

# Community News

## Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## To Market, to Market: Saturday shopping, Salt Spring style

By VALORIE LENNOX  
*Driftwood Staff*

High on a hill overlooking the islet-dotted Ganges Harbour, lies one market. Down in the centre of the village, flanked by small shops and bordered by greenery, sits another.

Journeys through both reveal a host of treasures: cunningly worked clay, fragrant pears and apples carved of wood, candles, hand-knotted rugs, brightly coloured beads and polished silver.

Like the traditional markets of bygone days, Salt Spring's two Saturday markets are central to the community. More than a place to buy and sell, they are a gathering point for friends. The commerce is human scale, bringing together creator and consumer in a cosy exchange far removed from the monolithic warehouse stores of the city.

The market on the hill is the more rustic of the two. There is more room here to walk and talk between booths scattered in rough rows on a grassy field. A discreet sign warning people that dogs are not allowed on the field is ignored: a boy carries a puppy and leashed dogs ranging from toy to giant size stroll alongside their owners.

Across the field wafts music from the stage and scents from the food vendors: Puerto Rican and Chinese specialties were both being offered last weekend.

"Friday and Saturday I'm on

my day off so I thought I'd do something," says Xiang Xu, stirring dim sum dumplings on a propane stove.

She originally came to Canada from China in 1991, after marrying a Canadian. During the week she works in a local restaurant. Starting last week she began offering Chinese food at the market on the hill, working from a compact kitchen.

### *'I like to make things I would wear myself'*

Also set up in her own small space on the hill was 11-year-old Marika Swan, who makes and sells colourful seed bead earrings. She has been doing beadwork for six months and has already sold her work through galleries. Saturday was her first time at the public market.

A market veteran was David MacGregor of Victoria, a former professional potter who closed his Market Square pottery shop in favour of studying art history at the University of Victoria.

Now he catches the ferry to Salt Spring on weekends, to visit friends and sell his wares in the market. He should catch the earliest ferry, he admits as he prices his wares part-way through the morning. But for him, the schedule works better if he catches the

ferry just before nine and arrives on the hill at about 10.

"I like being on a hill and I like the view of the harbour. It's beautiful in the summer," MacGregor says. He also likes the atmosphere of the market, where he can sell the pottery he enjoys making without the additional stress of operating a business.

Hand-thrown pottery, he notes, has a finite production level. At a certain point, it is impossible for a one-person operation to expand. Those who expand by hiring more staff are no longer creating their own product.

"No matter how hard you work, you can't make any more money," MacGregor says, indicating he is happy to have leapt off that wheel. "Now it's kind of fun."

The batch of pottery he brought to last Saturday's market was glazed in white and lilac or in deep jewel tones of blended sapphire and amethyst.

Equally vivid jewel tones gleamed from an adjoining booth, manned by Salt Spring fibre artist Julie Dixon. An island resident for seven years and professional seamstress for the past four or five, Dixon sews meticulously finished adult clothing. Vests, tops, jackets, nightgowns and bags are among her creations.

Even at the market, her needle is busy as she stitches buttons on a jacket. "I like to make things I would wear myself," she says, explaining her choice of fabrics and patterns. She also spins and dyes her own wool and does knitting.

This is the second year she has participated in the market. "It's kind of a fun place to be. I like meeting with the other vendors and hopefully selling things."

In the village, the Market in the Park is more compact with two rows of booths fitted onto a flagstone pavement adjoining Centennial Park. But the vendors are equally enthusiastic and equally busy.

Like Dixon, artisan Dione Alton does some of her work while manning her booth. On Saturday she was weaving a "gathering basket," twinning the rattan through a base of honeysuckle vines.

In the past she has sold through Artcraft and in local galleries. Now, for the first time, she is joining in the market. "I wanted to have the opportunity to sell my own work," she says.

Her work includes the baskets and hand-crafted jewellery. Participating in the market is, Alton says, "a lot of fun. I'm really enjoying it."

Nearby, Heather Mycyk draws a crowd by expertly flipping and twirling an oriental invention which she calls "devil sticks." A pulsating drum, played by another vendor, punctuates the twirls of the fringe-tipped stick.

There is plenty to see here: bright children's clothing from Country Kids Designs, iridescent raku pottery by Corky Lenox and



Photo by Valorie Lennox

**STITCH IN TIME:** Clothing designer and seamstress Julie Dixon attaches a button to one of her jewel-tone jackets.

Littlestar, colourful Cosmic Critters by Sally Stanley-Adams, pottery baskets bursting with dried flowers crafted by Peter and Dorothy Price, breathtaking wood sculpture from Galiano and small bursts of iridescence in April Curtis' earrings. There are fruit-shaped candles, fruit-scented

candles and woody fruit, apples and peaches shaped, shaded and scented by Don Zacharias.

His skills are among the talents which fill the booths of Salt Spring's two markets, drawing both islanders and off-islanders to a unique Saturday shopping experience.

