

Making connections

Local ham radio operator Charles Orchard fine-tunes the equipment in his Ganges home. Keeping up with changing radio technology can be a time-consuming hobby. More than 40 Gulf Islanders, however, find the time spent well worth it.

Local radio operators do more than 'ham it up' over air waves

By SUSAN DICKER

If a major disaster should occur in this part of the world, many forms of communication would break down. There is, however, an international group of people trained to respond in an emergency situation through a communications network that cannot fail.

The Gulf Islands alone are home to more than 40 ham radio operators who, through their communication network, can contact and co-ordinate assistance in areas such as first aid and defence.

"Many people think we talk about mundane things — like the colour of our new socks," says Salt Spring ham radio operator Charles Orchard. In actuality, hams spend much of their time on the airwaves discussing technical problems, new modes of communication and experiments, as well as the colour of new socks.

Every evening at 6 pm, ham radio operators throughout the province check into a central network and answer to a roll call. Messages — birthdays, anniversaries, wedding congratulations — can be transmitted anywhere in the country.

A message bound for Ontario, Orchard explains, is sent into the network, transmitted onto another frequency and sent long distance across the country, to within phoning distance of its destination. For a reply, the entire process reverses.

In this way, ham radio operations differ from the Citizen Band or CB technique, which does not allow for movement between band frequencies.

The message relay program is offered as a public service to anyone, free of charge. The radio work is necessary training for operators, who would be called on in an emergency situation.

A common message transmitted between Vancouver Island

and Gulf Island operators is directed at individuals whose spouses have missed the ferry, local operators say.

The approximately 35 ham radio operators on Salt Spring range from the novice to the advanced, and from those with technical prowess to those with an experimental bent. Hams are licensed by the department of communications, after demonstrating a certain amount of knowledge in areas such as radio mechanics and morse code or CW (continuous wave).

And just how did the nickname "ham" come about? There are several theories and local operators Dick Pattinson, Bob Collings and Orchard have a few of their own. "Hamming it up," was one suggestion — operators are known to have a certain amount of fun with radio communication. "I think it goes back to Noah's Ark and Noah's son Ham," came another theory. The most plausible explanation suggests Ham is derived from the word amateur — or Amateur Radio Operator.

Learning the basics of radio operation plus keeping up with its changing technology can be a time-consuming occupation. This is one reason why the majority of local operators are over 65 years of age and retired from their nine-to-five workdays.

"Many retired people (who get involved) are looking to keep their brain going," says Orchard. "It can be quite a challenge."

The new ham radio, he explains, has moved into the computer age. Messages are typed in and released in a burst or "pulse of information" through the frequency. While the new system keeps the frequency lines open for greater periods of time, each change takes time to learn.

People in the older ham age bracket may have another reason for becoming involved in radio — namely, the popularity of the medium several decades ago.

Pattinson, for example, was given two "sackfuls of radio gear" by his father some 50 years ago. He became a licensed operator in 1939, and has been involved ever since. Orchard's interest in radio began in science class at school, when he built a crystal detector. Orchard eventually dropped out of radio to pursue electricity, but rediscovered radio as a hobby in 1979.

Collings' interest also stems from his teen years, followed by his air force years. He, too, re-entered the field after retirement.

Each operator has his or her own level and area of expertise. The hobby allows for a constant connection with others, and the opportunity to meet a variety of different people.

It provides a necessary service, plus a great deal of fun. After all — operators are "the only hams in the world that get licenced to be hams."

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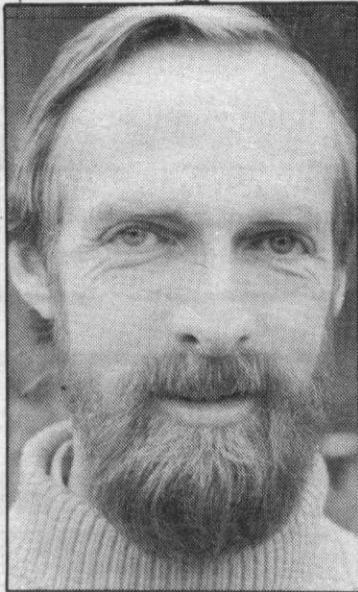
Mayne faces city-style bylaw enforcement

By CASEY O'CONNOR
MAYNE ISLAND — "We have no choice but to leave the island and return to the mainland," said Robert Atwell following a decision made at Saturday's Island Trust public hearing and subsequent committee meeting on Mayne Island.

