Cutty Sark Rd.; Art Show 1-4 pm, Old School.

**MAYNE ISLAND**  
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*Sequel to collision*

# Loss of Vesuvius ferry widely felt on all island

The Vesuvius Ferry will be laid up for several weeks, and possibly months, B. C. ferry spokesman Betty Nicholson revealed following the corporation's enquiry last Tuesday.

The Vesuvius wharf was damaged last week when the *Vesuvius Queen* failed to "go astern" as it approached the dock at 3.50 pm. Of the 16 vehicles aboard, four were damaged by the jolt as the ferry hit the dock.

It was learned at the B. C. ferry enquiry that when "stand-by" was rung on the telegraph system the operator in the engine room, Bob Empey, lost his balance and fell.

**LOST CONSCIOUSNESS**

Empey lost consciousness and failed to respond to the telegraph command. He was taken to Lady Minto Hospital following the accident to spend several days recovering.

The Vesuvius ferry was not damaged by the impact, Nicholson explained. She added that damage to the dock will be assessed during the following weeks.

Dolphins were split and timbers buckled and splintered from the blow of the ferry. Estimate of the damage to the Vesuvius dock will be completed by engineers in September.

The dock is maintained by the B.C. Ferry Corporation. B.C. Highways personnel assist in dock repairs occasionally, Nicholson added.

A spokesman aboard the ferry at the time of the accident was asked if he had been afraid as the boat approached the dock at the speed of nine knots.

"That's between me, God and my laundry," he said ruefully.

**REPERCUSSIONS**

The ferry supplies a service for commuters to Duncan and Crofton as well as a pleasure vessel for islanders and tourists. Repercussions of the suspended ferry service are being felt by Vesuvius merchants, commuters and by the Fulford ferry service.

Providing transport at Vesuvius for commuters and travellers, a commuter boat service has been established by charter-boat rentalsman, Don Small.

Small has been running his skiff and launch out of Vesuvius during commuter hours for both leisure and commuter passengers. He has also been carrying the Province newspaper over to the island. Small leases his launch and runs the smaller craft on flat seas.

**BUSINESS NOT GOOD**

For Vesuvius merchants business has not been good since the accident. Manager at the Vesuvius Inn, John Teagle, complains that the suspension of the Vesuvius ferry service has cut the luncheon trade in half.

"Business is down by 50%", Teagle said. "The ferry corporation should contact the Vesuvius merchants and let them know just what is happening."

Teagle added that the evening traffic at Vesuvius Inn wasn't affected.

Russ Thorburn, at Vesuvius Store, explained that the store is being affected badly by the ferry

suspension. Business there was also down by half.

Thorburn commented that each

summer something goes wrong.

"Last year there was a threat of a ferry strike. The year before there was a ferry strike and this year they bang up the dock.

"I just hope they do something about it quickly.

"Bah, humbug!" Thorburn added.

Since the ferry service stopped things have been quiet from morning until night at the Seaside Kitchen, complains owner Sue Parker.

"It won't be much good to us in November," Parker said, referring to rumours of the ferry being out for three months. She added that it was as if winter had come early in August this year.

**CONGESTION AT FULFORD**

While merchants at Vesuvius are in the cold during the hottest tourist season of the year, Fulford Harbour has become a congested transit point on Salt Spring Island, particularly on the recent sunny weekend.

Lisa Hughes, employee at Nan's in Fulford, reports that business at the Fulford restaurant had increased since the Vesuvius ferry went out of service last Monday. Weekend and weekday clientele has increased.

The *Queen of the Islands* was removed from her berth of four months at Fulford last week and the *Vesuvius Queen* was tied up, replacing the larger ferry.

Nancy Patterson, at Fulford Harbour's Patterson's Store, reports there have been overloads on the 9.20 am and 11.15 am ferries since the *Vesuvius Queen* went out of commission.

Betty Nicholson of the B. C. Ferry head office noted that the scheduling department of B. C. ferries is taking a second look at the Fulford ferry schedule.

"They're keeping a close eye on the ferry schedule and making plans for some changes now," she said.



It's the power of water, says B.C. Ferries terminal manager Bob Anderson, left. With him is David Frank, assistant terminal manager. The weighted pulleys at the Vesuvius wharf both worked before

last week's accident at the Vesuvius ferry dock. But when the *Vesuvius Queen* rammed the dock the weighted pulley on the right gave way. The tide rose up and the ramp didn't.

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# Organic growing important in commercial area

Many of you probably wonder why I am not writing about the day-to-day, or month-to-month care and feeding of our garden vegetables. The reasons for this are three-fold.

Number one: I am out of touch with our garden. As most of you know, I do garden with weeds for what may be best called holistic reasons, a completely natural environment which produces supremely healthy produce and improves the soil at the same time, naturally.

This requires periodic shearing of the weeds. But I lost my shears among the weeds somewhere; the second shears were not equal to the task, and my dedicated effort to finally finish our new house before winter all resulted in a truly proud crop of weeds with all but invisible produce somewhere in there.

So, I am out of touch, but looking forward to next spring when all this abundant organic material will be tilled into the soil.

