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## Meeting hears from engineers on coal filtration system

Coal filtration and ground disposal could be an inexpensive solution to the sewage disposal problem in Ganges, says one engineer, but the Capital Region engineers disagree.

Ed Chow came to a public meeting of the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force last Friday to explain the concept of using coal to filter sewage. Also at the meeting were Bob Warman and Seamus McDonnell of the CRD engineering staff.

Chow explained that the coal filtration method in sewage disposal has been in use for many years. Experiments by the Rand Corporation in the United States had been conducted on the system, he said.

Chow said he designed such a system for use at a meat packing plant in Richmond, B.C., and it had been used successfully for nine years.

The Ganges system, as suggested by Chow, would require each resident or business in the sewered area to be hooked to a septic tank. The tank would run into a central collection system which would take the effluent to a 45,000-gallon holding tank at the Seaview Avenue site. Two pumps at that site would send the effluent through about one mile of pipe to the proposed coal beds.

The effluent would pass through a sludge digestion tank into the coal beds and then into a septic field for ground disposal.

The land requirement for the coal bed and the drain tile field would be about six acres, he said.

An area of sufficient size is located within a mile of the village, he told the meeting. He would not be more specific but indicated the land was somewhere along the ridge which marks the southerly

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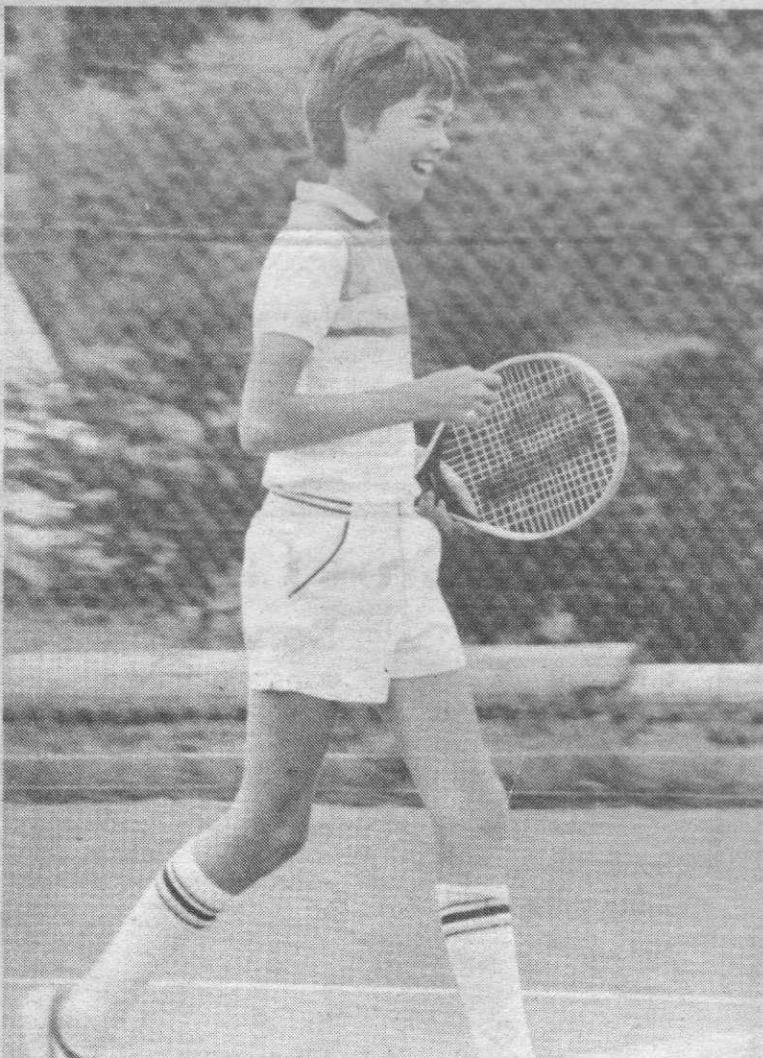
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### Judging flowers

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club held its Summer Flower Show and Tea at Fulford Hall on the

weekend. Above, judge I.C. Shanks is pointing out the delicate bloom on a flowering indoor plant to Kit

Moulton of Fulford. Plant was a prize winner for Ruby Alton.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

### Tennis champ

Winner in the boys' junior tennis championships, 14 and under division, is Darren Lee of Salt Spring Island. Tournament was

held at Portlock Park and was sponsored by the Tennis Association. More photos and prize winners on Page 10.

## Minor crime wave at Galiano

A minor crime wave swept Galiano Island last week with at least five separate incidents reported to police.

Bev Shipley, of Vancouver, was staying at a lodge overnight and when she returned to her vehicle on August 8, she discovered that \$1,385

worth of belongings had been taken. The thief broke the rear window in the auto and took luggage, a tape deck, a camera and other personal items. The criminal identification section was called in from Victoria to begin investigation of the incident.

Bert Musselman returned to his trailer on Bluff Road and found that someone had broken into it. The illegal entry took place overnight between August 7 and 8.

A search of the area around the trailer turned up all the missing items except a gold watch.

Another resident of Galiano reported a continuing theft of food. The house was entered through a bathroom window and the thefts took place at various times during June and July.

Peter Klau of Galiano reported that someone had boarded his fish boat which had been docked at Sturdies Bay and took a briefcase containing \$200. The theft took place sometime during the evening of August 6.

Brian Cooper of Coquitlam had been camping in Montague Park. He went for a swim on the afternoon of August 9 and when he returned to his campsite, his gear was strewn around.

A check revealed that \$40 had been taken.

## Who can vote?

Who can vote on September 4? Every eligible voter whose name appears on the voters list will be able to cast a ballot for the federal general election. And those who

unsuccessfully look for their names on the voters list must contact the enumerator for the area by 10 pm today (Wednesday).

Late is too late, although there is provision for being sworn in at the polls in the islands.

Voters still have the rest of Wednesday to make sure they are on the list. They should call the returning officer at 112-746-6213 to ascertain that they have a vote if they cannot ascertain the name of the enumerator in their polling district.

Preliminary lists show that there will be 3,904 eligible voters on Salt Spring Island, with another 2,221 on the Outer Islands.

The figures have been compiled by the staff of *Driftwood* from the lists available.

Breakdown in the islands shows, South Pender, 95; North Pender, 852; Saturna, 163, Mayne, 515; Galiano, 596.

These are not the completed figures. They will be amended by all voters whose names are added to the list after Aug. 15.

## Seized pot grown hydroponically

Technology has come to the illicit drug trade on Salt Spring Island and the police have the proof.

Ganges detachment RCMP raided a barn on Mount Maxwell Road July 27 and seized 250 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$250,000. News of the raid was not released until Tuesday.

The plants were being grown hydroponically and all the equipment was taken into custody as well.

No arrests were made but police are continuing their investigation.



## Boys win— precisely

At 9 am precisely on Tuesday, Webster's A Team members woke up with the realization that they had won the ladies' fastpitch end-of-season tournament trophy in a tough battle with Fulford Ladies. It was a hitters' game and the final score was 19-18. The boys compete in the ladies' league for lack of competition on island. Back row, from left, are coach Merv Walde, Peter Andress, Brad Davies, Michael Brown, Jason Fraser, John Thomas, Jason Cherney, coach Donna McWhirter. Front, from left: Doug Walde, David McColl, Anthony Archer, David McWhirter, Bill Boyd.

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**Baha'is stage weekend gathering**

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Weekend gathering of Baha'is started at dawn on Sunday morning at the Farmers' Institute property on Rainbow Road. A full day of activities took place, focusing on panel discussions and ending with dinner and a unity gathering complete with music and songs. In top photo, audience listens to native speaker Maynard Eakin during panel discussion on Native Spirituality: Individual Approaches. At left, Robyn Smith and son Justin help prepare group dinner consisting of barbecued Salt Spring Island lamb.



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# Follow peas with corn salad, Chinese winter greens

There is an as yet subtle but noticeable difference in our carrot patch. The weeds are not as prominent and some of the carrots, once totally dependent on the weeds of the carrot patch for support, have now stood up for their rights and are lustily and vigorously growing on their own as never before. But the weeds are tenacious. There is one tricky thistle of uncommon tenacity, remarkable even among weeds, which was weeded along with its runners from its formidable position 10 years ago, after it tried its best to stonewall a water grate.

Having feigned dormancy for these many years, it is now trying for yet another comeback to serve as an elder weed to the carrots in the southern patch. Meanwhile, in the northern part of the patch, a whole bunch of new weeds have sprung up in the recently created vacancies, almost overnight it seems, sprouting fierce competition among themselves for first place at the leaky potable water barrel and appealing to the carrots for a place in the sun.

The whole thing is complicated by a strange animosity between the weeds of the eastern and the western parts of the patch who are madly manufacturing antibiotics and threatening to wipe out all carrots. Maybe it comes from sowing two kinds of carrots and the weeds are using whatever slight differences in appearance there may be to sow

distrust between the red and the capital carrots, so that they can have the whole patch to themselves.

## IT LOOKS BETTER NOW

It is all my own fault, I suppose; it is either laziness or a result of my philosophy of living and letting live. I don't know which. In any case, although I had my moments of doubt in facing the immensity of the task before me, the patch looks much better now and it is a joy to see the once deprived carrots growing splendidly in freedom from the oppressive presence of the weeds.