Roberts was commenting on the Trust's rejection of his bid to rezone property from residential to commercial. He and his wife, Sylvia, he said, "have been on Mayne for seven years now and operating the Treasure Chest Gift Shop, Roberts on Mayne Restaurant, and Roberts Chocolates. There was a gift shop on the property some 30 years ago and the house that we remodelled goes back 54 years. The Trust Committee decision effectively shuts us down."

Trust vice-chairman Steven Wright was at Saturday's meeting but returned home to South Pender for a second meeting before the Mayne committee handed down its final decision. "Chocolate Bob puts the committee in a very difficult position," says Wright. "Up until a year ago the Trust stayed out of the enforcement arena and acted only on complaints. But new people are moving to the islands and expecting a city-style enforcement of bylaws. We're now having to look at the letter of the law and then decide whether we want to change it."

The issue is an Islands Trust bylaw which limits a home occupation or cottage industry via space and usage restrictions. Over the seven years the Atwells have operated on Mayne, the Trust bylaws have changed and the Atwells have expanded a popular and successful business which



Nick Gilbert

lies just west of the Miners Bay core area.

"This is just one of the problems facing the Trust," says Chairman Nick Gilbert. "We need to develop new community plans but we don't have the manpower. It's a slow process. I

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don't feel this is a lost cause. The situation can be resolved if we sit down with the Atwells, the committee and Trust planner Dave Morris."

"Our decision has been made," says Atwell. "The signs are down. Sylvia has begun calling

and cancelling reservations we already have for the summer, and we are going to set up shop in White Rock."

In Saturday's meeting on Mayne, trustees also voted down a rezoning proposal that would have allowed a pub to be built at Dalton and Village Bay roads, across from the ferry terminal.

"We paid \$85,000 for the property," says Mayne Island's Bill Messer, "and had plans to spend \$350,000 developing the property. Now we are back to square one. The problem we face is that the current island plan allows for commercial development only at Miners Bay and there is no property available."

He continued: "We can't appeal the Saturday Trust ruling, but we do feel we can appeal to our MLAs the way the decision was made."

"The majority of the island was behind our efforts and yet the vocal few controlled the decision. There were four letters against, 12 for; 104 petition signatures for, and 300 people at the meeting. Of those 300 only 18 to 20 were against."

"I feel it is and should be a local decision for the settlers at Village Bay," Gilbert said. "It's fine to say that people on the other side of the island are for the pub, but the people next door should decide."

Atwell said: "Steve Wright said Saturday that we put the Trust in this position (but) it is the Trust that has been making and changing the rules of the game."

"We need to be seen as being fair and equal," says Wright. "I don't think we want to be seen as constantly changing bylaws and zoning to bring illegal businesses into compliance. It is not fair to those who have come to the island

and played by existing rules."

"Ideally, the future of Gulf Island development will be determined by consensus," says Gilbert, "with each island decid-

ing for itself where businesses will locate and that can be in a central core or can be spread across an island. It will not be easy."

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Theatre group's production slated for Mayne Island

The Mayne Island Little Theatre Group is presenting *The Importance of Being Earnest* in cabaret-style performances set for May 6 and 7 at 8 pm in the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall.

The production, directed by May McKenzie, is described as the group's most ambitious undertaking to date. It involves three complete and colourful sets designed by Glenda Goodman that, with the abstracted costumes, should provide an exciting visual effect, the theatre group says.

The group's last production was taken on tour to Saturna and Pender islands, and enthusiastically received. As a result, representatives from several interested Outer Islands theatre groups have been invited to attend the final Mayne Island performance and meet with local group members to exchange ideas about forming a Gulf Islands theatre association.

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Two common threads link owners of cottage property

By **BASIL and KATHLYN BENDER**

About 100 yards up Bluff Road overlooking Active Pass is a family resort called Penny's Cottage. Up to 10 years ago this was a small group of cabins and a house known as *Upsan Downs*, a whimsical pun on the course of her life by the then-owner, the late Jean Lockwood.

