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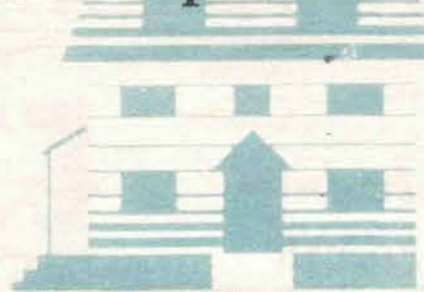
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Your weekly guide to Gulf Islands Properties

From False Creek to Ganges Harbour

*New wharfinger is
enjoying the pace*

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Federally owned docks in Ganges Harbour — one at Centennial Park, the other in front of the Kanaka Place restaurant — need someone to collect fees, look after the moorings and organize the boats. Bob Morrisette is that someone.

"It's a good lifestyle," he says. "It's not stressful. It's 75 per cent outdoors. I do really like the job. I like being by the water."

There are wharfingers at the federal wharf in Fulford and at Musgrave Landing, but the Ganges docks are busier.

Morrisette started as a wharf-

finger at a marina in Vancouver's False Creek more than 10 years ago. He had started doing odd jobs there in the summer.

"I was actually coerced to go," Morrisette recalled last week. "My father told me to get a job."

But he liked it. And after high school, he was asked to stay on. At the False Creek Yacht Club there was always activity and excitement, Morrisette said. He and his wife were invited to marina and private parties; Granville Island was always busy. But Morrisette does not mind that the Ganges wharf is not quite the same.

"There's a slower pace of life on this island but that's a good thing," he said. "There is a family atmosphere here. One man comes in to say hello just about every day."

The Ganges wharfinger is just about his own boss. The Salt Spring Harbour Authority actually employs Morrisette. It is accountable to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

"It's slow now, but in the summer it's busy," he said. "I work from 8 to 8 in the summer. Boaters will be coming and going from dawn to dusk."

Most of what Morrisette does is collect moorage fees from boaters.

When boaters, either commercial or pleasure, tie up at the dock, they are supposed to report to the wharfinger's of-

fice. The moorage fee is based on the type and length of boat and the length of stay, Morrisette said. People can pay a daily, monthly or three-month fee.

The daily fee for a pleasure boat is \$1.22 per metre; 14 cents per metre for a commercial boat. The monthly fee is \$9 per metre for a pleasure boat and \$3.18 per metre for a commercial vessel.

"Most people pay by the month," Morrisette said. "It saves us billing. It's a headache trying to keep (daily) track of the boats."

As a further incentive to pay in advance, boaters who pay for one month and stay only three weeks get a one-week credit, he said. The wharfinger receives a proportion of the moorage fees collected — an incentive to keep on top of which boats are tied up.

Morrisette has not run across anything too unusual in Ganges Harbour yet. Two people have fallen into the water since he arrived, but there were no injuries. In one case a youngster was "just sitting on the edge of a boat, and he slid off — sploosh — into the water." The child was retrieved from the water and warmed up in Morrisette's office before heading home.

"In Vancouver we used to hear people jumping from Granville Bridge," he said. "We kept them marked on a calendar."

"One 'jumper' landed in the parking lot one night. I don't miss that at all."