Constant vigilance of the doings of the weeds, however much of a bother it may be, will make life a lot more pleasant in the long run, and give us a chance to turn our attention to other matters, such as the pea patch. Please do not worry though, the peas are not nearly as politically potent as my rabble-rousing carrots, and their time in the garden has almost come to the fullness of its cycle. Within the next two weeks or so, we shall prepare their bed for other life to follow, mostly corn salad and some cold hardy Chinese winter greens to provide us with some dynamite, organic fresh greens when the days are short and such things are very hard to come by.

With the recent peace offer from the Chinese, I am calmly confident that the Chinese greens and the European corn salad will grow together in peaceful co-existence in

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

the same bed. To make sure that everything remains that way, I shall till the bed twice, once to plow the peas under, then again after a couple of weeks to let the weeds germinate and sprout.

### COVER WITH NEWSPAPERS

To make doubly sure, especially in an election year, we shall cover the whole bed with six layers of folded newspaper, leaving only inch-wide sowing rows exposed. Into these narrow strips of exposed soil we shall then seed lots of corn salad, by far the hardiest of all the winter hardy greens.

Although I have mentioned this many times before, we shall emphasize again that in our liquid winters only raised beds will allow the required drainage for this to work, since excessive moisture is far more harmful to these hardy greens than cold. Corn salad survives the freezing cold of Ontario winters under the cover of insulating snow. In our climate it will even grow, albeit slowly, through most of the winter with the exception perhaps of the coldest parts of January.

In this regard, a make-shift cover of clear plastic, sufficient only to keep the worst of the rains away from the plants, will be quite worthwhile. Sow corn salad late in August and in early September, half an inch deep in rows six to eight inches apart. Thin early to two inches apart and then progressively, as the young plants attain harvestable size, to allow sufficient growing space.

If a fair amount of corn salad is sown to compensate for its slow growth during the winter, say a 50-foot row, this should be sufficient to keep a couple of people well supplied with fresh greens all winter, and result in a green bounty from February until May. This all depends on the vagaries of weather and appetites, of course.

The following Chinese and other greens may be obtained from Territorial Seeds, P.O. Box 27, Loraine, Washington, or from garden centres carrying their seeds: Green in Snow, Spring Raab, Miike Giant, Santoh frilled, Kyona (Mizuna), Giant Tai Sai, Chinese

Pac Choi, Late Komatsuna, or a sampler containing seeds of most of these, No. 268 Spring Greens Sampler. Do not be confused by the spring green bit, all of these are also excellent for fall sowing, and with any luck at all, will survive the winter to provide spring greens.

Sow these as soon as possible, the sooner the better, and if some survive the winter be sure to eat the flower buds, a delicacy according to the experts. It is worth a try in the open, pretty well a sure thing in a cold frame and it beats California lettuce anytime, in price and in quality.

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**LADIES' FASTBALL LEAGUE:** Fulford Ladies & Driftwood Dazzling Derelicts play off for 1st & 2nd place in league standings Wed., Aug. 15, Fulford field, 6:30 pm.

**S.S.I. LADIES FASTPITCH Invitational Tournament will be held this weekend, Aug. 18 & 19, Fulford Field.**

## Annual picnic held

Outer Gulf Islands residents gathered at the Mayne Island property of William Wilks August 6 for the second annual Gulf Islands Hiroshima Day Picnic.

Dr. George Morrison of Mayne Island, president of the Gulf Islands branch of Operation Dismantle, reminded his audience that the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima 39 years ago. He said the concern of survivors is that enough people are not fully alerted to the gravity of the present situation and the vital need to ban all nuclear weapons.

He asked everyone to support nuclear disarmament and to work for peace among all people.

Frank Jones of Pender spoke briefly of his recent visit to Britain for a commemoration of the defense of Malta, in which he was a deputy air commander. He said he spoke with two air marshals who were opposed to the use of nuclear

weapons.

He also cautioned his listeners about propaganda in the media, warning that they shouldn't believe everything they heard or read. It is vital that the two superpowers get back to the negotiating table, Jones concluded.

MP Jim Manly stressed the need to reverse the arms build-up which, he said, has been caused by fear and greed. Every minute, he said, \$1½ million is spent on armaments worldwide.

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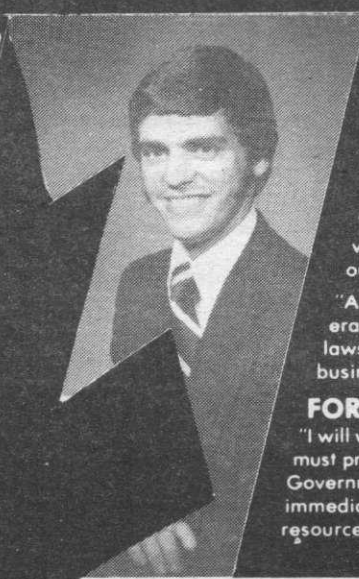
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# Soccer season begins September 15 at Salt Spring

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

The soccer season is coming up quickly and the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA) wishes to remind all participants to register now for league play and the soccer school.

With league play commencing on September 15 this year it is

important to get all our teams organized early so things start smoothly. Also this year, as an added incentive, we have a prize of one free entry into the soccer school if your registration is sent in before August 19.

A review of our programs being offered will help you with your

registration.

**League Registration**

Registration for league play is broken down into several levels open to all boys and girls.

Off-island teams: this level is open to all participants born 1973 or before and they will play competitive league soccer in the Victoria league, commencing September 15. The fee for participants is \$30.

Intra-island: this level is open to all participants born after 1973 and costs \$20 per player. Play will start September 15 at Portlock Park and all games are played every Saturday on a non-competitive basis.

Pre-school: this level is open to all youngsters 2-5 years old, costs \$10, and commences September 15 at Portlock Park. It is a program which introduces youngsters to soccer and runs for three months.

Adult Recreational: the recreational program is open to both sexes and will probably run on Friday evenings at the Ganges school grounds commencing September 14. The cost is \$5 per participant.

To register for league play, please complete the registration form, attach copies of birth certificate, make cheque payable to SSIYSA and mail to Box 1191, Ganges, B.C. **Summer Soccer School**

This year's school will be run from August 27-31 at Portlock Park. The school is in two levels: junior (10 and under) from 8 am to 12:30 pm, and senior (11 and over) from 1 pm to 5:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per participant and includes a ball, T-shirt and a badge.

The clinic will be run by this writer and Tony Legg from the

Lakehill Soccer Club and we urge you to register now.

**Referees and Coaches**

With our season coming upon us quickly we are actively looking for coaches and referees, either experienced or interested in learning.

If you are interested in being involved in our association in either capacity please contact this writer. We will be holding clinics for both early in the season.

**Soccer Shop**

This year we once again offer soccer equipment at competitive prices for the participants. This year we have a new addition to our equipment as we have a club track suit (light blue top, dark blue bottom) that is excellent quality.

We also have jackets, balls, shin guards, goalie gloves, bags, kangaroo tops, T-shirts and soccer boots. Call this writer to order or if you wish a price list. You can also order items on the registration form.

**Uniforms**

We are trying to assess our

uniform requirements for the new season but many players still have their uniforms. If you still have shirts, shorts and socks, please put them in a bag with your name on it and drop it off in the soccer box outside Kanaka Place Restaurant.

**Sponsors**

Our association is actively seeking anyone or any business that would like to sponsor a team or the association as a whole. Support from the community is essential to ensure the success of our programs. If you are interested in supporting our association please contact this writer.

**Men's Soccer**

We are playing every Sunday evening at 7 pm on the Ganges school grounds. Everyone is welcome.

I hope this outlines our programs for you but if you need more information please call this writer or Strick Aust and we will help. Remember, get registered before August 19 and you can win a free entry to the soccer school.

## Red tide closure in Juan de Fuca Strait

The red tide warning issued recently does not affect the waters surrounding the Gulf Islands.

The fisheries department has closed the beaches along the Strait of Juan de Fuca from William Head to Carmana Point.

In the Gulf Islands, shellfish harvesters should beware of taking butter clams and scallops. Any other bivalve, such as little neck or razor clams, abalone and oysters, are okay.

Certain areas of the Gulf Islands are off-limits for shellfish harvesting at all times.

On Salt Spring, harvesters should stay away from Booth Inlet, Duck Bay, Vesuvius Bay and Burgoyne Bay on the west shore. Also closed is an area near the creek at the north end of North End Road, 1,000 metres either side of the Fernwood wharf, the inner bay at Walker Hook, Long Harbour near the ferry wharf, Ganges Harbour inside a line from Walker Spit passing Goat Island to the opposite shore, and Fulford Harbour.

On the Penders, Hope Bay and

Thieves Bay are closed as well as an area in Bedwell Harbour inside a line from Skull Inlet reef to Hay Point.

Closures on Galiano cover Montague Harbour and Whaler Bay.

Technicians from the fisheries department are undertaking more checks of various molluscs as a means of determining if further closures are needed.

### Posters a danger to linemen

Because of the danger to linemen, B.C. Hydro is asking candidates and their supporters not to put posters on power poles during the federal election campaign.

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## A Different Mirror

# Play rated a success

BY BILL WEBSTER

If good theatre flows from the creativity of the performers to spark the imagination of the audience, then the event staged at the Salt Spring Centre Saturday evening must be rated a success.

Global Island Theatre got together with the street theatre group Jam Sandwich to present *A Different Mirror*.

The troupe, Keith Adams, Michael Aylward, Almeda Cowper, Paddy Crawford, Jennifer Lee, Mario Martinelli and David Venoit, wrote, directed and performed the play.

The material was drawn from eyewitness accounts of political unrest and its results in Chile.