Secondly, since the availability of Steve Solomon's book, *The Complete Guide to Organic Gardening West of the Cascades*, which Foxglove now carries upon my recommendation, I feel somewhat at a loss; and other than quoting chapter and verse from

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BY PETER WEIS  
Foxglove Nursery Consultant

Steve's book, I can offer scant improvement of his solid gardening knowledge and methods. Also it would be unfair to Steve, as he deserves to reap the rewards of his labours.

### NONE BETTER

For solid, down-to-earth gardening guidance, for both the beginner and old hands, I know of no better, and his chapter on watering, alone, is worth the price of the book.

And finally, as you may have noticed, my prime concern, and the best possible advice to my readers, is the improvement of the quality of our soils. There is an absolute and direct connection between the health of the soil and our health.

Healthy soil produces healthy crops, and healthy food is the source of our health. Any money, time or effort spent on our gardens, be they culinary or for pleasure, on our berry patches or orchards, is best applied to the quality of the soil.

All else will follow and bear much

fruit. We can do no better and any other approach is a waste of money, time and effort. We have evolved in this, our environment, for millions of years and we tamper with it at our peril.

In this regard I have come to realize that I have evolved into a political garden writer, and one who is becoming more and more alarmed at what we are doing. I have long wrestled with this, but in the end, I feel that I must share my concern with my readers.

Almost all of us still depend largely on commercially-produced food for our sustenance, augmented by whatever we grow ourselves. Our commercially-grown food is what I am concerned about, for I know how it is grown.

First of all, it is grown on what amounts to "speed", the colloquial term for amphetamines, a chemical which speeds up body metabolism. N-P-K produces quick results but wastes the soil, as is now abundantly apparent. We are giving "speed" to our food.

Secondly, almost all our food crops are sprayed at an average of once every ten days, to poison insects, diseases and weeds. And before they are grown, the soil is

treated with a variety of poisons to control these as a preventative measure.

AIDS (acquired immunity deficiency syndrome) was the final straw.

The similarities are just too ominous. Our food crops cannot defend themselves against diseases any more because they lack the necessary resources from the soil, and depend on our chemical intervention for survival. And we depend on our food for our ability to resist diseases.

To me, at least, there is a direct connection and I pray that I may be wrong. My own experience, and that of many of my personal acquaintances, proves again and again that healthy produce, stoutly resistant to insects and diseases, may be grown with natural methods. And I have no reason to doubt highly-trained people who have laid their professional reputations on the line in strong support of the organic approach. Sir Albert Howard, whose organically fed and raised cattle remained perfectly healthy after literally rubbing noses with hoof-and-mouth diseased cattle of his neighbours, made this statement to all who would listen, in his many books and speeches as long as over 40 years ago.

And Alvin Seifert actually rejoiced when one or two of his potato plants succumbed to any disease as proof that the disease condition was present but did not affect the remainder, while all around him commercial growers incurred massive losses despite rigorous spraying programs. And his offer of a dollar per aphid to anyone who can find one in his garden still stands.

### ORGANIC FOODS

This then shall be our reliance for our health. Our own organically

grown food and commercial organic food. And although it must seem crazy to many, there is another source of vitamins and minerals which might seem extreme, but it is valid. Clover, plantain, dandelion, nettles, lambs' quarters, even the thistle are all excellent sources of vitamins and minerals, in salads or teas, perhaps with honey to make them more palatable. Personally I find it ironic that we may have to go to the weed for our healing, but somehow rather just.

The foregoing is a statement of my personal concern; I have nothing to go on, other than intuition and what I perceive as common sense and I would rather be proven wrong than right.

However, if there is this connection, at least there is this much to help us, and as long as this possibility exists, I feel that it should be made known.

And I will keep on writing in my usual manner from my understanding of the importance of harmony of all life.

## Duplex allowed if occupant farming

Salt Spring Island Trust Committee learned recently that two out of the five recently installed duplexes at Fulford had been constructed in the agricultural land reserve. Islands Trust has been investigating the construction of the homes.

Five single-family dwellings were moved to the south end of Salt Spring Island last year and converted to duplexes on arrival. Three of the duplexes were established on five-acre parcels in rural-zone lots.

A Fulford resident explained that tenants in three of the duplexes were

only permitted to use the land immediately surrounding those home which lie in the rural lots.

Two of the five buildings were move to A-1 zoned land in the agricultural land reserve.

### ONLY SINGLE UNITS

Only single-family dwellings are permitted in the ALR. A second dwelling is permitted only if the resident is present to undertake farming tasks, trustee John Rich explained. Presently, said the planner for the Trust, Richard McKellar, one of the duplexes remains for rent. This indicates that there isn't a resident farming the

land, he added.

The duplexes are permitted in the ALR if the owner received approval from the B.C. Land Commission before construction, the Trust learned.

The two duplexes that stand in the ALR were constructed without making an application to that commission, the meeting was told.

The duplexes are owned by Texada Logging.

## Bless their hearts!

The visitor had been invited to Salt Spring Island but almost didn't clear Canadian customs and immigration.

