

BEHIND IN THE WHEEL

Another teenager joins the ranks of island motorists. But a month of lessons leaves Rebecca Stratholt well qualified.



By **TONY RICHARDS**

Driftwood Staff

Rebecca Stratholt had her eyes fixed on the road in front of her; she was fully absorbed by oncoming traffic. To our right was a brand-new Jeep Cherokee parked in front of Mouat's Clothing Co. and it sparkled in the spring sunshine.

From my viewpoint in the back seat of Trans Islands Driving School's Toyota Corolla, the certainty of imminent collision was obvious. I shrunk into my seat and held my breath.

We missed it by inches.

Fortunately for driving instructor Sheila Johnson's car and my peace of mind, the incident was not repeated. In fact, Rebecca's first time out on a 12-lesson driver training course proved remarkably uneventful, despite her lack of

experience behind the wheel. Not that I had anything to worry about: the car is fully equipped with dual controls and Johnson keeps a close eye on the road.

It was back in March that Rebecca had that first lesson, after completing six hours of defensive driving theory. Taking the course was her idea and when it was all over a month later, she was prepared to recommend it to anybody.

Rebecca confessed to being a little nervous as we embarked upon her first lesson, not having driven an automobile more than 20 kilometres in her life. An introduction to the instruments and

controls completed, we crept cautiously on to Lower Ganges Road as I silently recalled my own early driving experiences. A large tree on Blackburn Road still bears the scars of a long-ago encounter.

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Rebecca made a wide sweep on to the road as if to avoid a bicycle or some other object. We swept into the left-hand lane, as I tried in vain to spot the cyclist. The next minute we were hugging the shoulder — thankfully having returned to the safety of our own lane — as

Rebecca struggled to maintain a comfortable and large distance between herself and the centre line.

Sounding relaxed and confident in the skills of her pupil, Johnson provided the directions as Rebecca negotiated her way through the streets of Ganges and its environs, all the while offering instruction and advice. This was nothing new for Johnson, who has instructed more than 200 teenagers in the past two years, contributing a great deal to some of the island's traffic congestion but at the same time ensuring those additional drivers are well informed.

For many young drivers, their instruction is little more than a few

lessons with their parents, but that's all you need to pass the road test, Johnson says. But learning from her parents was one thing Rebecca was determined not to do. "I'd rather learn how to drive from a professional than learn my parents' mistakes," Rebecca explained when asked why she took the course. And her parents agreed it was the best choice, she said, pointing out that she learned things they didn't know, including how to make a left turn.

It was shortly after making such a turn that Rebecca took us into her confidence by revealing a family secret. Her mother, she said, hated left turns.

"That's one thing my mother will never do. She'll drive all over

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LICENSED: Young driver Rebecca Stratholt poses with driver examiner Archie Sanderson after pass-

ing her road test. Rebecca believes that driver training should be mandatory for all new drivers.

Tests, restrictions on new drivers planned in B.C.

New driver licensing requirements in Ontario, in which it will take as long as two years to obtain a licence to drive a car, are being examined by the British Columbia government as it prepares for reforms of its own.

Ontario's new graduated licensing system, which goes into effect next month, will significantly extend the period in which new drivers have restrictions placed upon them, and require that three tests be taken.

To obtain a level 1 driver's licence, drivers must pass a vision test and a written test of their knowledge of the rules of the road. Then they can drive a car, van or small truck for a period of 12 months (eight if they've taken approved driver training) under the following conditions:

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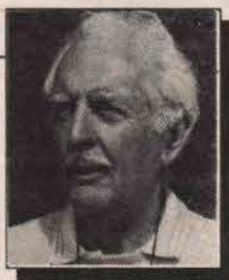
Drivers must pass a road test to proceed to level 2, which lasts another 12 months but whose restrictions are less. Level 2 drivers must not drink and drive and cannot carry more passengers than there are seatbelts. At the end of level 2, drivers must take one more road test to qualify for their driver's licence.

Ontario's scheme is "under consideration" in B.C., a transportation ministry spokesman told the Driftwood, but changes in licensing procedures will likely be part of a broader package.

Jeff Knight said "a comprehensive safety agenda is being looked at," and it will go before the cabinet before being released to the public.

to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



"You can have her, I don't want her: she's too fat for me!"

So ran the once-quite-popular song. But those days are ending.

A regulatory law under discussion here in Britain calls for a ban on lampooning the obese. Not being particularly obese myself, I can view it impersonally. And, impersonally, I don't much care. As a boy I was given to the common practice among boys to label the well-padded either "Fatty" or "Tubby." Some such nicknames followed the victim into adult life.

The use of such names and derivative comments on obesity is often offensive, but whether the answer is to legislate polite thoughtfulness is anyone's guess.

You can have her; I don't want her: she's too thin for me! Now that's different. You see, I'm kind of thin, myself.

The house divided

Each time I come to Britain I am suddenly aware of the impending collapse of the ruling Conservative party. Split down the middle, the party appears to number a fair body of supporters for a united Europe, unanimously spending a common currency, perhaps the "Ecu." A vocal and bitter minority opposes such a project and worships at a different political shrine from the majority group.

To pursue the religious parallel, the major group, appropriately, pays tribute to St. John Major, while the minority faction offers tribute and allegiance to St. Maggie Thatcher.

As a result of this division in Tory ranks, the minority faction seeks to bring its own government down, possibly under the odd impression that the left-wing Labour party will institute a government more in harmony with the rather heavily right-wing dissidents.

The answer is to be found in the Bible: the house divided cannot stand. The same answer will inevitably be repeated in the annals of a quarrelsome government.

And like most urgent matters in political life, the question of Europeanization is not a straight choice between concrete issues, but simply a matter of opinion. And, as a matter of fact, an entire party may well die for its opinions.

Ancient and modern

The very vocal Prince of Wales last week joined the international battle between the ancient philosophies, tried and true, and the fad-dish philosophy of political correctness.

Addressing the Newspaper Society, of 1,300 regional newspapers, he charged that political correctness is destroying the fabric of British society. He called on the ordinary people to resist intellectual fanaticism and to stand by well-tried principles.

Like so many of the prince's declarations, his views on the American-born dogma of political values have been vigorously supported and bitterly rejected. Broadly, the princely cautions have been happily endorsed by the traditionalists and flatly rejected by the radicals.

"The misnamed fashion for what people call political correctness amounts to testing everything, every aspect of life against a pre-determined, pre-ordained view and rejecting it if it does not measure up, so that people feel intimidated and brow-beaten, not daring to

stand up and disagree or voice a contrary opinion for fear of being considered old-fashioned or reactionary."

The values and qualities which had made Britain special, such as tolerance and good sense, were threatened, he warned.

For mine, I'll take Prince Charles' views against those of shallow radical politicians any day.

Like many another observer on the sidelines, I never admire the maverick prince more than on those occasions when he shares my own views.

As I have often suggested, political correctness is a new Big Brother casting a new Big Shadow on our freedoms and privileges. If we have any left!

It is May!