As the play opened, one of the actors was having difficulty putting real feelings into a line about being free. The play carried the theme by contrasting artistic freedom with political realities of Chile.

The evening's entertainment spliced music, myth and drama into a whole. The basis for the play centred on the members of the troupe rehearsing what would be performed.

The setting was Chiloe, a small island off the coast of Chile, and the action focused on the residents of that island and their responses to the oppression of the government. Myths of the island people also formed part of the play.

One vignette offered a stunning insight into the affairs in contemporary Chile.

Carlos came to the village plaza to meet someone in an effort to escape. But he met a friend named Juan who was a pilot in the air force. At Juan's insistence they went to the beach to share a drink.

Juan was upset because the basement of the mess hall at the air base had been turned into a detention centre for political prisoners. He and his fellow airmen, while they ate, could hear the screams of the prisoners being tortured.

But that wasn't the problem. The problem was disposing of the bodies.

The commanders decided that Juan would fly a cargo plane out over the ocean and dump the bodies into the water. Juan didn't like the task but did it because he was told to.

The play was performed in an area on the second floor of the barn at the Centre on Blackburn Road. The proximity of the actors to the audience slowly added to the impact of the presentation.

By the end of the play, with the six performers standing in line, rhythmically clapping, the audience was also drawn into the almost frantic clap.

The play was presented as a benefit for the Salt Spring chapter of Amnesty International.



### Promoting play

In the manner of settlers of yesteryear, group of riders on horseback travelled to Ganges to advertise the staging of *Islomania*,

*Saga of the Settlers*, which is being shown at Fernwood School every evening until August 19. From left,

they are Malcolm Pinteau, Caroline Hunt and Diana Hayes, who wrote the play.

Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

## Islomania brings history to life

BY BILL WEBSTER

Islanders are a breed apart and the proof is performed nightly at Fernwood School on Salt Spring.

*Islomania* sets out the history of Salt Spring Island and the four cast members bring the events to life during an enjoyable evening.

The technical side of the production on Sunday evening wasn't up to what it should have been. At times the background music became more than that while other little hitches were noticeable but not intrusive.

The cast, Dawn Luker and Janet Suess with Gordon Wales and

Richard Saville performed, for the most part, in admirable fashion. Saville on occasion mumbled his lines.

The gymnasium has been turned into a theatre by the ingenious use of the stage, backdrop and light towers. With audience and performers in proximity the intimacy adds to the production.

*Islomania* was put together by Diana Hayes and Yvonne Adalian from journals, diaries and historical accounts of early settlers on the island. Interviews with some of the

older residents added to the story.

The story line blends history and personal reminiscences as well as music. As a backdrop, slides show various scenes of the island and the drawings by LeRoy Jensen are powerful graphics to illustrate points in the narrative.

The concept of having the performers read the script while on stage is innovative and each brings more than just a recitation to his delivery.

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## Archie Georgeson to mark 90th birthday Sunday

BY MARY HARDING

When "Uncle" Archie Georgeson celebrates his birthday this year, it will mark 90 years in close association with his home island of Galiano.

A true native of the islands, he was born at Mayne Island on August 19, 1884, and soon moved to Galiano with his parents, John and Elizabeth Georgeson. At age six, in 1900, he well remembers beginning school in the valley, and his first teacher, Arthur B. Wallace. Two years after, James Sinclair came there to teach.

His classmate was Irving Sinclair who, "Uncle" used to say, "copied my lessons from my slate," until his teacher-father caught him and made him do them over again. When the school was built at Retreat Cove he did not have so far to walk, and helped to clear land to play on. The following year another school was built on top of the hill, where Archie went to finish his fourth reader, about the equivalent of Grade 9 or 10.

Then it became necessary to move to Mayne Island upon the death of his father, and he spent the next several years working at the new Active Pass Light, helping granddad Henry "Scotty" Georgeson as engineer at the fog station.

He learned to do many things. He

worked with Billy Cain, who taught him the fine arts of woodworking, and he built many skiffs and repaired many boats in his time. He also spent many years in the logging trade and can tell tales of getting up early in the morning to row over to Village Bay and walk away up the big field (not a field then) to fall trees with his brothers and some friends.

Archie has spent many happy hours playing his violin, which he also found time to do when he was young. He and his brothers played music for many dances around the islands, and he also took prizes in dance competitions.

Now Archie is living at the senior citizens' complex at Page Drive, where he is in fairly good health, and still single!

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Winners in the boys' junior tennis championships, above, were, from left, Graham Lee, runner-up in 18 and under division; Paul Cottrell, winner, 18 and under division; Darren Lee, winner, 14 and under division; and David Fullerton, runner-up, 14 and under division.

Winners in the girls' junior tennis championships were, front row from left, Suzanne Cottrell, runner-up, girls' 18 and under division; Shannon Lee, winner, girls' 18 and under division; Debbie Topping, winner, girls' 14 and under division;

and Sian Bollee, runner-up in the girls' 14 and under division. Other participants in the Sunday tournament were, from left, back row, Wendy Ronne, Helen Stark, Leila Crowther, Sarah Stark, Sarah Fullerton and Nancy McDougald.

Driftwood photos by Alice Richards



## 22 in juniors' tourney

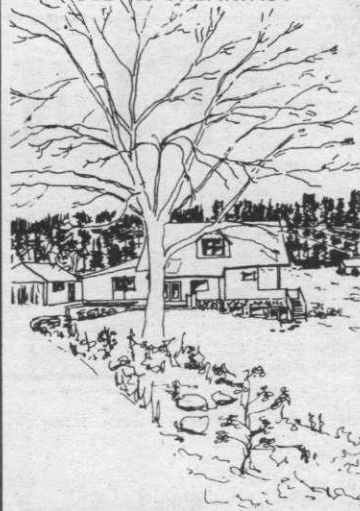
Twenty-two youthful tennis players took part in the 56 matches that made up the Salt Spring Tennis Association's junior championships at Portlock Park Saturday and Sunday.

In the girls' division, aged 14 and under, Debbie Topping won 7-3 in a tie-breaker over Sian Bollee. Darren Lee's 6-2 win over David

Fullerton gave him the boys' 14 and under championship.

The girls' 18 and under division winner was Shannon Lee and Suzanne Cottrell took the runner-up spot. Paul Cottrell came out on top in the boys' 18 and under division, winning 9-7 in a tie-breaker against Graham Lee.

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Jim Manly seeks re-election in Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands for a second term as member of parliament.

Manly, representing the New Democratic Party, is an ordained United Church minister and had been pastor at the First United Church in Ladysmith when he was elected in 1980.

He was born in Saskatchewan on a farm near Saskatoon in 1932 and the family moved to British Columbia during the second world war. He was educated in public schools in Nanaimo and received a

Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia. He studied theology at Union College.

As a student minister he served at New Denver, Sea Island, Honeymoon Bay and on Salt Spring Island. Manly was ordained in 1957.

For the following two years he worked as a logger at Camp Woss on the north end of Vancouver Island where he also held the position as secretary for the sub-local of Local 1-71 of the International Woodworkers of America. In 1958 he joined the CCF, the forerunner of the NDP.

Manly and his wife Eva (Jacobsen) were married in May of 1959 and have three sons, Doug, Paul and Mark, and a daughter, Heather.

From 1959 until 1963, Manly served as minister at the Indian village at Kitimat as well as at Kemano. In the following years he ministered to the North Island Pastoral Charge at Port Alice and Port McNeill before moving on to serve as a detached worker for the United Church with native people in Prince Rupert.

Manly continued his involvement with unions by acting as corresponding secretary for Local 514 of the Pulp Sulphite Union in Port Alice. He also worked towards establishing contacts between the church and the union.

Manly's first attempt at elected office came in 1969 when he ran unsuccessfully against the speaker of the provincial house, Bill Murray.

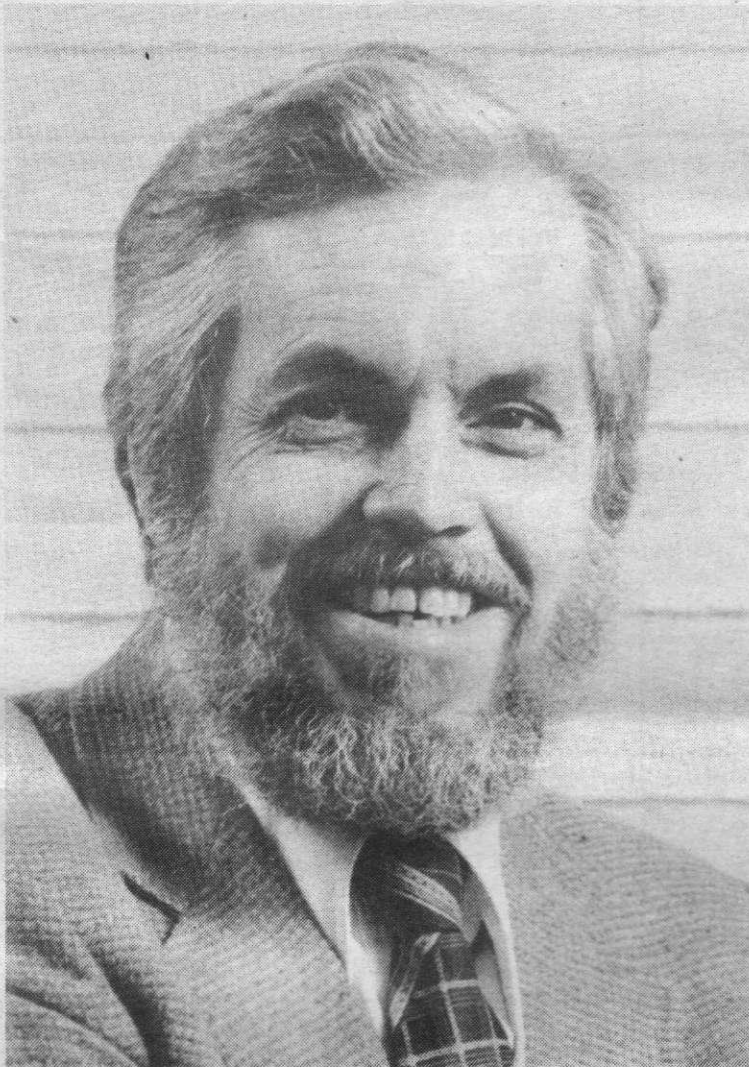
Manly then returned to UBC for graduate studies in the Department of English and received his MA in 1976.