When the Ganges Citizens' Committee invited Jack Burnham to come and talk about the solution to the sewage problem in Stinson Beach, California, they promised to pay him for his troubles.

The immigration folks, however, took the initial view that the job of lecturer on sewage disposal should be taken by a Canadian. The job would be publicized for six months to find a qualified native, they

decreed.

The bureaucrats, however, relented when the situation was explained. Burnham was not coming to Canada for a job but merely to talk about sewage. He would be give a travel allowance and not a wage.

The immigration folks relented and said he can come.

When Arvid Chalmers, chairman of the local committee, explained the situation, Iola Brookbanks, who represents Lady Minto Hospital on the committee commented "Well, bless their little hearts."

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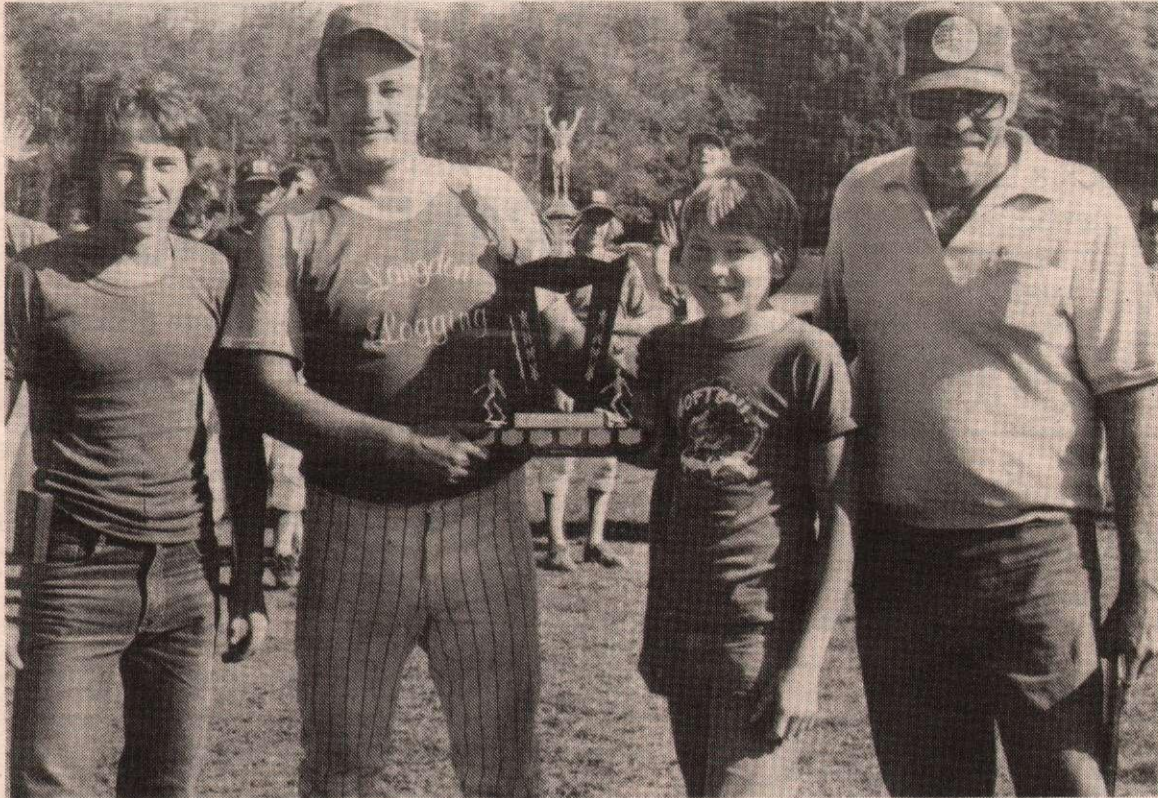
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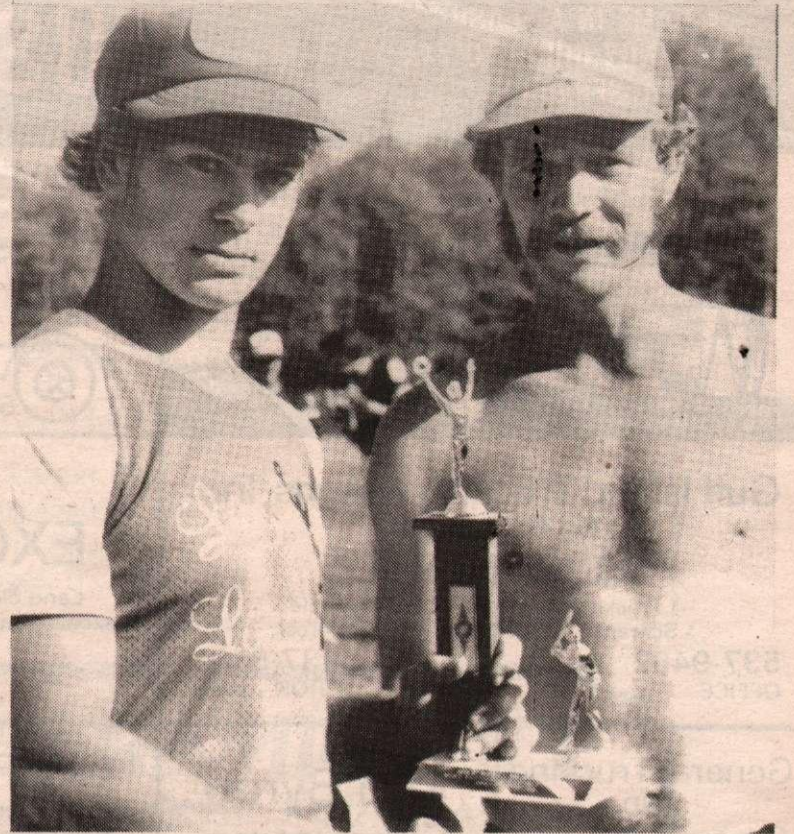
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Colin Byron accepts trophy for Most Valuable pitcher of tournament from Julian Valcourt, right. Valcourt pitches for Prairie Inn team.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