What's the weather like, ask my callers from the island. It's like May. It is the same unpredictable month that brings British

Columbia gardens into the growing season. Warm and bright one day, it may be just cold and miserable the next.

Right now it is mild with a sharp bite from the wind; the sun is shining from a sky that varies from blue to grey.

Biggest difference is the foliage and the birds that fill it. There is a far greater variety of trees and shrubs, with evergreens a comparative rarity here. The deciduous trees have all recovered their summer dress and the birds vie with each other in the search for breakfast on the lawn.

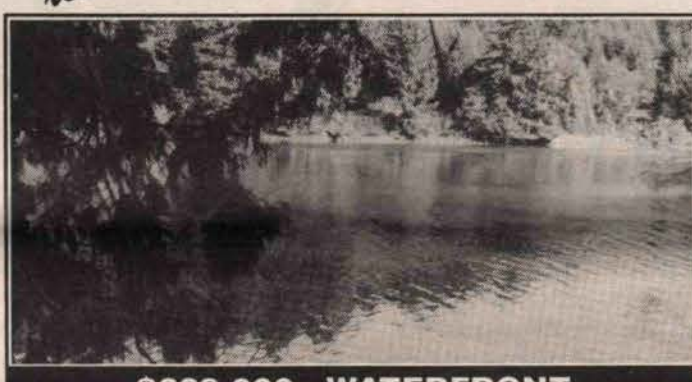
There are gulls and they show up in large numbers over the vast parklands of The Stray, Harrogate's dedicated public property of many acres.

Those gulls are probably deserters from the coast a few miles to the east. With neither crow nor gull to keep the bird population down, the variety of song birds is greater here than in my garden at home.

And I'm an expert. When my late wife announced a decade ago that we were counting birds at Christmas, I shrugged off so solemn a responsibility, explaining that I could scarcely distinguish between a canary and a crow unless one of them should sing. I still enjoy that ornithological skill.


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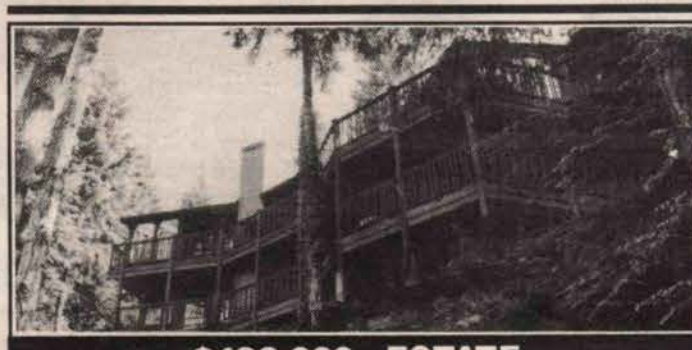
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- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am - 12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
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- SSI Weavers & Spinners, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
- Children Archery, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 3:30-5:00pm.
- Teen Archery, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7:00-9:00pm.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

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- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.

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Driver training should be mandatory

That's what one of Salt Spring's newest drivers has to say about changes to the licensing system in B.C. Rebecca Stratholt, a grade 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, recently completed driver training with Trans Islands Driving School and obtained her driver's licence.

"A lot of people I know haven't taken (driver training) and they are the scariest drivers I've ever seen."

But mandatory training isn't the only change Stratholt would like to see. She favours a longer period for the 30-day learner's licence. "One month is not enough."

She feels a four to six-month

period would be better. Stratholt also wonders if 16 is too young an age to begin driving. "I wanted to get my licence at 16, but my parents didn't think I was

ready. Now I don't think I was either. I think I would have crashed by now."

Sheila Johnson of Trans Islands agrees that the period of the learn-

er's permit is too short. She feels it should be six months, though it could be shortened for people who take a driver training course, she added.

"Thirty days doesn't give you anywhere near the experience you need."

She also said the system is too lax and the road test is too easy.

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the island to avoid making a left-hand turn."

She probably never makes shoulder checks either, where the driver looks back over the shoulder before making a turn. The practice is stressed among new drivers these days, and Johnson was quick to remind her student about it.

Having found no more Jeep Cherokees to hit (and having avoided Blackburn Road and its menacing, roadside trees), the lesson was over. And it wasn't until a month later that we were out together again, this time for the last in-car session before Rebecca's official road test later in the week.

There was not a lot of improvement to note because Rebecca had appeared quite competent behind the wheel to begin with. There was, however, a marked difference in self-confidence this time around. "I'm so nervous," were Rebecca's first words on lesson 1. Asked if she felt better on this final lesson, and she answered without hesitation: "Totally."

In fact, Rebecca felt so good about her driving that we quickly reached 60 kilometres an hour as we headed into town, 10 kilometres over the limit. Johnson warned it was "easy to become complacent" once you've mastered the skill of driving, and Rebecca quickly slowed to 50.

But most of Johnson's comments were congratulatory: she couldn't find enough glowing adjectives to describe Rebecca's shoulder checks.

There were only two serious challenges for Rebecca during this last session: peer pressure and parking. And she overcame both. Half a dozen times we encountered friends of Rebecca who would grin as we passed.

As one young man stood at the roadside with a playful grin on his face, Rebecca said under her breath, "Shut up, I don't need this right now." But Johnson quickly pointed out that the fellow's girlfriend had been one of her students.

As for parking, we made several attempts at backing into a spot in Grace Point, each of which was followed by a heavy sigh of frustration. On the last try, after lots of ongoing encouragement from Johnson, we found ourselves reasonably well parked.

We were "a tiny bit crooked," Rebecca noted, but she said it with a smile and a trace of pride in her voice.

As we drove out of the square and past Moutat's, a guy in a pickup truck leaned out his window as we drove by and went: "Beep, beep, beep."

But Rebecca ignored him and kept her concentration on the road. She had a driving test to pass.

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BOOTS TO BLANKETS: Boxes of almost everything filled the tables at the Salt Spring Firefighters Association garage sale April 30. Here volunteer Phyllis Jorgensen sorts through a box of bargains. Photo by Valorie Lennox

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*The hedges are all drowned in green grass
And bobbing poppies flare like Elmo's light
While siren like the pollen stained bees
Drone over the clover depths*

—Frances Ledwidge

It seems that the cold nights are coming to a close now, the soil is warming up, the weeds are shooting vigorously all over the place and the nest-building activities of our local bird population seem to be frenzied.

The activities in the garden now are intensive.

Hoing is a regular task as the seedlings flourish in the humid heat of the garden. Pests can be

prevalent also, particularly slugs.

The increasing foliage provides cool moist spots for them to hide in and varied menus which they can pick from.

Those of you who read my columns know that I become possessed at this time of year, with the ongoing battle against these voracious plant eaters and that I employ all of my creative energy finding new, more symbiotic methods of control.

I don't believe that killing pests is the answer in most cases. In fact I have noticed that the more we kill them, the more often they return.

I am basing my management on the discouragement and diversion

of them, either by making their environment more conducive to pest habitat (companion planting, sacrificial plant areas and encouraging a balance of pests and predators.) This along with routine vigilance seems to work for me and although I am not left entirely alone by pests, I seem to be less often visited than other people.

