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## Trust wants public involvement in protesting strata changes

The changes in strata title development regulations are a major concern to the Islands Trust and it wants the public to get involved in the protest.

Recently, the provincial government changed the regulations to exempt strata title developments from provisions of

community plans. While such developments must meet the criteria of zoning bylaws, the exemption effectively eliminates the Trust from influencing such developments in the Islands Trust area.

"What can we do on Salt Spring to make the people aware of this?" asked Gordon Wallace, vice-

chairman of the Trust and representative for North Pender Island, at a meeting of the Salt Spring Trust Committee last week.

Mike Humphries, chairman of the Trust and representative for Lasqueti Island, suggested that people should write letters to cabinet ministers as well as the lieutenant-governor of B.C. There is a question about the legality of the cabinet order which imposed the changes in regulations, he said.

The changes were an invasion of and reduction to local autonomy in the planning process, Humphries said.

Wallace outlined a possible consequence of the changes. While development in watershed areas is tightly controlled, a strata title development, approved by provincial officials, could result in clusters of houses in those watershed areas, he said.

"People should realize their wishes are being subverted."

Nick Gilbert reported to the meeting that work was being carried out on the road across the mountain to Musgrave Landing. The road is being widened to two lanes, he said.

When Gilbert asked department of highways officials about the work, he had been told that the improvements were to ease the task of Hydro in bringing power to residents along the road.

Gilbert said that a group of concerned people were coming

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### Competition attracts onlookers

Action on the saw at the Mayne Island Fall Fair last Saturday saw Pete Lesueur swing into the sawdust making competition. Close to 800 people visited the event and part of

the attraction was people showing their skill as wood cutters. Story and more pictures of the day at the Mayne Fair on Pages 8 and 9.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## 'Exclusion obvious', says highways of storage yard

The department of highways yard at Central on Salt Spring is not in the St. Mary Lake watershed, says Joe Jensen, district highways manager.

He was responding to a letter from the Islands Trust about the storage yard on North End Road.

Earlier, highways officials had said the runoff from the yard goes into Duck Creek and not into the lake. The Trust wanted to know how the highways officials had come to that conclusion.

Jensen replied that the conclusion was "based upon an inspection of site topography that I made in late November of last year.

"I am not prepared to judge exactly where the topographical boundary is," he wrote, "but the exclusion of our yard is obvious in the field."

Gordon Wallace, North Pender

Island trustee, offered a translation of the statement: "We don't know where the watershed is, but we're damn well not in it."

Nick Gilbert, Salt Spring Island trustee, noted, "We really pinned them down that time, didn't we?"

The issue came out of an application from Mary Williamson to put in a take-out food stand on her property. She is located near the intersection on the other side of the road from the highways storage yard.

The Islands Trust refused her application basing its decision on a report from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District that the property was within the watershed area.

From that decision, Williams suggested that the Islands Trust take action against the highways storage yard.

### Harmony reigns as islanders agree

## Board says no to coal filter system

BY FRANK RICHARDS

Harmony reigned in Ganges last week. The Sewer Alternatives Committee, regional director Hugh Borsman and the Ganges Task Force said yes. But the Capital Regional Board said no.

Ground disposal by way of the coal filter system would adequately serve the needs of Ganges, said the alternatives committee. Let's try the coal filter, said the Task Force. It's the only solution to the Salt Spring Island dichotomy, the board was told. And the board said, "No! Too much money has already been spent on studies and plans and inquiries."

The new-found harmony on Salt Spring Island did not extend to the board room of the regional district.

After a special meeting on Wednesday the Capital Regional Board declined to support a Ganges proposal calling for the installation of coal filter beds and ground disposal.

### SUMMARY OF SYSTEM

The board was given a summary of the coal filter system by Vancouver consulting engineer Edward Chow. He was supported by two speakers from Ganges as well as director Hugh Borsman.

Directors, by a vote of 29-15, rejected

the switch to ground disposal and called for the expenditure of no more money on a study of ground disposal by this means.

Regional engineer Craig Sommerville explained that the original proposal for a rotating biological contactor was more readily assessed because the principle is a well-documented procedure, whereas there is very little information available on the coal filter process.

Chow told the board that a coal filter was not a new idea. The filter permits Mother Nature to do her own work, he explained.

Coal is a superior medium for filtration of sewage, he explained, because the coal is fractured and provides a surface area of about 1,000 times more than conventional stone.

He cited instances of coal filters in use to filter out cyanide from mining tailings and for the treatment of effluent from an abattoir.

The coal filter will be installed in a project under way on Bowen Island, said Chow.

### CHEAPER SYSTEM

David Fewings offered warm support for the coal filter system. It is simple and effective and being a low-technology

process, it is possible to keep the system going with semi-skilled personnel.

He has some knowledge of the processes involved and is very impressed with the results, he told the board.

Operator of an ice cream vending business, he graduated in science and went on to earn a master's degree in business management, he told directors. In addition, he has his doctorate in economics and has taught at McGill and at the University of Washington.

Fewings compared estimated costs of operating the coal filter and the rotating disc. The filter would be about \$36,000 a year and the rotating contactor about \$150,000, he told the board.

"I can't see how we can afford the cost," he said.

Explaining that he had more confidence in the estimates of Edward Chow than those of the regional district, he told directors that in one instance the region had estimated a construction cost at \$160,000. A local contractor had offered to do the same job for \$27,000.

Sharon McCollough appeared for the Sewer Alternatives Committee. The coal filter is the justification of her committee, she said.

Her associates had ascertained that two sites are available for the disposal of effluent from a ground disposal system, she told directors.

"We want this system because Ganges Harbour is not a good receiving area," she explained.

She recalled that the region has spent years on the Ganges sewer proposal and that there have been fluctuations in the cost estimates.

"If the tides in Ganges Harbour moved about as much as the CRD figures we wouldn't have a problem."

She also referred to the study into incorporation planned by the Salt Spring Island Planning Association.

"Salt Spring Island is seriously considering incorporation," she told the board.

It would give islanders responsibility for their own sewage and the opportunity to take risks with the island's own sewage, she explained.

Agriculture Canada identified some areas of the island as possibly receptive to ground disposal of sewage and geologist Alan Dayton believed the potential is there.

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# SATURNA SCENE

**BY PRISCILLA JANSZEN**

On August 11 the Lions held their every-other-year auction.

Michael Hayes, the first and only auctioneer of our island, came from Salt Spring with Maggie and his family to run our auction.

Michael now regularly auctions on his adopted island of Salt Spring but it was here he made his debut. The auction does raise money, over \$400 this year, but mostly it's a hilarious get-together. How excited can sensible people get over three ancient carpet sweepers, a thoroughly mixed box of sweepers, a it-yourself stereo bits, seven E.T. dolls, a 1937 novel *Paprika, the Gypsy Princess* a metal can canner and many more unique items. Many deals were made after the final shout of "sold" among the audience.

Michael Hayes' performance, with his straight man Bill Sheffield, is well worth seeing despite the risk of buying something.

The dump is getting classier and classier! No longer do you have to wade out into a sea of garbage to check whether the treasure you see really is cracked, non-working or somehow unusable. This change has

been accomplished quickly and totally.

I have a hard time calling "the dump" the "recycling centre" but recycling is certainly what is happening. I go to the dump about every seven months with my can of unburnables (wood stoves run on burnables). It took us half an hour to sort the glass into colours, the metal into big and little and classify the remaining refuse.

We add another half an hour by touring and sorting through the books, clothes and kitchen utensils in the shed. This change has been accomplished by Star and Tree Maas and about 10 people who regularly work at the dump. They see that everything is in order and burn the burnables in the huge incinerator that was made to order for us.

Continuing effort and participation is essential to this project's success. Summer people may not be change procedure at the dump. If you have any weekend neighbours inform them of our efforts and the necessity for participating. It's easy

to be in a rush to catch the Sunday ferry and just toss off your unsorted garbage. Unsorted garbage will be returned to the owners.

The B.C. Historical Federation, Gulf Islands Branch, will take part in a conducted tour of the archeological dig at the canal on Pender Island on August 23, leaving Saturna at 6:40 and returning at 3:55. For information phone L. Tomlin at 539-5726 or M. Ratzlaff, 539-2189.

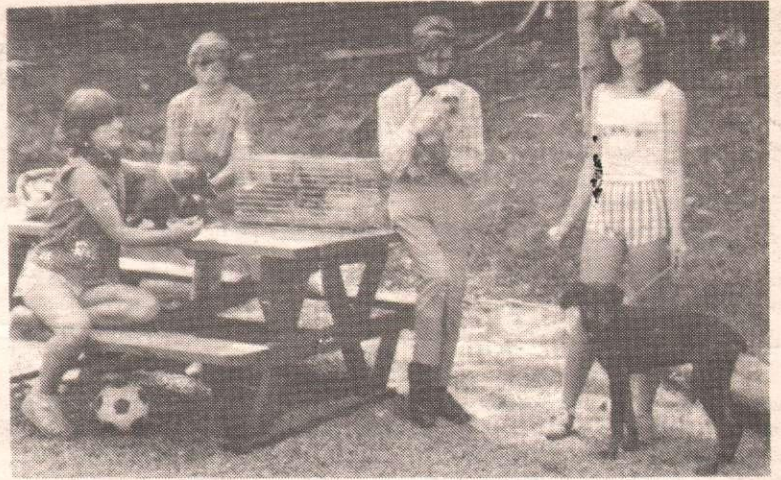
As of July 31, due to extreme fire conditions, there are to be no fires at Winter Cove Provincial Marine Park.

Gail and Bill Trafford are new residents of Saturna Island. Right now they are renting Scruggs' house at Boot Cove until they have constructed their place on Narvaez Bay Road. They have recently retired as lighthouse keepers at various rainy, windy rocks in northern B.C. After retiring Bill's first southern assignment was to work in the engine room of the steamship *Sea Wolf* that supplies all of the northern lighthouses! They both like Saturna and the comparatively crowded island life.

Nancy Robinson attended a family reunion in Victoria. She was thrilled to have her family all around her.

The community hall is a neutral zone for off-island politics—federal or provincial. Post no signs on its walls, doors or windows.

I'm embarrassed to mention it—but perhaps it will help—various signs placed with the owners' permission on their property are regularly destroyed. We all get a little steamy about our political outlooks but first off we're a community. Write a nasty letter to the party leader you dislike!



Carol Minette with miniature dachshund, judge Andrew Loveridge with silky-haired

Australian terrier, Miffy Johns with doberman pincher.

## GALIANO NEWS

From Page 11

months. Molly Fromhart of the *Woolly For You* shop in Chilliwack came to give a day-long basketry course recently.