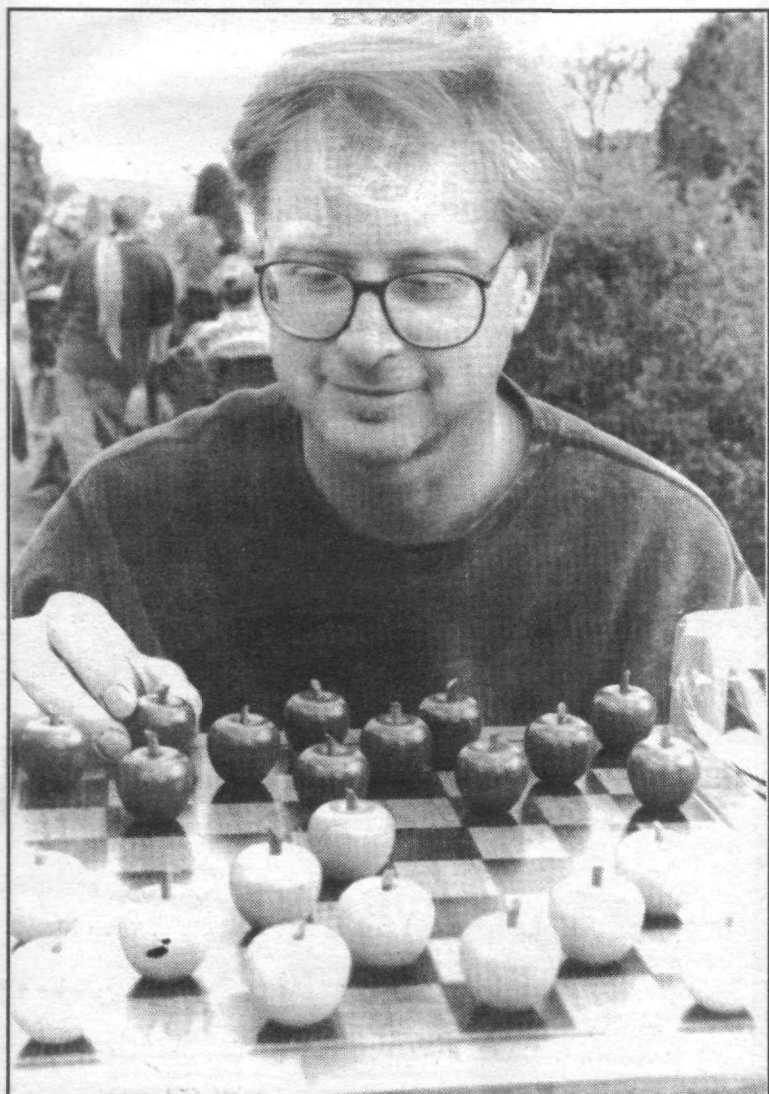


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**APPLE CHECKERS:** Don Zacharias is ready to make sauce out of any opponent who challenges him to a game.



**BASKET IN THE MAKING:** Dione Alton of Salt Spring shows her weaving skill, crafting a "gathering basket" on a base of honeysuckle vines.

Photo by Valorie Lennox

# community

I can take the advice; quit smoking; it'll kill you in the end: it costs when you die of smoke! We've heard 'em all! It begins to irritate when I figure that so many Canadians are eager to avoid smoking. So eager, in fact, that they want me to quit. And they want to make me quit.

It's an odd set-up. Our father-figure-national-government says smoking is bad and smoking can kill, but it also says we may smoke if we wish.

In the meantime many a voice has risen in strident indignation over the government's relaxation of taxes on cigarettes in an attempt to combat smuggling. "Licence to kill!" cry the critics. But smoking is not illegal.

Some contend that it should be illegal. Like liquor. If we want to make tobacco illegal we might gain some useful advice from the Yanks. They banned alcohol once. The shipping would be north-bound instead of the old rum-runners' southbound shipments. It would probably start a great new industry, tobacco smuggling on the grand scale.

But while smoking is legally permitted, let's not get all worked up over smokers!

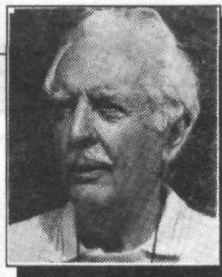
And I know what I'm talking about. I learned to smoke when I started to talk. I lived through a war when they gave us 100 fags a week in France and sold us as many more as we wanted at about a cent apiece. By the time I was burning scars in a news desk I was buying three packs of 25 a day.

One day I quit cold. I don't smoke. I dislike intensely the smell of smoke, ancient or modern. But I don't like being told that a smoker is a second-rate citizen. There are too many amateur anarchists around, eager to make and enforce their own laws and regulations.

It's enough to have me back on the old cough, splutter, wheeze trot; just to show I'm not about to heel because some heel tells me to!

## to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



### Putting me down

How cutting can a remark turn out to be?

I was entertaining my brother and sister-in-law from Mill Bay. My sister-in-law looked at my shoes, which like me, are old.

"Are those shoes old or is that style coming back?" she asked me. Sure! They're old, but so am I.

I have been told that they are known as "co-respondent's shoes" because they are what the car makers used to call duotone, or finished in two colours.

My shoes are like me, old, but lots of life left in 'em yet. If I have to throw them away do I have to follow them?

Perish the thought!

### Names and names

What do you know? Upper Ganges Centre is located on Lower Ganges Road. As yet I have failed to discover a Lower Ganges Centre on Upper Ganges Road.

Fortunately, it is easy to establish which is Lower Ganges Road and which is Upper Ganges Road. When you come out of Ganges, Lower Ganges Road runs up the hill and Upper Ganges Road runs down from the Harbour House corner.

But it's still a lot better than Saanich, where they have an East Saanich Road, West Saanich Road, Saanich Road, Central Saanich Road, Old East Saanich Road, all linking Saanich and Central Saanich and North Saanich and West Saanich and East Saanich. South Saanich is a memory and only identifies an electoral area. Which is fortunate. Otherwise the names could get confusing!

### Instant island roads

The road junction at Harbour House Hotel in Ganges has taken on a new shape in a hurry. One day traffic heading for the Long Harbour ferry was threading its way through a narrow lane with a giant sandcastle on one side. Next day the traffic was riding the top of the sandcastle.

The project was a nuisance to islanders in a hurry for a few days, but the change was made as quickly as any in the islands in recent years.

Not sure that I really enjoy the new route. I just got no head for heights!

### Good Friday

Why Good Friday, asked a colleague. Why, indeed? It was not simply the link between the Crucifixion, which the day commemorates, and the good news for Christians that gave the day its name.

Among its various meanings, the word "good" also means holy or pious. Good Friday is "Holy Friday." The "Good Tide" was once an appellation of both Christmas and of Shrove Tuesday.

According to The Reader's Encyclopaedia, there was an ancient superstition that any person born on Christmas Day or Good Friday had the power of seeing and commanding spirits.

My late wife was convinced that Good Friday was always characterized by miserable weather. I would agree with her that it is often so, but not invariably as we saw last week.