Some good plants that deter insects are: dill, anise, fennel, coriander, garlic, chives and onions. For deer: bloodmeal, fishmeal, bonemeal, dog hair and raw egg, sprayed in diluted form onto the foliage. All flowering plants, berries and trees will encourage birds that feed on grubs. Good, rich soil for worms is also necessary.

Most pests arrive when the foliage is lush and young, so check the undersides of the leaves for insects hatching out.

Root pests and soil-borne insects can be kept to a minimum by occasionally watering with mixtures of vinegar, lemon, garlic oil and hot pepper teas.

Bateman named SPCA Centennial chairman

Salt Spring artist Robert Bateman has been named honorary chairman of the 1995 centennial of the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

Theme of the SPCA centennial is "100 Years of Caring." The year-long celebration will feature special events and highlight the achievements made in

animal welfare over the last century.

Other centennial projects will include a poster contest for children, a travelling exhibit, and a major capital campaign to fund educational programs and new shelters.

The SPCA reports having helped more than 60,000 animals in B.C. last year.



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HOW DEEP DOES IT GO? Depth of planting is a fine art among agriculturists, made easier for these Fernwood School students by the fact that the pot is only three inches deep. At left, eight-year-old Candace Deschamps, left, and six-year-old Sara Mackay were planting pumpkin seeds recently to prepare for the new Fall Fair giant pumpkin contest for kids. At far left, nine-year-old Dylan Webb, left, shows five-year-old Jordan Borth how to plant the seeds. The students were at work in their spacious new greenhouse behind the school.

Photos by Graeme Thompson

Fernwood's new greenhouse gives students jump on season

The growing season started earlier than usual this year at Fernwood School.

Marigolds, snapdragons and geraniums are already well on their way to flowering at the new greenhouse behind the school. Small pots, carefully and individually labelled, line several shelves on one side of the structure while large bags of peat moss, potting soil and bins for water line the other.

The idea for the greenhouse came about in the spring of 1989, Fernwood teacher Pat Gordon explained. Serious fundraising

began in September 1992 for a 10-foot by 30-foot structure on a cement base with an aluminum frame and hard plastic panes. A constant temperature is kept by thermostats and vents.

Of the \$20,000 which was needed for the project, nearly \$8,500 was raised on the island — \$3,350 from island organizations and businesses, \$1,000 from the Capital Regional District and \$4,094 by the school itself through bake sales, the greenhouse fair, plant sales and telephone book collection. Almost \$13,000 was given by off-island organizations, including \$6,000

from the Vancouver Foundation.

"Our conception is to have a full-fledged curriculum using the greenhouse," Gordon said, and involving local gardeners. The children may even raise some money for other projects by selling plants they raise in the greenhouse. The flowers will be used to beautify the school grounds and plants like lettuce, basil and parsley will be put to more culinary use.


Although students have been using the facility for nearly five weeks now, the greenhouse will not be officially opened until June 3, Fernwood Fun Day.

Capers sings

There will be lots of music for the June 25 and 26 Sea Capers this year, spokesman Ken Strike reports.

Sea Capers parade marshal Peggy Curry has received confirmation that both the Duncan Legion Pipe Band and the Gizeh Temple Shrine Band from Victoria will be present for the annual event. Registration forms for the parade will soon be available at the Bank of Montreal and Bank of Commerce.

Meanwhile, the Sunday concert at Drummond Park was so successful last year that coordinator Terra Tepper is having difficulty accommodating all the groups that wish to participate, Strike said. Sunday morning will once again see the Salvation Army Band at Drummond Park for a prayer service, followed by a musical presentation. Sea Capers buttons will go on sale June 1 for one dollar each at various outlets.



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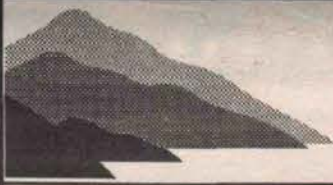
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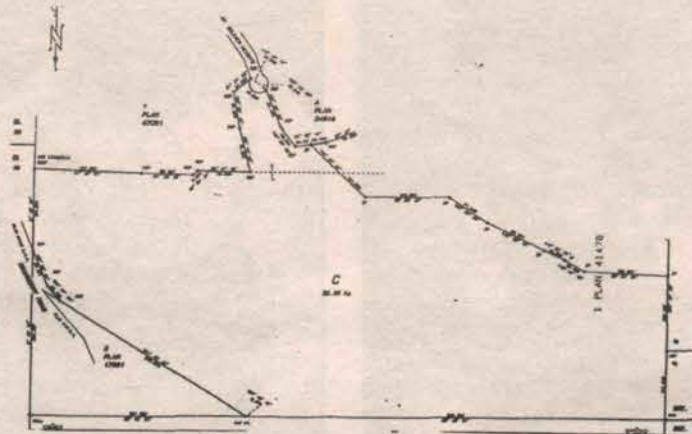
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Dinner refund serves education

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Contributor

How often, in these days of computers and cash registers that figure out the change, does anyone get a refund? Not often — but we did. And when you get that lovely refund, what do you do with it? Do you toss it away with little to show for it but a happy feeling? We did that too.

It happened at the provincial annual meeting of the IODE at Cowichan Bay. To get there, we five rose early — we are all retired — to walk our dogs, gobble our breakfasts and catch the eight o'clock ferry to Vesuvius. Our leader, regent Ena Patrick, had gone a day earlier, taking our treasures with her so that they could be put up for all to admire. (We hoped.)

The treasures were three. One volume of our four-volume scrap book, a record in newspaper and magazine clippings as well as many snapshots taken of people and events and kept in good order and up-to-date by Roma Aston. The second was a menu of an early meal at the old and almost forgotten Harbour House. This menu, which had been framed and hung as one of the old-time displays in the hall at Mouat's, was borrowed back for the occasion.

The third was the advertisement for an IODE sale of home cooking, to be held on the wharf at Ganges at "boat time" to raise money to buy wool and flannellette with which IODE ladies would knit socks and sew nightshirts for World War I soldiers. The poster, almost 80 years old, had been made by a well-known but amateur local artist who decorated it with pictures of the people who would be at the sale.

It had been treasured by Mrs. G.B. Young, who was well over 100 at her death. Her son Garnet sent it to Joyce Parsons when she was regent of HMS Ganges chapter to take to the IODE. It also is cared for and displayed at Mouat's.

It was because the Ganges chapter is 80 years old this year (one of two in B.C.) that it was honoured by being asked to bring its treasures. It was also asked to have one of its members say grace at dinner. This writer was given that privilege. (Recently she received an exquisitely written note of thanks from the provincial president of IODE, Mrs. Moira Murdoch. That may go into the scrapbook.)

To come back to our refund. A month before the annual meeting, people who hoped to attend sent to Duncan Dogwood money to pay for lunch and dinner. Duncan

Dogwood passed the money on to hotel and caterers.