Jean did not run a resort but rented the cabins on a long-term basis to elderly island residents. She was a benevolent landlady, keeping an eye on her tenants and helping them whenever possible. Her annual Christmas dinner for and with her "guests" was symbolic of her daily concern for their welfare.

Jean had the foresight, when the community plan was developed, to have her property zoned Commercial. Ten years ago when Jean decided to retire to her native Nova Scotia, she sold the property to Bill and Jill Penny, hence the present name. The Pennys had been in the chartering business in the Caribbean, so it was not surprising that they decided to convert the site to a resort. They added three attractive modern cottage units and built up a regular clientele.

Five years ago the Pennys sold to the Callaways. The Pennys diverted their talents and resources to the planning and development of the Hummingbird Inn in partnership with the Harrises, who eventually took over as sole owners and operators. Bill and Rosemary Callaway continued the friendly regime at the resort, adding a further cottage and building themselves a house on the property.

Operating Penny's Cottages made heavy demands on the time and energy of the whole family. Seeking a lighter load, the Callaways have now divested themselves of the resort, which has been purchased by Gary and

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Margaret Stember, who will take over operations on May 1. We wish the new owners success and happiness in their new venture. Fortunately for islanders the Callaways are remaining on Galiano, having purchased the Stember residence on Ellis Road beside the eighth fairway at the golf course.

Two common threads link the owners of this property. All have been active in community service. Jean's contribution to Galiano deserves a chapter in its unwritten history, or in her biography. Jill and her late husband Bill also have many credits for their work for the community and were widely known and liked for their social graces at the pub as well as the Cottages. Bill Callaway has been a very busy man these past five years for, as well as helping to run the Cottages, he has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, a leading actor with the Galiano Players and, with his fine baritone voice, a soloist in musical events.

The second link is that all three of the ladies involved have transferred from other occupations to the real estate profession during or after the time they were associated with the Penny's Cottages property. Jean started the Salt Spring Lands office on Galiano which Rosemary now operates with Fran Whipple. Since Bill's untimely early death, Jill has also immersed herself in training for and practising real estate salesmanship.

Jill, who has just returned from a visit to her native England, has another partnership venture planned for the near future. On May 14 she is to marry Peter Hansche, whom she has known for nearly 20 years. We offer Jill and

her bridegroom the best of wishes for happiness and good fortune. They plan to remain on Galiano, Jill continuing to work in real estate and Peter to renovate a boat for commercial fishing.

Benefit Concert

Tickets are now on sale for a special benefit concert to be presented in the South Community Hall in the evenings of the 13th and 14th of May by the island's newest group, the Galiano Singers. Sponsored by the Galiano Players, the choral group of over 20 singers began meeting last fall, and by December was ready to make its first public appearance with a program of festive music at the annual Christmas dinner for senior singles.

Since then the singers have been rehearsing for a more ambitious program which includes numbers from grand opera, Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera solos and choruses, music of the 1960s and modern musical comedies such as *Brigadoon* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Guest artists have been added to the program to provide variety and a touch of class; these include classical pianist Barbara Landmark with her own unique version of syncopated blues, Cam Trowsdale as the "fiddler on the roof", plus some local junior talent.

As wine will be sold as well as coffee, tickets must be pre-sold. The price has been kept deliberately low (about one quarter of the real value), but donations are asked for a fund being set up to purchase a new piano for the community hall. Tickets at \$4 may be obtained from the usual outlets.

Jackie Besler

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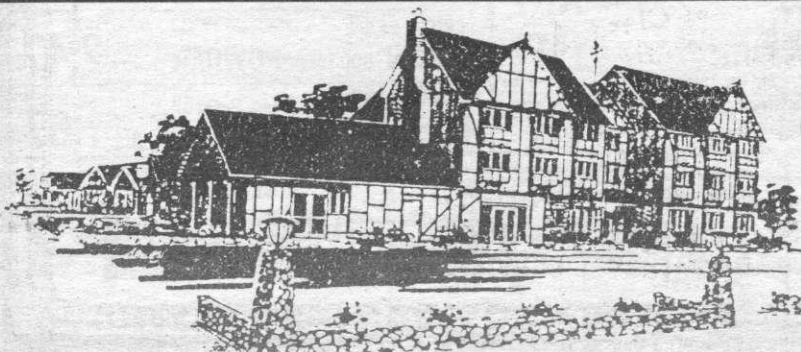
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Jackie was one of the best known and liked "characters" on Galiano. She spent more than half her life on Galiano, raising a family of four boys and two girls, most of the time as a single parent. When the family grew up and dispersed, four to Edson in Alberta and two to Victoria, she took on the task of caring for her mother, Renee Dyer,

in her last illness, and for the past few years her father, Harold Dyer, who died only recently.