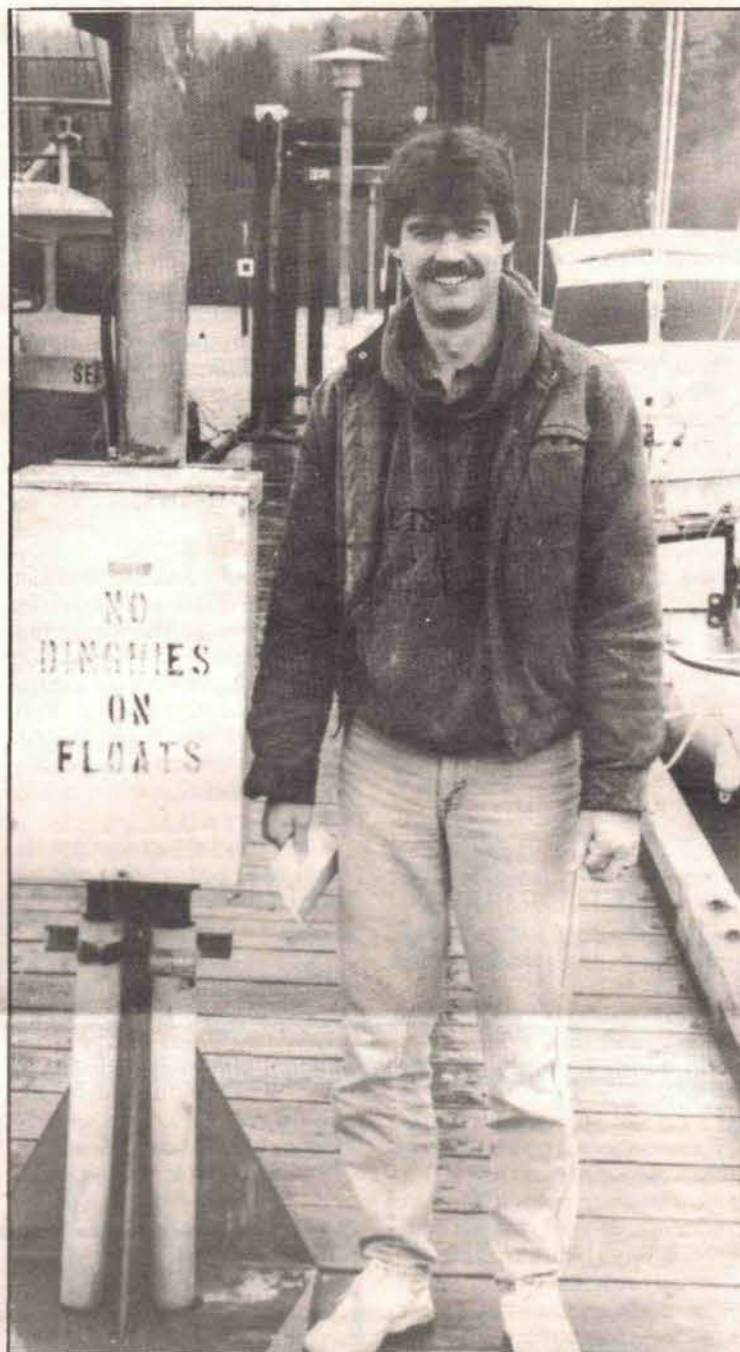


Photo by Graeme Thompson

New Ganges wharfinger Bob Morrisette

The Ganges wharf has about 75 boats tied up right now, he said, but the number increases in the summer. An exact number of boats is difficult to estimate because there are no specific slips for specific types of vessel, as at other, larger marinas.

It's first-come, first-served at the Ganges wharf, though fish-boats have priority. Lots of tourists come to Ganges through the two docks, he said, as do boaters from other islands.

"There is no charge for the

first four hours. A lot of people on the Outer Islands tie up and do their shopping."

As well as keeping on top of wharfing in Ganges, which Morrisette has only done since December 1, he is already planning a major redecking program for the main dock.

"We're going to start an in-depth maintenance program," he said. "The docks are about 25 years old. They need to be redecked. I'll start at the end of the marina and work my way through."

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B section

Institute considers market for farmers

There will not be a third weekly market at Salt Spring Island, but a market specifically for farmers is in the cards.

That was one of the conclusions reached by local farmers at the recent annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute.

Spokesman Chris Schmah told the *Driftwood* that the institute would like to see a market that offered full facilities for farmers.

They would include pens for livestock, freezers for meat and covered space which could be booked for use in advance.

But while the institute agreed that the need for such a market was growing, it was felt that to proceed now would be divisive.

The meeting also approved the concept of a direct marketing scheme to promote farm gate sales on the island.

A flyer containing a map showing the locations of farms selling direct to the public will be produced for distribution to islanders and visitors.

Institute board member Ross McLeod is in the process of signing up farmers and organic growers who wish to be included

on the map.

Following were among other matters discussed at the meeting:

- The institute will seek to provide information rather than take sides on the gypsy moth spraying issue. The meeting heard a presentation on the gypsy moth, infestations of which have been identified at the south end.

- A new livestock holding building will be constructed on the institute grounds in time for the fall fair. The building will offer secure facilities for penning livestock.

- The main building has been brought up to fire safety standards, increasing its potential as a site for community functions.

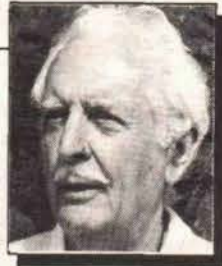
- Local organic growers are discussing the possibility of organizing an association within the institute.

The institute's board of directors includes: Joyce Taylor, Ian Clement, Chris Schmah, John Ellacott, John Fulker, Marilyn Cunningham, Dave Astill and Ross McLeod.

Mike Byron and John Wilcox are the District A representatives.

to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



It is an odd thing that while the might of the administration comes to this North Yorkshire town of Harrogate, the community is made aware of its importance by the security measures imposed.

In comes the central committee of the ruling Conservative party to discuss matters of state and party importance. In comes the tight restrictions on movement. Streets are closed, parking is restricted, cars are searched and helicopters maintain patrols above the city.

When alien forces are eager to terrorize the government into submission the entire community shares the burden.

Within the halls of debate the national leaders entered into a heated discussions of Maastricht and its monetary measures, among other things.

Beyond those walls the community bemoaned the strictures imposed on their movements. The debate ended, the shoppers shopped, the helicopters flew away.

