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Weather

Clouds (Thurs.), a bit of sun (Wed. Fri. Sat.) and some rain (Wed. Thurs.) are in the forecast for the coming week. Highs to 16 C on Wed; lows to 5 C on Thurs.

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RAINY DAY COLOUR: Salt Spring Elementary School students, from left, Kristen Viberg, Rebecca Steel and Zoe Savage, bring out a colourful umbrella to brighten up the day last Tuesday at lunch-time.

Photo by Detrick Lundy

New reps ready to take charge

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Expressions of surprise and excitement, followed by a "let's get down to business" attitude emerged from election day analysis following Saturday's local government elections on Salt Spring.

David Borrowman, trustee since 1996 and a member of the four-person Trust executive committee, was voted out of office following a campaign where he was widely criticized by farming and

vacation-home rental interests.

Voters took full advantage of the unprecedented room to choose on the Trust ballot, giving more than passing support to all candidates and strong endorsement of the two winners.

Kimberly Lineger topped the Salt Spring Trust polls with 1,045 votes, with Eric Booth in second spot with 985.

"I thought it was going to be David Borrowman and I," admitted Lineger. "I didn't

think the community was up for that much change."

Her own impressive vote total was also "quite a surprise," she said. "I was expecting maybe 10 votes between myself and the one behind me."

Booth was also "pleasantly surprised" by the outcome and his estimation that 40 per cent of voters thought his running for both positions was a good idea.

"I think the island has definitely asked for a different

direction, and I'm really excited," he said. "Excited, interesting and challenging are the words I'll be using over the next while."

Lineger and Booth planned to meet as soon as possible.

Booth thought that Lineger, CRD winner Gary Holman and himself would make a "good combination. I think the three of us will work together really well."

Lineger said she needed to reorganize her life in the next two weeks to take on the new

Trust responsibilities.

"It's a lot to take in," said Lineger, adding that the way in which her and Booth's individual priorities and platforms will unfold remains to be seen.

She said she'd like their overall approach to be "solution-oriented so that the first thing out of the trustees' mouths isn't 'no.'"

Booth said he ran on "strongly representing Salt

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Who has survived?

The Driftwood's eight-week Survivor competition, which pitted north Salt Spring people against south Salt Springers winds up with a winner this week.

For all the latest information on Survivor, turn to pages A12-A13.

Newcomers win majority of seats

Salt Spring Islanders opted for political change on Saturday, with four of six available local government and school board seats captured by newcomers.

Voters stopped short of the dramatic, however, by not electing "Booth for both" Islands Trust and regional director positions, a proposition that inspired some heated discussion during the campaign.

Kimberly Lineger topped the Trust race polls with 1,047 votes, followed by Eric Booth at 985.

Two-term incumbent David Borrowman landed in fifth place (662 votes), in a cluster with Ellie Thorburn (677) and Sheri Nielson (669).

The rest of the longest-ever Salt Spring Trust slate finished as follows: Tom Pickett, 515 votes; Dietrich Luth,

478; Dean Crouse, 284; and Paul Marcano (215).

In the Capital Regional District (CRD) director's race, Gary Holman outdistanced Booth by 503 votes (1,542 to 1,039), and Doug Rajala earned 295.

Salt Spring's school board race saw challenger Michelle (Mike) Krayenhoff

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oust current board vice-chair Garth Hendren, with incumbents Charles Hingston and Judith Boel maintaining their seats.

Vote tallies were Hingston, 1,815; Boel, 1,790; Krayenhoff, 1,555; Hendren, 1,254; Vaughan Walters, 483.

Pender Islanders were the only others in School District #64 asked for input. Incumbent trustee Russ Searle beat Joan Harper by a 461 to 244 vote margin.

Mayne Island's May McKenzie, Susanne Middleditch from Saturna and Bonnie MacGillivray of Galiano Island were elected by acclamation.

Salt Spring voters may have felt challenged by the number of candidates to choose from in the Trust race, or unusual considerations like whether to vote for the same person on two different ballots, but election day ballot counters deserved special sympathy.

Dealing with nine names in one contest, and a school board ballot with two similar-sounding names — Hendren and Hingston — made a hellish time for vote-counters, who were kept busy until 1 a.m., and then still had cleanup duties to complete.