Team members are, from back left, Pat Byron, Derek Lundy, Ron Seymour, Colin Byron, Ace Mainwaring, Barry Byron, Frank Havies, James Taylor, Ian Byron, Phil Kitchen. Front, from left, are: Walker, Dennis Howard, Charlie Byron, Roger Kitchen, Lysle Hembruff and Ben Barry.

### Mike Wells Memorial Trophy winners are Langdon Loggers

Top prize money went to Langdon Loggers at the 1st Annual Mike Wells Memorial Fastball Tournament last weekend in Fulford. The Loggers rolled to an easy victory with six wins and no losses. Other teams competing from off-island included Prairie Inn, Glacier Insulation, Esquimalt Inn and Harvey's Sporting Goods with local team G.A.S.-Driftwood dropping out after two losses on Saturday.

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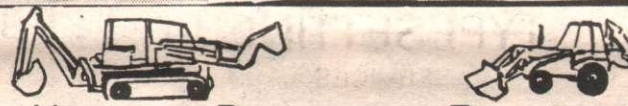
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The marriage of Gwynneth Jean Williams, daughter of Don and Jean Williams of Fulford, to David Peter O'Brien, son of Catherine and Peter O'Brien of Victoria, took place at the Burgoyne United Church on August 5.

Officiating at the ceremony was Rev. Al Skinner.

Bridesmaid was sister of the bride, Anne Williams. She wore a spray of periwinkles in her hair. Best man at the Burgoyne wedding was brother of the groom, Bob O'Brien. Ushers were Hugh Williams and Donald Williams, brothers of the bride.

Organist was Angela Funk. She played *Ode to Joy* by Beethoven and *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* by Bach.

The bride was given away by her father. She wore her mother's wedding dress. It was a full-length gown of white nylon tulle over taffeta, featuring a full-bouffant skirt trimmed with white rose buds. **FINGERTIP VEIL**

Her bodice was styled with a portrait neckline, accentuated with

rows of tulle rucking. Her fingertip veil was gathered softly to a pearl corouet and she carried a bouquet of pink roses.

She wore a gold necklace, a gift from the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, in Fulford.

R.H. Barnhouse, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast.

Out of town guests came from England, Alberta and the province of B.C.

Attending the ceremony were the bride's sister, Julie Crawford from London, England; Pat and Muriel

O'Brien of Clinton; Pat and Marjorie Hogan from Courtenay; Ron and Dana Larson from Washington, B.C.; Mrs. N. Berry of Calgary; Mrs. E. Lore of Westlock, Alberta and two guests from Saskatchewan. They were Hugh Williams and Tammy Carlson.

The bride wore a turquoise blouson dress with a handkerchief collar for travelling.








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Tryste II is on her way home

They were rescued 15 days after trimaran broke up

Salt Spring Island sailors Ernest and Valerie Haigh are on their way back home after their trimaran Tryste II was severely damaged off Hawaii in June.

The Haighs began building the vessel in 1966 and she was launched in 1968. (A report in Driftwood July 13 was erroneous in that it stated Tryste I was also built by the Haighs. Tryste II was the first and only trimaran they built).

In 1969 Ernest and Val made their first voyage, along with their daughters Carol, Anne, Susan and Nicola.

The Haighs had planned a one-year journey. Instead, it became a circumnavigation and they didn't return home until 1974.

After working for three years to replenish the coffers, Ernest and Val set out on their first journey alone. It was only "a shorty," says Ernest: an 18,000-mile, one-year voyage to New Zealand and back.

Their latest voyage began as another circumnavigation in July, 1981, and on June 13, Tryste II crossed her outgoing course on arrival at Hilo, Hawaii.

Within days of leaving Hilo, disaster struck when the starboard float broke away from the rest of the vessel.

Following account by Ernest Haigh, written while in Juneau, Alaska, July 27, tells of their adventure.

BY ERNEST HAIGH

Three and a half days after we left Hilo, and having sailed north 450 miles in fresh trade winds and rough seas, our dear old boat decided that she couldn't take it any more. Quite suddenly her starboard float broke off and we were in trouble.