Only the problems remained.

Thrice is too much

Out of the frigid British Columbian frying pan into the frigid British fire!

Three wintry spells in one season is more than enough. I survived two shivering fits at home and rejoiced to see the bare earth again on Salt Spring. After a journey across the waters I looked out of the windows of the Douglas DC9 to gaze on white fields as my third experience of cold weather took shape. It was a brief experience.

To the hardy survivors of cold in the east, and all Canada is east to islanders, it was nothing more than a mild winter but to a hardy islander five degrees of frost savours of the Arctic.

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reports. As ever, the pattern is not too far different from the familiar British Columbia scene.

Some incidents are peculiar to the distant place but even at that they were as a warning of what might be looming.

A quick scan of the news columns here shows the light and the dark shades of life in Britain.

When a driver experienced car troubles he pulled into the curb and left his car to pick up water. It was boiling. The car, not the water.

Unfortunately for the driver, he was parked on a yellow line, where one may not park. A traffic warden gave him a ticket and he was duly fined. The fine amounted to \$1,000.

In this land a convicted evildoer fills out a form listing his revenues and expenditures. The bottom line indicates the amount of money left at the end of the week as uncommitted spending money. It is known as a unit fine system whereby the amount of the penalty is based on that available spending money.

The wicked driver lists his approximately \$200 weekly and the fine is calculated on that.

The system establishes the gravity of an offence by grading it. The parking offence, despite the fact that the car was inoperative, it would appear, merits a grading of five. This is multiplied by the amount of spending money declared by the victim. Hence the \$500 or \$1,000 fine in this case.

Politically incorrect

Not all news reports here emanate from here. Such as the story of the Californian Welsh group seeking a ban on the use of the verb, to welch, or to avoid payment of a gambling debt.

My dictionary tells me that the expression has no known origin. It enjoys two spellings, either "welsh" or the more common in earlier days, "welch."

The Robin Hood Foundation Welsh American Red Dragon Legal Defence and Education Fund is indignant at the derogatory use of the term when an inferential slur against Jews, Hispanics or blacks is a no-no.

Even if the RHFWARDLDEF is successful, offenders would likely go Scot free. They might take French leave and fail to show up for a jail term. And where would the "turkey" deal get you then?

There must be lots of other potential cases but you can figure them out for yourself. The impossible acronym RHFWARDLDEF not only looks vaguely Welsh, but only a true Welshman could hope to pronounce it!

He knew it

Only a jet-age traveller would be eating dinner five miles above the earth. And if you find a man eating chicken 40,000 feet up in the air there just might be something odd about him.

My companion boarded the Air Canada jet in Calgary. Oh yes, he knew the islands, he told me. He had cycled on Galiano and Salt Spring.

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EVERY TUESDAY Photography classes, SSI Camera Club, 172 Reid Road, 1:30pm.
EVERY WEDNESDAY Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am.
EVERY THURSDAY Seniors for Seniors luncheon, seating 11:30 and 12:30.
FRIDAYS Free Kids Klub, Community Gospel Church, 120 Drake Road, 3:15-5pm.
FRIDAYS Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12noon - 1:00pm.
MAR. 3-APR. 7: Lenten Meditation series for women, Ganges United Church, Wed. at noon.
MAR. 10: Market Vendors Assn. meeting, Harbour House Hotel, Banquet room, 7:30pm.
MAR. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 20: A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" High School Band Rm. 8:30pm.
MAR. 10, 17, 24: 10 days for World Development, lecture discussion series, Catholic church, 7pm.
MAR. 10: OAPO Social, Central Hall, 1:30pm.
MAR. 11: Voice of Women meeting, SSI Public Library basement, 7:30pm.
MAR. 11: Heart & Stroke Fund, TV Trivia, Vesuvius Inn, 7:00pm.
MAR. 12: Legion Branch #92 turkey dinner, members & guests, Meaden hall, 6pm.
MAR. 12: Lunch with Maud Barlow, St. George's Hall, 12 noon.
MAR. 12: French Conversation Group, Library meeting rm., 10am-12noon.
MAR. 13: Auction Sale, R.C.L., Meadan Hall 9am viewing, 10:00am.
MAR. 14: Cribbage Tournament, Royal Canadian Legion, doors open 9:30am.
MAR. 14: Black/white photo group, Library, 1:30pm.
MAR. 14-21: Spring Showcase of Art, Mahon Hall, 10am-4pm daily.
MAR. 16: OAP Fulford Meeting, Fulford Hall, 2pm.
MAR. 25: OAPO General Meeting, Central hall, 1:30pm.
MAR. 27: 10th Annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet & Auction, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
MAR. 31: Deadline for CAC Art Directory.

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- * **YOUTH CENTRE:** For further information call 537-9938.
- * **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:** Office, food bank and building maintenance.
- * **ISLAND EXCHANGE:** Magazines, books and Resource Centre open Saturdays at the Recycle Depot, 349 Rainbow Rd.