In the federal election of May, 1979, Manly contested the local seat as a New Democrat but lost to Don Taylor of the Progressive Conservatives by slightly more than 1,500 votes.

When the short-lived Tory government fell and another election was called in February, 1980, Manly again carried the NDP banner into the fray.

In that contest, Manly came out ahead of Taylor by close to 3,900 votes.

While in Ottawa, Manly was NDP critic for Indian affairs and served on the parliamentary committee for that department. He helped draw up the report which set out the terms and conditions for native peoples' self government.



Jim Manly

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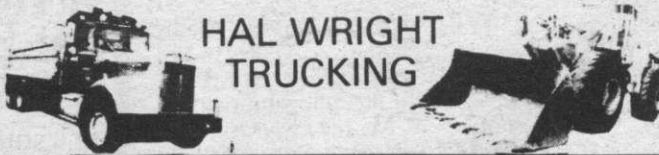
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# Letters to the Editor

## Position clarified

Sir,  
Re: D.I. 60, Cowichan District, Galiano Island.

In response to your paper's article (Wednesday, July 18) our Society would like to clarify our position.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Certificate of Incorporation as a non-profit Society, issued by the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on February 18, 1983.

As a wilderness Society, we chose D.I. 60 as a proposed community group recreation area for its natural beauty, location and underutilization. We say underutilization because of some of the facts we were informed of on June 14, 1984 at a meeting with the A.P.C. and Galiano Island Trustees. There it was stated that about 25% of Galiano's residents use D.I. 60. With a year-round population of 750 people, 25% is less than 200 people yearly on a 154-acre site.

With this type of proposal, resident support is crucial if the project is to be successful. We must state that our proposal for D.I. 60 was not the issue, the plan itself was well received. The fact that we are not a resident organization was, to us, the deciding factor.

At the June meeting we said that if the residents showed strong opposition to our plan we would withdraw the application, as it is not our intention to go against local wishes. With this in mind, we have decided not to pursue this application any further.

Hopefully these facts will clarify our position on this issue. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**JAMES A. KIPP,**  
**WAYNE C. BROWN,**  
Directors,  
Wilderness Intelligence Leisure  
Development Society,  
Nanaimo, B.C.  
August 2, 1984.

## Reconsider

Sir,  
Perhaps people who want to save Musgrave should reconsider the proposal for National Park land in the Gulf Islands.

**N. WIGEN,**  
Box 72, Fulford,  
August 1984.

## Undercutting of the plan

Sir,  
Musgrave Landing is just one area of Beautiful British Columbia that will go to suburban type development if there is not strong public protest to the undercutting of our community plan and to the Islands Trust by Order-in-Council 916.

The Salt Spring Community Plan was formulated through a democratic process and achieved through negotiation with all interests on this island. It is all we have to control orderly development in the interest of all of us. Are we going to let this government take it away from us with a stroke of the Premier's pen?

Let the Premier know your views and get more information at the Market on Saturday.  
**ANN RICHARDSON,**  
Fulford Harbour,  
August 14, 1984.

## Compelling production

Sir,  
*Islomania, the Saga of the Settlers* - a journal-history of Salt Spring - is one of the most compelling multi-media productions I've seen in a long time.

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**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Ganges,  
August 1984.

## Election priorities

Sir,  
A recent survey in three key Vancouver ridings (North Vancouver-Burnaby, Quadra and Centre) revealed people's priorities for the upcoming election. The economy, in general, and jobs specifically topped the poll. Peace issues came next. I wonder how many people surveyed realize the inseparable connection between these two concerns. And how many candidates are knowledgeable of the connection?

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A small group of people in Canada's military-industrial complex are "making a killing" from the arms race. Could it be that military contracts are more related to corporate security than national security?

It's our tax dollars that are feeding this machine. We therefore must take some responsibility for its continuance. But—conversion to a non-military based economy is not only feasible, it is the only long-term economically sound direction to take.

In the very near future a summary of our candidates' positions on the issue of peace and the economy will be publicized in our community. Examine the positions carefully, then vote for the candidate who is most knowledgeable about this situation and who is prepared to make it his priority if elected.

**LOUISE BEIJK,**  
Box 74,  
Ganges,  
August 1984.

## Peace education

Sir,  
In June you featured a front page article on Peace Education. The school board wanted to reserve their judgement on it until they had more response from the community. The next week there was a letter from several parents saying this was something that parents should be teaching at home. Of course they should. But as a parent I know how hard it is to teach something at home which is contrary to what is going on at school and in society and on T.V.

What is currently fashionable? Combat clothes.

What's a most popular movie for kids? Star Wars. Why wars? Why not Exploration or Discovery or Adventure? Why Wars? Have we nothing to give, nothing to offer even in outer space except violence?

At school I learned history, or thought I did, but often it was remembering a long series of conquests, names, dates, etc. I was unaware of the social reforms and scientific encouragement established by Napoleon when we learned about him in school. All I remembered was his wars. More recently we all think we know about Hitler and World War II, but are we aware of the greed, financial

manipulation and exploitation which made his rise to power possible, even welcomed, by so many people? If we did would we be in the economic mess we are presently in? Hitler at first looked like a cure for the economic ills, and he did provide solutions. Only later, too late, did the people realise the cost of his solutions, but by then the terrorism of the Gestapo was turned on them and they were unable to overthrow him.

Good parents do teach peaceful ways of dealing with life's stress and challenges and relationships, but there have been good parents in the past and there have been wars throughout human history till and including now. We can't afford any more wars. We need to learn peace and the ways to peace at home, at school, at church and in society. We need to be able to act in peaceful ways, at an individual level, responsibly, despite provocation. Peace is far far more than just the absence of armed conflict. It is a totally different focus on life, a different motivation, a real change of heart, at the deepest level of our being.

I have seen in my lifetime a great loss of peace at the personal and community level. Many of us who were born here lived in homes where the doors were never locked and no one was ever turned away empty handed, and there was always time to help a friend, neighbour or stranger who needed us. Economically we were poor, we had no money and few possessions, but there was always something to share. This is the essence of peace and plenty—sharing and caring and not counting the cost, because when we do this we are never poor or

afraid. It may be that when we lock our doors we also begin to lock our hearts, and we have already lost our peace.

Moral corruption also destroys our peace. The 10 Commandments need to be taught and kept.

They have their equivalent in other religions also, but in love and not just as odious duty but as a wonderful opportunity to bring peace at last on this earth, by living it. We need it as adult education as well as in the school.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fulford Harbour,  
August 8, 1984.

## Phantom orchid very rare

Sir,  
I know that, nowadays, when so many matters of great importance are continually being brought to our attention, that it is hard to bother about small, nearly-extinct plants; but I would like to plead for great care to be exercised for the preservation of the Phantom Orchid (*Cephalanthera Austinae*) at Musgrave Landing.

This very rare, beautiful, scented orchid appears intermittently—perhaps only every 17 years.

Lewis J. Clark, in his *Wild Flowers of B.C.*, says: "Since this orchid is limited to the Pacific Northwest, and cannot be removed to gardens, it is likely to become extinct unless protected in parks that provide its moist, coniferous forest habitat."

**ISABEL M. HUNT,**  
R.R. 3, Ganges,  
August 1984.



Bill Webster

## Silliness on the increase

Just when John of B.S. began to look like a winner, Canadians turned from him in droves.

The latest poll shows Brian of B.C. drawing away in the beauty contest.

Here in the Gulp Isles, eight worthies seek out collective support. Someone commented that the loonies are loose and wondered why the fringe candidates should be allowed to clutter up the ballot.

Isn't that what it's all about? Canada, having a passing acquaintance with democracy, is a place where people are allowed to do their thing—within certain limits set by law, common sense or conscience.

If a perspiring individual wants to throw away \$250 to get his picture printed in *Driftwood*, so be it.

After all, listening to the three major candidates talk can get a bit boring after a while. Variety, being the spice of life and love, helps when beleaguered reporters have to stay awake at all-candidates meetings.

Someone on the platform might, just might, say something intelligent and disprove the conception that politicians are full of hot air.

Which brings us to the meetings themselves.

What we have at such gatherings is the committed talking to the committed. Most

other folk take a chance on flipping a coin in the voting booth as they mark their ballot.

But the meetings do keep the politicians off the street for the evening.

As the campaign bores on, the sheer volume of silliness grows daily.

John of B.S. has started following the advice of his handlers not to handle portions of anatomy other than hands. Slapping derrieres may be acceptable on the football field but it ranks in politics right up there with the one-finger salute.

Meanwhile, Brian of B.C. has learned not to talk off-the-cuff to reporters. There are times when reporters and politicians should sit down without the aid of tape or notebook just to hash things around.