Returning officer Carole Gear explained the process: "You have a spreadsheet out in front of you and you have to tally every 25 ballots that are called, and it was a nightmare. When you are doing it manually like that it is difficult and time-consuming and you have to go slow and careful so as not to make a mistake."

An automatic ballot counter would obviously make things easier, but Gear said the cost is a prohibitive \$4,000 per polling station.

Turnout percentage figures were not yet available from chief election officer Tom Moore, but a quick comparison of votes cast in the simpler CRD races indicates a drop from this year to 1999 (2,876 versus 3,127).

"I'm still reconciling things," Moore said Tuesday morning, adding that the complexity of the Salt Spring ballots and lack of an accurate



Charles Hingston



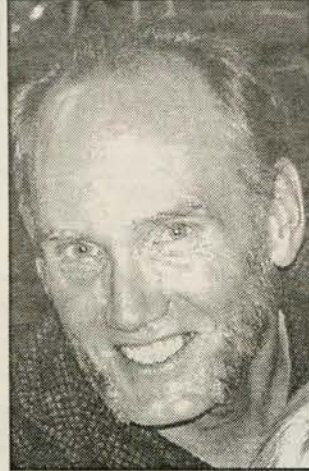
Mike Krayenhoff



Judith Boel



Kimberly Liniger



Eric Booth



Gary Holman

voters list makes it difficult to nail down the turn-out percentage.

Borrowman was one of four Trust incumbents who failed to regain seats at the Trust Council table.

The 26-member council will be equally split by new and returning trustees.

Trust races in the southern Gulf Islands ended as follows: Incumbent Rosemary Bennett held her seat on Mayne, and will be joined by Jeanine Dodds.

Tom Johnstone of Saturna earned his second term, and will be joined by newcomer Brian Hollingshead. Sheila Anderson and Louise Decario emerged on top out of four on Galiano.

Em Round and Wayne Wright of North Pender were elected by acclamation, as were John Henshaw and Alma Lightbody on South Pender.

The southern Gulf Islands regional director campaign ended with challenger Richard Tamboline of Mayne Island defeating incumbent Richard Dalon by 583 votes — 1,397 to 814.

Trustees and regional directors will be officially sworn in on December 4.

FOR THE RECORD

Name of a letter writer in last week's issue was missing from page 9. Mike Bauer wrote the letter titled "Most opposed."

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ELECTION REVIEW

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Spring's interests and trying to really be aware of what this community wants and to find ways for this community to really have a voice."

Holman was obviously pleased with his election and eager to have a meeting with Lineger and Booth.

Although elected to the CRD board, Holman is known for his work as the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission chair and a strong supporter of the current community plan and land use bylaw (LUB).

He cautioned against the new trustees initiating radical changes to the OCP and LUB, which he called "living documents" that went through extensive community processes, he said.

"I just hope that we build on them and we don't go back to square one... Let's renovate the house, not tear it down."

He also said improving the present relationship between the local Trust and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), was something that required immediate attention.

Kellie Booth, the regional director who declined to run again but had agreed to be Booth's alternate if he was elected to the CRD, said the election result indicated voters "obviously wanted a change at the Trust."

Regarding her term's completion, she said she was pleased with what she's been able to accomplish in the last six years with the help of volunteers who were passionate about their community.