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- APR. 7: SSI Weavers & Spinner, business meeting, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
  - APR. 9: Newlets, general meeting, Community Centre, 1pm.
  - APR. 12: 12th Anniversary Tea, Fulford Hall, O.A.P.O. #170, 2-4pm. Everyone Welcome!
  - APR. 12: Fernwoods PAC general meeting, Fernwood School, 7pm.
  - APR. 13: Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club, annual general meeting, SSI Golf Club, 8pm.
  - APR. 14: SS Weavers & Spinners, A Look at Overshot, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
  - APR. 16: Gordi Ryan Drum Workshop, Beaver Point Hall, 10am-2pm.
  - APR. 16: Native Ground Trio performance, Beaver Point Hall, 8pm.
  - APR. 17: Dance workshop with Zoë Ryan, Beaver Point Hall, 10am-2pm.
  - APR. 21: SS Weavers & Spinners, open weaving & spinning, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
  - APR. 23: Harbour View Imp. Dist., annual general meeting, 358 Old Scott Road, 2:30pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
  - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
  - Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
  - Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
  - Cancer Support Group meeting, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
  - GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).
  - Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club across from the elem. school, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
  - Tai Chi Chu'an, Salt Spring Centre, Blackburn Rd., 7-9pm.
  - Core-Inn Committee Meetings open to all youth & adults, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- Weekly luncheons, Seniors for Seniors, 2 seatings 12:00/1:00.
  - Weight Control Hospital Basement 7pm, no charge everyone welcome.
  - Every 1st, 3rd & 5th, SS Pensions building fund-bingo, Legion Meaden Hall, 7:00 early birds, 7:30 regular.
  - Scottish Dancing, Farmers Institute, 7pm.
  - SSI Weavers & Spinners, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
  - Children Archery, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 3:30-5:00pm.
  - Teen Archery, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7:00-9:00pm.
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- Smiles Cafe, United Church lower hall, 12:00-1:00.
  - Line Dance, Meaden Hall, Legion, 7:30-9:00.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
  - Library will be open 10am-4pm Windfall Rm., will be open for book sales.
- EVERY MONDAY**
- Carpet bowling, lower hall, Central, 1:30pm.
  - Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).
  - "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.
  - Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Monday each month).
  - Taoist Tai Chi, for seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
  - Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
  - Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 12 noon.
- EVERY TUESDAY**
- Archery Lessons, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 4:00-5:30pm.
  - Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
  - Evening Weaving Group, rm 23, H.S. Indust. Arts Bldg., 7:00pm, (every 3rd Tuesday)
  - Evening Spinning Group, rm 23, H.S. Indust. Arts Bldg., 7:00pm, (every 2nd & 4th Tues.)
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# Sea Capers seeks crew

The dates are set and fine weather is on order for Sea Capers 1994, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26.

Spokesman Ken Strike reports that fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm have come with new faces to the Sea Capers organizing committee. Neil Congo has accepted the office of vice-chairman, while Peggy Curry has changed places with Lauretta Wilson to become parade marshal.

Bruce Mills will coordinate water events with Al Robertson on hand to provide continuity. Fiona Foster will look after the

Lark in the Park, having served her apprenticeship last year under Joanne Perkins, who will concentrate on the children's corner at Drummond Park.

The program is much the same as in previous years, according to Strike. The committee's philosophy is: "If it works why tinker with it?"

Organizations and individuals are reminded to begin thinking about parade entries. The Shriners' Band has agreed to participate and a musical contribution may be made by the Ganges Legion branch.

Concerts in both Centennial and Drummond parks are being

planned, and the Salvation Army Band has committed itself to a short presentation.

Strike says the committee needs a recording secretary, and volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested is invited to contact Strike at 537-4743 or Neil Congo at 537-2132.

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# Swallows show joy in flight

By LINDA CANNON  
Driftwood Contributor

As poor earth-bound humans, we can't help but admire birds in flight. The aerial skill of kingfishers, hawks and hummingbirds, to name a few, is something to behold. But for the sheer joy of flying, nothing beats a swallow.

It's anthropomorphic to suggest swallows are capable of experiencing joy — but get off that scientific high horse and just watch them, for goodness sake! Swallows do seem to love sailing through the air, swooping low over fields and shooting back up into the clouds.

Of course, these fluid flights are furnishing the swallows with groceries: they eat all kinds of flying insects. For this reason alone humans

should treasure insect-eating birds — without them, we mammals would be knee deep in bugs.

The violet-green swallow is one of the most common swallows on the Gulf Islands. Each March a number of these beauties

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## Our better nature

return from parts south to settle once again into the nest boxes we provided for them. It's a delight to watch them refurbish their nests and then feed a brood of gaping-mouthed chicks!

Violet-greens are gorgeous, with green and purple, almost metallic, glossy upper parts, fresh white below, and white cheek patches that partially encircle the eye. Have you heard a solitary swallow singing in the dark before sunrise? That's the male, chanting his courtship song on the wing.

Barn swallows are also familiar on the Gulf Islands, recognizable by their long, deeply forked tail, dark bluish upper parts and rusty under parts. This is the same species as the favourite swallow in Europe, beloved because it nests under the

eaves of cottages as well as palaces. Destruction of the nest is believed to bring bad luck; so beware!

The multi-chambered "swallow houses" sometimes advertised in catalogues are actually for the large, glossy blue-black "purple martins" found in the east. Western purple martins won't use them, preferring trees and house eaves.

Purple martins are, unfortunately, no longer found on the Gulf Islands, and are becoming scarcer throughout the west. It is thought that the European starling, imported into New York 100 years ago, has taken over the martins' nesting sites.

I'm not keen on starlings because they have displaced too many of our native birds. I must admit, though, they are good at mimicking other birds' calls; they do a passable red-winged blackbird, and even a squeaky eagle. But I'd rather have purple martins.

# Trail club hosts slide program on biosphere

A talk and slide program by John and Rosemary Baxter on a west coast Vancouver Island biosphere project will be presented at the next meeting of the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

The monthly meeting will be held April 28 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the United Church Hall.

At the same meeting, members will have a chance to obtain information on a trip to Manning Park from September 6 to 10. Reservations for this trip will also be taken starting April 28.

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# Power lifter wins silver

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

The only reason power lifter John Nilssen went to the B.C. Winter Games in Smithers last month was because the event organizers, Sport B.C., announced it would test athletes for steroid use.

But Sport B.C. did not conduct any tests — each one costs about \$300 — and several records were broken. "I'd feel a lot better about my silver medal if there were tests," said Nilssen, who doesn't believe in steroid use.

The sport is tough enough without having to deal with the side effects of drugs. And there's more to dead-lifting 500 pounds than tremendous strain on the body.