Holding the class outdoors made the job much easier, as the various materials, such as willow shoots, rattan and split oak, could be soaked in large galvanized tubs beside the large work table.

Although everyone started with the same basic design, by the end of the day each pupil was the proud possessor of a unique basket, some to be used as fruit bowls, others as plant-pot holders. With such a wealth of natural basket-making materials available for the gathering on Galiano, guild members will be out harvesting willow, honeysuckle and brambles next spring, to be ready for another session of summer basket making.

### Coming events

Fishermen are reminded to obtain their entry forms for the

Galiano Island Rod and Gun Club's Fishing Derby to be held this Saturday and Sunday, with the weigh-in station at Montague Marina. There will be prizes galore including a draw prize trip for two to Las Vegas.

Rev. Noel Breacher will conduct Holy Communion at St. Margaret's at 10:30 am this Sunday preceded by Prayer at 9 am.

The Thrift Shop is open each Friday and Saturday between 10 am and noon and is packed with bargains.

A cup of coffee and a chance to stock up on reading matter at rock-bottom prices welcomes one at the North Community Hall each Friday between 11 am and 2 pm.

Gardeners should be perusing their show catalogues and cherishing their best fruits and vegetables ready for the Garden Club Fall Show to be held Saturday, Sept. 1 at the North Galiano Community Hall. Catalogues are available at local stores.

## Gardener wins five awards

Jackson Barker of Salt Spring continued his winning ways with gladioli by picking up five major awards at the Victoria gladiolus and dahlia show last weekend.

He won reserve champion for a gladiolus seedling and also the second day championship.

A three-spoke gladiolus took the best in that category while a Carioca

was named best 300 size plant in the named variety section. The gladioli are ranked according to size with a miniature, 300 and 500 size ranking from small to large.

Barker won best exhibit in gladioli as well as best exhibit in the show held by the Salt Spring Garden Club at Fulford Hall the previous weekend. He plans to take his gladioli to the flower show in Nanaimo to be held soon.

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# Lettuce blend difficult to get along without

Today I write in voluntary, albeit temporary exile from the carrot patch. For some incoherent reason the uncanny synchronicity of the bio-dynamics of the above mentioned patch of earth with the bio-dynamics of our political affairs unhinges me sufficiently to result in a severe attack of wide-eyed double vision.

Perhaps it is the close focus necessary to find and preserve the carrots among the weeds, perhaps it is the imminence of another election where we are faced with the same task, or perhaps it may be that the same life-positive or life-negative dynamics govern whatever we do. In any case, it is unsafe for me to sit down at this electronic mind tool and to start processing words while one eye sees a carrot and the other sees a peasant, and where the other sees a weed, the one sees a politician.

I have explained my dilemma to the carrots and fortunately, out of the earthy simplicity of their wisdom of life, they have assured me that they do understand and have

bid me to vote Green, for their sake and ours. Some may find this communication between the green life and ours somewhat unusual, despite our long inter-dependent association and our common ancestry. And although they do not talk as we do, they nevertheless communicate, and in the most delightful way.

It came about in this manner: While looking along the space between the dense rows of proud carrots at ground level, along this avenue of rich, moist soil, shaded by the densely arched canopy of carrot tops, a most delightful desire came over me to be about four inches tall and to run, laughing and skipping, playing hide and seek, in, among and underneath these enchanting rows of carrots until my heart burst with joy.

This then is the manner of communication between the green life and ours, generated by my thought and by their existence, a vision of the full-blown joy of our interdependent lives. This also is the promise of that vision and that communication; for I do not have to be four inches tall, the shady lanes of carrots can be the tree-lined avenues of our scale, and the joy will be the same, a joy that we all have known, at least on occasion.

It takes a bit of doing though, just like the carrot patch; a bit of seeding and a bit of planting; a bit of weeding and a bit of cultivating, and a bit of co-operation from our side, for the co-operation of the green life is already unconditionally guaranteed.

Well, it seems now that my voluntary exile from the carrot patch is to no avail, that it does not help one bit, and that my wide-eyed double vision may well be a permanent condition; I just hope that it is infectious.

One of the minor benefits of writing a garden column of sorts (the major ones are something else altogether) is the periodic arrival of some seeds for trial from the odd seed company. This year we received a small variety of seeds

## Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

from the Territorial Seed Co., all of which performed very well for us, even according to our critical standards and our somewhat unorthodox growing methods.

The "Blue Lake" bush beans are, as usual, dependable and prolific producers of tender and tasty green beans and therefore, our perennial favourite. Our bed of beets has now fulfilled our early vision of a healthy stand of two kinds of beets, "Little Ball", small, early, fast and tasty, and "Winterkeeper", large, longlasting and delicious, interspersed with transplanted lettuce, multiplier onions and parsley. We fill the spaces left by the harvesting of the early beets as soon as they become vacant, with transplants from the row of leaf lettuce, resulting in a steady supply of lettuce.

We are especially pleased with Territorial's "Super Gourmet Salad Bowl", a blend of six loose leaf types consisting of: Slowbolt, Prizehead, Buttercrunch, Valmaine, Salad Bowl and Merveille des 4 Saisons. Ever since we have tried this blend of various lettuces, we now wonder how we ever got along without it.

The dates to maturity vary from 62 to 76 days, and combined with the delay in growth caused by intermittent transplanting, we have a steady supply of fresh lettuce ever since our first harvest from a single

sowing.

From now on this will be the way to go for us. Our daughter just brought in our first "Figaro" carrot. This carrot must have the sturdiest and densest tops I have seen so far: the junction of their leaves and roots is so dense that it gives the appearance of several carrots growing in the same spot, a bit of a

bother when I found that I was ripping off leaves from perfectly good carrots.

I have been forgiven though, and from now on I shall know better. And the roots are so delicious that I crave one bite after another while I write this. In fact I shall now give my undivided attention to the large remainder of this carrot.

## Few problems

B.C. Ferries reports few incidents of fishermen blocking the big boats in Active Pass so far this summer.

Each year, RCMP have been called to patrol the pass to keep small boats out of the path of the ferries.

Charges under the Canada Shipping Act can be brought against anyone who impedes the progress of a vessel navigating a narrow channel. If authorities proceed on an indictable offence conviction could carry a sentence of two years in jail.

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**KICK-OFF**

**Soccer school starts Monday**

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

The 1984-85 soccer season kicks off next Monday with our Summer Soccer School and soon to follow will be the league schedules for all our teams. The registrations have been coming in for both at a good rate, especially since we had a draw for the early birds.

The winner of the free soccer school entry is David Carey.

With many registrations still to come in I wish to outline our coming programs and what we expect in each.

**Soccer School**

The soccer school starts Monday and runs through Friday, Aug. 31 at Portlock Park. The school has two levels, junior, for youths aged 5-10, which runs from 8 am-12:30 pm, and senior, for youths 10 and up, which runs from 1-5:30 pm.

The school is instructed by myself and Tony Legg from the Lakehill Soccer Club and our aim is to provide a good atmosphere for the children to improve their skills and team play while having fun playing soccer.

The cost of the clinic is \$30 and includes a ball, T-shirt and badge from the skills contest. We request that children arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement of their groups and the concession will be open for the participants to get drinks or a snack.

If you need a form or info on the school please contact this writer.

**Pre-school**

The pre-school program is open to all children aged 2-5, costs \$10, runs from September to December, and is held every Saturday morning.

The pre-school is aimed at a totally non-competitive approach to introduce youngsters to the sport. We expect 30 to 40 youngsters to register and would love to have someone come forward to run this program for the fall.

**Intra-island**

The intra-island is played at two levels, junior (ages 5-7) and senior (ages 8-10), open to both boys and girls. Both levels play games every Saturday morning at Portlock Park. Their season lasts from September to April and costs \$20 per player.

The objective of this league is for our youths to play non-competitive games while improving skills and team play.

We expect six teams at each level (two from Fernwood School, two from the Ganges school, one from Fulford School and a girls' team in each loop) and therefore we need coaches to help run all these teams.

**Off-island**

At the present moment it is difficult to determine how many teams we will have playing off-island this season, based on registrations to date. These teams play one game a week, either Saturday or Sunday depending on division. Play runs from September to April and the cost is \$30.

So far the teams are as follows: Salt Spring Wranglers are made up of under-16-year olds, are coached by Ed Davis and will be playing Sunday games in Division 2B.

Salt Spring Selects are made up of under-14-year-olds, are coached by this writer and play Saturday games in Division 4B.

Salt Spring Sounders are our under-13-year-olds, coached by Kevin McCarthy, and play Saturday games in Division 5C.

Salt Spring Cosmos are our under-15 girls' team, coached by Rob Tranter and Graham Twedde, and play Saturday games in Division 3.

Salt Spring Strikers are our under-18-year-old boys, but at present we are not sure if they will have enough players and they appear to need a coach for Sunday games in Division 1B.

Salt Spring Sockeyes are our

women's team, 16 years and older, but players at present appear in short supply and the team needs a coach to play Sundays in Division 3 or 4.

We hope to form a new team of under-12-year-old boys to play Division 6C and also an under-13 girls' team to play in Division 5, but registrations will determine this. Both need coaches.

**Registration**

As is evident from the teams listed, it is important to get yourself registered now, both for league play and soccer school. If you wish to play soccer when the season opens on September 15, get your form, payment and copy of birth certificate in to us now.

If you need a form or further info, please contact this writer or Strick Aust.

**Adult Recreational Soccer**

This program is open to men and women, 16 years of age and older, at a cost of \$5, and the program will run September to December.

The program will open September 14 at 6:30 pm, and all games are played on the Ganges school grounds. We expect a good number of participants which could increase if the Strikers and Sockeyes teams do not materialize.

Soccer for fun will be the name of the game and maybe a couple of exhibition matches to whet the appetite.

The men's part of the program has already started every Sunday evening at 7 pm in Ganges.

**Uniforms**

If you still have a uniform from last season, please put it in a bag with your name on it and drop it off in the red box outside Kanaka Place Restaurant.

**Soccer Equipment**

The Soccer Association supplies each fully registered player with shirt and shorts (socks for off-island) to play the game as part of their registration fee. We also supply jackets, used soccer boots, goalie gloves, bags, balls, kangaroo tops, T-shirts, shin-guards and our new club track suit.

This is the time to order these items for the coming season. If you require prices or info on our equipment, please contact this writer.

**GOLF NEWS**

**BY PAT DOHERTY**

In the ladies' nine-hole section of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club there were 22 ladies out last week and the game was bingo, bango, bongo. Norah Ray and Peg Thorne tied for top spot. Low putts winner was Jo Stone with 14.