Disasters always happen in the middle of the night and this one was no exception. It was 2130, with half an hour to go before I was due to wake Val for her watch when I heard a sharp crack. I leapt out on deck and was appalled to see the starboard float lifting up and down as though hinged to the deck.

I shouted below, "Val, we're breaking up!" (what a way to wake up your wife) and rushed forward to drop the headsails to relieve the pressure on the mainmast.

Meanwhile Val, in the usual magnificent way she reacts in a crisis, appeared on deck and dropped the mizzen sail.

By the time I got back to the cockpit, there was another prolonged crack as the float split right away from the rest of the boat. In a very short time, with eight to 10-foot seas crashing the float against the jagged edges of the broken beams, the float disintegrated entirely with the contents floating away or sinking; lifejackets, fenders, sails, ropes and rigging wire and a hundred other things, all of which would be sorely needed in the days ahead.

Now the pressing need was to do something about the masts. The main was thrashing to and fro threatening to fall at any moment. Although we knew it had to go we wanted it to do so without dragging the broken side of the float across the deck and wiping out everything on it, including us.

First we held it up with halliards and lines fastened to the shrouds and then we set about freeing the wire stays from the turnbuckles, which was an almost impossible task as the broken float side leapt about in the seas.

Finally it was done and the mast went over the port side. It was a comparatively easy task to free the port-side stays to allow it to sink and not punch any holes in the remaining part of the boat. We managed to save our mizzen mast although it received a tremendous kink in the forward face as it hit the doghouse when the main went.

And so the night wore on. We were not sure what would happen. Would the port float break off after the punishment it had received as the mast thrashed to and fro? Would the underside of the now vulnerable overhanging part of the cabin be stove in so that the boat would fill with water?

Would we capsize? Would we sink? Would we have to take to the dinghy?

Val set about putting up stores and survival gear for all these eventualities, while I tidied up the chaos on deck and temporarily re-stayed the mizzen mast. The motion was hideous with the float to weather missing. Seas swamped the boat and it was almost impossible to stay on your feet.

By morning the wind had moderated; the boat was still afloat and not taking any appreciable amount of water. We had 18 gallons of diesel aboard and decided to motor north and find the calm seas and light winds that occur after the trade winds peter out.

Although Victoria was more than 2,000 miles away, turning back to Hawaii was out of the question because it would mean putting the port side of the boat to the fresh east wind so that with no stability on the starboard side a capsize would be almost certain.

Set about putting up jury rig

After 180 miles of motoring and with just a couple of gallons of diesel

left we found ourselves in a smooth, windless sea. The sun was shining and we set about putting up a jury rig and patching up the broken wings.

The jury rig came first and we fashioned our new mainmast out of the main boom (which I had managed to detach from the mast before it went over) and a sturdy spinnaker pole. Rope was used for the stays, except the headstay which was the 3/16" wire from the top of our remaining port lifeline.

We could only set our tiny storm jib from the 20-foot-high mast, but we set about making a new mainsail and jib as we went along. The wingdecks were patched, using the floorboards from the port float and in about a week we were as fit as we could be with a third of the boat missing.

We knew that there was little chance of being able to sail our boat home without her turning over. A trimaran is not ballasted and depends upon her floats for stability. With the starboard float missing and the wind and sea on her port side a capsize would almost certainly occur.

Water ballasting the remaining float would help but with the big seas and wind rolling in from the west after we reached 40° N chances of survival would be slim.

Accordingly we decided that we should abandon our boat and ask for rescue from a passing ship. We carry no radio transmitter so we were dependent on being seen. We sighted three ships in the 15 days that passed from break-up to pick-up.

The first was a westbound ship which passed about two miles off at night. She did not see the two handheld flares and two kerosene flares that we lit and she passed on her way.

Fire rifle in desperation

The next sighting was depressing. This occurred in the middle of the day with perfect visibility. We saw her far off, an eastbound ship—just what we wanted—and we motored towards her. Two more flares and more kerosene flares were expended as she passed up half a mile ahead. We even blew lustily on our pathetic foghorn and finally in desperation I got out the .22 and sent some shells whizzing in her direction. As we watched her gradually disappear over the horizon we wondered what you had to do to attract the attention of a passing ship nowadays. For the record she was Japanese and there was absolutely no sign of life aboard her—was anybody on the bridge? I doubt it.

My feeling now was that we should keep on northward and although still trying for a rescue, be prepared to sail our crippled boat home. Our third sighting occurred

at 1430 on July 6 when we had reached 34° 15' N, about 500 miles from where we broke up. Again visibility was perfect and there was no wind.

The vessel was northbound and we could see that we could get in her path. Along with our distress signal (large square flag and black ball) we lit a smoke signal which didn't work worth a damn, and flashed a mirror at her. It was the mirror that did the trick and we soon found ourselves alongside the US Naval tanker Hudson.

They patiently waited while we passed up all our belongings, including our dinghy, and then we prepared to say goodbye to our old friend. But then came the surprise: they offered to take her in tow.

"What speed do you make?" I asked.