CBC Television crew to film *Midday* here

A special edition of CBC Television's program *Midday* will be broadcast from Salt Spring Island next Monday. A CBC crew, including show hosts Kevin Newman and Tina Srebotnjak, will arrive in Ganges Friday. The program will feature several segments on life in the islands, including a visit with artist Robert Bateman.

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Sea Capers planning is getting under way

While statisticians are forecasting dry weather for Sea Capers this year, organizers are saying it doesn't matter anyway. The event, says Ken Strike, is so popular that spectators don't care if it rains or shines.

Salt Spring's annual marine celebration will run Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Saturday morning will kick off with a pancake breakfast in Centennial Park, followed by the parade. The Shriners' band from Victoria will return to provide the music.

More entries are expected this year in the boatbuilding contest, with a greater number of paddle boats and stern wheelers following the success of the Mark 2 entry last year. Water sports may include a demonstration of radio-controlled boats.

A Lark in the Park will cater to youngsters once again.

Last year's Drummond Park activities will be repeated. The Salvation Army band will return, and the sand-sculpting competition will draw a large turnout of sculptors.

The winners of last year's treasure hunt are currently preparing clues for this year's event. The fashionable shirts presented to winners of last year's Great Driftwood Contest are expected to entice a greater number of entries this year. Strike says the Sea Capers committee needs volunteer help for or-

ganizing events and for providing assistance on Sea Capers weekend. Anyone interested can contact

Strike at 537-4743, Kathleen Teagle at 537-9749, or leave a message at the Driftwood office.

Canadian Criss Cross by Walter D. Feener

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 - Matador's cape maneuver
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 - King-sized
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 - Overhead conveyor's car
 - To-do
 - Carpenter's joint
 - West Indies witchcraft
 - Years
 - Melville novel
 - Sludge
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 - Slow romantic song
- DOWN**
- Iridescent gem
 - Witch city
 - Topped with ice cream
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 - Turkish tobacco
 - Todd and Miller
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 - Musical conclusion
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 - License
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 - Split pulse
 - Check in hockey
 - Mine passage
 - Pastures
 - Mineral spring
 - Fall behind
 - Devoured


Crossword answers on Page B8

Fulford Pensioners tour museum

Members of Fulford Harbour's Old Age Pensioners branch are recommending a tour of Bob Akerman's museum, following a recent visit by the branch itself. Member Bill Baker reports that the branch livened up its monthly social gathering at Fulford Hall by walking the short distance to the museum at Bob and Molly Akerman's on Fulford-Ganges Road. The log building houses aboriginal art and artifacts, and driftwood carvings by a local artist. Branch members also saw Molly Akerman's collection of dolls.

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green THUMB

DEREK DUFFY



By **DEREK DUFFY**
Driftwood Contributor

*How easy it is to hear again
The frog songs,
The lark's voice, the trickling
streams,
And soon, with new life, the sun
shall shine
To waken winter's silent sleep.
—Percival Overwright*

Before the onset of the winter there was a period of change that could be felt. It heralded the first frosts and induced dormancy in the green earth. Now you can feel the change which brings in the spring. It really is a different feeling and those who recognize it soon become attuned to the rhythm of the awakening land.

So it is time to really get moving on those unfinished jobs that are designated winter chores. In fact, for some things the time is imminent — last-minute pruning, for instance, or the end of the dormant spray before the buds open. The insects are all beginning to hatch now, active and hungry.

If you feel a sense of urgency from my pen it is because I have learned from my own mistakes. This time of year brings about the onset of a whole bunch of time-consuming and demanding tasks mostly around growing and propagation, but also it makes any left-over winter tasks almost impossible to fit in.

If you are ahead of yourself this year, then now is an excellent time to concentrate on the health and welfare of all the plants in and around your garden. Top dressing with bonemeal and lime is very beneficial to most perennials, vegetables and flowering trees and shrubs excluding, of course, acid-loving (ericaceous) plants such as heathers and rhodos. It will sweeten the soil and provide certain mineral nutrients for the new buds and roots.

The warm days provide growing conditions for seedlings and cool nights could still provide sharp frosts so it is (albeit a little tricky) the perfect time for hardening off

the seedlings of many vegetables and perennials and even some annuals. Although we've had a record dry spell the moisture in the warming soil contributes to the high air humidity, giving plants their most ideal conditions as they will not

need to transpire as much and will get on with their growth and vigour.