The ladies were really accurate around the greens with three of them sharing the Connie Porter trophy. Joyce Guerin chipped in on number 9, Marg Fisher did it on number 2 and Louise Fuoco also chipped in on number 2 and picked up a birdie besides. Nice shooting.

The ladies' 18-hole division played 4 ball—best ball. The winning team was Anne Monro, Libby Noble, Jean Jefferies and Kathy Darling. The putt pot was won by Marg Frattinger.

Our ladies travelled to Galiano for the last round of the Georgeson Cup. The hospitality was great, the weather good and the golf lots of fun and to top it off the Salt Spring Island ladies came home with the cup. Congratulations.

In men's play last week they competed for the Schwenger Cup. The result was a tie between John Lagrow and Jim Burford. They will now have an 18-hole playoff to decide the winner. The matches for the Parsons Cup are under way with no surprises so far. The Lucky Mashie Trophy goes on Thursday.

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# Hot baseball, cold beer at Orcas Island tournament

**BY FERNANDO V. NICOLSON**

Three slowpitch teams from Salt Spring visited Orcas Island, U.S.A., on the August 11 weekend and unintentionally underwhelmed the other 21 teams present.

Camp Kokanee from the Fulford Inn came on very strong on Friday, but their first game wasn't until Saturday. The result was gruesome. Up against two Orcas Island teams, the Fulford Inn Team bumbled their

way out of the whole affair as fast as they could. It was not something you'd want to show your children.

Meanwhile, the unrelenting Team Slug fell victim to some pretty hot baseball and some pretty cold beer. Facing stiff opposition in their first games, their destiny became obvious when they were caught on an attempted steal, which is illegal in slowpitch.

The Americans, having never encountered a move quite like this,

invited a few of the Slugs back to explain it the next week. By Saturday afternoon, Team Slug was back doing the things they do best, which most analysts agree might be almost anything but baseball or hockey.

The Salties, a team of has-beens and ne'er-do-wells that gets resurrected periodically, found both the ecstasy of victory and the agony of defeats. Having slaughtered their opposition in the first game, they got slaughtered in the next two. The number of runs scored against them in their last game should be the tournament record.

By Sunday, all three Salt Spring teams were out of the tournament and in the stands. It soon became obvious why—those Yanks sure can play baseball! Fulford Inn pitcher Bubba Kornel summarized the Salt Spring attitude when questions were being asked about some beer bottles thrown at the local library late Saturday night.

"Did they hit it?"  
 "Yea, a couple of times."  
 "It wasn't us, we couldn't have hit it."

Despite the teams' dismal records, all 60 or so Salt Spring Islanders had more than a great time. A beautiful island, a lot of laughs, a couple of birthdays and tales to tell. Some folks even stayed.



Slugs slowpitch team members are, standing from left, Al Hardie, Scott Bergstrom, Pete Huser, Todd McIntyre, Finn Ronne, Al

Cook and Tom Watson. Front row: Robert Cook, Mel Topping, Pat Akerman and Mark Hughes.

## Slugs go on tour

**BY TIGER W. COOK**

Some say no news is good news while others say old news is bad. In this age of Olympic politics and athletic millionaires, one bright spot helped preserve the fading sanity of some Slugs while postponing the senility of others.

In yet another brazen display of over-confidence the Slugs capped off their second winning season of softball to wrestle the men's competitive slowpitch title (the first of its kind on Salt Spring) from the grasping hands of the gasping, once-proud Barflies.

Amid familiar cheers of "ringer" and "I thought you guys had broken up," fans rallied behind the rejuvenated Slugs organization, and the team packed up and went on tour.

Orcas Island was the first stop for the magic bus and the tournament was on. Sadly, the light began to fade from the eyes of some as the Slugs, the last team in the tournament from Salt Spring, went down to defeat.

Slug coach, Jack Daniels, had this to say, "We fought hard and played well, we just couldn't compete with the off-sales from the grocery stores."

That ends a saga many will remember while others try to forget. The raging fire of Sportsmanship burns on in these lads as they sharpen skates, sticks and elbows in a vain attempt to live in past glories.



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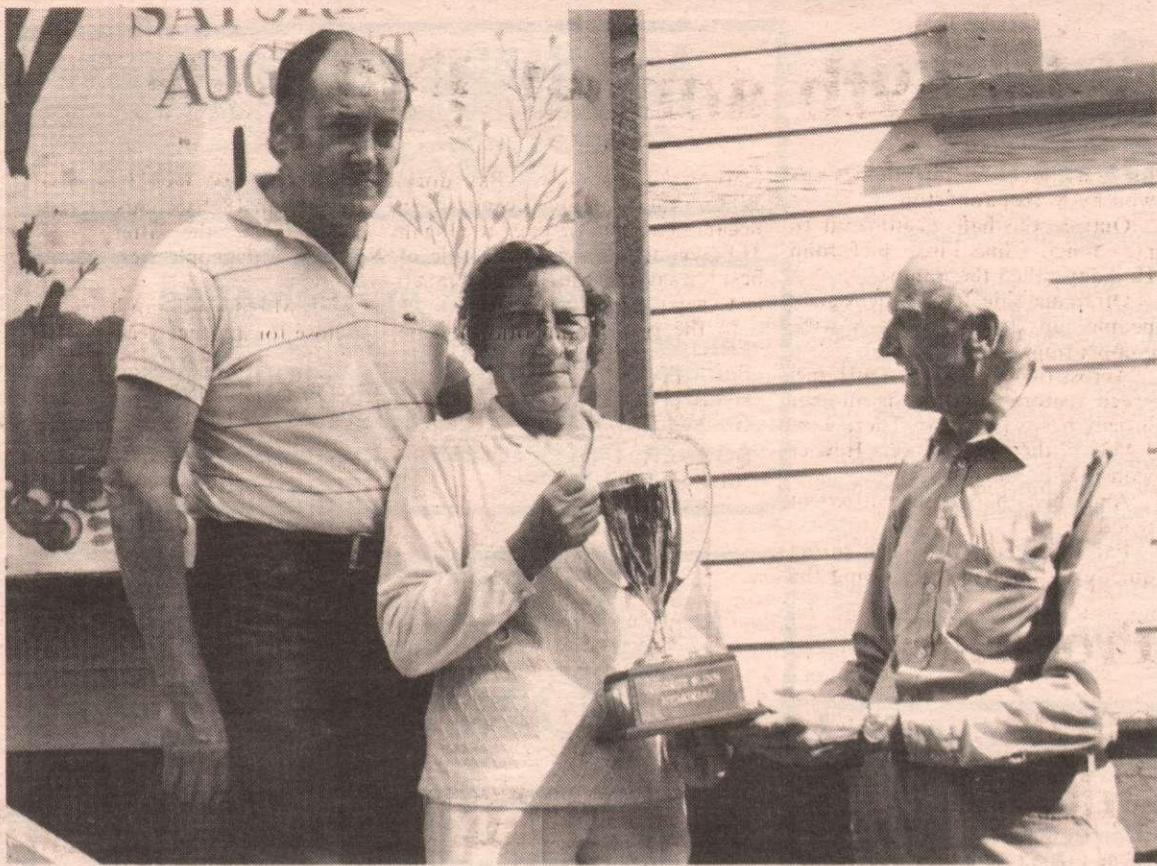
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Driftwood photos by Bill Webster.

Participants in the Mayne Island Fall Fair will have a new trophy to vie for next year. The George Slinn Memorial Trophy, at top, was presented to Fred Dodds, right, of the Mayne Island Agricultural

Society by Don Slinn and his mother Ivy. George Slinn was one of the Mayne residents who restored the Community Hall during the years 1959 to 1961. Above, the parade began the festivities at the

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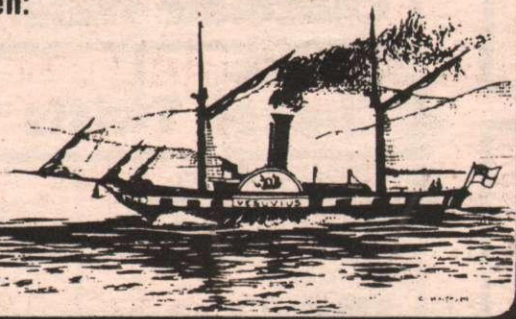
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# Red tape tangles plans for Wallace Island subdivision

The owners of Wallace Island want to put in summer cottages for their own use but they have been caught in the web of red tape.

There are 54 owners involved in the Wallace Island Community Association and they had sent representatives to talk to the Islands Trust about how to allow each of the owners to set up a residence on the island.

The group decided to apply for a bylaw to cover the island and outline the plans for a development proposal.

The Islands Trust was approached but the plan did not include public access dedication and was sent back to the group.

They agreed to dedicate Chivers Point at the north end of the island as well as a point at Princess Harbour on the Salt Spring side of Wallace as public access.

The group came up with a plan for 55 parcels on the island, of which 54 would be building sites and the remaining parcel would be held in common.

But with small parcels of land, the group ran into regulations which might not be met. Each property would have to prove an adequate supply of fresh water as well as an acceptable septic disposal system.

When those provisions were explained, the group decided to reduce the subdivision to 27 lots of greater than five acres each to avoid the regulations. But somewhere along the line they concluded that the Islands Trust would not support that proposal.

Jerry Alkoff of Wallace Island

attended the meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee last week to seek more advice.

He told the meeting that Wallace Island seems to be caught in a "pecking order".

Residents of Salt Spring are complaining about loss of local planning, he said. But Wallace Island is private and the owners "are being hammered by regulations."

The problem, said Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries, is that there are too many owners for an island as small as Wallace. The Trust was not opposing the proposal for the 27-lot development, he said.

A recent staff report by the Trust suggested that the owners' group apply to the ministry of highways for preliminary layout approval of a subdivision.

If highways officials approve, the group should then come back to the Islands Trust "to seek changes in regulations necessary to permit the

development to be finalized."

The owners should consider a corporate style of ownership if the subdivision plans are not acceptable to highways officials, the report concluded.

Bev Unger, Islands Trustee for Salt Spring, suggested that the group look into strata title development but the idea was not pursued at the meeting.

The members of the community group want to preserve the island in its natural state and put in summer homes which do not interfere with the environment.

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**GALIANO NEWS**

# Potluck party held Saturday for peace pedallers

**BY KATHLYN BENDER**

A potluck party for the peace pedallers took place in the activity centre on Saturday. The nine Galiano pedallers who initiated the project will be joined by 30 or more from the Lower Mainland in front of Vancouver City Hall on Friday, where Mayor Harcourt will deliver a send-off speech at 9:50 am. A police escort will then lead the cyclists along Broadway and Lougheed. From there on the group will, as far as possible, take back roads to Sardis where they will make their first overnight stop.