Jackie was known for her dry sense of humour and outrageous statements, but also for her kindness and help, particularly to the elderly. She was always ready to join a singing group or take a part in a play. Her assumed death at the early age of 49 is a tragedy felt by the many members of the community who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Coming Events

- This Sunday, May 1, the service at St. Margaret's will be led by lay reader Margaret Edgar.

- All islanders are urged to attend the important public meeting arranged by Clear Cut Alternatives and the Islands Trust, to begin at 2 pm on Sunday in the Activity Centre. The results of the questionnaire regarding sensitive areas will be on display in the gym

from 1 pm until the commencement of the meeting.

- The regular monthly meeting of the senior citizens will be held next Monday in Page Drive Lounge at 2 pm.

Sally Laidlaw at the Dandelion Gallery

We are indebted to Keith Holmes for the following report.

Last weekend the Dandelion Gallery featured an exhibition of paintings by a new gallery member, Sally Laidlaw. Sally was born and raised in Vancouver, but her artistic career began to blossom at the Dartington College of Art in Devonshire, England. Several of her paintings are in collections both on the continent and in the British Isles. Currently, Sally and her husband divide their time between an apartment in town and their unique dwelling on Galiano Island. She has been

active in the Galiano artistic community for some time and maintains a prodigious flow of work from her cliff-top studio.

Sally's paintings are large acrylics on canvas, done in warm pooling colours which blend and overlap as they flow toward the edges. This produces a lovely nuance and an illusion of deep space. But floating somewhere back in this misty space is invariably the suggestion of primordial landscape or elemental eruption.

Sally's work is popular in Vancouver, where she recently had a large one-artist exhibition at the Macmillan Planetarium. Her Dandelion exhibition closed on Sunday last but her work will continue to be represented at the gallery throughout the year.

Whale Mural

For almost a year Nancy Quist, owner-operator of Sturdies Bay

Service, has been trying to persuade Chevron to approve and fund a mural on one of the walls at the garage. She at last achieved her objective and was able to commission Keith Holmes, Stan Phelps and Ron Norden to paint a mural of her favourite subject, killer whales. Nancy has a beautiful stained-glass window of a leaping killer whale in her home overlooking Trincomali Channel.

The three artists planned the composition together and worked on it as a team. It shows several killer whales leaping in a blue sea against a coastal forest background. An eagle flies overhead and some sea creatures are visible in the foreground. The artists enjoyed the experience, particularly the large scale, and the opportunity to paint with three-inch brushes. The result is an attractive addition to the village area at Sturdies Bay.

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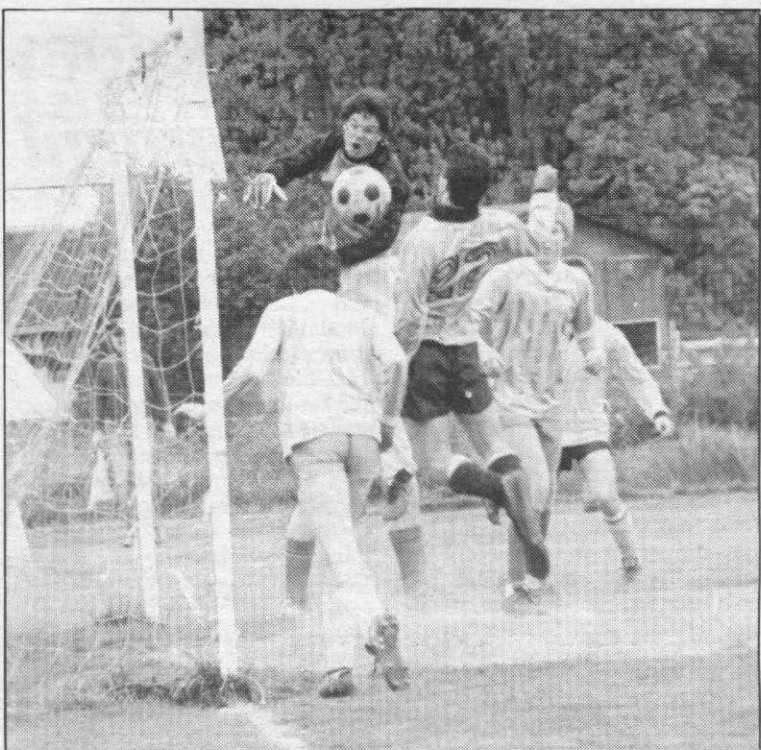
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Mark Nordine, goalie, leaps high to preserve Selects 3-0 win