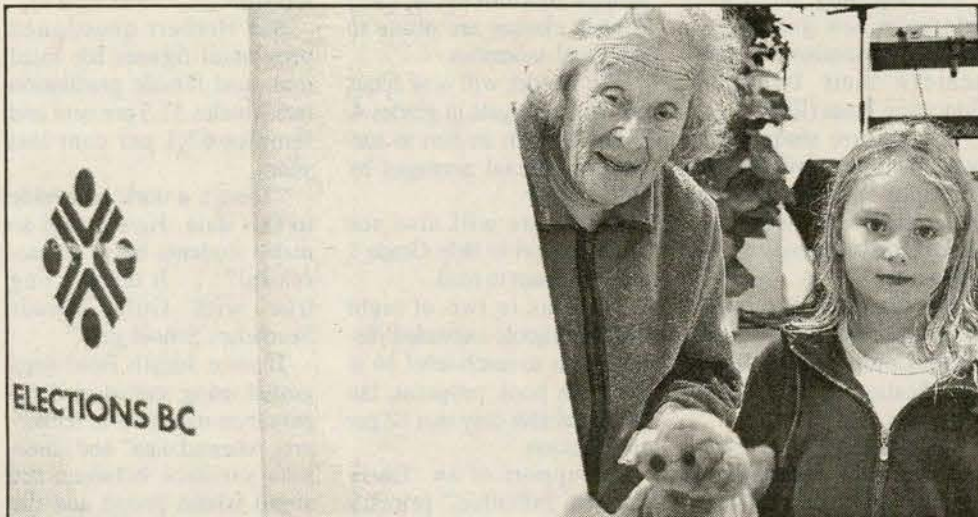
"I wish Gary good luck and hope that he enjoys it as much as I did."

Booth said.

Arlene Dashwood, president of the Association for Short-term Accommodation Rentals (ASTAR), a group which campaigned against Borrowman's re-election, said her membership was naturally happy with the outcome.

She said both Booth and Lineger had indicated an openness to reviewing the bylaw governing vacation rentals.

"I think there was a wonderful slate of people offering their services for the Trust and lots of people that would have been very good to work with, and we say goodbye to David with no grudges... we



VOTING DAY: Great grandmother Nita Brown casts a ballot, voting for Hailey Brown's future on election day last Saturday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

just wish him well and we're prepared to move on."

Dashwood thought ASTAR may have contributed to his defeat.

"I know he attempted to do some fence-mending by doing a turnaround and saying he would in fact have a review, but I think that was too little too late."

Grace Byrne, trustee from 1993-1996 during the period of OCP development and a long-time school trustee, said she thought the vacation rental controversy played a small part in the outcome.

"They didn't get it settled ahead of time before the election was coming," she said.

She suggested both new trustees "are certainly going to get mugged by reality."

Byrne said Booth's quest for financial equity indicates a misunderstanding of the financial set-up created by the province, where each household pays the same tax rate across the whole Trust area.

"I'm very glad Booth did not get both positions," said Byrne. "It would have been an impossible thing to do. I know how much work there is!"

Wayne Fraser, who campaigned for Booth (for both) and was an incorporation study committee member, said, "I think the Trust has been put on notice that Salt Spring is not in the mood for 'pie in the sky renewal.' What Eric and Kimberly called for and were elected on was for the Trust being far more accountable and to get its house in order, not to get bigger."

"Overall, I think the community will be well served by the people we have elected to office."

He added that citizens must still do their part in local governance "by participating and being solution-oriented, and not just merely being critics on the sideline."

The Gulf Islands School Board, which formed without a single election in 1999, also saw one member change as a result of Saturday's vote.

Mike Krayenhoff, an active and well-known parent in the school district, took the third Salt Spring seat from incumbent Garth Hendren.

"I know enough to get the job, and now a huge learning experience is going to happen

for me," said Krayenhoff. "I have a lot to learn and that excites me."

She also said she was grateful to all of the people who helped with the campaign and voted for her.

"It went very well for me personally," commented Judith Boel, who finished just slightly behind long-time trustee Charles Hingston, "and I think we have a great team. We already had a great team. I believe the new board will continue to represent the diverse values of the community."

She said the decisions the board makes are "not easy" ones, "so we always need the support of our community to go forward."

Regarding Hendren, Boel said, "I am so thankful for the contribution that he made during his term of office, particularly in terms of the task force for the middle years program, and he will be missed for sure."



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District sets education goals

More attention to school safety, writing skills, boys' learning, Grade 1 reading and special-needs students can be expected in School District 64 for the coming year.

The new set of goals in the district's current "accountability contract" were reviewed at the November 13 school board meeting.

Many goals were modified only slightly from the first district contract developed last year. But one prominent change saw the extension of target deadlines from one year to five.

"What's really important in education is long-term, three-to-five year goals," said superintendent Wendy Herbert.