There has already been some media coverage and on Friday CTV will cover the departure and the two Vancouver dailies will have reporters on hand. During the six-week journey to Ottawa progress reports will be phoned in each Tuesday evening for broadcasting on CKVU (Cable 21) and Co-op Radio 102 on the FM dial.

The composition of the Galiano group is of interest as only a minority were born in Canada. Georg Plange, Enzo and Tona Von Rezori are from Germany; Sky Forest and his mother Lola came to Canada via Indonesia with Dutch ancestry; Lester Church is from South Africa and Connie Kennedy from California.

The three Canadian-born cyclists are Ann Eriksen from Saskatchewan, Akasha Forest from Montreal and Jim Truitt from Vancouver. Three children will accompany the group in the support vehicles looked after by Lola Haenan and Jennifer Hughes, who will also cook for the party.

The pedallers appreciate the help received from the Galiano Peace Group and particularly from Betty Fairbank, whose deck sale raised \$1,000 towards the expenses which the group expects to be about \$6,000. Less than half this amount has so far been raised and further donations may be made out to Pedal for Peace and mailed to Box 231,

Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0. The help of Keith Holmes in designing a T-shirt and preparing posters deserves the group's thanks.

During the supper the cyclists were introduced and an outline of their itinerary given. The cyclists hope to camp whenever possible, but offers of accommodation have poured in from churches, individuals and organizations. To answer the doubts of one of the participants Dorothy Livesay wrote a ballad which she read. This had been set to music by Brad Prevedoros and was sung by Connie Kennedy and Willow Jewell. While this was happening a perfect rainbow was seen to arc over the centre—hopefully a symbol, "a sign of the covenant that never again should all flesh be cut off and the earth destroyed" as the writer of Genesis 9 wrote.

Cynics will no doubt dismiss this phenomenon as a coincidence and question the effectiveness of the statement the cyclists are making—but as one of their slogans asserts, "it is better to be active than radioactive." Even the skeptics can wish them a worthwhile adventure and new knowledge of their own or adopted country and its inhabitants, and of themselves.

### Intaglio exhibition

The general principle of intaglio printing consists of cutting into a smooth metal plate with a burin a series of troughs or holes which will act as receptacles for ink. The wider and deeper the groove the more ink it will hold and the more intense colour to be transferred to the paper. The plate is inked and then carefully wiped clean so that only the ink in the troughs remains.

The sheet of paper is damped so as to make it flexible and then pressure applied forcing the paper into the grooves. When the paper is peeled off, it sucks the coloured ink out of the grooves and this dries in

ridges. The first postage stamps were printed by this method, which is still used for some Canadian issues.

Ronaldo Norden of Galiano is an engraver who employs the intaglio method to produce prints of exquisite delicacy. He uses a variety of materials for plates besides the traditional copper, including plexiglass. His subjects are local landscapes and wildlife. Ronaldo's etchings and engravings are printed by Christa Weiss in their Sutil Lodge workshop.

A fairly recent addition to Ronaldo's technique is to combine embossing with engraving to produce a three-dimensional effect. A crab surmounting a rock is an attractive example of this style. The traditional colour for engravings is sepia but Ronaldo and Christa use a variety of colours, sometimes more than one on a print. Over the years Ronaldo has tended to reduce the size of his plates so that some are now little larger than postage stamps, thus permitting three or four to be combined on one print.

The disadvantage of the smaller size is that one needs sharp eyesight or a magnifying glass to appreciate the details and intricacy of the engraving. Last Wednesday a good crowd of fellow artists and well-wishers attended the opening of Ronaldo's current exhibition on the walls of La Berengerie. The show will continue into September.

### Pet show

Ron Minette continued with his series of Sunday shows to liven up the Galiano holiday period. This week it was the turn of pets to assemble outside the Corner Store and to be judged for prizes by Andrew Loveridge.

Morag Rasmussen showed her miniature donkey which she acquired from the Maple Styrup Riding School for a dollar. Alistair is truly a pet and an important part

of Morag's life. Aaron Dunn and Jane Edwards brought their ponies and gave rides. Most of the other entries were dogs, well groomed and of an interesting variety including Carol Minette's silky-haired Australian terrier.

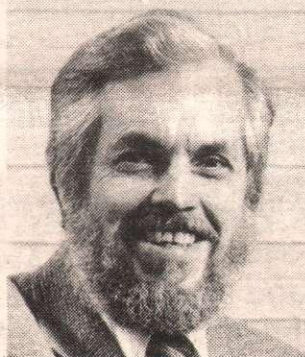
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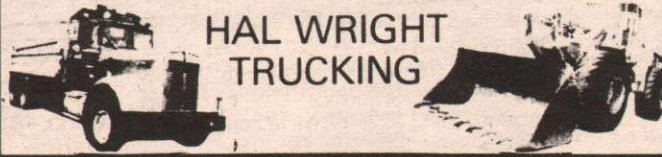
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# Letters to the Editor

## 'We deserve an answer'

Sir,  
I attended the CRD meeting last week and was shocked by the goings on!  
Having sat through a number of CRD meetings as Chairman of the Ganges Citizens Committee I now have the dubious honour of seeing past Director Valcourt being consistently overruled by the other Directors on the matter of the Ganges Sewer; of having seen the Ganges Citizens Committee being cancelled while the majority of its members felt that its work was unfinished; and now seeing Director Borsman being overruled when he supported further examination of Coal Filtration and examination of Land Disposal sites.

I have on file seven cost estimates from the Engineering and Finance Departments all purporting to be the "real cost" of operations and debt retirement. These figures are all on the same system and range from \$230 a year per property to \$1500 a year per property.

I listened on Friday, August 10, 1984 as the CRD Engineers told the Task Force members that there was a major error in the Levelton Report of 1979, that only one-quarter of the land space originally thought to be needed was in fact required. An error that was corrected by the CRD in 1979, entered into their files but not passed on to Underwood McLellan for use in their evaluation of alternatives, hence Underwood McLellan was looking for 40 acres or more for land disposal. The Underwood McLellan study was then stopped by the CRD when half its work was still to be done.

Lies, distortions, half-truths, misinformation and overruling our Directors thereby sinking this Island further and further into debt with no accountability and no way of stopping the plunge.

Enough! It is time for a Judicial Review—of the CRD Engineering and Finance Departments' handling of this whole sordid affair. We deserve an answer!

**ARVID CHALMERS,**  
Ganges,  
August 20, 1984.

## World peace only answer

Sir,  
Why have I chosen to drive a support vehicle to Ottawa for Pedal for Peace? I've been asked this question so often I'd like to answer in *Driftwood*.

I was a teenager when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. It made a very strong and lasting impact on my life. World peace even then I felt was the only answer.

During the 50's I was active in the "Ban the Bomb" movement, and our family were supporters of Dr. Alcock's Peace Research Institute. Each of us in our own way dealt with our concerns.

So when I heard a driver was needed for the Pedal for Peace support vehicle offered by Bill and Joan Paterson of Galiano, I volunteered.

The next six weeks will be an opportunity to talk to Canadians across the country about their communities, their lives and the peace movement. Also it will be a marvellous experience to travel with 40 enthusiastic cyclists of varying ages, all sharing my goal of world peace.

**MARG SIMONS,**  
Fulford Harbour,  
August 1984.

## Incorporation attractive

Sir,  
I have never given much thought to incorporation, but after attending last Wednesday's special sewer session of the C.R.D. in Victoria when a motion by Mel Couvelier of Saanich killed all further expenditure of time and money for investigating the new coal-filtration proposal (in spite of a strong plea in favour by our own director) I can hardly wait for Salt Spring to become a self-governing entity.

Were we so now, we would not be in the position of having outsiders inflict on us a probably much costlier sewer to operate, and a more environmentally damaging one, than the new proposal.

And if we had Island autonomy we would not have an Order in Council by Bill Bennett's government inflict an outrage like the Musgrave fiasco on us.

**BIS WHITBY,**  
R.R. 3, Ganges,  
August 20, 1984.

## Ready to unite

Sir,  
I attended the recent meeting of the CRD while they supposedly debated the Ganges sewer issue. After listening to the CRD presentations and those of other engineers and hydrologists we can summarize the current situation regarding land disposal this way:

1. A series of perc tests and test pits indicates satisfactory perc performance on parcels totalling 65 acres near Ganges.

2. A preliminary assessment from an experienced hydrogeologist from a well-known Geotechnical firm in Vancouver states "there is a definite potential for absorbing 90,000 gallons per day" within two miles of Ganges.

3. There are options to purchase and statements of willingness to sell from various parcels' owners.

4. There is now ready an affordable design proposal developed by an engineering firm for land disposal. That firm will, unlike the CRD engineering group, stand behind their proposal and be willing to be bonded and held to the estimated costs so that taxpayers are not held up for ransom in the event of cost overruns.

The CRD directors from the urban areas of the District were clearly intending to pursue the present ocean scheme without any fairminded attempt to hear any other proposal regardless of the exorbitant costs entailed to the people of Salt Spring.

There is no question but that the people of this island are ready to unite around the Coal Filtration system with land disposal. The majority votes on the CRD seem determined to impose a divisive, expensive outfall. We must force them to a more reasonable and acceptable position.

**MAUREEN BENDICK,**  
R.R. 3, Ganges,  
August 19, 1984.

## Meeting an eye-opener

Sir,  
Last Wednesday I attended my first C.R.D. meeting. The subject for discussion was the Ganges sewer. What an eye opener!

I had expected the directors to listen to Mr. Chow, the consulting engineer for the coal-land system, and the other resource persons speaking from their various areas of expertise. I thought they would then consider the pros and cons and vote for the best system as they saw it.

No such thing happened. Mr. Chow was not allowed to present his own cost estimates. Instead the C.R.D. engineer gave his version of what the coal filtration cost would be. It bore no resemblance whatsoever to Mr. Chow's figures. But that did not seem to matter to most of the directors who appeared totally unconcerned at this injustice.

Director Couvelier insisted that the task of the board was to make decisions, not to discuss right or wrong.

I urge anyone who is interested in the future of our community to attend a C.R.D. meeting and see what is meant by the democratic process in action.

**LOU RUMSEY,**  
Box 824, Ganges,  
August 20, 1984.

## Fisherman's life not easy

Sir,  
Have you ever been to sea, Billy? If you haven't there's still the pleasure of walking down to the dock to barter for your supper. As most people are aware, if you've taken a stroll to the wharf in early spring you'll recognize a lot of wind-burned, smile-creased faces, the faces of the fishermen who have lived and helped to support our community for many years.