At Legion tournament

Selects overpower visitors

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Salt Spring Selects closed out their soccer season with an impressive 3-0 victory over Cowichan in the Salt Spring Legion Tournament.

Although the Selects controlled the majority of the match, it was not until the mid-point of the second half that they took the lead, a reflection of the usual competitiveness of Cowichan.

In the early stages, while the offence struggled to find the range, the Selects' defence once again looked impregnable. The combination of Mark Nordine in goal and Tony Marshall, Chris Mullin, Colin Walde and B.J. Severs handled every Cowichan attack with calm and poise, rarely looking in trouble.

Special mention should go to Chris, who played his best game of the season. "Mucka," as the lads affectionately call him, played a

brilliant positional game and was unbeatable in the air as well as on the ground.

The Selects struggled through a scoreless opening half and still lacked cohesion in the second, until Ben Berry returned to the mid-field. Ben combined with Corbin and Justin Scott to establish the passing game, and the Selects' attack came together.

In fact, Ben was instrumental in the opening goal as he took a pass from Aust and drifted a long shot goalwards. The Cowichan goalie made a great save but the ball hit the bar, dropped down and Juda Shugar tapped in the loose ball.

The Selects' second goal came when a long cross from Chad Little was inadvertently directed into the goal by a Cowichan defender.

The final goal came late in the game as Juda took a free-kick from Berry, dribbled around the goalie

and tapped in an easy goal.

For Juda it capped a fine season of soccer, as his inspirational play and hustle so often went unrewarded.

The supporting forwards — Andrew Aust and Ben Clarke — had chances but could not get a couple of goals as well.

For the Selects it was a great way to end a good season of soccer, especially winning back their trophy in the tournament. For now, all the players can hang up the cleats and rest, until August when we start again.

Firstly, I wish to thank those that have greatly assisted the Selects: Kim Mullin as linesman and driver; Wendy Scott for cheering us on; Bill Lea as our sponsor and to the Salt Spring Soccer Association for their support. Thank you one and all and see you next season.

Harrison and Godwin score as top finishers in Brooks Cup competition

MARY LOU McALLISTER

On April 19, ladies playing 18 holes competed for the Brooks Cup. The winner, with a low net of 75, was Betty Harrison. Runner-up at 76 was Julie Godwin. Low gross, at 94, was Connie Hardy. The putt pot was won by Madeleine Hardie with 29.

course on April 28.

On April 20, ladies playing in the nine-hole division reported that Vi Austin was the winner of the low net, and Anne Vodden won the low gross. The putt pot went to Vi Huska.

The 20 players on the Salt Spring men's team went up against Mount Brenton on April 21, with Salt Spring winning by 109 strokes. The return match at Mount Brenton will be held on Wednesday, April 27.

Low net for the Salt Spring team was Glenn Hewitson at 69, followed by Hal Stone at 70, Jack Dosco at 71, Aldo Badesso and Bob Marshall at 72, and Boyd Siemens and Gordon Parsons at 73.

The remaining golfers played a honey pot with Art Botham, Gordon Hutton and Jack Fraser posting identical low net scores of 74.

Next Thursday — April 28 — will be the second round of ringer and best ball. On Saturday, April 30, playoffs will be held for the Morris, Mout and Matson cups.