A previous goal to see students feeling safe in school met a target five per cent above the provincial average (82 per cent in the district compared to a 76 per cent provincial average). But administrators and trustees

agreed that the goal was insufficient.

"Why would we be satisfied with being five per cent above the provincial average?" Herbert said.

A new target aims to see 90 per cent of students reporting that they feel safe in school satisfaction surveys by 2007.

In order to meet the school safety goal, the district plans to continue partnerships with SWOVA, maintain themes of social responsibility in classes and continue initiatives delivered through career and personal planning courses.

The district exceeded goals to increase student performance in Chemistry 12 last year.

They had targeted 35 per cent achievement in the A-B grade range, but hit 66 per cent instead, and the district participation rate doubled.

Consequently, the district selected a new goal to help special education students achieve their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

To measure student success, the district will use new Multipro special education assessment software and review appropriateness of IEP objectives.

But disappointing results from the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) led to modification of district writing goals.

"Our Grade 7 achievement was below the expectation of teachers and administrators," Herbert said.

Fifty-seven per cent of local Grade 7 students met or exceeded expectations in FSA writing skills, while the provincial average was 84 per cent.

Herbert noted that the small

groups of students in Gulf Islands classes are prone to statistical anomalies.

The district will now focus on writing targets in grades 4, 7 and 10 with an aim to surpass provincial averages by 2007.

Educators will also see more support to help Grade 1 students learn to read.

Students in two of eight district schools exceeded district goals to reach level 16 in a certain book program, but the remainder only met 62 per cent success.

In support of an "Early Success Initiative," primary teachers will receive more focus from the curriculum coordinator, more reading workshops and additional time to identify and work with "at risk" students.

The district also aims to see boys achieve more success in

schools.

But Herbert questioned provincial figures for local male and female graduation rates (males 57.5 per cent and females 67.1 per cent last year).

"There's a dark underside to this data. How could so many students be so unsuccessful? . . . It doesn't ring true with Gulf Islands Secondary School staff."

Trustee Judith Boel suggested using statistical compensation measures to reinterpret "skewed data" and eliminate variance between the small island group and the provincial graduation average (males 70.5 per cent and females 80.1 per cent).

But trustees and administrators agreed that regardless of data, increased success for boys in school is an important district accreditation goal.

Meeting airs park concerns

An information void between Parks Canada and southern Gulf Islands residents was partially filled by a well-attended public meeting on Mayne Island Thursday.

Close to a hundred people met with Parks Canada officials to get the latest information about the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and proposed national marine conservation area (NMCA) for the southern Strait of Georgia.

Elma Maund of the 250-member Association of Mayne Island Boaters said people on the islands most affected by the park had been feeling uneasy about the fact Parks Canada's promised consultation process had not yet occurred.

"Generally, feelings were running rather high in our area," said Maund.

She said some alarm people felt hinged on technical matters such as a new definition of "submerged lands," a new component of intertidal zones, and which government agency will have jurisdiction over what. The impact of a national park on private property rights is another major concern.

With Parks Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Islands Trust all involved at this point, Maund said, "Some people already feel there are too many levels of government."

"It was pointed out that many people moved to the southern Gulf Islands to get away from highly regulated life and were feeling threatened." Ron Hamilton, parks establishment officer with Parks Canada, said the Mayne meeting was a valuable one.

"There was a lot of confusion and uncertainty over what has been happening over the last year, which is understandable," said Hamilton.

"There was still some confusion about what the national park in particular meant to local residents and private property owners on the island."

An earlier "core area interest" map had outlined a large general area of potential park interest, he said,

which led some people to unnecessarily fear private land within the whole area would be in the park.

"It wasn't the national park boundary," said Hamilton, "which was one of the points people needed reassurance on."

Maund generally agreed with Hamilton's assessment.

"It became clear as the meeting went on that the questions were doing a great deal to allay the concerns people had."

Hamilton stressed there is still lots of time for formal public consultation, which

will occur once funding for it has been released by the federal government.

"It's our intention to be very visible and inclusive in our planning process so that people will feel they've had more than enough input."

"As always we are ready and willing to go," he said, "but until the announcements are made there is no funding available . . . it could happen any time, at our minister's pleasure."