At noon, the unusual event happened. When guests sat down, some had two thoughts: "Isn't everything attractive?" and "Ten dollars for three sandwiches, coffee and perhaps dessert!" The sandwiches were good, one egg, one salmon and one ham, all tasty but small. Before dessert was served (there was dessert) an announcement was made.

The group who catered for lunch felt that the charge was too high. They offered a \$3 refund. A gasp. Stunned silence. Then a bright IODE member rose to her feet.

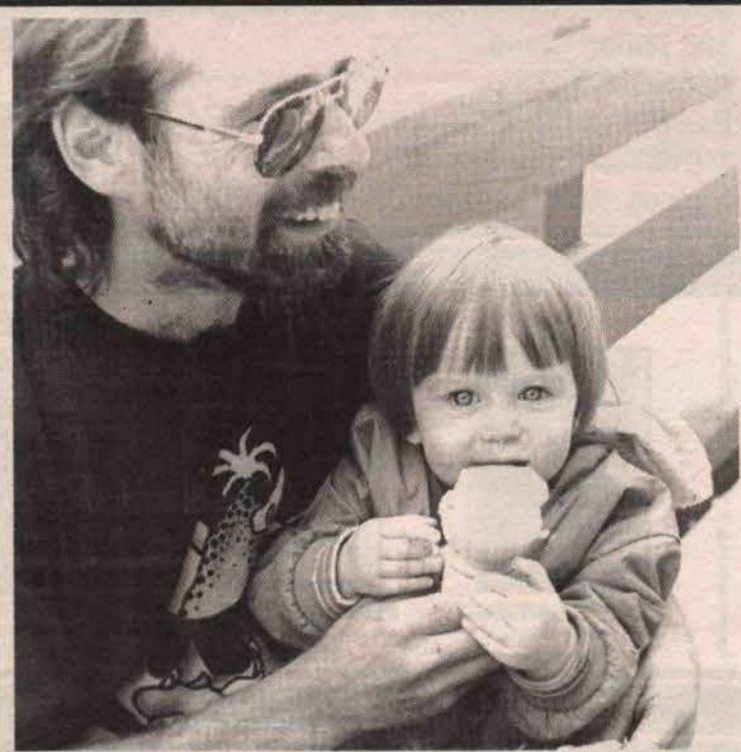
"I move that we give the refund to the new University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George. Someone called, 'I second it.' All in favour? Passed.

Delegates from Ganges caught the 10 o'clock ferry home, having enjoyed the day even though it was long.

They had learned a lot. They had been reminded that IODE does good work. They realized that IODE members in all the other parts of Canada accomplished similar results.

They returned to share what they had learned with other members.

"If it's going to be, it's up to me!" IODE is a service club.



DAD'S TREAT: With eyes as big as his stomach, Rhys Hardy goes to work on an ice cream during a warm day in Ganges recently, a treat from father Russell.

Photo by Tony Richards

Legion dollars enhance community, lotteries and meat draws help many

A long list of organizations benefited from donations by the Legion branch in 1993. Donations totalling \$25,925 were made during the year, funded by the branch's lotteries and meat draws.

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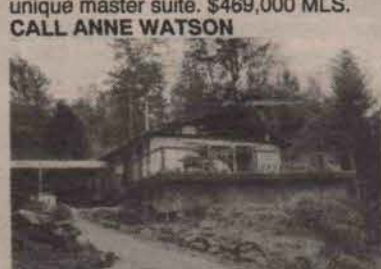
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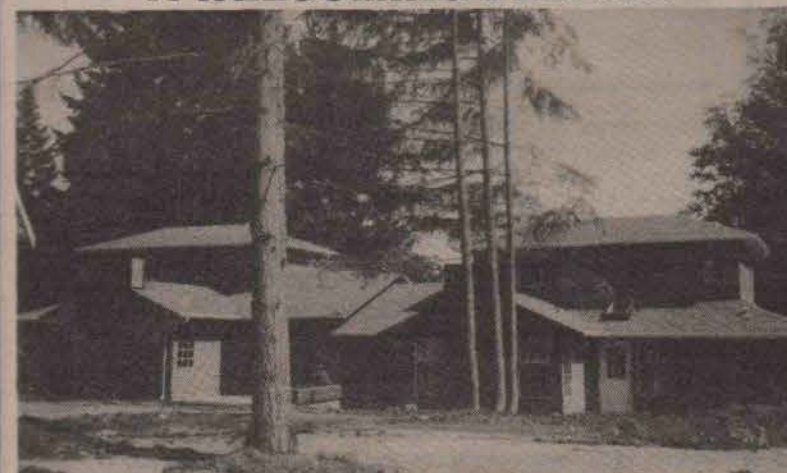


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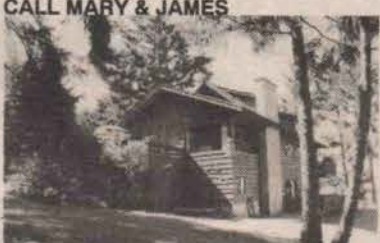
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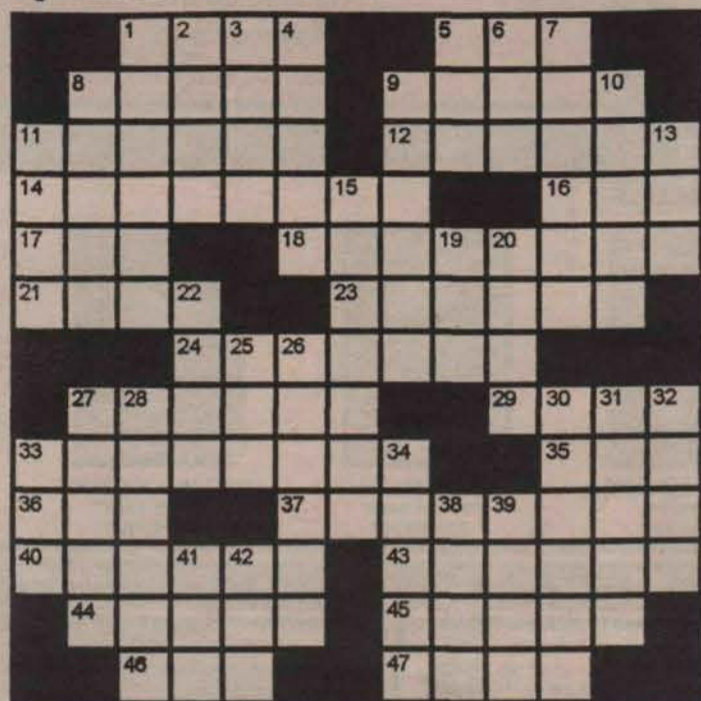


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Play, pets featured for seniors

Two special events are coming up at Seniors for Seniors in Ganges.

Readers' Theatre will entertain seniors next Wednesday with the reading of *The Road to Mecca*, written by South African playwright Athol Fugard. Margaret Howell, Jane Phillips and David Spencer will star in the reading, which begins at 2 p.m.