The first team play match for the ladies was between Salt Spring and Mount Brenton. Salt Spring came out ahead by 30 points. There will be a return match at the Mount Brenton

For May

Hiking Club releases activity schedule

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has released its schedule of activities for May. Unless otherwise noted, all trips begin with assembly at 10 am at Portlock Park. For off-island trips, participants should arrange their own car pools for the ferries indicated.

MAY 3

- Hike, Isabella Point, with Paul Kynaston. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular walk, Skutz Falls, Cowichan River, with Marg Kaufman. Take 9 am Vesuvius ferry.
- Easy walk, leader's choice, with Alan Best.

MAY 10

- Hike, Cowichan River, with Val Keys. Take 9 am Vesuvius ferry.
- Regular walk, Maracaibo area, with Harvey Belsey.
- Canoe trip, Cusheon Lake, with Andy Gibson.

MAY 17

- Hike, leader's choice, with Fiona Flook. Note: this involves a strenuous climb. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular walk, Fulford area,

with Rose Fewings. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.

- Interest trip, Royal Roads gardens and Rodd Hill, with Vera Larson. Take 9:30 am Fulford ferry.

MAY 24

- Hike, Bold Bluff, with Nancy Braithwaite.
- Regular walk, Southey Point,

with Edna Watson.

- Easy walk, Nose Point, with Vera Petapiece.

MAY 31

- Hike and walk on Prevost Island. Arrive by water taxi. Reservations essential. Call Dennis Seward (537-2903).
- Interest trip to fish hatchery, with Kathy Reimer.

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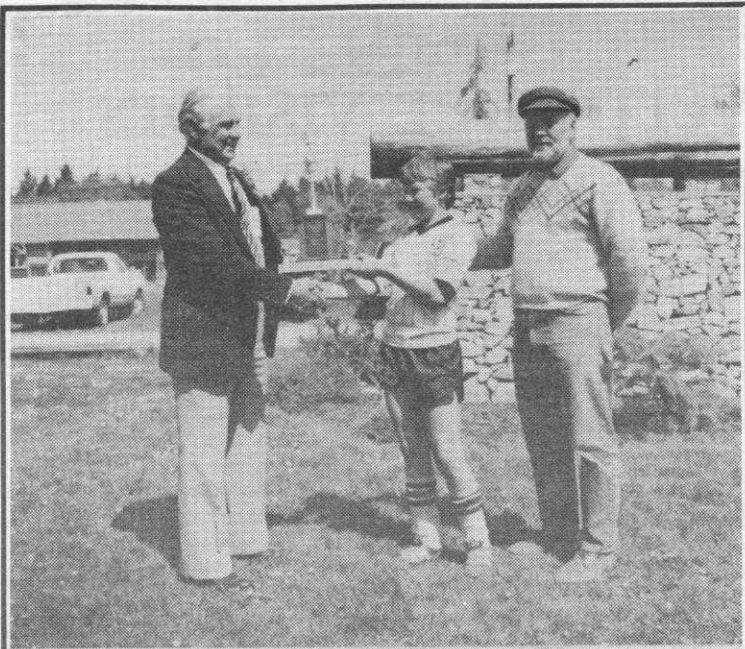
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Trophy winners

The Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, sponsors of last weekend's soccer tournament at Portlock Park, contributed a fair share of silverware to the award presentation ceremony. At top, Tom Farmer presents the veterans' trophy to the captain and coach (Lee Morris) of Salt Spring Ajax. In centre photo, Ruth Grant hands over the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary trophy to Sue Spencer of the Salt Spring Island women's soccer team. In bottom photo, Legion president Ron Seymour distributes the Legion trophy to the captain and coach of Duncan Maxwell, a Division I team from Duncan. Tournament, held Saturday and Sunday, drew seven entrants.

Seven teams attend Portlock for weekend-long Legion tournament

The Royal Canadian Legion soccer tournament was held last weekend at Portlock Park, featuring teams invited to Salt Spring from Duncan and Victoria. Seven games were played over the two days.

The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association, which organized the tournament, noted that parents and children joined in the fun, and that the sales of hamburgers and hot dogs helped to make the weekend event a great success.