"Fifteen knots." That, as far as I was concerned, sealed her fate. I had heard endless stories of yachts being towed at speeds even as low as eight to 10 knots and always ending in disaster. Here they proposed to tow her to Whittier, Alaska, where the Hudson was bound, at 15 knots.

Impossible! We accepted gratefully, though, for it meant that at least I wouldn't have to set fire to her. Under the direction of Chief Mate Bob Herman, an ex-tugboat skipper, a line was skillfully made fast to Tryste, and then we climbed the rope ladder on to the tanker, never expecting to set foot on our boat again.

Determined that Tryste would make it

The impossible happened. Bob Herman was determined that Tryste

would still be behind the Hudson when we steamed into Whittier. He constantly attended the tow line, even getting up in the middle of the night to grease and renew the chafing gear.

Captain John Schindler also did his utmost for us, even stopping the big 45,000-ton tanker on the fourth of the five days we were under tow, allowing me to go aboard Tryste and pump her out and renew the tow line.

But the whole crew of 27 men aboard that ship were completely involved with saving our yacht. A finer bunch of people I have never met. As Val said, "I wouldn't have missed the Hudson for anything."

Tryste, by virtue of her ability to get up on top of the water and plane, survived our tow of 1,740 miles at an average speed of 15.4 knots. Now we felt we had a fair chance of getting her home.

From Whittier in Prince William Sound we had about 300 miles of open water to cross before we rounded Cape Spencer to take us to inside waters. We motored our way steadily across the Gulf of Alaska at the modest speed of four knots to achieve this.

Luckily the weather was mostly good. Now we are in Juneau and we feel that we should be able safely to bring our broken boat home in about three weeks.

One last word in this account: Why did she break up? Did we hit anything?

No: it was just a matter of fatigue. With over 100,000 sea miles under her keels the stresses imposed upon our trimaran were compounded and incalculable.

Although she showed no outward sign of rot or weakness it was there within the fibres of the wood. We had just asked too much of her.

Sorry, Tryste!

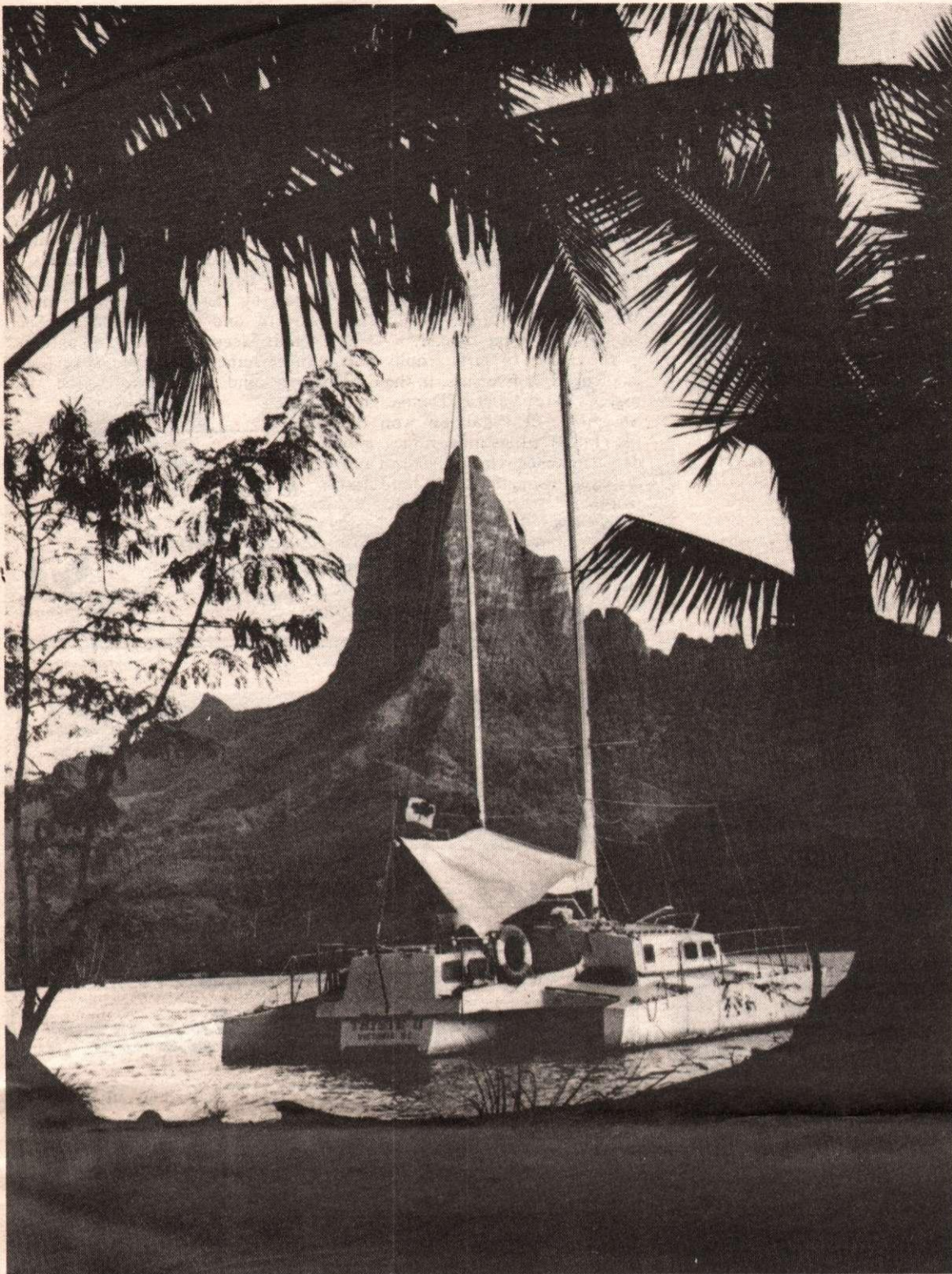
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Tryste II enjoyed calmer seas before the storm