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MLA Coell flees Fulford when met by protestors

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Gulf Islands School District trustees were disappointed and surprised when MLA Murray Coell chose not to attend their meeting after being detained by a small group of protestors last Wednesday morning.

Coell had been invited to the Fulford Elementary School meeting in his capacity as Saanich North and the Islands MLA, but he was met at the school gates by protestors who denounced his work as Minister of Human Resources.

The group of 12 protestors, armed with six placards and a "Raging Granny" hat, managed to prevent Coell from attending the meeting by passively obstructing his vehicle while they spoke to him about the provincial government's social policies.

"We've been waiting well over a year to have some sort of correspondence with Murray Coell," said protestor John Martin-McNab.

The mixed group of concerned islanders represented a number of various concerns, Martin-McNab said.

"I had concerns about how our children will be affected by cuts to school-based counsellors."

Coell had previously declined group meetings and

had not answered calls, e-mails or surface mail, said Martin-McNab.

"This was our first opportunity to confront him with our issues . . . Any opportunity we've had in the past, he's slipped out the back door."

After almost 30 minutes of delay, acting school board chair Garth Hendren approached the protestors and asked them to let Coell drive past. Three polite placard wavers departed immediately and the rest indicated assent. But Coell backed away just as the protestors started to disperse.

"We invited Murray Coell to our meeting but he was met by protestors and decided he did not want to cross the group," Hendren told trustees at the subsequent school board meeting.

They had planned to present Coell with a copy of their provincially-mandated Accountability Contract, which outlines the district's new five-year goals, along with strategies and progress on previous goals.

"We were informed he would meet with us some other time," Hendren said.

Pender Islands trustee Russ Searle was not pleased by the outcome.

"Our meeting was usurped by this group."

Searle was also puzzled why Coell had opted to leave

when it looked as if protestors were ready to let him pass.

"We wanted to share specific Gulf Islands concerns," said Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston.

"If people know he can be chased away by five or six people, what will they think?"

Coell apologized for any inconvenience caused to the school board by his early exit.

"We stayed 15 minutes and saw no movement. I decided to move on without causing a scene," he said.

Coell said he listened to a variety of protestors' issues and comments but declined to respond.

"There were so many comments; I thought it was better just to listen."

He wanted to allow people to make their points.

"I think you have an obligation to not escalate the situation and get into a conflict."

In lieu of attending the 9:45 a.m. school board meeting, Coell inspected new paving along Lower Ganges Road and the B.C. Ferries dock rebuilding work at Vesuvius Bay before his noon departure.

"The roads are very impressive and the dock is coming along well," Coell said.



PROTEST: Concerned citizens shared concerns with visiting MLA Murray Coell (reflected in mirror) when he visited for a school board meeting last Wednesday.

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Credit union merger vote fails

A proposed merger between Island Savings Credit Union and Coastal Community Credit Union has failed to garner necessary support from voters.

Because the merger was presented as an asset transfer from Coastal to Island Savings — which has a branch on Salt Spring — only Coastal's members were required to vote on the merger.

During a one-week voting period, 1,700 (about six per

cent) of Coastal's eligible voters cast ballots.

Some 62 per cent of votes favoured the special resolution to approve the merger, but a majority of two-thirds (66.67 per cent) was required.

Coastal needed separate approval from two classes of shareholders for the merger to proceed.

While the resolution was approved by investment equity shareholders, it was not approved by member-

ship equity shareholders.

Both Pam Marchant, CEO of Island Savings, and John Newell, chair of the board of directors for Coastal, expressed disappointment in the outcome.

"A merger is sound strategically and still a very viable alternative in the future," said Marchant.

Newell and Marchant emphasized that it will now be "business as usual" at both credit unions.

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Islander gains support for Fulford soup kitchen

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Local woodworker Chester Ludlow can sense the fine grain of a vibrant and active community centre under the raw lumber of Fulford Harbour's halls and churches.

Describing a plan to address poverty on Salt Spring, Ludlow envisions a Fulford building transformed into a community centre that serves local needs and brings islanders together.

"There's a large number of single moms and homeless people around here. We as a community have the resources to assist them if we utilize what we have right now," Ludlow said.