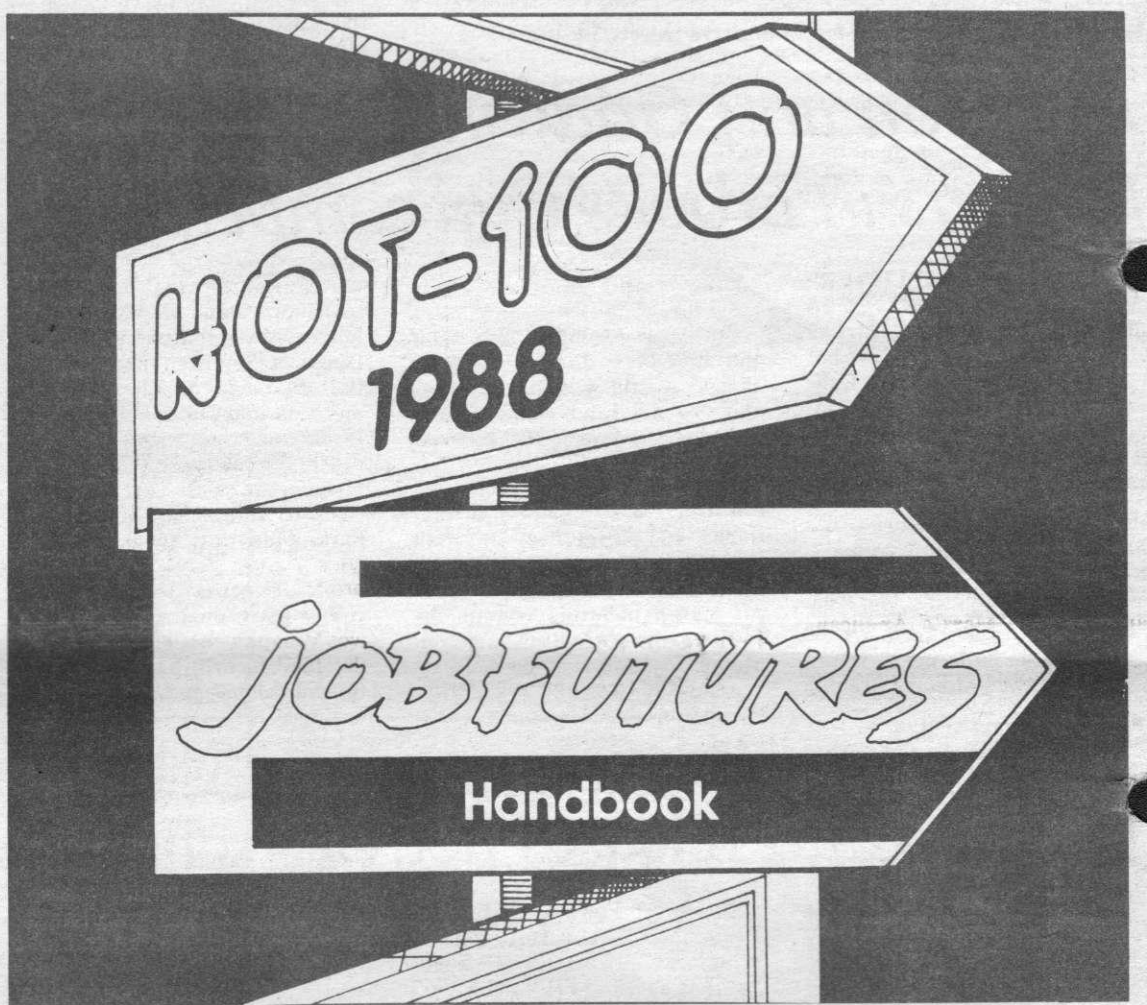
With the soccer season now drawing to a close, the association said it would like to extend a

special thank you to the coaches, parents and kids who make up the soccer association and who contribute to its success each year.

The association's season-ending banquet is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at 11:30 am at Portlock Park. Coaches are reminded to collect uniforms by that time.

Meanwhile, the association said it would also like to extend a thank you to the local sponsors who supported youth soccer on Salt Spring this season. The list includes: SSI fire-fighters, The Butcher Shop, SSI Sea Products, Gulf Island Trucking, Dave's

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Twenty-five years ago

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• The large rocks in front of the school board office would be removed and the area seeded to grass, school board trustees decided. The board also agreed to have school exits altered to comply with fire regulations.