"It's really hard on your head — mentally. You have to get psyched up. It's always heavy. It's always stressful."

At the B.C. Winter Games in Smithers last month, he burst blood vessels in his eyes and was generally sore afterward. Those natural side effects go away in a couple of weeks, but that strain means Nilssen only competes every other year, even though his training does not stop.

Unlike its better known Olympic cousin, power lifting does not involve the "snatch" or the "clean and jerk." Power lifting's three events are the squat, the bench press and the dead-lift.

"I used to be a professional ski patroller in Vancouver," Nilssen said. "I started to go to the gym because I wanted to keep in shape. I was getting as strong as the guys who were competing and so I started competing."

He has made the sport his hobby over the last dozen years and was provincial open champion in 1984, 1986 and 1988, the year he came to Salt Spring to join the Coast Guard. There was no gym here then so he stopped competing. When North End Fitness opened three years ago, he began his training program again.

One of the good things about this sport, he said, is that anyone can do it. It is not a sport for muscle-bound young men. Women, people in their 40s, 50s and even 70s and special olympians all compete provincially in power lifting.

"There are some 70-year-olds on the world level who have been power lifting for years who are stronger than most 20-year-olds," he said. "There are people who are 50-plus and can still bench press 500 pounds."

He said prospective power lifters do not have to be naturally strong. Dedication in training builds most athletes, not genetics. Power lifting is accessible and it doesn't cost much to do. Nilssen said he started power lifting to stay in shape, but the sport gave him something to focus on, a reason to go to the gym.

Nilssen, who is in the 181 to 198-pound weight class, squats 480 pounds. He wants to stay in that range and tries to keep his weight about 200 pounds. "I eat a lot. Five meals a day."

As well as breakfast, lunch and dinner, he eats at the morning and afternoon coffee breaks. No one meal is very large, but together they make up more than the average person's intake of calories.

"You don't build muscle when you're working out," he said. "When you go to the gym you tear muscle down."

After the workout, the body uses the food it takes in to build the muscle up again. That is why a cycle of regular working out, rest and good food are always part of athletic training. Training also includes cardio-vascular exercises to burn

off all those excess calories he takes in.

He works out every other day, practising the three events and doing auxiliary exercises for each lift.

"You can only put on 10 pounds of muscle in a year," he said. "Anyone who says they put on more than that is putting on fat, or is 'on the juice.'"

That means steroids. Steroid use is still a "big problem" in any sport which requires strength, he said. And he has seen the side effects of prolonged steroid use: cancer, hair loss, heart problems and others.



John Nilssen



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# Game's over in two, Slugs 'win' in third period

By **ANDY NAUMANN**  
*Driftwood Correspondent*

On Good Friday (a.k.a. April Fool's Day), Slug trails winding their ways up the Island Highway converged in the Parksville arena at the schedule board.

Our opponents in the 4 p.m. game were the Rod and Gun Blues, who immediately started using our zone as a shooting range, with always someone open in front of our net, scoring at 3:23, 7:45, and 8:01. We were apparently suffering from jet lag and weren't much help to Derek in goal.

Early on we lost Dan, whose Hall of Fame shin pads couldn't stop a butterfly, let alone a puck, to a knee injury. At 9:09, Deadstop, sporting a swollen thumb from doing his impression of Johnny Bower catching a blast from the point, fell into a Blue. The ref called it body checking although it was more likely his high centre of gravity that was responsible.

Ten seconds later it was 4-0. The Blues gunners scored once more, while the Slugs tried to figure out what the blades strapped to their feet were for and Derek saw more rubber than on the streets of Ganges.

The second period proved to be a much different story, once Todd got rolling. At 6:10, he scored on a power play. Forty-five seconds later he scored unassisted while we were short-handed with Paul in the sin bin for slashing. About six minutes after that, he did it again, only 19 seconds after one of the Blues went to the box for squashing a Slug on the boards.

A few shifts later, at the 15:59 mark, one of the Blues intercepted one of our passes, as we tried to organize another man advantage, and put the puck by a surprised Derek to make it 6-3.

We didn't quit. Bernie slammed one in with just under three minutes to go to narrow the gap; we put up a determined effort, and if there'd been a third period we'd have won.

While the Slugs were regrouping, napping, shopping, meditating and otherwise preparing themselves for the midnight game, the Sneddon Masonry Stars were carousing. They were loose, waltzing around us, tying us in knots with their passes. It was 3-0 halfway through the first period.

John put the Slugs on the board at 11:15, just before a brickload of four goals in the last seven minutes had them seeing stars.

The second period saw a reorganized Salt Spring team take the ice, but it took a couple of goals by the Stars to get the Slugs acclimatized. Then it was Rod from Andy, then Andy from Rod within 28 seconds. The Stars scored. Andy scored his second in a row. The Stars scored. Peter scored on a great pass from Todd to make it 11-5 with eight minutes, 36 seconds to go.

A high scoring affair, so far. But would any fans, if there had been any in the stands at one o'clock in the morning, have guessed that there was more excitement to come?

Eighteen seconds after Peter's goal, the Stars struck and kept attacking, scoring two more. With the score now 14-5 and five minutes left, the Stars were smiling and laughing but the Slugs caught fire again, scoring three. We matched them, as it turned out, goal for goal in our best period of the tournament so far. We played out a third period in the dressing room, which we decisively won.

Our next game was against the Travellers Hotel team that night at 7 p.m. to prove that we could win on the ice as well as in our own minds. We had plenty of time to

## slug trail

rest, recharge our pacemakers and plan our strategy. Something went wrong. Was it the absence of Deadstop (who drove off one-handed into the night), Derek (who had a prior commitment) and Darren (whose whereabouts were unknown)? Did we set the clock ahead too early, staying up 'til four, sleeping into the afternoon and into the first period? The Travellers cruised through us a minute into the game. A Blackshirt, unheeded by all the Slugs, except those yelling from the bench, had plenty of time to receive a pin-point pass and one-time the puck behind Mark.

A two-man advantage two min-

utes later gave the Slugs heart but no legs, as they tried to tie the score, succeeding only in tying themselves up and tiring themselves out. Three injured linemates and Stopgap pirouetting on defence, much to the chagrin of Paul and Rod, didn't help our cause. Neither did an injury to Mark who, nevertheless, continued to stop shot after shot from the slot, alone.