But when an election campaign is on, there is no time out and the Jaw should know that.

Eddie Badlybent was the recipient of reasonable news when those poll results were let loose. The Indeeperers climbed from 11% to 15% favourable response from those who responded.

But those figures are difficult to interpret. The responses may or may not be valid.

In a campaign run in Trawna several years ago, a supporter of

one of the parties reported that another of the parties was running a telephone survey.

The supporters of the first party were told to answer favourably for any other party but their own. Can you imagine the mood on election night when the ballot results came out almost opposite to the telephone poll?

Actually, that's where the fun of elections can be found. Following the leader may be high profile stuff, but the local campaign offers experiences of real life.

We watch on the Gulp Isles as campaign signs appear and just as quickly disappear. Each side blames the other and the sign crews are kept busy trying to keep track of which sign is up and which is down.

If one is crafty, those signs could supply a winter's worth of kindling.

And now for something completely different.

The rumours from the south end of Salt Spring have it that the chairman of the Swines is thinking seriously about holding the 1984 spring meeting of that porcine society.

Society members are getting restless, to say the least, about not having an opportunity to let loose. They, the members, want to go whole-hog about enjoying an evening.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Solution a few weeks away?

BY HUGH BORSMAN  
Regional Director

I feel that the following information is important for an understanding of the current Ganges sewer situation. I would urge you to read it and I would beg you all to keep an open mind on the subject for the next week or so.

Today (Wednesday) the CRD is holding a special meeting to discuss in detail the problems which are delaying progress in finding an acceptable solution. While an irrevocable decision is not likely to be made today, I would hope that a series of procedures can be set in motion that will lead to a solution in a few weeks.

As you all know, the previous Citizens' Committee and the CRD board decided on a collecting system for the Ganges core and the institutions along with a treatment plant and the Ganges outfall. The treatment plant utilizes the RBC (Rotating Biological Contactor) and a number of additional safeguards. The effluent would be of high quality and would meet Waste Management Branch (WMB) standards. It would be discharged on ebb tide only from holding tanks that would have a capacity of 90,000 gallons.

There have always been concerns about the idea of ocean discharge of sewage effluent. An increasing number of people have continued to issue dire threats of what would

happen to the harbour and this has resulted in widespread uncertainty. Neither the department of environment, nor the department of fisheries, nor the consulting engineers, nor the WMB, share this concern.

Oceanographers and marine biologists in general do not feel domestic sewage is harmful to the ocean and may be advantageous. However, it is true we have a narrow harbour and this was the reason for wishing to have a dye study to hopefully provide some reassurance. The salvation will probably be, if we use the outfall, that we produce such a small amount of effluent for such a large body of water.

### EXPERIENCED BREAKDOWNS

The treatment plant itself has come under fire. This particular method (RBC) did experience breakdowns prior to 1981, but its reputation has since been salvaged. However, largely due to the extra precautions which are built in, operating costs are high. The question is whether they are too high, and the Task Force has been agonizing over this. So the present proposal has its critics and its problems. Despite this, it was the only solution we had, and despite concerns it probably would have gone ahead since ground disposal had supposedly been excluded.

Then a month or so ago a professional engineer from Vancouver, Mr. Ed Chow, proposed to the sewer alternates group a coal filtration method (CFM) of sewage treatment. Since coal is only replacing sand or gravel, the method is very old. Mr. Chow thinks coal has special properties. While it may do so, research over many years does not confirm it.

The CRD considered this method about eight years ago, but apparently the WMB was not enthusiastic. However the method had immediate appeal because of what appeared to be reduced capital and operating costs, and because it was designed to be used along with ground disposal. This then, logically, led to a further search for a site for ground disposal.

A hydrogeologist recently reviewed previous studies, and made a personal preliminary study. The purpose of the investigation was to see "whether or not there are zones...that warrant further more detailed evaluation." The conclusion was that there are two general areas "that should be checked out in more detail".

In view of a fairly widespread preference for land disposal (whether justified or not), it would appear to be essential to complete this study. If land is not available, then the CFM may not be worth further study. If land is available, then the method should be examined in detail.

### ESTIMATES SKETCHY

At a meeting held on Friday, Mr. Chow gave a detailed presentation of the method, but his estimates for

costs were very sketchy. A CRD engineer, who was present, gave figures that were very different, and suggested that the CFM was very much more expensive than the present proposal. Obviously these figures can be checked, and will be before Wednesday's meeting.

So you see that we now have an option, or at least an option for further study. I can not speak for the CRD or the Ganges Task Force, but I feel reasonably sure that everyone on Salt Spring Island would want one final assurance that land disposal was, or was not, available. It should be possible to make conclusive studies on this land in a comparatively short time.

Then, of course, the costs for coal filtration must be confirmed. I would guess that it will be a lot more expensive than originally thought. Then further thought would be given to its general suitability. It is basically an experimental method, with no comparable systems available in North America that can be used for study and comparison.

However, one should note that the present treatment plant could be used prior to land disposal (if available) with the advantage of eliminating some costly extras. It should, though, be pointed out that land disposal would require a completely new application to the WMB for a permit. This would cost up to \$40,000 and take up to a year.

You can see that a simple answer is not yet at hand, but I have tried to reassure you that no one is rushing blindly ahead without considering different points of view. We should, despite difficulties, settle this matter in the next month or so. I think the emergence of a new proposal has been a real advantage, and if it could all come together it would be a great relief to almost everyone.

One critical note! I have a list in front of me of about 60 people from Salt Spring Island who forwarded to the CRD a form letter with their signatures on it. Among other statements it read, "I would not vote for the system we are now being offered. I would vote for the coal filtration method."

The hand-outs concerning the CFM included a series of opinions. There were no hard facts, or hard figures. No reference was made to other successful installations, just mention of one small proposed plant on Bowen Island that does not yet have a permit. So I believe that these people were badly served by those distributing the CFM literature.

The ones who forwarded the letters to the CRD, and myself, because of misinformation, or insufficient information, were willing to vote tomorrow for an experimental system, at an undetermined cost, and with no positive assurance that land would be available to dispose of treated effluent, not to mention concern whether the WMB would ever approve of it.



Dorothy Edwards with her best entry in floral art with Japanese design.

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## Program starts Sunday

Police in B.C., including the Gulf Islands, will be putting on Summer Counterattack from August 19 to September 3.

The program is aimed at reducing the number of impaired drivers on the road and ensuring that people use seatbelts while riding in a vehicle.

The police will be setting up roadblocks to check drivers and passengers. A difference between the summer program and the one held last spring will be that the 24-hour driving suspension will not be used.

Previously, someone suspected of being impaired could lose his licence for a day. But for this program drinking drivers run the risk of being charged under the criminal code.

The roadside suspensions have been thrown out by a ruling of a high court. A judge ruled that a motorist could not be deprived of the right to drive except through due process of the law.

Taking a driver's licence by a policeman violates the human rights clauses of the Canadian constitution, the judge ruled.

## Club stages annual show

Fulford Hall was the scene last weekend of the Salt Spring Garden Club's Summer Flower Show and Tea.

Jackson Barker of Salt Spring was a double winner, taking the best exhibit in gladiolus award of the Canadian Gladiolus Society and the best exhibit in the show. Both awards were given for a gladiolus grown by Barker from his own registered seedling.

In the dahlia section, June Beattie of Salt Spring won the best exhibit in the novice class. Ken Lee of Victoria was awarded the champion bloom and best three bloom entry. Aileen Teal of Salt Spring won the reserve champion bloom for dahlias.

In the cut flower section the winners of best exhibits were I.C.

Shank of Salt Spring with a lily and Doreen Hamilton of Salt Spring for a bowl of mixed annual flowers. Dorothy Edwards, also of Salt Spring, won the best entry in floral art with a Japanese design.

I.C. Shank was awarded the best exhibit in the potted plant section for a begonia and he was also the winner of the best exhibit in the geranium class with his specimen of an unusual species.

Aileen Teal won the grand aggregate for the most points in the show.

Raffle prize winners were: Nancy Braithwaite, who won a watering wand; Betty Ford, a \$15 gift certificate; Mrs. W. Hooper, a set of slate coasters; and Toni Luton, a pair of pruning shears.

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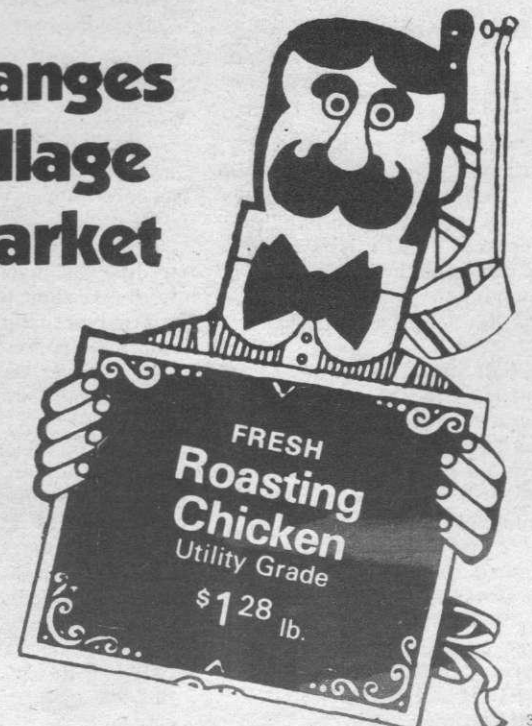
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# Trust report offers options for changing C-4 regulations

The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee is taking a close look at zoning for tourist accommodation on the island.