• Local school tax assessment was lowered by .27 mills, the school district learned. The reduction contrasted with increases in school taxes reported elsewhere in the province.

The local schools budget was also reduced from the year previous. In 1962, the budget sat at \$269,259. The 1963 budget decreased by \$1,168 to a total \$268,101.

Ten years ago

The annual walkathon was won by a runner.

Brian Pharis of Ganges covered the approximately eight miles between Ganges and Fulford in one hour and five minutes. Averaging eight miles per hour for the whole distance, Pharis ran most of the way.

Entries to the event surpassed 300, and the money netted should surpass \$2,000.

• A bread and butter tea was planned at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Salt Spring Island.

The serving of simple food at fund-raising teas and luncheons, in order to draw attention to the millions of starving people in the world, had become a widespread practice. The Salt Spring Island

church was preparing to follow suit.

• The past week (April 11-18) brought snow and frost to the Gulf Islands. The frost was light and brief and the snow thin and slow, but the weatherman, reports *Driftwood*, had a number of islanders fooled with the sudden chilly weather.

Fifteen years ago

• A round of break-ins resulted in the theft of a number of television sets and radio equipment from Salt Spring Island homes.

A radio, appliances and tools were taken from a St. Mary Lake home; tools, television and radio equipment disappeared from a Scott Point home; and a television and tools were stolen from a North End Road home.

• When various Salt Spring Islanders saw an otter in Ganges, they assumed the small fish-eater was sick. He was captured on the beach and taken to Dr. David Lott's veterinary office. He was later taken to Mike Larmour to be nursed back to health.

Accustomed to a diet of fish, *Driftwood* reported, the otter was also fond of fingers.

• Salt Spring sailors topped the bill again at the Elk Lake Sailing Association Regatta.

Mike Cannon, sailing *Yellow Jacket*, led the Salt Spring Island fleet to top spot in the regatta. Cannon had three first place finishes, a second and a fourth. Robert and Aileen Neish, also of Salt Spring, took third and fourth place spots.

Ten years ago

• The fire rate on Salt Spring Island dropped one mill. The 1978 budget decreased from \$115,000 in 1977 to \$90,000.

• The Community Planning Association

with driftwood

of Salt Spring Island was preparing to hold a public meeting regarding sewers for Ganges.

Speakers to address the issue would include Mike Larmour, a Capital Regional District (CRD) representative, and an engineer from Vancouver.

• Gulf Islands Studios planned to sponsor an Artists' and Craftsmen's exhibition at Mahon Hall on the Victoria day weekend. The only criteria for entering would be a willingness to demonstrate some aspect of each creative process for the visiting public.

• A Vancouver man was treated at Lady Minto Hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning after he was taken from his boat in Ganges Harbour.

John Martin was able to switch off the engine in his 25-foot boat before passing out from the fumes. E. Dennis noticed the boat drifting in the harbour, and Martin was subsequently taken to hospital.

Five years ago

• The Gulf Islands were to be the testing ground for the province's new transport system.

A hovercraft would transport foot passengers around the Gulf Islands on a trial basis for the B.C. Ferry Corporation. The run would determine the suitability of the vessel for service in the provincial ferry fleet.

• The Farmers' Market in Ganges could spell the end of Centennial Park, came a warning from the land management branch of the provincial government.

The lease on the land, which would expire in 1987, reads that the land is to be used only for recreational purposes in the public interest. If people use the park to make money, the lease would be broken, and the land would revert to the province.


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Winners included:
• Narcissus classes — Rose Fewings, Patricia Massy, Aileen Teal, Freda Carter, Esther Dickinson and Peggy Jacobs. Best of the nine classes was by Patricia Massy.

• Tulips — Freda Carter.
• Other spring flowers — Rose Fewings, Freda Carter and Patricia Massy. Best exhibit overall was by Freda Carter, who was also the show's grand aggregate points winner.

Others included: for best arrangement, Doreen Hamilton; best design, Aileen Teal; best miniature, Marjorie Bennett.



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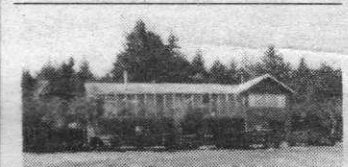
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