A fisherman's life is not an easy one. There are boat payments, gear, cutbacks, depleted stocks, fuel, grub, bad weather and the list goes on. Recently there has been pressure from a retail outlet in the downtown area.

There have been numerous, unnecessary calls to government agencies concerning fish sales from vessels, finding out if their wharfage is paid and even a call to Hydro to remove a Fresh Fish sign from the pole. These fishermen have been selling and supplying our community with fresh fish and shell fish for many years now.

This year, you haven't seen as many salmon sold by the fishermen. The fish companies are paying a higher price due to poor salmon returns. Still you can wander down to the docks, or to the market and get your cod, tuna, salmon and live shellfish, not previously frozen and legal. If you haven't seen the signs to lure you down there, give it a try. Fresh Fish is great.

Please continue to support Salt Spring Island Fishermen, Salt Spring.

On behalf of the Ganges Fishermen's Association.

**JOHN ELLIOT,**  
**LAUREN GRENNAN,**  
August 1984.



## Bill Webster

In which those who should know better take a perch firmly on a limb.

Louis Bolivar-Finchley came to the mansion last week to talk, you guessed it, about the federal election non-campaign.

He had intended to bring Suitcase but couldn't find him. Seems as though Suitcase had gone to sample the variety of refreshment on a pub crawl through the Gulf Isles. He was trying to forget the trauma of not being able to find a single specimen of the endangered Western species as well as being left off the trough list in By-Town-By-the-Canal.

"Why," asked Louis even before he sat down on the deck chair, "do you think the Grits have hit a rocky road in this election?"

One learns, of course, that such questions from Louis require no reply because he has his own answer and wants to hear no other. So we, Rat, Fink and I, sat and waited.

Louis began the answer to his own question just as the sun began to dip behind the smog screen at Crofton. He ended it as the sun began to peek over the high hills to the east.

As is usual when Louis talks, people sleep. But here is the essence of what he said as heard now and again throughout the night.

The Libs face an angry populace, he said.

People were expecting better things from John of B. C. than what he has so far delivered. Wandering hand trouble is the least of his problems.

When the leadership campaign was in full swing and Libs actually showed signs of vitality and life, the promise of better things was hinted at. Great to-do was made of the rift between John of B.C. and Pierre of the One-Finger. And the folk liked that.

Pierre, as you may recall, bears the brunt of serious criticism for the way Canada has lurched from one crisis, political, financial and otherwise, to another for the past few and sundry years.

And then John of B. S. became

the leader of a few of the people.

The first indication that it was business as usual in By-The-Town-By-the-Canal was a lengthy list of those who would forego life in the working lane for a place at the tax trough.

"When you and I," said Louis looking at me straight in the eye, "well, maybe not you, but when a person has to stretch the buck until the Queen winks and those idiots expand the payroll with party hacks, something has to give."

John of B. S., Louis continued, has shown clearly that he is not a man in charge of his own party. The fighting, bickering and other actions which were rampant in the campaign structure might have been a great imitation of the Tories but it engendered a pervasive lack of confidence in the erstwhile leader.

So, the Libs brought back the Rainmaker.

At one point in the campaign, before the cracks began to show in the Lib facade, John of B. S. stated emphatically there would be no Rainmaker in this election.

As Tricky Dick Nixon was wont to say, "That statement has become inoperative."

And remember what became of him.

The Tories, to be sure, recycled Dalton of Dump-Dief fame and the Libs tried to make a big deal of it. But somehow the public didn't buy it.

Any follower of past elections recognizes the presence of the Rainmaker. Suddenly, Libs across the country begin blaming Tories, Indeepers and Rhinos for the woes of the nation.

"It's all their fault," refrains the Lib chorus.

It worked several times before but it won't work this time. What the voters are seeking and what the Libs aren't offering is a severing of past indulgences.

Which brings us to the limb-sitting exercise.

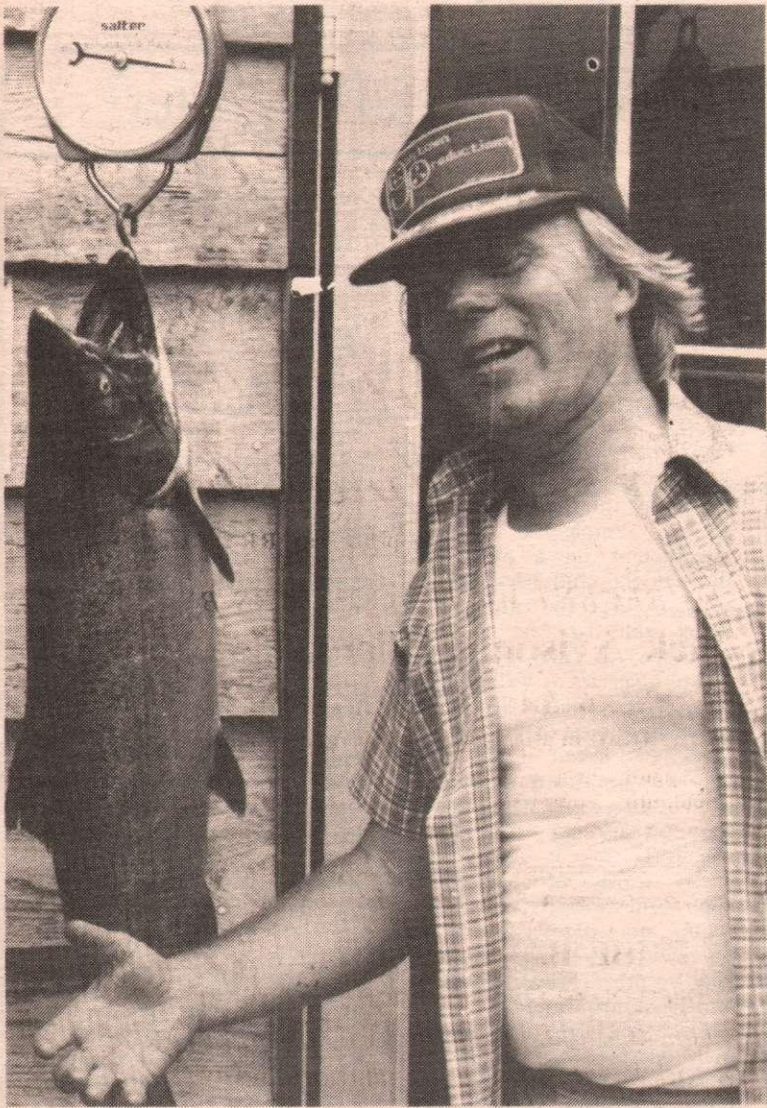
Louis wound down as the sun went up and he essayed an estimate of the outcome of the vote count on September 4, half a day earlier in Newfoundland.

P.C.'s 180; Libs: 80; N.D.P.: 22.

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The fish took third spot in the Springwater Lodge fishing derby on Mayne last weekend. Peter Sara, of

Mayne, seemed satisfied with his 15 lb., 8 oz. salmon.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

## Visitor wins derby

The entrants in the Springwater fishing derby at Mayne island crowded the waters of Active Pass over the weekend.

By the time all the fish were weighed in, visitor Larry Hansen of the United States took top prize of a rod and reel with a salmon weighing 17 lbs., 12 oz.

With up to 75 people buying an

entry ticket, the weigh scales measured slightly more than 20 fish by the time the derby ended Sunday at 1 pm.

Second largest salmon was hooked by Howard Barker, a 16 lb., 4 oz. specimen, while Peter Sara of Mayne Island caught a 15 lb., 8 oz. fish.

It was the fifth annual fish derby sponsored by Springwater Lodge.

## Two to give recital

The Salt Spring Concert Society has invited Gail O'Riordan and Teresa Turgeon to give a cello and piano recital on Sunday at 2 pm, in the United Church.

Gail O'Riordan began her musical career as a pianist. It was after she completed a Bachelor of Music Degree at UBC, majoring in piano, that she became interested in the cello.

After five years of study on this instrument, during which time she appeared as piano soloist and accompanist on CBC Radio and

taught a choral music program in an elementary school, she began playing cello with the Victoria Symphony. She is currently nearing the completion of a Master's Degree in cello performance at the UVic School of Music.

Also a music graduate from UBC, Teresa Turgeon, who will be accompanying O'Riordan, is presently a vocal coach-accompanist at UVic. Turgeon frequently appears in recital with her husband, renowned Canadian baritone Bernard Turgeon.

## Musgrave protest planned at Market

The "loss of home rule" apparent with the decision to allow the Musgrave Landing bare land strata development to proceed is the reason for a protest planned Saturday at the Ganges Farmers' Market.

Salt Spring Trust representative Bev Unger told *Driftwood* Monday

## Island Futures elects directors

Island Futures president David Fewings will join with the newly elected directors to continue to spark economic development on Salt Spring Island. At its first annual general meeting, Gail Secor, Virginia Newman, Rich Atwood and Jim Fogarty were elected to two-year terms and Fred Struve, Mike Reynolds, Beth Hill, Tai Kimball, Marg Simons, Tom Wright and Peggy Mizen to one-year terms.

Enthusiastic response to committee reports from the interim directors confirmed support for the goals adopted at the two-day conference held at the Community Centre last winter. The Island Futures Economic Development Society will embark on plans to create new productive enterprises in the spirit of "local production for local use". These will complement existing businesses and services.

Early formation of a subsidiary limited company will permit direct entry into the field of financing and supporting new alternatives. Some ideas and requests for assistance have already been submitted to the society's economic development committee of Paul Minvielle, Mike Reynolds, Tom Toynbee, Fred Struve, Hank Schubart and Dave Fewings.

that a number of people will speak on the topic between 10:30 am and noon. Ron Long, a Simon Fraser University biologist said to be an expert on phantom orchids, is expected, and organizers hope NDP MP and candidate Jim Manly will also speak. Victoria NDP MLA Robin Blencoe may also attend.

Musgrave Landing is one of the few places on the coast where phantom orchids can be found.

Unger said organizers are trying to get people out to show their concern over the loss of home rule with the Musgrave decision. The

highways ministry approving officer recently granted a second preliminary layout approval to Rico Holdings Ltd. to develop 24 bare land strata lots on the waterfront at Musgrave.

The Musgrave decision is not the protest's only concern. Many islanders have objected to the recent order-in-council by the provincial cabinet which allows strata title developments to proceed without regard for community plans.

Unger said there was a possibility that legal action will be taken over the order-in-council.