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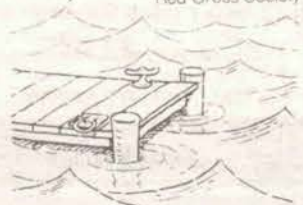
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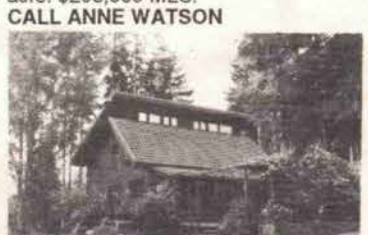
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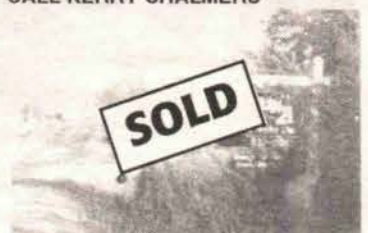
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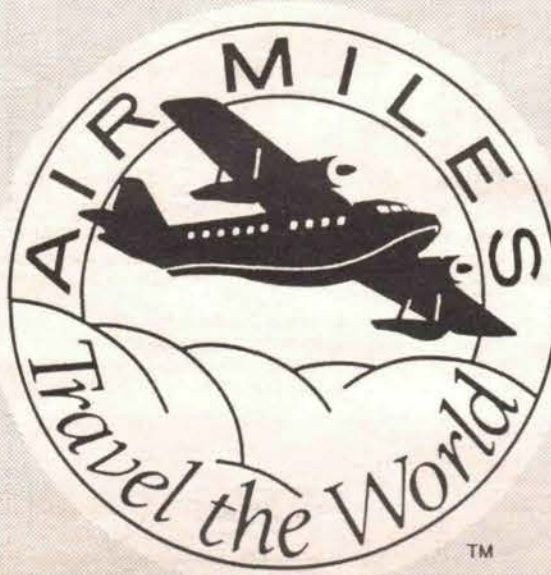
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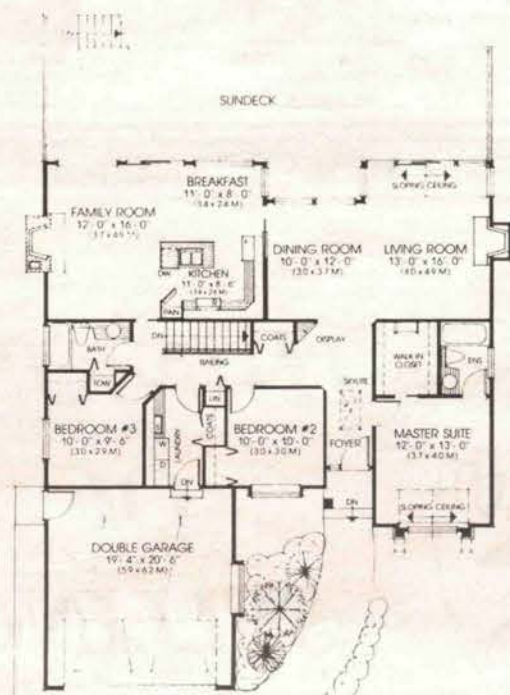
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IODE events support projects across Canada

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Contributor

The IODE is a women's organization. Sexist? Men not allowed? No, indeed. Men's help is welcomed and is generously given.

Here on Salt Spring island, whenever the chapter holds a garden party, which it does every summer, husbands and men-friends of the IODE transport tables, chairs, goods and boxes of mugs and help to set up tables. One man, whose wife was a capable and well-loved member who died some years ago, has seen that his tables and outdoor umbrellas have been sent to be used at the summer garden party each year.

Another, whose wife died more recently and her happy presence missed very much by IODE members, has helped in many ways, even to bringing articles to the monthly talent table. A good number of men attend the annual garden party and support it with their donations. IODE women very much appreciate the help given by men.

Like any other service club, IODE members must give their own time and money toward their projects and also must earn money from friends and the community at large. The next money-raising ef-

fort by our local chapter will be a fashion show, put on by Carolee's. A warning always must go with the publication of the date. The warning is hurry to buy tickets, which may be obtained from members. This is an event that is always sold out.

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Like the members of most groups, IODE members pay annual fees. The money raised by the fees is not kept for enterprises favoured by the local chapter, but is divided between the provincial chapter and the national chapter. In spite of that, both senior chapters also request money for specific projects.

People who go to Vancouver for treatment for glaucoma may not realize that some of the credit for

the excellent facilities should go the provincial chapter of the IODE. It has also provided special bathtubs for extended care patients, kitchen equipment, good pictures, vans to take people who live at home to clinics or hospitals for needed treatment, the original sound system at the Victoria cancer lodge and many other practical gifts that make life happier and healthier for many.

In 1991, the national chapter spent \$99,750 on post-graduate scholarships. As such scholarships are given each year, a small but steady stream of specialists in many subjects will be produced to make life richer. Recipients are chosen from men and women from all parts of Canada.

The IODE Children's Hospital, with its facilities in the buildings of North York General Hospital in Toronto, offers care for special needs children and teenagers.