## Labour Day tournament ends season

Slowpitch season on Salt Spring Island will end with a tournament on Labour Day weekend.

Ten local teams, three teams from Duncan, one from Port Alberni and perhaps two more will participate.

Anyone wishing to enter a team or any local teams that don't wish to

play in the tournament should contact Glenn Woodley.

The affair will begin on the Friday evening with a dance at Fulford Hall. Games will take place Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A salmon barbecue is slated for Sunday at 6 pm at Drummond Park.

All the teams involved will play

for a new trophy donated by Kanaka Place Restaurant while local teams will play for the Roy Lee Memorial Trophy.

Entry fee is \$10 for local teams and \$50 for off-island teams.

A draw will be held Friday, Aug. 26 to place teams in the tournament. Further details may be obtained from Glenn Woodley.

## Runabout missing from Galiano

Lost, stolen or strayed: a sportsman runabout with motor.

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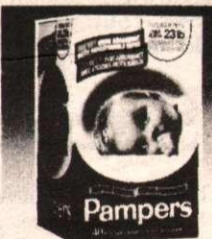


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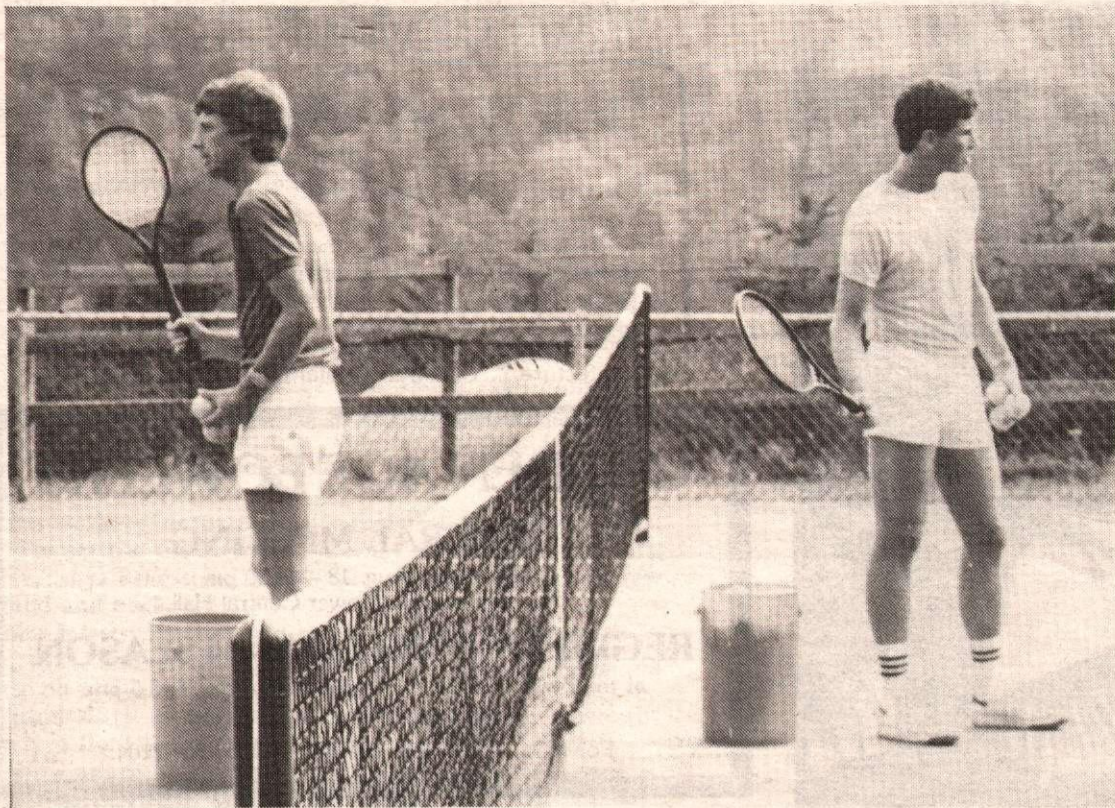
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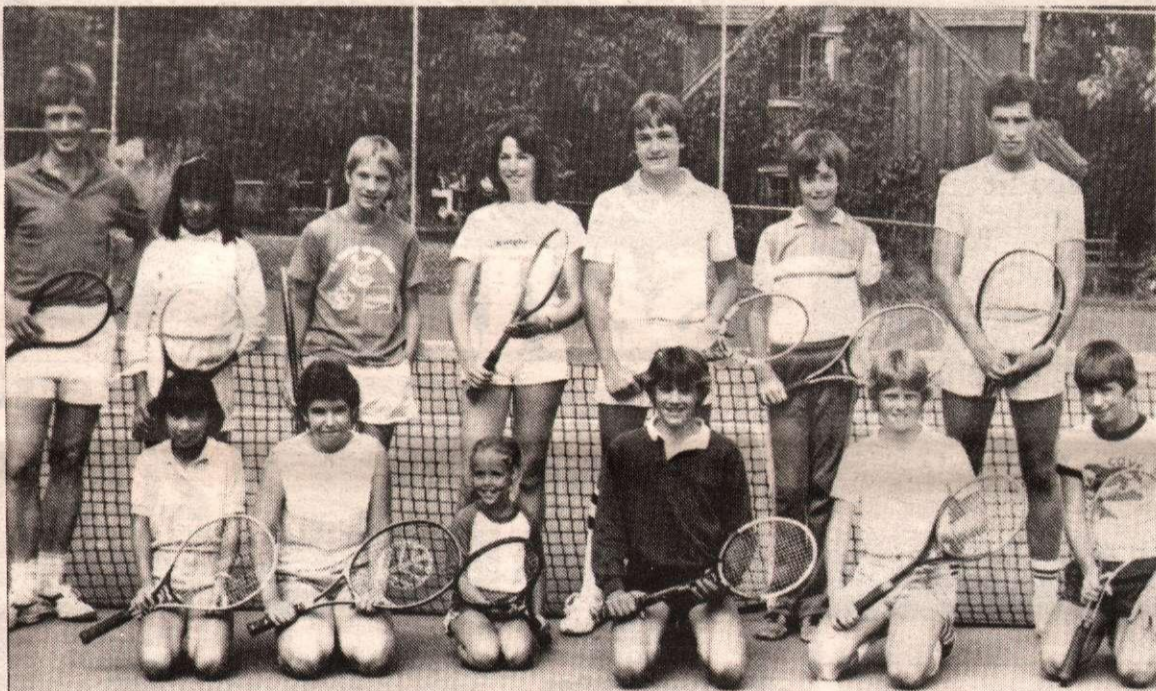
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Tennis in one easy week! Toby Seward and John Wooldridge during the course of the clinic but they provided good instruction to the students who turned up for the lessons.