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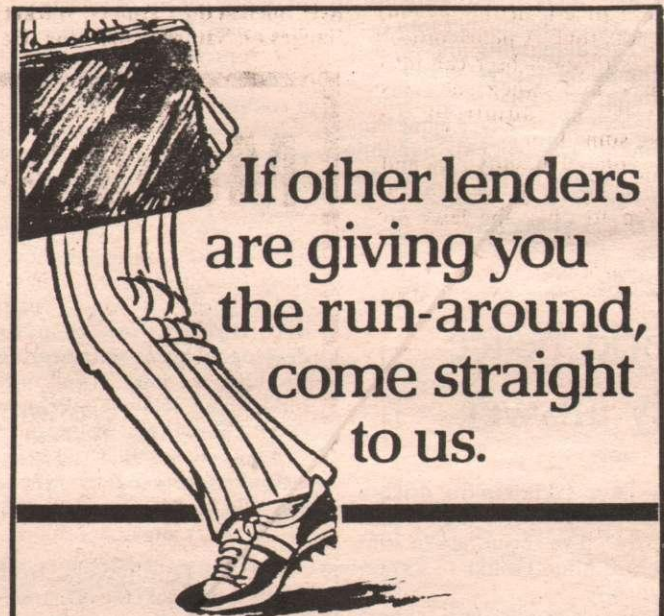
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# Snell wants the balance in Ottawa

Cheminus realtor R.L. Snell is seeking the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands seat in the Sept. 4 federal election for the Confederation of Regions Western Party.

He was in Ganges on Saturday introducing himself and his party to island voters.

He explained that unlike the Western Canada Concept his party seeks to better the position of Western Canadians within Canada. It is a Canadian political party, he emphasized, and it aims at producing a western voice in Ottawa.

If the west is in cowboy boots and Stetson, then Snell is all west. He wears his western style dress as part of his presentation. One of 53 candidates to carry the COR colours in four provinces, R.L. Snell visualizes a strong western voice whereby the balance of power, nationally, would be wielded by his party.

That is the name of the game for the COR. It aims to be that western voice and it aims to be the bargaining factor in national affairs. **BC 4 US**

On Saturday the candidate was in the Farmers' Market at Ganges with

his camper and his car, the latter carrying its distinctive license plate, "BC 4 US".

He speaks in parables. When Canada started, he explained, Ontario and Quebec were like the mother and father of a family. As the nation grew and other provinces came into the fold, the two senior provinces spoke for the entire nation.

As the provinces grew, however, the younger provinces wanted some input into the family decisions.

"Under the present system, that's not possible," charges the candidate.

### DIVISION INTO REGIONS

The COR plan to correct the situation provides for the division of Canada into four regions: the West, to include British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba; Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic. All four would enjoy the same representation in the House of Commons.

COR does not like metric measurement, forced bilingualism, the National Energy Policy and a list of other features of the present-day Canada.

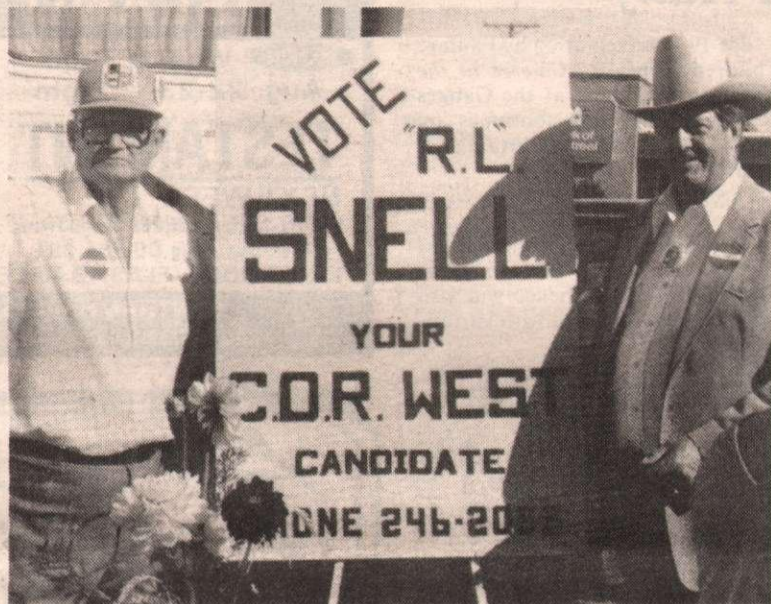
The new party embraces one language, English.

And who is R.L. Snell?

He's a westerner. His father drove cattle into Canada from Montana in 1904 and stayed here. He was born in Lethbridge and served for 21 years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. After retiring in 1968, he settled in Calgary, where he was engaged in real estate.

He visited Vancouver Island on several occasions and finally brought his family to live in Crofton in 1982. And he brought his horses, his cowboy boots and his stetsons as well as his concern with real estate.

As a member of parliament for the COR, he would support any good legislation put forward by any party, he says. But he wouldn't include metrication or bilingualism.



Cowboy-hatted COR candidate R.L. Snell at the Farmers' Market at Ganges on Saturday morning. He is accompanied by Ganges supporter Arnold Humes.

Driftwood photo by Frank Richards

**Drinking beer costs \$40**

Having a beer in Mouat Park on Salt Spring cost a young man \$40.

Jonathan Jenkins, 18, appeared in front of Judge R.E. Hudson in Ganges court last week on a charge of being in possession of liquor while underage.

An RCMP patrol was checking the park last June 15 at about 7 pm, the judge was told. A police officer saw Jenkins throw a beer can into the bushes and when he was confronted, he admitted to consuming some beer.

Jenkins entered a guilty plea and in passing sentence, Judge Hudson warned him to obey the laws on drinking.

"You'll be 19 soon enough," the judge said as he imposed the fine.

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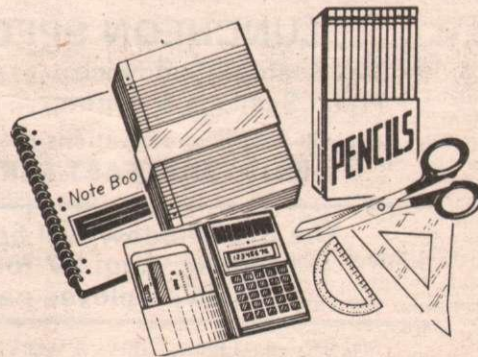
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# Mayne Island stages its 59th annual Fall Fair

BY BILL WEBSTER

Anticipation mounted as the crowd milled about in front of the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall last Saturday and waited for the parade which would mark the opening of the 59th annual Fall Fair.

Fire trucks, tractors and children on decorated bicycles mingled in the parade as did the antique cars and the costumed clowns.

When the final entrant passed the hall, Fred Dodds stepped forward to open the fair.

He introduced Martin Segger of the B.C. Heritage Trust who presented a plaque to Agricultural Society president Marjorie Haggart. It will be put on the wall of the hall, telling the world that it is a heritage building.

Also part of the ceremonies was the presentation of a memorial cup for competition in the Fall Fair. It was given to the Agricultural Society by Don Slinn in memory of his father George Slinn, who had worked hard to restore the building in the early 1960's.

The ceremonies ended and people streamed through the gate to buy entry tickets from Jesse Brown and Cal Peterman.

Inside the hall, the entries in the more than 220 categories open for competition were on display while on the stage, the efforts of the children showed the talent and imagination of the young participants.

The Dodds Cup, for most points in the children's section, went to Cory Thorson who also took the Winnie Hayhurst Sewing Cup as well as the Crafts Cup. The Joyce Mitchell Arts Cup for children went to Sarah Fudge. Tamara Dodds and Deanne Carey were awarded the Baking Cup.

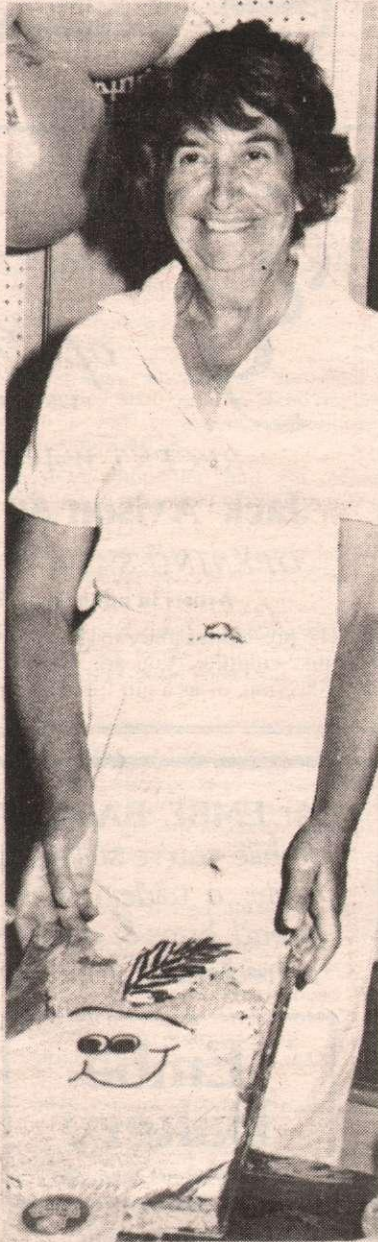
Shannon Allegretto took the Robin Hood cooky bake-off, which was new this year.

The adult section of that competition went to Rose Batchelor.

The top point-getter in the adult section, for the second year in a row, was Mary Simmons. She went home with the Foster Trophy for most points by a Mayne resident, the Legion Challenge Cup as well as the Telephone Trophy.

In addition, she took the Mathews Trophy for the baking section and the Williams Trophy for best in sewing.

The Bank of Montreal Trophy for best in the produce section went to Fred Bennett. David Rhodes took the Wine Arts prize and George Harris was awarded the Memorial



The cake's name is Sherwood and he lasted long enough to win first prize for Rose Batchelor in the Robin Hood Flour baking contest at the fair.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Trophy for the best of the floral section.

Mary Cutress was judged to have the best loaf of bread entered in the show.

The Crafts Trophy went to Mabel Johnston and Ann McNeill took the Photolec Trophy for best in the photographic section.

In the Safflo competition, Marjorie Haggart won for best cake and Cutress won again for best brown bread.

The Roberts Chocolate Trophy

for best chocolate chip cookies was won by Mabel Johnston.

Outside the hall, visitors sat to play bingo while Fire Chief John Halliday called the numbers.

Off to one side, Ron Pither signed people up for the log sawing competition.

Across the street Patty DuHemel urged visitors to guess the number of jelly beans in the jar. There were 1,453 of them and Owen Hevner won with a guess of 1,455.

And then the saw began to cut wood.

Pat Hennebery had been sitting quietly to one side explaining the

features of his Oyster Bay dory. When the sawing competition began, he zipped through the log in 31.6 seconds to retain the title of best log sawyer, which he had taken last year.