Veterinarian Derrick Milton will present a talk on pets May 25, with special reference to their value for seniors. His talk begins at 2 p.m.

More such events are being planned by the seniors organization, along with a strawberry tea and a western barbecue. Spokeswoman Joan Milton says more information will be forthcoming soon, but in the meantime, she added: "Get out those cowboy hats."

A new seniors choir has formed at Seniors for Seniors, meeting every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. More singers are welcome to join, Milton said.

4-H seeks new leader

A new district A leader is being sought by the Salt Spring 4-H Club.

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SAFE: Patterson's first baseman Bill Boyd makes the catch as teammate Pat Akerman runs in to cover but the runner made it safely back to first base. Patterson's were playing Eddie's Juniors Sunday at Fulford in their second game of the season. The local team won 12-5.

Photo by Tony Richards

Home game first in seven years for Babe Ruth baseball players

The "first real home game" in seven years for Babe Ruth baseball players saw the home team beat Chemainus 7-5 last Wednesday.

Island Savings picked up the win on a newly-refinished ball diamond at Portlock Park in Prep Babe Ruth play.

Winning pitcher was Chris Urquhart while batters Brian Kerr and Jared Hazenboom both hit triples for Salt Spring. The team went on to win two games of a doubleheader Saturday against Lake Cowichan.

Oscar Venter was the winning pitcher in game 1, in which Salt Spring edged Chemainus 6-5. Venter pitched three strike-outs in the game.

Kyle Herman was winning pitcher in game 2, which Salt Spring won 8-3. Coach Roy Kinnear reports that Chris Urquhart was strong at the plate, going three for three.

Strong fielding by Thomas Brainerd took two base hits away from Chemainus for the third out each time, with runners on base both times.

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May 16:
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PREP LITTLE LEAGUE:
All games at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at SS Elementary.

May 12:
Rainsford vs. Investors

May 17:
Investors vs. NRS Realty

9/10 LITTLE LEAGUE BOYS:
All games at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Hydro and Little League.

May 11:
Dashers vs. Trans Islands Driving School
McColl's Shell vs Calypso Carpet

May 16:
Trans Islands Driving School vs. McColl's Shell

Calypso Carpet vs. Dashers
11/12 LITTLE LEAGUE BOYS:
All games at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Little League.

May 12:
Pattersons vs GVM

May 17:
McCully Moving vs. GVM

9/12 GIRLS SOFTBALL:
All games 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at Hydro.

May 12:
Driftwood vs. Rainbow Rentals

May 13:
Rainbow Rentals vs. Flowers & Wine

May 17:
Rainbow Rentals vs. Driftwood

PREP BABE RUTH:
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May 11:
Chemainus vs. Island Savings Credit Union, 6 p.m.

May 15:
Duncan vs. Island Savings Credit Union, 9 a.m.

May 16:
Chemainus vs. Island Savings Credit Union, 6 p.m.

JUNIOR BABE RUTH:
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May 15:
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May 18:
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scoreboard

May 2:
Trans Islands Driving School 8, Dashers 6

May 3:
McColl's Shell 8, Calypso Carpet 6

May 3:
Rainbow Rentals 15, Driftwood 9

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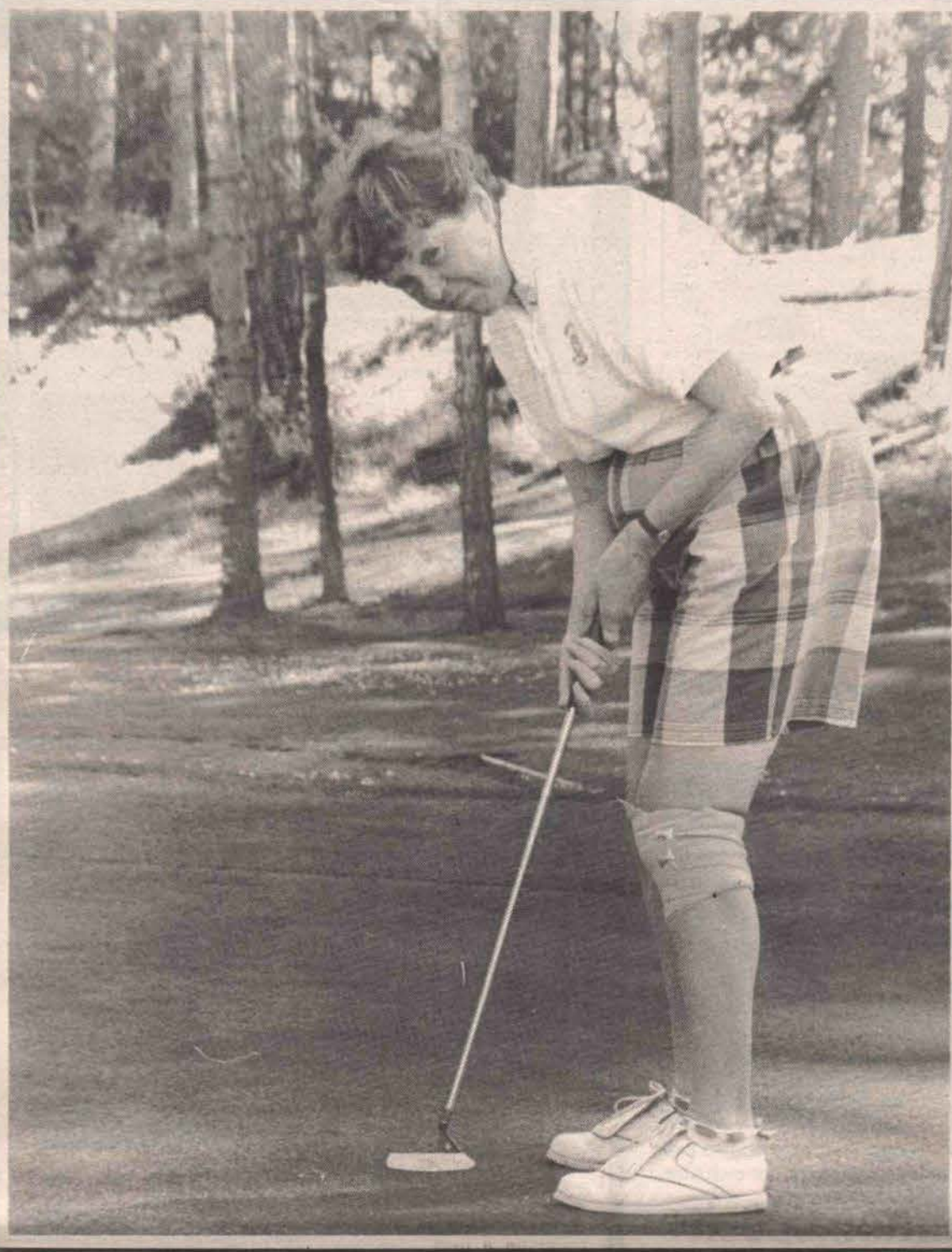
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ON THE GREEN: Jill Wheaton, left, of the Salt Spring Golf Club prepares to putt on no. 1 during last week's ladies' invitational tournament. Above, Gina Quijano of Salt Spring has an audience consisting of Rita Colwell, left, of Victoria and Melanie Iverson of Salt Spring. Jean Smith of Gorge Vale was low gross winner of the two-day event with 170, to capture the Salt Spring Insurance trophy. The Islands Savings trophy for low net went to Zabeida Philp of Uplands with a score of 145. Sixty-four golfers from 16 courses on Vancouver Island played in the tournament, along with 15 from Salt Spring.