We held them off somehow until 13:52 when Todd, from John and Peter, made it 2-1, crashing through their defencemen, lifting the puck by the goalie as he was being dragged down.

The Travellers, though, would have none of this show of impudence and mounted a furious counterattack, even while short-handed, springing waves of breakaways past our defence, scoring four

goals in the last five minutes, two of them within the last 21 seconds.

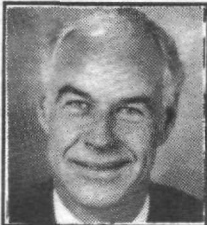
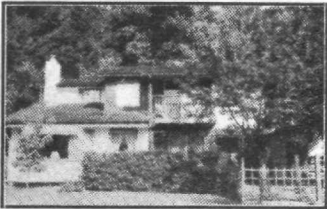
There was little joy on the Slug bench between periods and none at 3:19 of the second, when the Travellers scored again. But we had them right where we wanted them now, leading 7-1. We'd come back before. And we did outscore them in that last period.

The audience certainly didn't suffer from whiplash, as most of the action took place in one end of the ice — the one defended(?) by

the war-weary Slugs. Slug fans who were interviewed after the game unanimously agreed that watching their team was better than watching the Blue Jays — not more exciting, just more entertaining. Their vote for Slug MVP of the tournament went to Todd who notched at least a goal and an assist in every game.

Slug spirits rose in the dressing room, when we reflected that we'd had an enjoyable winning season, and that we'd ended it well.


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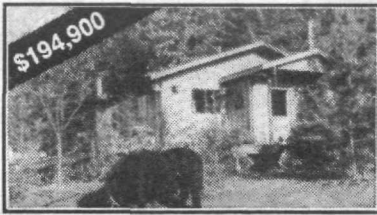
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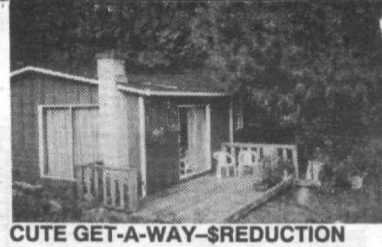
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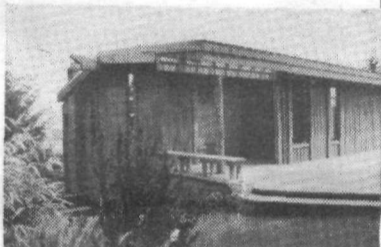
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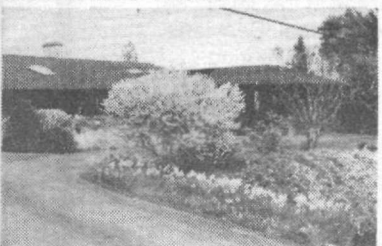
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# Fans cheated by lacklustre Blue Jays game

By TONY RICHARDS  
Driftwood Staff

Vancouver has been known as a Blue Jays town, but perhaps that will change after the Boys of Summer gave a disappointing performance at the weekend's Baseball Classic.

The Jays brought out most of the big names for their first game, played Friday against the Montreal Expos.

And those big names got heroes' welcomes from West Coast baseball fans. But the calibre of

play left some fans wondering if it was still a team of world champions they were watching.

The series of four exhibition games — Colorado Rockies were the fourth team — left the impression that the Seattle Mariners are the ones to keep an eye on.

And we'd allow that a trip to see the Jays or another up and coming team play at the Kingdome would be a better deal than the listless and boring spectacle dished up at B.C. Place

Friday and Saturday.

The classic's crowning moment came at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, at the end of the seventh inning in the Toronto-Seattle game.

Due to time constraints, went the announcement, the teams would be unable to finish the game.

Reports said later that Seattle won 3-2, but in fact no one won, especially not the fans in the stadium.

The future of the annual clas-

sic is said to be up in the air, and there is still talk by Seattle of playing some Mariners season games in Vancouver. But there is also talk of them playing in Japan as well, as the team's majority owner is a Japanese company, Nintendo.

It may well be that British Columbia's Jays fans are more

inclined to take another, harder look at the Mariners now, especially those who travelled from outside Vancouver for this lacklustre affair.

One thing is for certain: it's not worth the effort to travel from Salt Spring to see an exhibition game.

## Winds fail for Walker Rock Race

Phil Hume's Yeoman of Cestria was the first of 15 boats to cross the finish line Sunday in the Salt Spring Sailing Club's Walker Rock Race.

Yeoman finished first on corrected time as well, followed by Phil Grange and Art Munneke's Fandango and Tony Brogan's Brigantia.

The 18.7-nautical-mile race took the vessels out of Ganges Harbour, up Trincomali Channel to the first mark at Victoria Rock, across to Walker Rock — just off Fernwood — and home again.

Forecast winds of 15 to 20 knots never materialized, frustrating many of the boats which

found themselves where the wind wasn't. Only five managed to finish the race: the first three and Kevin Vine's Deryn Mor and Bob Borbas' Sly Fox.