Labrador has benefited for years from the work of the IODE. Snack Pack, a nutritious meal provided daily in several Labrador schools, improves the health and so the ability to learn of pupils who otherwise would face their day's study hungry. A home economics room, an industrial arts room, a library, and at least one band have been provided with all necessary equipment and a number of small schools have been helped. Recently, scholarships have been provided for a few capable but needy pupils to continue their education in larger centres.

Northern communities have been helped by both provincial and national chapters with gifts ranging from layettes and warm clothing to a community hall.

The 1992 national president was severe with IODE members. "You," she scolded, "are far too modest. IODE deserves better. Start boasting."

But is boasting polite?
P.S.: Don't forget the fashion show.

Newspapers compete for Seniors' Lottery grant

The upcoming B.C. Seniors' Lottery could mean a \$5,000 prize for a seniors' project in the Gulf Islands. The Driftwood will be among newspapers participating in a draw conducted by the Seniors' Lottery Association of B.C. for a \$5,000 grant. The winning newspaper will select the grant recipient.

Meanwhile, tickets are being mailed and are available at branches of the Bank of B.C. and Hongkong Bank of Canada and at most seniors' centres.

Tickets are \$2 and the next draw is May 14. There are 153 cash prizes, including a \$50,000 first prize.

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Since the Seniors' Lottery was founded in 1982, \$3.6 million in grants has been distributed.

Elizabeth Baker wins speech competition

Elizabeth Baker was the winner last month of the Salt Spring 4-H Club's speech competition. Laura Stone took second place.

In other club news, poultry club members are advised to have their chick orders ready for the next regular meeting, scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m.

The club also plans to build birdhouses.

Craft club members are asked to take their quilt squares or other craft projects to the meeting.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): A seemingly endless amount of West Coast rain may inspire Arians to start umbrella-painting businesses. Spending time at home — for personal growth — may inspire other creative and entrepreneurial endeavour. You might hit the nail on the head this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Something that happened last weekend may lead to trouble by next weekend unless you own up to whatever you did, if you really did it. And it's no good blaming a look-alike tourist who was visiting from Lethbridge. Your lumbago may be painful this week — a sign that you should be planting.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): For Geminis who love to feel mud

oozing between their toes, this is your week! Otherwise wear gumboots until Monday afternoon. Diets are thrown out the window with anniversary celebrations approaching. Do not let it bother you. You may be asked to go out one night on the town — do it!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You are living under a cloud this week. A trip to Vancouver is in the offing or your order of incense arrives. A cooking course introduces you to basil and you become inseparable. No meal will ever be the same again. You decide to redecorate your whole kitchen in leaf-motifs.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Something unexpected on Wednesday changes your life. Your per-

sonal vision of the future is altered — but not necessarily for the worse. Pots of coffee and island-made fudge may provide the stimulus to make the most of opportunities that present themselves. Wear earth-tones Thursday and Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): A crisis may occur this week. Check that you are not about to run out of toilet paper. Phone the travel agent to reconfirm any travel plans. Be certain there is Hagen Daas in the fridge. Any Virgos involved in schools this week — the educational or fish kind — should be wary of closed doors and locked drawers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Lunar alignment highlights a week of excitement ahead. Gone are the dreary 'flu symptoms and back are the healthy signs of life. Libras are known for balancing their lives, so remember to balance an equal amount of work and play, maybe leaning slightly toward play. Libras aren't perfect after all. Pick up an extra tofu burger for dinner Friday as an unexpected guest shows up right at dinner time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Scorpios are in for quiet time this week. The hardest decision they will have to make is whether to pick up white or 12-grain whole-wheat bread. Friday starts out as a boring, quiet night, but friends show up unexpectedly and change those plans. Go with the flow. It's probably the only time this week Scorpios will have any excitement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Stellar alignment calls for simplicity this week. Stick the feet up and relax Thursday and let the machine answer all of your calls. If you must go out, go shopping. Take captain plastic and shop 'til you drop because a call Saturday brings news of impending good fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Treat yourself right this week. You tried the fitness thing, now it's time to treat yourself to a little indulgence. When someone at the office brings in double chocolate chip cookies, go for it, you deserve it! A mystery package arrives at the post office Monday. With stamps from all over the world, it's sure to bring exciting surprises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): The stars are sure to bring a week of interesting activities. A gift comes your way Saturday but remember, there may be strings attached. Carry a towel in the car Thursday as those out-of-control seagulls use your windshield for target practice. Got to be early Friday as an early-morning visit from a relative will cut down on those sleeping hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Check the faucet Thursday. A constant drip is sure to keep you awake. The week ahead sees happiness as a new relationship intensifies over the weekend, bringing serious romance into the week. This may be the one, but move ahead cautiously.