Photos by Tony Richards

From the Salt Spring Golf Club

The ladies of the 18-hole division played the second half of their eclectic tournament. Forty-eight ladies competed and 37 entered the Dorothy Olive Franklin Memorial competition (a provincial tournament to assist junior golfers).

The winners of the two-day event were Janet Butler and Grace Murchie, each finishing with net 64. The winners for the day were: low gross, Irene Hawksworth (93); low net, a tie between Grace Murchie, Mona Coulter and Eileen Botham, all net 73. Lois Johnson had low net

golf tees

differential for the Franklin Memorial and the putt pot went to Melanie Iverson with 26 putts.

On April 28 a group of 16 hopeful golfers from Gabriola Golf Club came to challenge the Salt Spring men in the first inter-club competition of the season. The very popular result of this game had Salt Spring winning by 737 points to 699.

Gundy McLeod was the low gross winner with 79, Michael

Wheaton runner-up with 84. Don MacDonnell was low net with 68 and Gary Coulter runner-up with 69.

Last Wednesday 14 lady golfers of the nine-hole division braved the rain and still had a good game. Becky Armstrong came in with low gross; Jean Haines and Marg Lee tied for low net. With a hot putter, Kay Mowbray was the putt pot winner.

Next Wednesday play is for the Frattinger Cup and there will be a \$10 Ganges Village Market gift certificate for the drive closest to the hole on number 2.

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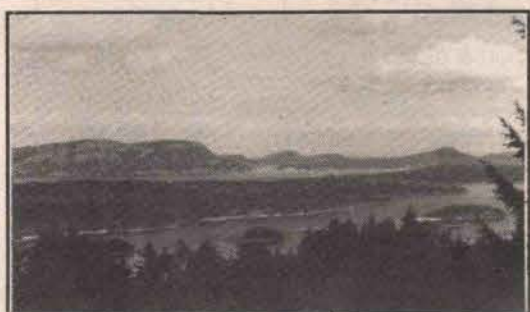
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World Cup play on Salt Spring for long weekend

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

May has arrived on Salt Spring and for all male soccer players that means one thing and one thing only — the Salt Spring Challenge Cup to be played on the Victoria Day weekend.

Yes, that time has arrived when droves of fanatical soccer players, and their entourages, will flock to Salt Spring for the opportunity to compete in one of B.C.'s fastest growing tournaments.

This year it will grow to 20 teams in three divisions: 10 in the open men's division; six in the old geezers division (which includes your very own Salt Spring Old Windbags); and four

in the women's division.

There will be some very interesting new entries this season as the open division not only includes Salt Spring FC but also the division 1 youth team, the Kicks. Also, the addition of the women's section should create some interest for those who prefer the women's game to the more physical style of the men.

Another interesting addition this year is bringing back the history of Salt Spring soccer with the naming of all our trophies after Salt Spring soccer legends, such as Eric Springford, Ed Lumley, Harry Nichols, Basil Cartwright and Pete Roland.

Who knows, one day some of

today's players could have trophies named after them. For example, Corbin Scott would look good as the Corbutts Cup, or what about Doug Pearson as the Codger Cup?

Of course, the weekend will not only be highlighted by great soccer action but the Lions will offer food at both field sites (Ganges and Portlock) and have something to wash those burgers down at the Ganges school field.

Bob Hope, our head referee, will return from Victoria with his merry group of "men in tights" to officiate once again and allow all our teams to use them as their scapegoat when they lose.

We will also hold a Saturday

night dance at the Farmers' Institute, starting at 9 p.m. on May 21. Tickets are available from all FC players, or call Justin Scott, 537-4360.

On Sunday night the teams takeover Harbour House Hotel for a smorgasbord, music, drink and fun.

Most of all they will be celebrating that they can still walk after four games and some hope they will be able to survive Monday's games.

Monday will feature the finals,

all at the Ganges school site (women's, 11:10 a.m.; over 30, 12:20 p.m.; open, 1:30 p.m.) followed by presentations at 2:45 p.m.

There will be 48 games in total, and a lot of strong competition.

It is a chance to see Salt Spring Island's version of the World Cup — why even a longshot like the Old Boys could win, and for May, when their thoughts are elsewhere, that would be amazing.

Annual awards banquet marks end of bowling season for Golden Agers

Salt Spring Golden Age Bowlers' Club held its annual awards banquet last Wednesday at Waterside Bistro.

Club president Flo Kavanagh presented achievement awards to the following teams and individual bowlers: first place, Angels; second place, Yo-Yos; third place, Do-Gooders. High average: Bill Frontin, 183; Margaret Baker, 184. High single: Michael Elrington, 333; June Webb, 303. High triple: Gene Graham, 753; Edie Gear, 690. Club bowler of the year was Helmut Losch, and other bowlers so honoured were E.J. (Cy) Sloan, and Beth Robinson. Door prizes were won

by Jim Southern, Gordon Parsons and Jack Godwin.

The Golden Agers is organized into three leagues, coordinated by Audrey Illingworth on Tuesday morning, Flo Kavanagh on Tuesday afternoon, and Anne Isbister on Friday afternoon. Achievement awards were presented by coordinators to bowlers who had bowled 100 pins over average. This special recognition was earned by Isabelle Richardson, Mike Elrington, Helmut Losch, Dick Illingworth, June Webb, Murray Anderson, Ed Allan, Edie Gear, Gene Graham and Ken Robinson.

During the 93-94 season,

bowlers participated in two tournaments. In December, they joined the peewee bowlers of Salt Spring, making up teams with two peewees and one senior. In April, Golden Age bowlers bowled home-and-home games with Chemainus Golden Agers. As it turned out, Chemainus won at home and Salt Spring won at home, so everyone was happy.

The club will hold its annual meeting August 10 at 2:30 p.m., at Central Hall, with regular season play to start in the first week of September. All bowlers, or those who want to be bowlers, 55 years of age and older are welcome to join.

Stamps now required for all salmon species

Sports fishermen are now required to purchase a salmon conservation stamp when fishing for all salmon species.

In the past, stamps were only required for those fishing for chinook.