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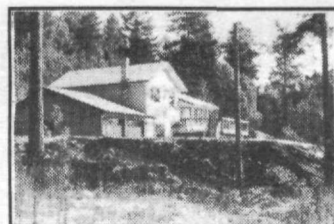
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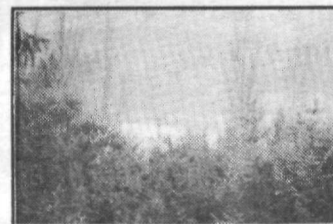
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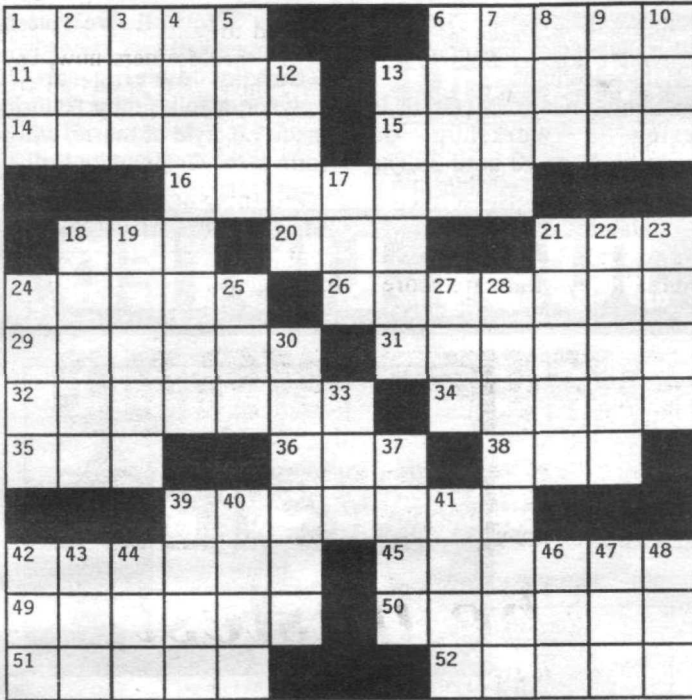
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  21. Pouch
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  26. NATIONAL ANTHEM
  29. Set apart
  31. Lapse in continuity
  32. Clinking sounds
  34. Cask stopper
  35. In the manner of
  36. Lou's partner
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  39. Cocker —
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  27. Three-toed sloths
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  30. Excludes
  33. Light source
  37. Part of DJ
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  40. Fountain and ball-point
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  42. Write hurriedly
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  44. Letter opener
  46. — CATHERINE, QUE.
  47. Cry of surprise
  48. Get hitched
- Answers on Page B10**

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners on March 28 in the North/South position were Bunny Jordan and Derek Arnold, June Knowles and Jean Herring, Peter Jacquest and Fred Struve. East/West: Norm McConnell and Isabelle Richardson, Wanda Pietrzak and Althea Morrisette, Joan Conlan and Conhor Hunt.

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### bridge tricks

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Two special events are coming up in April. On April 18 is the annual dinner at 5 p.m. at the Golden Island Restaurant, followed by the ACBL District 19 Charity Game at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall.

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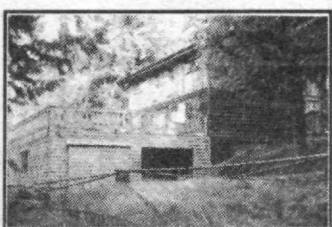
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# Emergency interrupts annual Lions crab fest

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

The first fire of the year was successfully extinguished by the Saturna Volunteer Fire Department Saturday evening. A slash burn on Cliff Side Road rekindled late in the evening. The fire had potential to spread and endanger local homes. A quick response by the East Point firefighters had the fire under control before the main engine arrived.

Fire department spokesman John Wiznuk offered thanks to all the volunteers who turned out and congratulated them for their quick response. He reminds everyone that burning permits will be required as of April 15. They will be available at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company.

Wiznuk strongly suggests that all residents become aware of burning regulations. These are printed on the back of each fire permit. He also recommends that all lots be clearly marked.

Ten minutes were lost trying to locate the fire on an unmarked lot Saturday evening. This gives great potential for a much more dangerous fire. Wiznuk requested that callers using 911 to report a fire stand by the road to direct the fire trucks to the location.

Islanders are advised to use caution when burning especially as summer approaches. As conditions become hot and dry the potential for a rapid fire spread increases.

Easter weekend on Saturna was marked by a flurry of activity. Saturday morning the Lions Club held a barbecue in conjunction with the Narvaez Bay Trading Company's customer appreciation day. Hot dogs and hamburgers were donated by the store and barbecued by the Lions.

The annual Easter bake sale was a great success. Patrons lined up at the door in anticipation of home-baked treats. It was an awesome experience to be behind the sales tables when the doors opened. People literally ran in to snatch up the best goodies. Within 10 minutes most of the tables had been cleared.

I assume this must be an indication of the talent we have on this island. Well done, bakers. I hope all the treats were enjoyed.

Many of the bake sale guests congregated in the fireplace room for tea with their neighbours or lingered over the plant table while the children tried their luck in the cake walk and the fish pond. Joan Robertson won the hand-knit afghan raffled off by the Women's Club.

Proceeds from the sale will be split between the Women's Service Club and the PAC. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale either with baking or buying. We'll look forward to doing it again next year.

Saturday evening the Lions Club held the second annual crab fest to raise funds for the Saturna School bursary fund. The meal was a great success thanks largely to our resident French chef and highways foreman, Pat Ropars.

Duncan Curtis provided after-dinner entertainment to a very appreciative crowd. Shortly after 10

## saturna notes

p.m. Don Newell burst into the hall and announced that there was a fire. All the firefighters including Curtis and almost a third of the audience had to leave immediately.

Those left at the hall continued the fun with a sing-along until the firefighters returned from their mission. In spite of the interruption it was a wonderful and memorable evening.

Winners of the Lions' crib night last weekend were Marie Mackie, Hazel Trickey, and

Nancy Harrower. All the money raised at the crib nights goes to Timmy's Telethon and this year over \$300 was raised. The Lions Club augmented the donation to bring it to a total of \$600. Congratulations to the whole team for work well done.

The Islands Trust open meeting to discuss parks dedication has been rescheduled from Saturday afternoon until 7:30 p.m. that evening.

John Money, Islands Trust representative, explains that the meeting has been delayed in order to include Diane Cragg, our third Islands Trust representative, and the Islands Trust staff, who will be able to answer technical

questions.

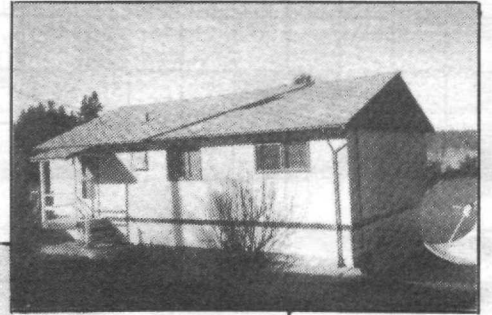
All islanders are encouraged to attend this meeting.

On Sunday Carol McGrath is offering a workshop on menopause from 10 until 3. The

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Sunday evening at 7:30 Telynor, a folk group featuring a medieval style of music, will perform at the Community Hall.