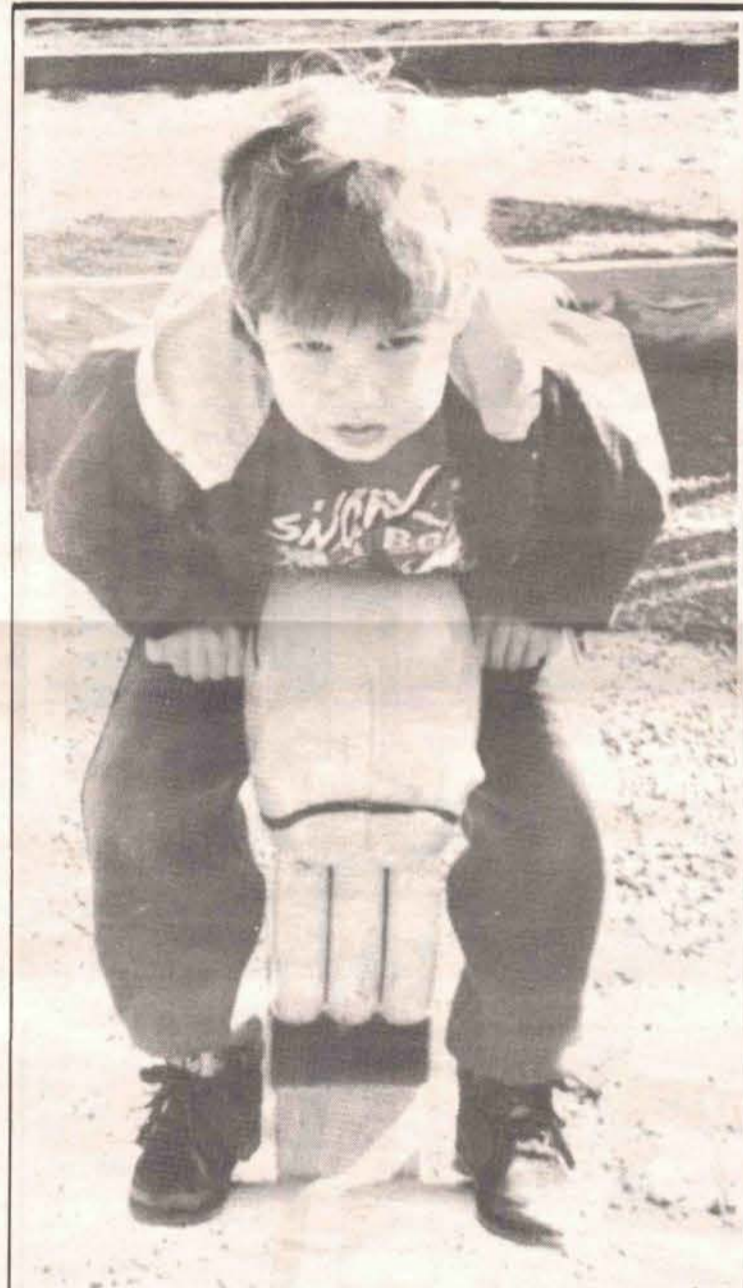


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HOLD ON TIGHT! That's the plan for four-and-a-half-year-old Corey Robinson as he rides the horse at Centennial Park in Ganges. Corey and other islanders have been enjoying the recent spell of warm and clear weather.

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Residents sign up for 13 task forces

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The February meeting to discuss the revision of Galiano's Official Community Plan got under way with a discussion of the terms of reference for the newly proposed task forces.

The meeting was chaired by Galiano's Advisory Planning Committee chairman Fred King, with Ian Wight, planner manager of local planning for the Islands Trust, on hand to explain in detail the intricacies and timing of the planning process. The details given tended to elucidate or confuse, depending on the aptitude of the citizen to grasp multifarious detail.

The steering committee of 14 (now 13 due to two members dropping out, and the addition of another, Damien Rasmussen) is to be aided by task forces. The task forces will then meet during the next four weeks to discuss and come up with a policy in each of 12 topic areas. Forestry and commercial land usage are but two examples of these areas.

The recommendations are to be in the hands of the steering committee by April 15 according to stated schedules, something which seems

rather unlikely since several of the steering committee members intend to participate in up to six of the 12 task force discussions. Time may preclude completion of the studies by then, some feel.

The new Galiano plan must fit in with Trust policy. The latter is now being rewritten, the meeting was told, and the Trust's new policy statement may not be completed for another year and a half. Land-owner Valerie De Wynt asked Trust planner Wight how Galiano's planners were expected to complete their plan when the Trust itself had no firm policy statement to guide them. She was assured that there would be no problem and that the two Island Trustees, Diane Cragg and Margaret Griffiths, were very much aware of island opinion and would anticipate any possible clashes.

During the break for refreshments those present were encouraged to sign up to work on the suggested 12 task forces. As many as 20 people signed up in one area. Numbers varied in the others, the lowest sign-up being six. Among the other task forces suggested at the meeting were "visual and noise pollution" and a "North-South

cycle path."