In the pairs competition, Ardie

Wickheim and Jack Evans sawed through in 18.2 seconds.

But then the afternoon was ending and people were beginning to leave.

The Mayne Fall Fair had come to a close for another year.

## Production opens Friday

The 1984 presentation by Fanfare Children's Theatre, *Caterer to the King*, opens Friday at the Ganges activity centre and continues on Saturday and Sunday. Curtain goes up at 7 pm.

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# Regional board rejects coal filtration system

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The Waste Management Branch warned that the permit at present authorizing discharge into the sea would not cover ground disposal. An entirely new application would be required.

Steve McMinn, the engineer who carried out a survey of alternatives for Ganges, had some questions about the long-term effects of ground disposal. He was concerned over a break-out from the field and the replacement of the coal in the filter.

"It may prove out," he stated, "but there are a lot of questions to be answered."

### BORSMAN'S VIEW

The Ganges Citizens' Committee was bogging down over costs, recalled director Borsman, and this is different. There is no member of the Ganges Task Force opposed to another look at ground disposal.

There would have to be a new look to determine whether the ground is available, he urged. There should be a complete land study as well as a detailed costing of the coal filtration method.

The director admitted that the

proposal was not fully examined. The Chow estimates do not include all costs involved and they should be examined by the engineering department. On Bowen Island there is a total of 80 users in the system under preparation, against up to 2,000 users at Ganges, noted the island director.

Even if the installation of a coal filter should take a year to approve it would be worth it, said Borsman, if it resolved difficulties on Salt Spring Island.

He also noted that the board has received a number of form letters in favour of the coal filtration system. The letters indicated that the signer was "prepared to take the risk". Only two or three of those letters came from property owners who would pay for that risk, he remarked.

### NO REPORT FROM MEETING

Staff reports on costs and technical details concluded the first two-hour session after the meeting started. For the next hour, and more, the directors discussed the matter in secret and returned to an open board meeting. Chairman

Shirley Wilde stated that there was no report forthcoming from the in-camera session.

Mel Couvelier moved that the engineering staff be directed to devote no time or money to the study of the coal filter system.

"I could not support further expenditures on a method that has so many questions unresolved," he said. The Saanich mayor referred to the responsibility of the board to tell the people what course of action has to be taken.

"Any rational person can always defend a request for further information," he told his colleagues.

It is the major responsibility of a politician to make a decision, he continued, amid some derisive laughter.

Whether it is right or wrong is less important than making the decision.

"After spending \$2.8 million on a system we cannot spend money on another one," he stated.

Martin Levin recalled that there has been a division in the island community over the type of system

to be put in. **FOR THE FIRST TIME**  
"Here we have, for the first time in my experience, a consensus emerging around the method. For the first time this board might have an opportunity of putting in a system that all citizens accept."

The Couvelier resolution would create more acrimony and more divisions, he warned.

Ken Hill, mayor of Esquimalt, agreed with Couvelier. Coal filtration is not proven. There are 500 proven installations of the rotating biological contactor.

"We have already spent \$871,000 on studies, surveys and designs for

Ganges and now we are talking about spending more money."

Mayor Doug Watts, of Oak Bay, said he had heard a long sales pitch but that there had been no evidence that the coal filter system was viable.

"It's buying a pig in a poke," he told the board.

Borsman was unchanged in his opinion.

"I think a study of ground disposal should be done."

Ernie Beland felt that financing should be considered before any decision is taken.

The board approved the motion to continue with a rotating contactor.



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## Islanders meet Skelly, Manly

A number of Salt Spring Island residents travelled to Crofton Saturday to meet with NDP MP Jim Manly and provincial NDP leader Bob Skelly.

Islanders discussed several concerns, including the Musgrave development, ferry service and the Ganges sewer.

Islands Trust representative Beverly Unger outlined concerns about the Musgrave Landing development. Skelly agreed that the change in strata title regulations, exempting developments from

community plan requirements, was "precedent-setting."

Jonathan Oldroyd spoke for the Ad Hoc COALition and outlined the differences between cost estimates of the Capital Region engineers and those of the engineer proposing a coal filtration sewer system for Ganges.

Oldroyd said the treatment plant and ocean outfall system proposed by the CRD was "politically unpopular, environmentally unsound and financially unacceptable."

When the discussions turned to ferry service, Skelly felt that islanders would be no better off if

the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry were operated by the highways ministry. He noted that both the highways ferries and the B.C. Ferry Corporation are ultimately the responsibility of the highways minister.

Skelly said the best route was to press for increased accountability by the ferry corporation. It has all the characteristics of a public utility, he said, but does not come under the Public Utilities Act, and therefore is not subject to provisions such as public hearings on rate increases.

Skelly said that sort of accountability was an NDP priority.

### Fallen tree cuts power

Hydro service to parts of the Gulf Islands was interrupted Saturday evening for just less than an hour when a tree fell across a power line.

The tree fell on Galiano, knocking out power on that island as well as parts of Mayne Island and Salt Spring at approximately 9 pm.

The broken power line caused a short circuit in the hydro substation on Atkins Road on Salt Spring and the lights went out from there down to Churchill Road and Mansell Road areas of the island.

Hydro crews got out their chainsaws on Galiano and had service restored in about 45 minutes.

### Whales sighted

Pod of killer whales was sighted in Ganges Harbour last week.

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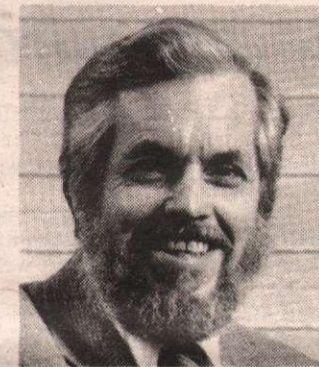
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Salt Spring resident Mary Gilbert will be among cyclists

## Cyclists leave Friday

Eleven Gulf Islands residents will be among cyclists who gather at Vancouver City Hall Friday when Pedal for Peace kicks off its journey to Ottawa. After an official send-off ceremony, cyclists and support vehicles will be given a police escort through the city to start them on the road to Ottawa.

Pedal for Peace cyclists will join in peace rallies en route, and in some communities will distribute copies of the peace petition and show the film, *If You Love This Planet*.

The project originated on Galiano Island.

The Salt Spring Peace Centre is holding a raffle to raise money for it and the draw will coincide with the arrival of the cyclists in Ottawa in October. Prize is a Bickerton portable bicycle, complete with carrying bag.

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## To Be Frank



by richards

### Which way to flash?

I'm on fighting terms with Women's Lib. I sometimes drive her car and sometimes mine. Her car is equipped with turn signals and the driver must flick the switch on the left of the steering column to show the rest of the world just where the car is heading. On my car the driver trips the lever on the right of the wheel to operate the direction flashers. On the distaff side of the garage, the window wipers work from the right. On my side of the garage the wipers are worked from the left. The effect is remarkable. I have her window wipers flicking vigorously across the windshield as I make an unheralded turn. And when I get back to my own car I show my intention of turning right whenever it starts to rain. Why can't everyone think the same?

### Where did I go wrong?

Once upon a time I spoke French. That was in the days when I lived in a monolingual country, of course. And when my family was growing up I decided that some familiarity with French would be just what they needed. I thought back to the evening meal in my childhood when we would stumble over French at the table because my father figured it was one way of keeping up a second language. So I tried it when my own family was growing up. Today, one of my children is quite fluent in Spanish and another can converse in French because she lived the language for a time. The third is a good driver. And me? I talk English good. Where did I go wrong?

### A good race for a \$150 trophy!

Laurie Neish couldn't get enough on the incident. He brought me two clippings from English papers reporting the conviction of a Sheffield fruiterer on charges of being drunk in charge of a horse and cart and driving furiously so as to endanger the life of any passenger. It seems that the 40-year-old vendor of fruit and vegetables went through road blocks in the midnight hours, lashing his horse with the reins to keep it going. A police car tried to slow him down, but he drove on. Two police cars set up a road block and the charioteer, standing on the two-wheel buggy tore through the six-foot gap and sped on. Police reported that the equipage dashed down a hill with the horse skipping and skidding and sparks flying from its hooves. There came an end to the race and the skilful carter was arrested. There were two sequels. The first was that an inspector from the RSPCA reported that the mare, Sally, was none the worse for her escapade. The second was a \$150 fine for her owner as a result of the chase. Even now, in Britain, it seems, you just can't keep a good horse down.

### A baby changes your whole life

A baby can change your whole life. Just ask John Bailey. He reckons he's the first Anglican priest to be refused service in a pub on Salt Spring Island. Miss Bailey was one of a party who decided to have fish and chips in an island hostelry. They ordered and there was a pause. There was, it seemed, a minor in the party. Was Miss Bailey 19 years of age? And Miss Bailey was only 13 days of age. She could be served in the dining room but not in the pub. And the fact that a 13-day-old patron rarely eats at a pub was no factor in the decision. Reluctantly, they left with the realization that their life was already changing.

### My first wheels

In the early 1930's I acquired my first car. I shared with my twin brother a 1929 Morgan Aero, two-seater sports car. The Morgan was always different. In 1929 the company made only three-wheelers. The car had a big V-twin out in front and the drive was by chains to the single rear wheel. The Runabout was equipped with an air-cooled side-valve, two cylinder JAP engine. The sports model favoured a water-cooled JAP overhead valve twin. Other makes were fitted. Maximum speed of the sports model was in the region of 90 mph. It was equipped with one massive exhaust stack on each side of the car. Under power it sounded like a machine gun going off and the single rear wheel would spin on dry tarmac until you reached about 40 mph. It was controlled by a hand throttle on the steering wheel and the car boasted a massive bulb horn with a foghorn effect. You had to like it to drive it. And quite a few owners did. When I saw an advertisement for a model of a 1923 Morgan I sent for it. And I was disappointed. I had hoped to find something reminiscent of my first gas buggy. But the model depicted was the Super Sports Morgan of about 1933 with a skirt around the rear wheel and only, in design, resembling the car I used to drive. If you get to feeling nostalgic over your first Model T, or Model A, you don't get the same pangs when someone shows you a post-war V8 or a Pinto. And that's how it left me.

### What kind of a pig is that?

What's a monacle? When Bevis Walters sounded a plea through *Driftwood* for a monacle he received some surprising responses. These were in addition to the response which brought him the single-lens spectacles. John Rodd, of 1830 McMicken Road, Sidney, wrote a note for *Driftwood*. He enclosed a monacle and explained that, although he had no use for it, he would not care to think of it in somebody's garbage can. Fanfare Children's Theatre was looking for the eyeglass for its presentation of Joan Raeside's *Caterer to the King*. Walters reported that two enquiries had never heard of a monacle, while a third expressed the opinion that it was unlikely a youngster could hold such an eyeglass.