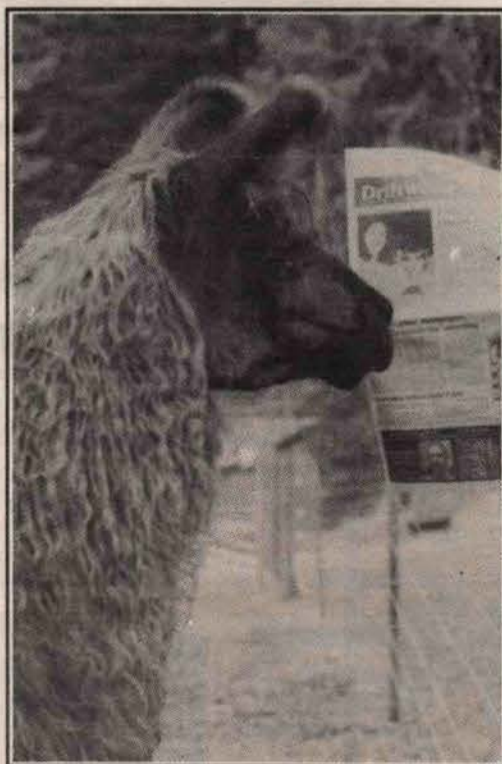
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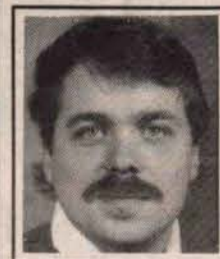


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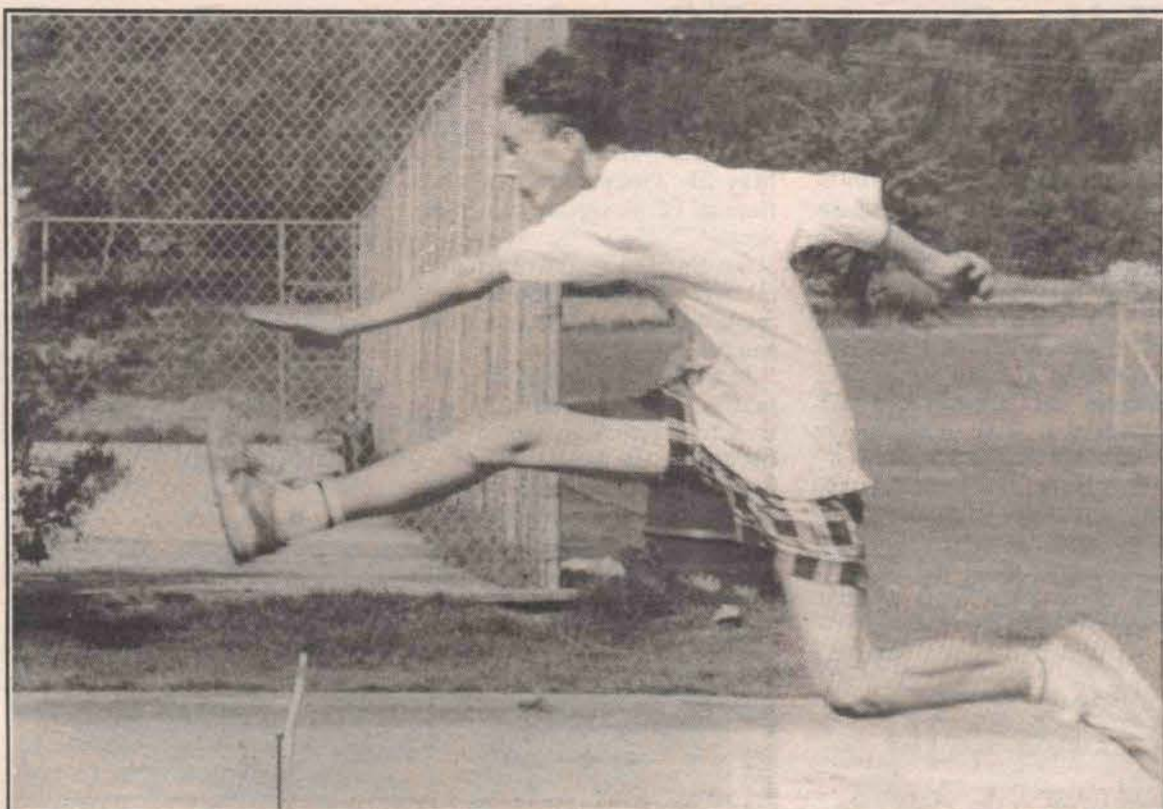
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IN THE FAST LANE: Salt Spring's fast lane — and accompanying hurdles — are to be found at Portlock Park when Track and Field Club members like Daniel Bennett are out training. Local athletes are currently competing in the Vancouver Island series of track meets.

Photo by Tony Richards

Salt Spring athletes awarded more medals at Victoria meet

Twenty-five athletes travelled to the updated Commonwealth Stadium at the University of Victoria on the weekend for the annual Dogwood meet hosted by the Victoria Track and Field Club.

There must have been some inspiration from the fact that in August the world's best athletes would also be running, jumping and throwing here because of the 122 events that the local athletes contested the statistics are very impressive, reports spokesman Richard Bennett.

Eleven gold medals, 12 silver medals, 14 bronze medals, 41 ribbons for top eight finishes, and 75 personal bests were earned by Salt Spring competitors.

In addition to the awards from the meet this was the third of eight events in the Vancouver Island Series and all competitors are win-

ning points for end-of-season awards.

The local athletes and their best events are listed here:

Jordan Morrison, '86 boys, 800 metres, 3.22.7 min./sec.; Jeremy Morrison, '84 boys, 1,500 metres, 5.31.2 min./sec.; Chris Faire, '83 boys, 200 metres, 33.9 secs.; Forrest Parlee, '83 boys, 100 metres, 17.1 secs.; Tyler Laitinen, '83 boys, 200 metres, 32.4 secs.; Daniel Bennett, '79 boys, 300 metre hurdles, 47.6 secs.; Adrian Hingston, '79 boys, 4 kg shot, 11.17 metres; Dave Fiander, '78 boys, javelin, 37.58 metres; Jeff Brownsword, '78 boys, javelin, 32.82 metres.

Melanie Moore, '85 girls, 200 metres, 39.1 secs.; Caitlin Wilson, '85 girls, 200 metres, 35.8 secs.; Kelly Kerr, '85 girls, 200 metres, 33.1 secs.; Kecia Laitinen, '84

girls, 200 metres, 34.6 secs.; Tanya Taylor-Kuiper, '84 girls, 200 metres, 31.6 secs.; Rachelle Herman, '83 girls, 200 metres, 34.0 secs.; Julia James, '82 girls, 800 metres, 2.45.9 min./sec.; Jenny Kerr, '82 girls, 200 metres, 33.3 secs.; Leah Martin, '82 girls, 80 metre hurdles, 14.9 sec.; Joelle Morrison, '82 girls, high jump, 1.30 metres.

Stephanie Collette, '81 girls, 200 metre hurdles, 33.9 secs.; Sheila Stacey, '81 girls, high jump, 1.20 metres; Jenny James, '79 girls, 400 metres, 63.0 secs.; Chantelle Huth, '79 girls, discus, 26.33 metres; Jana Folstad, '79 girls, 6 lb. shot, 8.19 metres; Cara Herman, '78 girls, 200 metres, 27.9 secs.

The next meet is on Sunday at Parklands School near Sidney, leaving on the 9:30 ferry for an 11 a.m. start.