The study, looked at 17 areas currently zoned Commercial 4 (C4). Of those areas, only 10 offer facilities for the travelling public. The 10 areas cover about 60 acres and contain 106 units for accommodation.

Under the current zoning, if all C4 zoned land were to be developed to maximum density, there could be 8,500 tourist units on the island.

In the Okanagan-Similkameen area, Tourism B.C. reports 7,192 approved hotel, motel and resort units as of 1983.

Across the province, about 55,000 units are available to the travelling public.

Tourist accommodation near the island's lakes is covered by Commercial 4-Lake zoning. Those zones are strictly controlled and were not looked at in the C-4 study.

The report came up with four options for altering the C-4 regulations.

The fourth option was to leave all regulations as they are.

A concern held by the Trust was that some tourist units could be converted to use as permanent residences. Each of the three options addressed that concern.

Each of the options also looked at reducing the development density potential of the zone.

The first option sets out specifically that the land could only be developed to a density of 10 "temporary accommodation units per acre".

Each unit would be limited in size to 602 square feet and permanent residential use would be limited to one self-contained dwelling unit with a separate entrance.

The advantages of the proposal are simplicity to implement, reduced and explicit density provisions as well as protection

against conversion of the units to permanent dwellings.

The disadvantages stem from the fact that many areas currently zoned C-4 would become non-conforming and would require conditional zoning to take into account the current density.

The zoning change would offer no protection for agricultural land or watersheds. In addition, large developments could take place in rural areas of the island.

The proposal would allow construction of up to 1,700 tourist units on the island.

The second alternative takes into consideration the problems of the first option and offers different uses and densities in different locations.

Under current zoning, a strip of land zoned C-4 lies within the Stowe Lake watershed and the second proposal calls for rezoning the land to Watershed 2, similar to other properties in that area.

Land zoned C-4 which lies within the Agricultural Land Reserve would be restricted to a lower density of development. On the other hand, land within the residential limits of Ganges, Vesuvius and Fulford would be allowed a wider range of uses and a higher density potential.

Two of the properties zoned C-4, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and a portion of Maracaibo Estate on Long Harbour, offer facilities for the use of private members. The report calls for special zoning for those areas.

The C-4 zones in residential areas would be allowed the 10 units per acre density while those in rural areas would be limited to six units per acre. The agricultural land would be limited to four units per

acre unless the accommodations were to be in a lodge. The density for a lodge would be raised to six units per acre.

Campsites in the agricultural zone would have a density of six units per acre as well.

The private-members clubs would be recognized under a private institutional zone and limited to a density of 4 units per acre.

The second proposal would be more complex to put into place and would also leave some property as non-conforming unless conditional zoning were used to cover them.

The advantages are in limiting density and protecting special areas such as rural, agricultural and watershed land. The proposal also meets provisions of the official community plan to a greater degree than the first proposal.

The second alternative would allow up to 825 tourist units on the island. As a comparison, the B.C. ministry of tourism notes that the Whistler area has 722 tourist units.

The third option proposed that land currently zoned C-4 but not used for tourist accommodation be rezoned in conformity with the official community plan design-

ation. Areas being used for transient accommodation would not be affected except in reduced density. Expansion, using the residential and rural zones as suggested in the second option, would be encouraged.

The disadvantages of the third option are that it would be complex to implement and could lead to a restriction of future transient accommodation development.

The option would allow for an increase in tourist units to 425 and would also allow for 120 units at the private facilities.

The Sunshine Coast, for comparison, offers 516 tourist units.

C-4 zoning currently permits hotels, inns, campsites, restaurants, licensed liquor establishments, accessory activities and one residence. The proposed changes would allow similar uses but through a reduced density on the site.

The Trust committee will be dealing with the proposed changes at a future meeting. Each of the property owners involved was supposed to have been notified of the proposed changes.

## Pender heliport should be ready in fall

Evacuation of patients suffering medical emergencies will be easy on Pender Island when the heliport is in place.

The Lions Club of that island decided to fill the need for such emergency evacuations to hospitals in Saanich or Victoria. Patients now have to be transferred from the islands by water taxi which can mean a rough ride, particularly in winter.

Gordon Wallace was named chairman of the Lions Club committee checking into the project. That group identified five sites on the islands which could be used and called in officials from the provincial ministry of highways and the federal ministry of transportation.

The heliport will be located at the airstrip on Bedwell Harbour Road near the shopping centre.

The Lions Club also applied for and received a grant of \$12,500 from the air transport assistance program with help from M.I.A for the islands, Hugh Curtis.

The heliport will cover about three acres and a 20-year lease with a low rent has been arranged with the owner of the property.

Also part of the heliport will be lights for night emergencies. Wallace said the facility should be ready in the fall at which time it will officially be turned over to the Pender Island Health Care Society.

Any extra expenses will be covered by the Lions Club.



### Wins trophy

She was the winner. Connie Hardie took the Bank of Montreal Trophy in a recent tourney at the

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### In rehearsal

The play will be the thing for 15 children and three adults later this month when Joan Raeside's *Caterer to the King* is performed. Part of the cast displayed their costumes last week. From left, Rita Phillips is an elf, Tami Funk is a kitten, Marcie

Berner is the king, Anna Maddison is a cat and Melanie Fewings, in front, plays the part of a fish. Performances will be in the Ganges activity centre on August 24 to 26 at 7:30 pm.

### Candidates at Ganges

Liberal candidate Mike Coleman was on the islands last Saturday, mainstreeting and meeting voters.

This Saturday Don Taylor, Progressive Conservative candidate, will be on Salt Spring. R.L. Snell, candidate for the Confederation of Regions, Western Party, will also be at Ganges Saturday at the Farmers' Market.

Taylor met more than 100 voters on Galiano on Saturday at the North and South End Community Halls. Arriving by boat at the Spanish Hills Store in the morning, Taylor and his party journeyed by car to the south end and then on to Montague Harbour where they boarded ship for visits to Mayne and Pender Islands.

### Deadline extended

Tenders for construction of the Fulford tennis court were slow in coming so the deadline has been extended to August 21.

Jim Ballantyne said Tuesday that a tendered bid for the entire job had been received as was a bid for part of the job. Deadline for bids had closed August 7.

He said three or four contractors had asked for specifications but only the two bids were turned in. The Parks and Recreation Commission had decided that the job could be split up if contractors wanted to bid on only a portion of the work.

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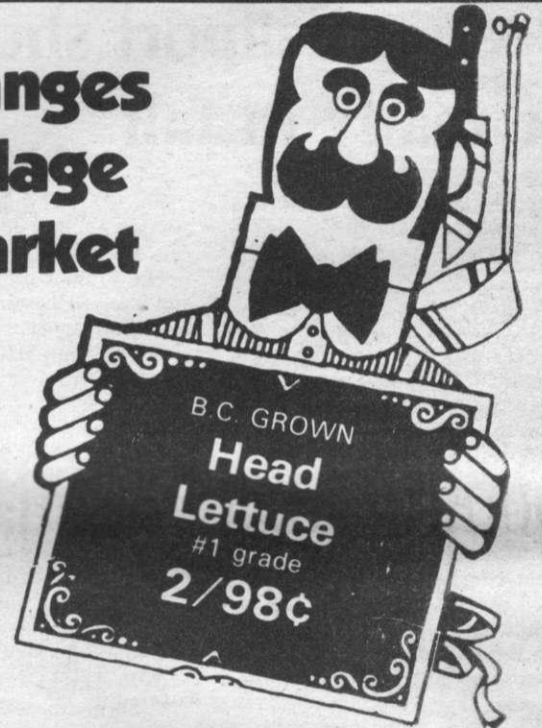
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### Board meets Wednesday

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The meeting, to be held in the board room of the school district office in Ganges, is open to the public from 1 pm. The trustees also meet in committee for the morning session.

A review of the policy for water taxi service as well as the use of computers will be on the agenda.

The trustees will hear a report on the work done on renovating various facilities in the district.

They will begin the process of setting the 1985-86 budget.

Another item of interest will be a discussion of creative problem solving. The trustees are to make a decision on whether to spend \$1,000 to join a group of districts subscribing to that program.