## Brush fire

The volunteers of the Salt Spring Fire Department were called to put out a brush fire last Friday.

Dead brush at the unused log dump off Isabella Point Road was smoldering. Fire Chief Bob Leask said it had been sparked by embers from a campfire which had been lit on the beach.

The danger of fire remains, he said, while weather conditions stay as they have been. The fire danger is still listed at high.

The fire chief said that no open fires will be permitted while the danger remains. Incinerators can be used before 9 am or if the incinerator is located away from hazards such as trees or bushes.

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## Responsibility

At what age is a young person competent to accept responsibility for the conduct of a motor vehicle? In British Columbia the legislators have established the age of 16 as the starting point for a young driver. A proposal from a group of Canadian insurance companies calls for a change in that legislation.

Almost half of the victims of motor vehicle accidents in North America are between the ages of 15 and 24, says the proposal. In those states to the south of us, where the driving age has been raised, the incidence of fatal accidents has been reduced by close to one-third.

That is the purpose of the proposal. To reduce the toll of the highways.

The procedure for going about it is a completely new look at driving and youth. The youth of the nation faces two major experiences during the teen years: learning to handle an automobile and learning to handle alcohol. Too many deaths on the highways today mark the failure of a young driver to graduate in those two simultaneous courses.

Don't let's see them together, says the plan. Don't require a young Canadian to learn both challenges at the same time. Give the youngster time to get used to exposure to liquor and then let the wheels spin!

The starting age would still be 16. But the new, youthful driver would not be issued a full-fledged driver's licence at that time. He would be granted a permit to drive, but with sharp restrictions. The new driver would be permitted to drive, but would be permitted to carry only one passenger.

The permit would be valid only during daylight hours. When the lights go on, the car comes in.

And the permit would not entitle a new driver to use the car on any highway of more than four lanes.

The latter restriction would be more significant in eastern Canada than out here in the west.

But the purpose of making these proposals is to find an answer to the trail of blood and mangled flesh that follows the novice at the wheel across North America.

The proposals come to the various legislatures across the land. It is presented for their consideration. But it is not the legislators who live with the consequences. It is the people of every community who are weeping over the loss of a young member of the family or who are fearful of disaster whenever they hear the squeal of departing wheels outside, on the street.

We should all be thinking about the proposal and finding an opinion as to whether it would clear up a grim and absurd situation on our roads.

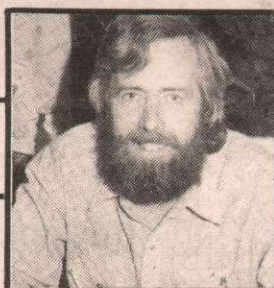
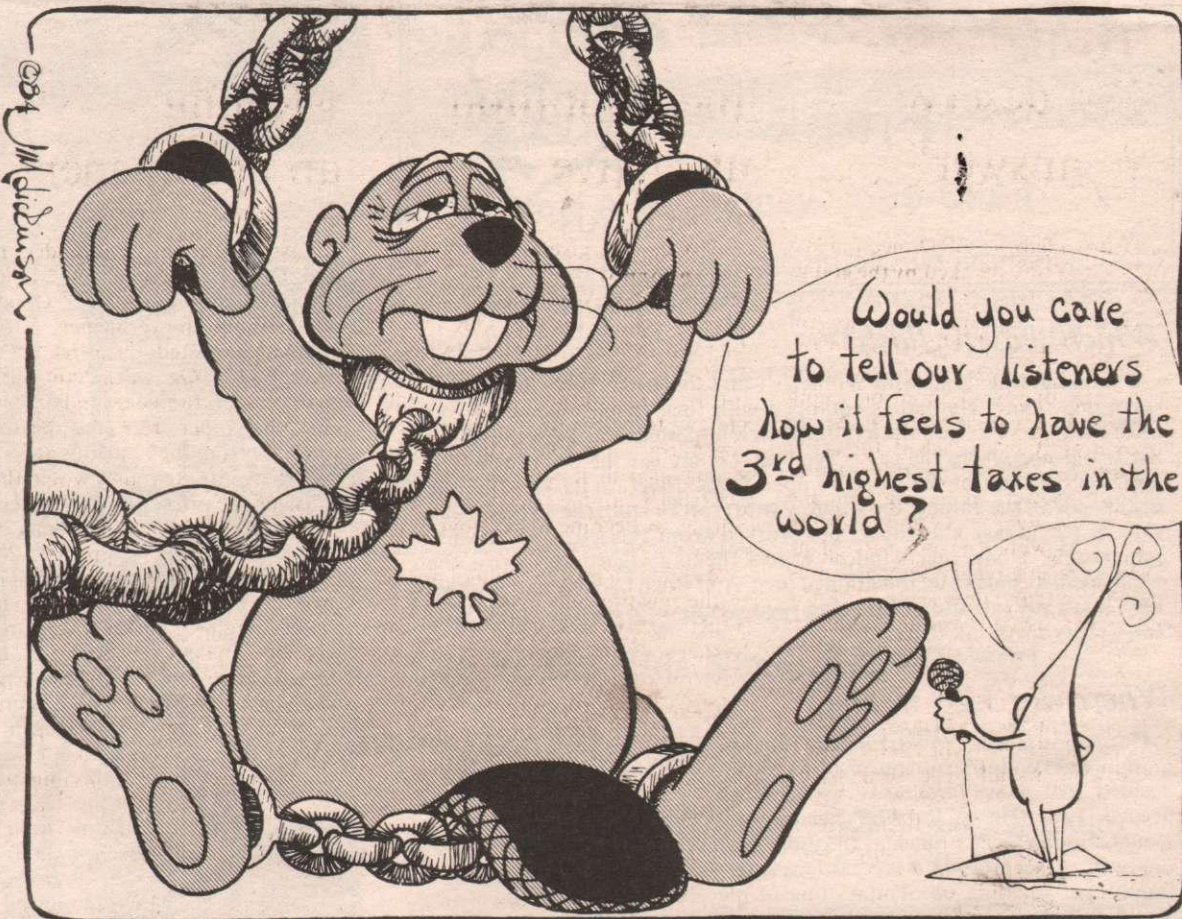
## Moment of calm

For the first time since 1977 there appeared a moment of calm in the sewer battle on Salt Spring Island when, last week, there appeared unanimous support for treatment by the coal filtration method.

The harmony prevailed until the Capital Regional Board rejected any proposal to devote further funds to studies. The Ganges sewer task force and the supporters of the treatment method were happy to ascertain that there might be a site suitable for such treatment.

It is unfortunate that the board could not go along with the proposal to seek a suitable site. If there is, in fact, no such land, then the debate ends. If there is such, then the price of harmony would be the relinquishment of a long and expensive submarine pipe which would always be there if needed in the future.

The only real obstacle would seem the possible cost of rectification at some future date if the filter were to prove unsatisfactory. And that could be included in an island-wide referendum.



Tony Richards

**THERE WERE FEW NOVICES** on the tennis courts at Portlock Park Sunday morning. There was, in fact, but one, and he tried his damndest to get in a game of tennis, alternating between crutches and wheelchair, before giving in to the acute pains caused by the previous day's exertions.

About 19 other novices remained at home, presumably in bed, examining the prices of badminton racquets in the Sears catalogues.

Saturday, in case the flurry of election activity has driven the event from your memory, was the day of the novice tournament at Portlock Park. It was the day when novitiates of tennis (the art, science or religion of) ventured nervously on to the open courts to demonstrate their prowess, or lack of it. (Of the latter, there was an abundance.)

It may be interesting to note that Pat Lee, out on a membership drive for the Salt Spring Tennis Association, went home early. Unfortunately for me, I stayed late.

Quality of tennis aside, it was, for most of the participants, the social event of the week. Barb Fallot was there, handing out binoculars and business cards (somehow she knew everyone would want a massage on Sunday), as was the Hastings House's Harvard Budgeon. (It was my bad luck that Harvard and I were down as partners for the first game. I thought he was a lousy player until I realized he was still steaming over seeing his name down as Harvey on the notice board.)

Even Dorothy Kennedy showed up, having taken time out after her first nine holes of the day to beat a newspaper columnist over the head with the nine iron she normally used for tennis. (It seems that in the heat of the election campaign and the nice sunny weather we're having, I gave Dorothy a new surname last week.)

Sadly for us, Dorothy left early, making some comment about the net being at least two feet higher than the last time she saw it.

In addition to tennis, determination was the name of the game. Aileen Botham, Linda Sokol, Cathy Taylor and Alice Richards remained on the courts during lunch so as not to interrupt their game. While the rest of us dined in comfort at the Golf Club, this awesome foursome battled it out under a 20-minute downpour that would have driven even the hardest soccer player indoors.

There's no doubt that the high point of the day for us all came when it was time to hand out the prizes.

Tournament co-organizer Loes Holland remarked how nice it was to have a tournament for novices and announced that it was to become an annual event.

But she concluded by saying that she expected to see us all again next year.

**I SAW THE ENVELOPE** in Monday's bundle of mail and chucked it into the pile of news releases that sit around until someone gets a chance to digest (and regurgitate) their contents.

It was from a group calling itself Realwoman and I glanced around the office to note that I was still surrounded by a large number of real women and didn't really need to acquaint myself with any more.

My sister opened it and passed it on to me, knowing I'd be interested. I was.

It was a release about the televised "women's debate" by those who would lead this country. (I missed it, I'm afraid. But I was watching a women's softball game so I think I can be excused.)

The release stated the debate served mainly as a platform for the New Democratic Party. And with one exception concerning homemakers' pensions, "the whole debate was geared to women in the workplace."

(I have no argument against there being women in the workplace. As I said, this office is full of them. But let's not forget the children, who need both mother and father to raise them, not a daycare centre.)

"No mention was raised about the concerns of the other half of Canadian women who choose to raise their children, often under great financial difficulties. Don't they count?"

(I suspect not. The ultimate goal of the feminist movement would appear to be the creation of a sexless society.)

"The whole debate was geared to the narrow-based views of the feminist whose approach is not representative of that which most women take in these issues."

And what else could be expected from a "women's debate?"

The release (which was printed on pink paper, by the way) made for an unexpected bright spot on a dreary day for news. Even the name of the person to contact for more information was refreshing in the style it was written.

The lady wasn't afraid to tell the world she was a married woman and used Mrs., instead of hiding behind that sexless, meaningless and abhorrent word, Ms.