Photo by Andrew Wooldridge



Last week's Tennis Clinic attracted a large student attendance. Teachers Toby Seward and John Wooldridge were busy with 11 students. Back row, left to right: Toby Seward, Andrea Wong, Mike Kruger, Valerie Denike, Mark Wooldridge, Darren Lee, John Wooldridge. Front row: Lei Parris, Sian Bollee, Anna Hughes, John Thomas, David Fullerton and Peter Andress.

## Successful Fitness-Tennis clinic

This past week, on August 9-12, the Salt Spring Tennis Association sponsored a tennis and sports fitness clinic for youngsters aged 8-15.

Eleven children took part and, coached by Toby Seward and John Wooldridge, learned and reviewed the fundamentals of tennis and went through rigorous physical training in preparation for the junior championships on August 13-14.

The children spent 3½ hours each day on the tennis court, of which approximately 2½ hours was spent in tennis instruction and one hour was occupied by fitness training.

The last lesson was concluded with strategy instruction and prizes for particular achievements by each participant during the week.

This was the first attempt at a clinic of this nature and sponsors and players agreed that it was successful.

It is intended that a similar clinic will be held next summer. It may be offered on more than one occasion, perhaps several weeks in succession.

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## Tennis match draws 24 contestants at Ganges

Twenty-four people participated in the Salt Spring Junior Tennis Championships over the weekend.

The championships were played in a round-robin series. Nine boys entered in two flights for the junior boys under 14. Finalists were Michael Kruger and Mark Wooldridge. Mark Wooldridge won 7-5 in the tie-breaker.

The under-14 girls trophy was challenged by five girls. In the final match were Valerie Denike and Shannon Lee. Shannon won the match 6-3 after long rallies and deuce matches. This is the third and last year Shannon will hold the trophy.

### WINS 6-4

On Sunday, finalists Andrew Wooldridge and Graham Lee showed their paces when Lee won the set, 6-4.

The girls-under-18 trophy was won by Caroline Andress. Runner-up was Shannon Lee. It was a triumphant day for Caroline. It was her first junior tournament entry and it was also her 18th birthday.

The competitors were congratulated by the association on their efforts and sportsmanship. The tennis executive thanked all parents and members who aided by keeping score and staying to watch the match.

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### SOCCER

**REGISTRATION for Soccer School & League Play—Sat., Aug. 20, 10 am-1 pm, Kanaka Place Restaurant.**

**SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL - Aug. 22-26.** Junior (10 & under) 8-12:30 daily; Senior (over 10) 1-5 daily, Portlock Park.