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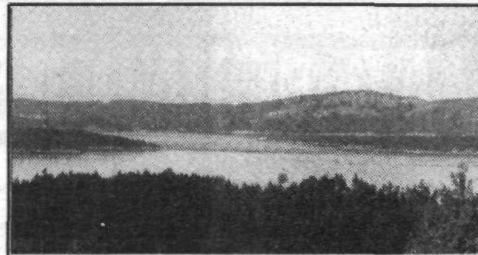


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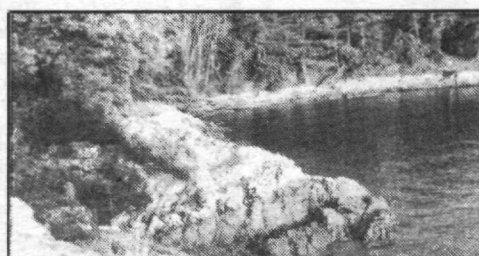
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# Islanders honour historian for contributions to community

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

Just a little over two months ago an overflow gathering of members of the Gulf Islands Historical Federation met on Pender Island to hear Douglas Harker's story of the Woodward family and of the popular department store they founded 101 years ago.

Harker, though frail due to his two-year fight with cancer, gave all he had in this talk, and all present were the richer for it. Humour and historical incident were delivered with vigour and enthusiasm.

Harker died on March 28. He was buried in the North Pender cemetery on March 31 following a service in Saint Peter's Church. Indicative of the respect in which he was held on Pender and in the community at large was the overflow of his friends at the church.

A full three-quarters of an hour before the service began all the pews were taken, the overflow finding seats on chairs in the churchyard.

A resident of Pender Island for many years, Harker trained as a young man

as a teacher and administrator. He was associated with Saint George's School in Vancouver for many years. During the second world war he rose to the rank of major in the Canadian army and earned a worthy reputation as a soldier. On his return to civilian life he became personnel manager for Woodward's department store, a position he held during the years of the store's rapid expansion after the war.

In retirement Harker took to research and writing and was the author of three books: *The Dukes*, the story of the regiment in which he served during the war; *The Saints*, a history of Saint George's; and *The Woodward Story*.

During his last years he edited the local historical federation's most recent publication, *More Tales From The Outer Gulf Islands*. The book is now in its second printing.

Among his surviving family members is his wife Betty and three daughters. His contribution to island life on Pender was great and appreciated by many island groups, among them the Lions Club and the Pender Legion.

Made a life member of the Outer Gulf Islands Historical Federation in January, the group had made application to have him accepted as a life member of the B.C. Historical Federation as well. Only one life member is made each year by the federation and the total number of life members at any time never exceeds 10. Decisions on the creation of new life members are made at the regular April meeting of the federation's executive.

## Television society gets new executive

Jack Read, incumbent president of the Gulf Islands Television Society (GITS), has a completely new set of officers to aid him in his endeavours. Hard working Jack, who has for several years been president, administrator, negotiator and installer of antennas, has earned the respect of all.

Continuing for another year as president he now has Jim

## notes from galiano

MacDonald as his vice-president, Pat Goodwin as his secretary and Bill Callaway as treasurer. Director at large is Mike Hoebel, Galiano resident and employee of the department of education. Melanie Gaines of Saturna School is on the GITS board, as is Bruce Stewart, principal of the Mayne Island School. No representative has been named from Pender Island at this time.

With its broadcasting facility on Mount Parke on Mayne Island and its two repeater stations, one on Galiano's Stockade Hill and the second near Fernwood on Salt Spring, there seems to be no hope of expansion and increased coverage at this time.

The new executive will therefore concentrate on fuller usage of the existing facilities and in the promotion of the educational programs now being broadcast.

A resource centre is being established in the Galiano School where information on current and upcoming programs will be available to prospective students.

A proposal to extend coverage to north Salt Spring, North Galiano and Thetis Island has had to be shelved for the time being due to the B.C. government's cancellation of the PEETS grants (Public Education and Entertainment Television Service). These grants were instrumental in funding the earlier facilities.

## Kitty Weaver dies

Kitty Weaver, Galiano resident for many years, died recently in hospital in Saanich. She had been in poor health for some time. Pat and Kitty are remembered on the island as owner-operators in the 1960s of the now-closed Porlier Pass Marina. Leaving North

Galiano, the couple moved to Sturdies Bay about 1970 and bought Wilf Furness' road and septic field business. The Weavers were active in this business for about seven years.

Kitty Weaver loved to walk and is remembered here, a familiar figure making her way along Jack, Burrill and Sturdies Bay Roads, out for some exercise or simply on her way to the grocery shops. Since moving to Saanich seven years ago, the Weavers have enjoyed many short trips to the island and elsewhere in their camper, and many happy times spent with their family members on Vancouver Island.

Weaver is survived by her husband Pat, a son Tom and a daughter Lorna, both married and in Campbell River. There are four grandchildren.

## Golf club meeting

In a tribute to Emily Switzer, retiring four-year president of the Galiano Golf and Country Club, speaker Ralph Brine had many kind words to say — all of them well deserved. Brine, who retired himself as a director, made his remarks at the club's annual general meeting held in the clubhouse on March 20.

Also retiring and receiving the thanks of the members for their hard work and effectiveness were two-year treasurer Geoff Bonser and George McIntosh, eight years on the executive, many of them as chairman of the grounds committee.

Elected as president for the 1994-95 season is North Galiano's Phyllis Stafford and as treasurer, her neighbour Brian Cowperthwaite. Vice-president is South Galiano's Bob Riddle and continuing in her job as secretary, Annalese Waldenmaier, also of South Galiano. Other directors elected: Brigitte Daigel, Ken Rapson, Ted Waterman and Ron Way. Andy Dean is the newly appointed chairman of the grounds committee.

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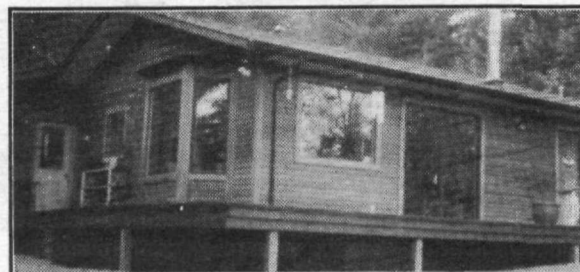
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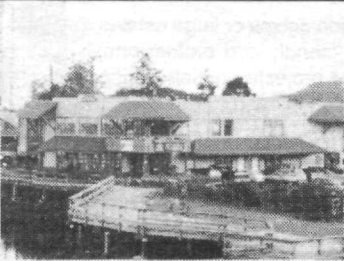


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### FULLY EQUIPPED RESTAURANT

On the edge of Ganges Harbour. 165 seats, 'B' license, modern kitchen. This is a "one-of-a-kind" opportunity. \$439,000 MLS.