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Garden club raises \$1,600

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Featured at the Garden Club's spring plant sale at the South Hall on May 1 were bedding plants, annuals and perennials of every kind, vegetable seedlings, herbs and house plants. Outdoors there was bagged seaweed and manure for sale as well. Twig baskets, bird houses and feeders made in a series of workshops earlier this spring sold well, as did the hanging moss baskets made at an outdoor session at the North Hall. The latter workshop was organized by Aini Haksi and Dorothy Ross.

The sale, set to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., was pretty well over by noon. Tables quickly emptied of produce. A very special "cream tea," served at linen-covered tables at the side of the hall, was enjoyed by many. Close to \$1,600 was realized, giving a comfortable boost to the club's normally meagre resources.

A lot of folk, both in and out of the club, worked to make the day a success. Notable contributions were made by non-members Jim Peerless, whose tomato plants sold out in minutes, and Mrs. Andree Connell, who offered a large selection of plants remarkable in their variety, all excellently tagged.

Trees and shrubs featured

Bev MacWatt of Island Specialty Nursery at Chemainus was the featured speaker at the April meeting of the Garden Club.

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Mrs. MacWatt came to the meeting with a truck full of trees, shrubs, vines and garden perennials. On two large tables in the centre of the hall were to be seen a wide selection of generally hardy and often unusual items — lacy Japanese maples of many colours and configurations, a weeping larch, perennial nasturtiums, sweet smelling daphnes and viburnums and decorative dwarf pines.

Practical ideas and growing hints for each plant were given by MacWatt, who with her husband moved from Salt Spring to Chemainus about four years ago to establish their nursery. Galiano Garden Club members were able to add many new plants to their garden collections through purchase at the close of the meeting.

The meeting was well attended and club members welcomed several new arrivals to the island as well as some out-of-town guests. Membership now totals 71.

More improvements

The South Hall, at 68 years, is getting better and better all the time. The Galiano Club executive, managing its renewal, recently installed new electric baseboard heaters, no longer depending on the electric ceiling system which tended to "toast bald pates" at lengthy meetings.

The hall's latest improvements,

however, are outside rather than inside and very noticeable. Project organizer Gordie Palmberg, with Elizabeth Steward to help, have over the winter months ridden the parking area of a pile of stumps and roots. This has made possible the landscaping just recently completed.

Now the newly created septic field is green with grass, the parking area coated with gravel and the berm along the lower edge of the property planted with trees and shrubs — all donated by Gerhard Rehm, the fellow who recently offered such items for sale at a location on Castlewood Drive.

Concert for Bodega Ridge

Also held at the South Hall, on May 1, was a concert by the woodwind players from the Vancouver Chamber Orchestra. This supper time concert held as a Bodega Ridge benefit, was attended by about 60 people.

An enjoyable program featuring two quintets, one by Rimsky-Korsakov and a second by Carl Neilson, was followed by a Trio Sonata by Telemann and Beethoven's Quintet, Opus 16.

Players were Jim DeFina (clarinet), Victoria Gray (oboe), Jacqueline Martinuk (bassoon), Rory O'Donnell (flute), Arnold Satanove (French horn) and Dietmar Schmucker (piano). The Galiano performance was a part of a Gulf Islands Concert Tour made by the players.

Barbecue work bee planned Sunday

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

A woodcutting work bee has been called for Sunday at 10 a.m. to gather wood for the Canada Day Lamb Barbecue. Workers should meet at Gaines' sign at the top of the Missing Link. Bring work gloves, axes, and chainsaws. If you can cut, chop, or stack wood your help would be appreciated. This job should be accomplished quite quickly with a good turnout.

The quarterly hall maintenance and clean-up day was held Saturday. Workers made improvements to help bring the hall up to acceptable fire safety and health standards.

The Women's Club took an inventory of the hall's furnishings, kitchenware, and equipment to assess the Community Club's future needs. The cleaning crew swabbed the whole building inside and out. Although this work bee was not well attended those who did come are congratulated for a stupendous effort.

The Lions flipped for Mother's Day again this year. The annual pancake breakfast was a great suc-

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cess. There was a good turnout and every mother received a potted geranium. Bob and Taimi Hindmarch came back to visit old friends and joined many of their neighbours for breakfast at the hall. It was an enjoyable occasion and all to support a worthy cause.

Seventeen-thousand chum salmon fry were released into Lyall Creek Friday. The fish were raised in a tank beside the creek as part of the salmonid enhancement program. Bill Douglass, Rick Jones, and Harry Brown cared for eggs provided by the Department of Fisheries. One hundred and seventy fish are expected to survive and return in four years. This is the third year since the project was first undertaken to restock Lyall Creek.

The elementary students went to the creek to help release the fish. They carried the fry in baggies and buckets and let them swim free. Several members of the communi-

ty came along to observe and to help. Two hundred eggs which have been hatched in the classroom tank are due to be released in about two weeks.

Sam and Marg Nelson took the first two prizes in last month's Lions crib tournament. They were followed by Jack Vincent in third place. The next tournament will be held May 28. Everyone is welcome to come out and support Timmy's Telethon at these family card nights.

The turnout for the Oystercatchers, Saturna's baseball team, has been beyond expectations. In other years the team has gone begging for enough players to make a team but last Wednesday 24 would-be players turned out.

In order to avoid disappointing anyone, Rick Jones, team organizer, is hoping to arrange a game with Pender Island for players from 13 to 17 years old.

The whole team was pleased that so many younger people wanted to play and applauded their spirit. It is hoped that this new team will continue to function throughout the season.

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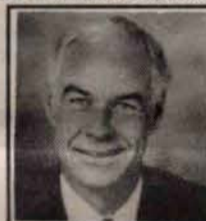
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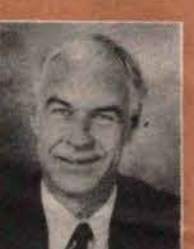
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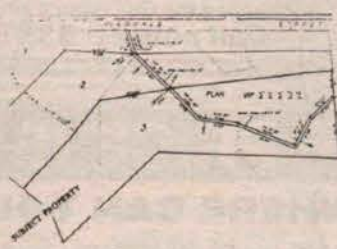
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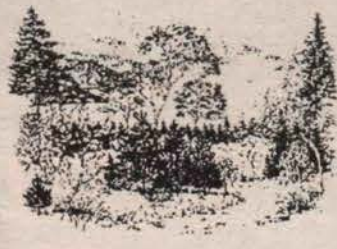
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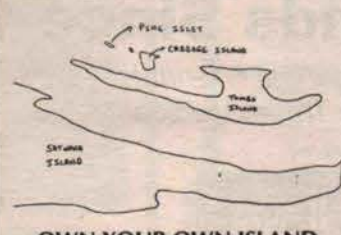


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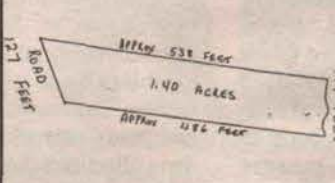


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