The definition of a rural community was suggested as the topic for another task force. And although it was felt by some that this definition would be self-evident when all the other task force reports were completed, a straw vote was held and yet another task force was created.

The discussions at the meeting were too much for some. With "I'm going home, I can feel my blood pressure rising," a seat near the writer became vacant. Despite the hope that polarization in island opinion will be lessened by the exchange of ideas at these meetings, it seems the opposite may well be the result. The "you and us" is always present at mass meetings, and it seemed to grow in intensity if anything as the three-hour meeting progressed.

The controversial aspect of the discussions was not helped by several members of the steering committee, whose given mandate is to collect and organize collective opinion for presentation to the Trust, taking more than their share

of time expressing their own viewpoints.

Present on the island for the meeting was our member of the legislature, Clive Tanner, and Carol Martin from Denman Island, current chair of the Islands Trust. The next public meeting will be on Saturday, March 27.

Rubber duckies ride again

The second running of the Annual Rubber Duckie River Race will take place at Bodega Resort, Portier Pass Drive and Cook Road, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. Well over 200 brave little ducks will plunge into the turbulent waters of Shaw Creek in a sink-or-swim dash to the finish line. A local spokesperson has said, "This is a sight whose grandeur is only equalled by the kokanee salmon run."

Duckies can be sponsored by buying numbered tickets at \$5 per duck, with all proceeds going to save Bodega Ridge. Sponsors of ducks which complete the gruelling

course may well receive interesting prizes.

Hot refreshments, including Mock Duck Soup and Quackers, will be available to sponsors and spectators.

Tickets are on sale at the usual outlets on Galiano. For more information call Joan Paterson at 539-2475.

At the North Hall

A wake in memory of the late Marie Hardy is to be held in the North Galiano Hall on Sunday, Mar. 28 beginning at 2 p.m. The celebration of Marie is being organized by her friends Mollie Colson, Martha Millar and Maureen Carruthers.

RCMP file

In the last month Mayne Island has had a series of break and enters which Pender RCMP believe are related. The police believe one person was responsible for entering unoccupied houses in the Horton Bay, Dalton Drive and Navy Channel Road areas. Pender RCMP Cpl. Lorne Kimmel said the intruder ate food in one home and stayed for a while, before walking off with radios, televisions or stereos to another home.

Since the first reports occurred, police have been visiting all the homes in the area to issue warnings and gather information. In the course of their investigation the police have found several more homes broken into.

The only description the police have is tentative, Kimmel said. They would like to question a heavy-set man in his mid-30s with long, scraggly blonde hair. There have been no break-ins reported in the last few days and Kimmel said the intruder may have gone to another island.

As well, there have been several boats reported missing this week. If anyone has any information or sees anything suspicious, they are encouraged to phone the Mayne Island RCMP.

Islanders should beware of fraudulent phone solicitors, Pender

RCMP say, after a Mayne Island resident reported an unusual call February 10. A Quebec-based company called Global International was offering prizes with the purchase of their pens. The caller then asked for a credit card number. The company is currently under investigation for fraud in Ontario. Under no circumstances should anyone give a credit card number over the phone, police said, unless it is a reputable company or one with which you have done business with successfully in the past.

Pender police have received a number of reports of trees being cut down on private property without the owner's knowledge or consent. There is a lot of unoccupied property on the island, police said, and a cord of wood has increased in value. The police rely on neighbours to let them know when incidents such as this occur.

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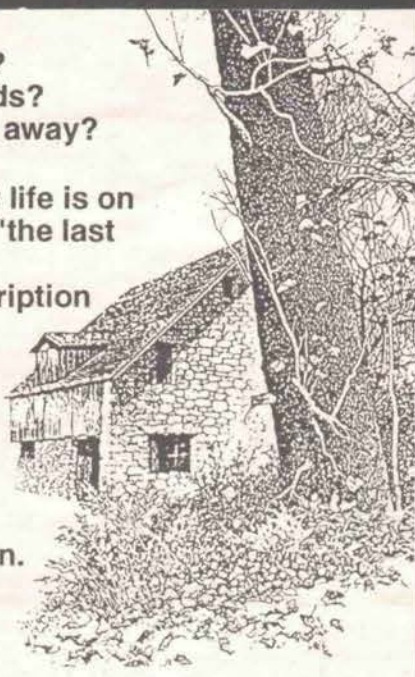
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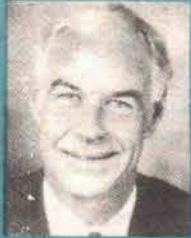




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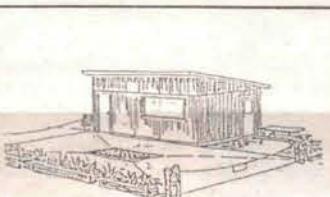
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