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### SOUTH END ACREAGE AND COTTAGE

Large majestic trees dominate this 5.23 ac. view property. Long driveway winds past moss-cover rocks, garden and orchard to the cleared building site and charming cottage c/w occupancy permit. \$199,000.



### FINEST VALUE IN THIS PRICE RANGE

Just move in and relax. This home is immaculate inside and out. Oak floors and oak staircase lead to 2nd floor studio with it's own balcony and three bedrooms. \$215,000 MLS.



### HOBBY FARM STILL AVAILABLE!

Excellent North End property professionally landscaped and built in 1980. Refined grounds greet you first, giving way to the fenced paddock area where the barn is located. Value \$265,000 MLS.

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### WATERFRONT TO DIE FOR

That would only shorten your enjoyment. Sunny level treed 0.42 ac on Wise Island, just between Salt Spring and Galiano. Protected leeward side of the island on community water system. \$89,900 MLS.

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### OCEAN VIEWS TO KEEP YOU AT HOME

Over 1900 square feet of completely renovated home. Three bedrooms with family room and in-law suite. Shows like new. Situated on a very private acre minutes from Ganges. With this view you'll never leave home. Top value at: \$295,000 MLS.



### DON'T MISS THIS LAST UNIT AT KINGFISHER

2-bedroom, 2-bathroom new townhouse. Skylights, gas fireplace, built-in vac system and three appliances. Nicely landscaped with bench by the woods for your morning coffee. Carefree living at its best. \$159,000 + GST. MLS.



### SHOP AND COMPARE! NONE BETTER

.60 acre of level cleared usable land. Ready to build. In 100 Hills area. Community water, cable and hydro to lot line. Possible ocean views from second floor. Close to Ganges. \$110,000 MLS.



### COMMUNITY LIFE AT IT'S BEST

2-bedroom modular home situated for a sunny exposure. Bright, airy and bounded on the back by a stretch of grassy common land. Attached garage (a rarity in Brinkworthy), dishwasher, stove, washer and dryer. \$135,000 MLS.

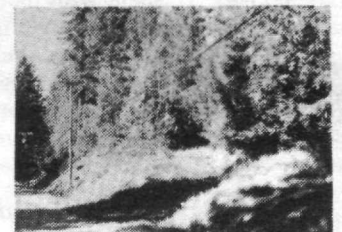
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### WHERE GRANDMA MAY HAVE LIVED

Step back in time to this lovely 1916 heritage home. On 17.46 acres of very arable land, with approximately 830 sq. ft. barn and fencing. This property is excellent for horses. Features oak and fir flooring, 2 fireplaces, pine kitchen cabinets and much, much more. Well priced at \$498,000 MLS.

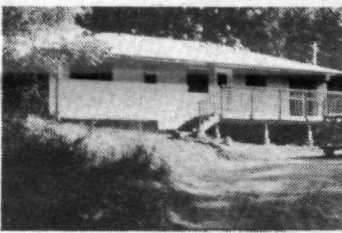
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### LOTS OF SUNSHINE

1.99 acre lot, very sunny, south facing, well treed and in an excellent residential area, driveway in, shared well, easy road access. A great place to live. \$139,000 MLS.

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### 3 BEDROOM HOME

Affordable 3 bedroom home on 1/2 acre close to town features hard wood floors new roof municipal water. Gently sloping lot would be easy to develop. \$172,500 MLS.



### CUSTOM HOME

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, skylights, custom woodworking, 800 sq. ft. basement are just some of the features of this beautiful home located on .91 acres in Quarry area. \$263,000 MLS.



### 5 BEDROOM

2 kitchens, 2 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 living rooms. 2 good 2 be true. Call me 2 day 2 view 2 morrow. \$179,900 MLS.

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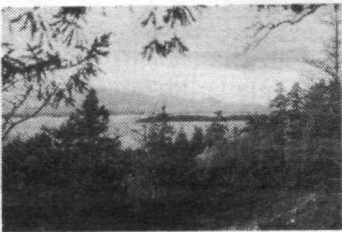
### VIEW ACREAGE IN THE COUNTRY

Oceanview. 10.68 acres. Area of good homes. Walking distance to great beach and warm swimming. View could be expanded with topping and clearing. Southwest exposure. \$174,900 MLS.



### RECREATIONAL OCEANFRONT

High bank but accessible waterfront, clam shell beach, year round moorage. 3 bedroom, 11 year old house. Great kitchen and living room overlooking the harbour, fireplace. Close to Ganges, 1.40 acres. \$295,000 MLS.



### OCEANVIEW DREAM HOME ON ACREAGE

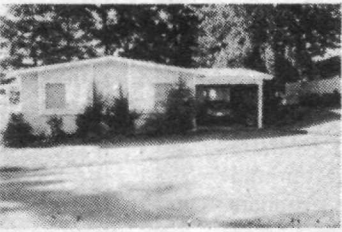
2 year old custom built west coast residence situated on south facing five acres. Fir, Garry oaks and arbutus, wood floors, traditional fireplace, skylights, wood windows, 3 bathrooms, huge kitchen and lots more. \$449,000 MLS.



### NUMBER ONE WATERFRONT!

Low bank. South west exposure. 3.03 acres. Municipal water. Zoned for guest cottage & main residence, easy to build on open meadow and lovely trees. \$429,000 MLS.

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### NOW THIS IS LIVING!

Imagine retirement in this spacious, well-appointed modular home with easy care landscaping, in a well-designed retirement community close to shopping, recreation and all island amenities. View today! \$137,500.

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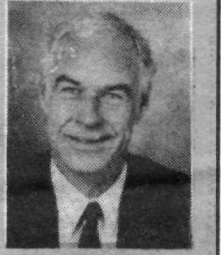
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