The public will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

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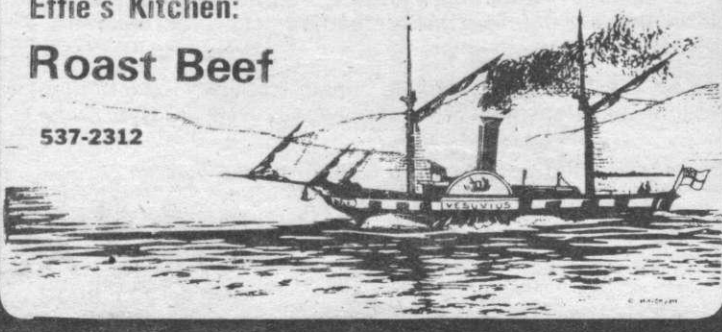
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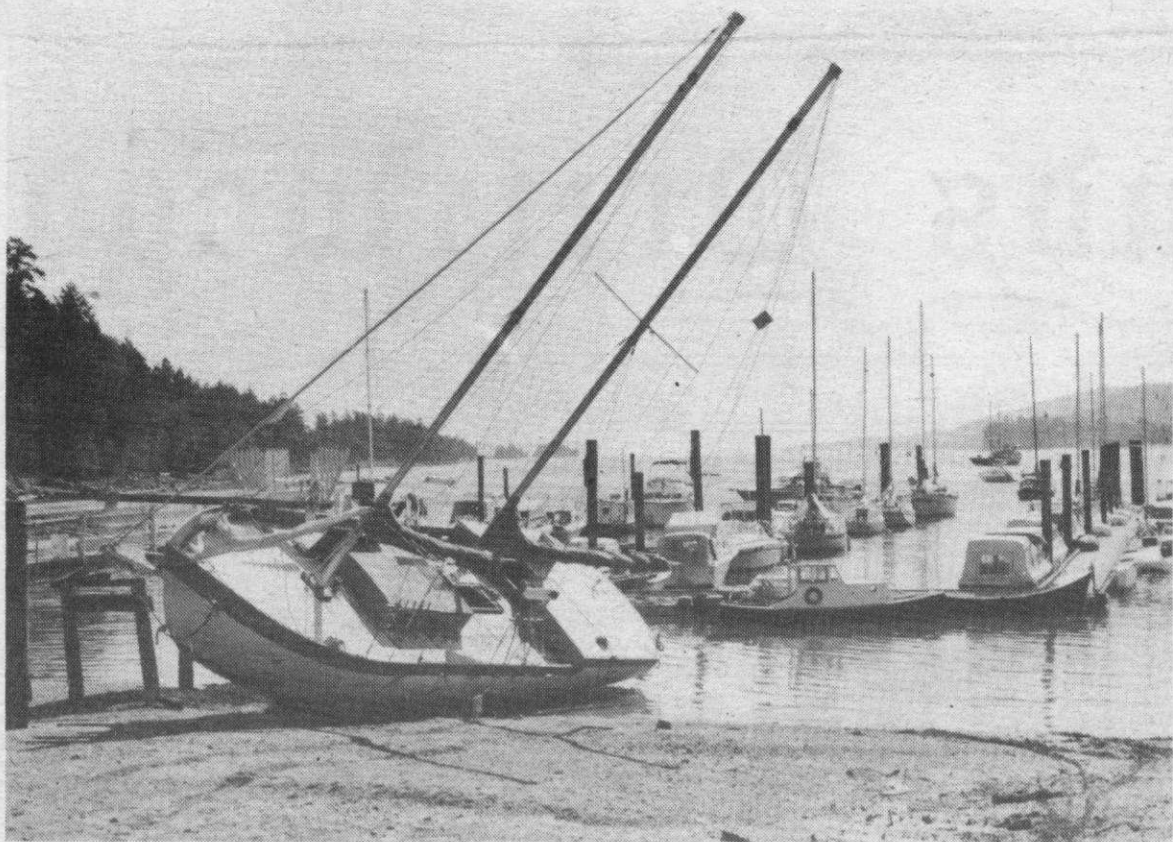
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### Sailboat falls off grid

Sailboat owned by Ian and Anne Jukes of Salt Spring Island suffered extensive damage last week when it fell over on grid at Harbour's End Marina. The accident occurred early Wednesday morning while the

Jukes family were asleep on board. Jukes told *Driftwood* that a cross-beam on the bottom of the grid broke, causing the stern to slide sideways several feet. Steel hull was undamaged but the family lost

many of their belongings when the vessel filled with water after falling over. One bright spot in the incident was that more than a dozen people turned up at 4 am Wednesday to lend a hand. Vessel was insured.

## Coal filtration proposed

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boundary of the village. Chow released costs of the system to a Salt Spring group which calls itself the Ad Hoc COALition.

The CRD proposal would cost up to \$227,300 per year while the coal bed system would be costed at \$46,000 per year. McDonnell noted that the figures released by Chow could go as high as \$112,000 when everything was considered and Chow did not disagree.

McDonnell told the meeting that the CRD staff had generated a new set of cost figures for the sewer system but would not release those figures until the directors of the region had an opportunity to see them.

A recent figure suggested by the staff had been \$227,300 which Chow had been using as a comparison. The new figure would be less than that, said McDonnell.

The engineers also disagreed with Chow on the amount of land which would be required. They had come up with a requirement of up to 20 acres to accommodate the coal bed and the septic field.

The area in which the land is located, according to Chow, had been looked at by engineers of B. H. Levelton and Associates in 1979 and more recently by Steve McMinn of Underwood McLellan last year.

The Levelton report concluded that the study area "appears to have...potential as a site for major ground absorption field system."

But the engineer, B.C. McLeod, noted also that further surface and subsurface checks would be required "before the acceptability can be established."

McMinn had checked sites at the north and east limits of the area along the ridge. From observations and other reports, he concluded "it is considered that this area is unsuitable as a large-scale disposal site."

He noted that if pockets in the area contained good perking soil, the effluent is likely to "break out" because of a shallow water table or other areas of shallow soil.

The CRD engineers had costed the price of installing the coal bed system at up to \$1.8 million.

Included in that figure was \$590,000 to purchase a disposal field of up to 20 acres, \$256,000 to lay the pipe from the village to the field and \$264,000 to purchase the 1,600 tons of coal which would be needed.

According to figures accepted by the CRD for tenders on the region's proposal, costs for it could run to \$1.4 million.

The difference in costs would be a savings of at least \$40,000 per year in operating expenses through the use of the coal bed and tile field system, noted McDonnell.

The CRD engineers both urged acceptance of the proposed treatment plant and ocean outfall

system as recommended by the CRD. Improvements in the biodisc system as proposed by the CRD had eliminated earlier problems with the system, said Warman.

The Ganges system, with the extended outfall and backup system in the treatment plant, said McDonnell, was "grossly oversized."

The Ad Hoc COALition had mentioned in its brief to the meeting that a similar biodisc system at Lester Pearson College had broken down.

Warman explained that the maintenance man had cleaned the machine each day, which destroyed the bacteria that digest the sewage.

A coal bed system is being planned for Bowen Island. Chow said that the plan is being looked at by the ministry of the environment in order to obtain a permit to begin construction of it.

The Bowen Island system would handle 35,000 gallons of sewage per day. The Ganges system is being designed to accommodate 90,000 gallons per day.

The directors of the CRD meet today (Wednesday) to talk about the Ganges sewer.

## Rot worse than expected

Dry rot in a classroom at Salt Spring Elementary School in Ganges had gone farther than expected and the entire wall is being replaced.

The classroom, says supervisor of works for the school district, Frank Sutherland, is at a low point in the school and water had accumulated under the floor and soaked into the wall.

The floor has been replaced and workers are in the process of putting in a new wall.

Sutherland indicated that part of the problem had been caused by sewage. When the septic system of the school backs up, the sewage seeps into the classroom area.

Part of the job is to lower the ground level outside the classroom to allow excess water to run away from the school instead of into the

room. While work is being carried out on the ground, workers will also try to trace a drainage pipe which should be carrying water from the roof.

Sutherland said the task will cost \$31,000. School district officials will have to apply to the ministry of education for approval of emergency capital expense money.

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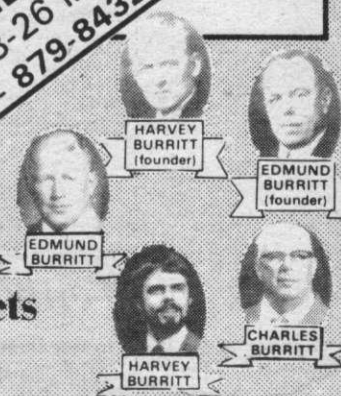
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**Lifetime of plane watching**

Watching airplanes doing funny things in the sky is nostalgic to some of us. It also gives you an Abbotsford neck, stiff next day from too much looking up. I did it last week. It put me in mind of the late Air Commodore S.L.G. Pope, who was my commanding officer at Sidney during the war. Poppy explained that when he was of junior rank, between wars, he entertained visitors to his airfield one air show day by low flying a plane over the crowds. To do so he stood on the wing and operated the stick from outside, to the terror of the nervous. After the event he found himself of even more junior rank. There is something exciting about watching people make airplanes do those things that you always hope they won't do when you're aboard. During my wanderings in and about aeroplanes, as they were called when I was growing up, I encountered a display by the Canadian Armed Forces Utility Squadron VU 33. I remarked to one of the officers on the display that I was a courtesy member of his wardroom at one time. Did he remember Charles Bourque, when he was in command of the squadron, I asked. He looked puzzled. I recalled quickly that I was speaking of a quarter-century back. Quite indignantly, he replied that he wasn't around in those days. I figured I had been attending too many air displays over too many years.

**But it rained too much!**

The Federation of Canadian Artists, which has an active and energetic promoter in the person of Allan Edwards on Salt Spring, is staging a display of members' work in the basement of the Catholic church on Drake Road. It goes on all week. I went on Saturday and enjoyed the exhibition. I found Allan there busy painting a scene from Vienna, where he was visiting earlier this year. While happily painting his scene, he recalled a holiday of rain. The trip across Europe on the Orient Express was interesting, he said, but the weather in Cornwall and travelling through England was less than delightful. It rained: day after day after day. By the time he reached London the rain was slowing down and during the time he spent in galleries and exhibitions in the city, the weather was quite sunny outside. He wasn't beefing; he was simply recounting the perverseness of the British climate. So much like the islands!

**The longs and the shorts of it**

I was complaining about the weather again. He told me that he had enjoyed the summer so far and I asked what summer he referred to. It has been pleasant for a time, he protested. But I couldn't even remember the summer, it had been so long in the coming. He always knows when it's summer, he explained: I wear my shorts. Remind me to get them out about February next year!

**That keeps him quiet!**

Val Traff, who has written a column in the 100 Mile House Free Press for several years, recently wrote that "there is no power in a wailing woman." She has that happy knack of finding the poetic phrase to convey her meaning. Being a philistine, I find it easy to parody the poetic and to suggest that the only power in a wailing woman keeps a man quiet.

**How the language changes!**

Two expressions hit me this week. I can't remember where I saw it, but the report explained that someone was "full of beans", meaning that he was all wet or not completely in possession of all the relevant facts. When I grew up that same expression was used in a totally different sense. It was parallel to being full of oats without the oatish connotation. A man who was full of beans would climb a mountain or win a game or run a mile. According to the current use of the expression, he would boast of climbing the mountain while having been nowhere near it; or he would win a game within his own dreams and no further. Or he might run a mile while dozing off on the lawn. The other expression was "unauthored", referring to an editorial comment without a credit line to the writer of the opinion. But if the statement was unauthored, how did it get written or get into print after it was written? There was a third. I was reading the fictional tale of Scotch whisky when I read that he had paid "a hundred fifty pounds for the" article. I glanced at the cover and checked that the book was authored by a Scot and printed by a United States publisher. Had it been printed as a Scot would have written it, the expression would have read, "a hundred AND fifty."

**What? No Brit pension cheque!**

You get too old to work regularly and you quit working and someone says Where's Richards? and someone else says I didn't know he wasn't around. That's retirement. And a few islanders enjoying or putting up with retirement get a small British pension in token of hours worked under the Imperial pension plan. And that's what it's all about right now. Some of the Brit pensioners may be wondering where the pension has got to. We had a call from the daughter of one of them. She said any pensioner getting a pension from the Owld Sod can find out the score from the Association of British Pensioners, in care of Norman Rubenstein at 386-5355. And that's a Victoria number. It seems that the civil servants engaged in sending out pension cheques are on strike and the cheques aren't going out. Not to worry! They'll get it all in the end. In fact, there's a suggestion that some might get a pension paid twice and are asked to send back any duplicate payment which might be made.



Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

**Travellers had choice of toilets**

Directional sign wasn't indicating the way to get to washroom facilities, although it may have looked that way to travellers at the

Fulford ferry terminal last Wednesday. Portable toilets on truck and trailer were being returned to Vancouver Island after they were used at music festival at Walker Hook two weeks ago.

**Nanaimo man charged with rape**

RCMP named Ronald Arthur McFarlane as the accused man in a sexual assault on Salt Spring in 1981.

The 19-year-old Nanaimo resident faces charges of rape and wounding with intent in an attack on singer Shari Ulrich near her Ganges home in May of that year.

McFarlane had been held as a juvenile because he was only 16 years old when the offence took place. But crown counsel decided not to pursue the matter in juvenile court.

He remains in custody in Victoria and will appear in provincial court on August 28.

**PEACE NEWS**

U.S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINES IN CANADIAN WATERS

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### The straight line

A straight line is the shortest distance between two points. This definition is one of the basic definitions offered a student and one which probably comes back most frequently in subsequent activities.

The significance of the straight line was never clearer than when the Centennial Park issue was being discussed by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission last week.

The chairman of the commission, Glenn Woodley, commented that his group has been paying a fee of \$25 a year for the lease of the park property. George Heinekey told the meeting that the trustees of the park have paid an annual fee of \$10 for the same lease. At one time the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was paying the \$10 fee every year.

The property is owned by the federal government and administered by the provincial government. Users are seeking its leasing to the Capital Regional District on behalf of the island recreation commission, to be sub-let to the chamber of commerce for administration on behalf of users.

When the property was leased by the federal government direct to the chamber of commerce there were few administrative problems, because the administration went along a straight line.

The first thing the property needs right now is a straight line, no matter where it leads. It's bound to lead somewhere.

The more people who get involved in government business, the slower goes the government business.

The ultimate resolution of the problem may be difficult. It is far from clear. But months of unravelling red tape will only exacerbate the tension.

### School fees

The Gulf Islands School District lost its case against a group of Saturna Island parents recently when a court threw out an action to collect boarding fees. The board paid fees on behalf of students and the parents declined to recompense the board.

One of the parents withholding the money, John Money, explained that a district bylaw exempts Saturna parents from paying the fees.

The situation is one which should not happen in an enlightened, Canadian province in this stage of the 20th century. There should be no premium payable by parents in one segment of the community and not levied against other parents in the same circumstances.

The total cost of attending school should be borne out of public funds, whether it includes transportation or accommodation or meals which are essential to the child's attendance at a district school.

It is not a matter for the school board. It should be decided and settled by the province if the government believes in free education.

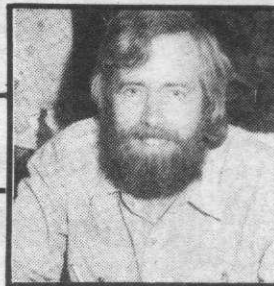
### Those sunshine figures

Maybe the Chambers of Commerce would frown at the suggestion, but the figures released last week by the Gonzales weather station are mildly surprising.

According to the official records, the year thus far has enjoyed something less than the average sunshine for the period. The average sunshine for the first six months of the year is 1,068.5 hours. We have endured 1,028 hours, or a mere 40 hours short of the average.

Many islanders would have believed the figures had they revealed a deficit of 400 hours.

There is one ray of sunshine in the whole wintry business. With an election in the offing and promises flowing like Ganges Creek in spate, perhaps we can look for promises of a better sunshine average in future.



Tony Richards

**TENNIS FANS** should remain in their homes this weekend, where they will be safe from the antics of aspiring tennis stars at Salt Spring Island's Wimbledon Park.

The occasion is a novice tournament and the idea, as novice as it may be, was not mine. It's true that I have found the tennis ball a mite easier to control than the golf ball but that doesn't mean I'm ready to play in any tournaments. And I'm not so sure that any of my contemporaries are either.

In fact, I have yet to see fellow graduates of the class of 84 on the court since the school's closing ceremonies some two months ago. Barb Fallot has taken up slowpitch instead. Dorothy Edwards has gone back to golf and the rest of the class seem to have disappeared from the face of the island.

But Salt Spring's best loved tennis teacher insists that I be there, though it would appear that Loes Holland has forgotten some of those darker moments she encountered while attempting to teach our class.

Surely unforgettable was Barb Fallot's classic lob. After the first time, the rest of the class arrived the following week with binoculars in hand so as to keep their eye on the ball.

And the remarkable aspect of it was that Loes hadn't even taught us that stroke yet.

Then there was George Hines who, though he had taken lessons before, was unable to rid himself of the feeling that he was swinging a hammer at a reluctant wooden beam.

To this day Loes continues to glance at Ken Stevens' yard every time she drives by, to see if any of her tennis balls are still there where George left them.

But knocking balls clear across Vesuvius Bay Rd. was a feat for which George couldn't claim fame for long. After the first couple of lessons the hole in his racquet grew to such proportions that he had to hit the ball with the wood in order to play at all.

(It was towards the end of our lessons that George went out and bought a new racquet. But by that time it was too late. Our instructor's hair had already turned from grey to white.)

I didn't have the nerve to say so at the time, but Dorothy Edwards made an awful partner. We'd be fighting desperately for a point and I'd be dashing madly from one side of the court to the other, viciously slamming high lobs, deftly returning volleys and there was Dorothy, standing near the net out of harm's way, gazing wistfully at the golf course.

For one lesson she arrived on the court with nine iron in hand. (That was the day Loes went home early with some far-fetched excuse about a prior engagement.)

There were others, teacher's pets you could call them, who never did anything wrong. They're the ones who'll be there on Saturday too, itching to show off.

And me? I put every effort into the game and did my level best to overcome an ex-smoker's handicap limited lung capacity. The other handicap with which I was faced, and one that I haven't been able to overcome, is an overheight net but I haven't been able to convince anyone that it should be lower.

On top of all that, I've given up a lot of time for practice, even going as far as to miss a Chamber of Commerce meeting just to get out on the court. One day I played an expatriate New Zealander solely for the practice. Much to my humiliation, he beat me six games to zilih. To make matters worse, he played barefoot and held a bottle of beer in one hand throughout all six games.

As Saturday draws nearer, my doubts grow stronger. Maybe I'll go bowling instead.

**THERE ARE SOME** who would have us believe that the Olympic Games are not genuine unless they lose money.

The critics of the Los Angeles Games complain of the commercialization of the event. Yet indications are that the 1984 Games will show a profit.

Profit? Hah! That dirty word! No wonder there are critics.

But wait! Would we rather see a repeat of 1976?

The monumental losses of Montreal should serve as a lesson to all that the word profit must enter the Olympic picture. And Los Angeles will provide a lesson to future hosts of the Olympic Games that the use of corporate sponsors does not tarnish the Games, or their gold medals.

As I watched some amazing feats performed by the world's best gymnasts, I wasn't giving any thought at all to Mars Bars, "an official snack food of the 1984 Olympics." While I was cheering on medal-winning Canadian swimmers, visions of Molson beer machines were not dancing in my head.

And as I yelled obscenities at the television after they announced the winner of the O'Sullivan-Tate fight, Fuji film was the farthest thing from my mind.

At this point you may say that it's obvious those commercials made an impression on me. But I had to ask around the office after Mars Bars was the only one I could come up with. It's been at least 20 years since I ate a Mars Bar, and I don't imagine I'll ever eat one again.

I think the Olympic Games were great and the fact they won't lose any money makes them even greater. My only complaint is that they ended too soon.