With a little volunteer labour, some donated food scraps and goodwill, a Fulford soup kitchen and food bank could feed many struggling families and individuals, he said.

"We can't ignore suffering anymore or we're going to bring it on ourselves."

Ludlow believes 150 south-end residents could benefit from community assistance.

"There are hungry children on this island. There are camps under the docks around Ganges. I've seen at least 20 sites where transients are camping around Salt Spring."

While the Anglican Parish operates a lunch soup kitchen in Ganges at All Saints on Thursdays, there are no south-end services for the hungry.

Fulford Hall would make an ideal location since the facility has a commercial kitchen available downstairs, Ludlow said.

He has even received indications of support from Fulford Hall manager Brian Finmore, who shares his concerns.

But Ludlow feels that Beaver Point Hall or one of the south-end churches could also serve as a soup kitchen location.

"We're such a dynamic community, I can't understand why these facilities are not being utilized."

At this point he needs to find a small group of like-minded volunteers, a few businesses willing to donate day-old or date-sensitive foods and community support to get the program started.

"There are solutions to every problem in this community and they don't have to cost a lot of money. We need to utilize things for the benefit of all."

Fulford businesses

Morningside Bakery, Patterson's Store and Salt Spring Roasting Company have already indicated support, as have south-end farmers Lisa Lloyd and Salt Spring Cheese.

If a soup kitchen could get established in a Fulford space, a food bank would be a logical next step.

Ludlow could also see the development of an emergency shelter growing out of the soup kitchen/food bank plan.

"We could get this together from this one little nucleus."

As another off-shoot, a community craft workshop and store would allow cash-strapped islanders to generate a modest income through their own efforts.

"We could be utilizing their creative energy... people could come down to the community centre and knit some dolls or make necklaces."

This plan would only require donation of excess craft materials and volunteer instruction time from neighbourhood artisans.

But as a first step, Ludlow hopes to gather volunteers who could participate in the project together.

"This is a conscious call to the Fulford community for people to form pools of interested parties and get organized."

From that point, Ludlow would contact halls with a letter of intention and begin fundraising to pur-

chase supplies.

"What I would see and ask people to consider is that I'm willing to donate a \$500 product to be raffled off and I ask others to donate a like product."

But Ludlow doesn't want to see one sector of the community burdened with caring for another.

While artists, professionals and businesses could contribute time and money toward the soup kitchen plan, low-income and transient islanders could make their own contributions toward the community project.

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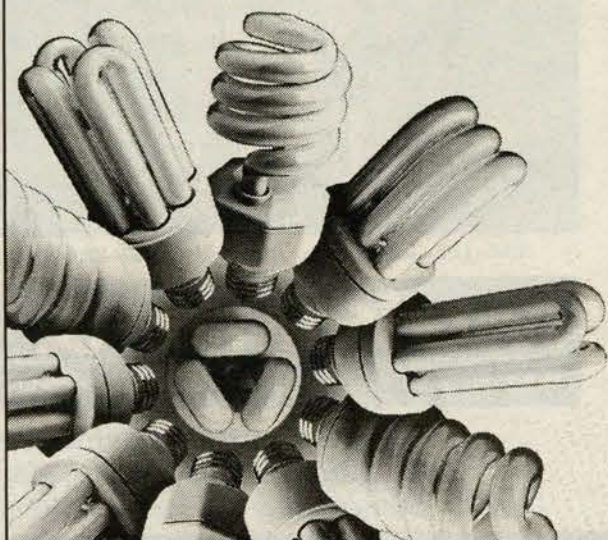
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Lady Minto hires general surgeon

An "eminent" new general surgeon has joined the medical staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

Until recently, Dr. Roy Preshaw was a practicing surgeon and professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Calgary Health Sciences Centre.

He has a wide background in trauma surgery and a special interest in diseases of the gastrointestinal system.

"We are fortunate to have attracted a surgeon of his calibre," said Dr. Don Shea, chief of staff at the hospital.

He added that Lady Minto now has a "top-notch surgical team in place to meet our community's needs."

In addition to Preshaw, that team includes doctor-anaesthetists David Woodley and Jan Malherbe, and a "superb" group of operating room nurses.

Preshaw's arrival coincides with the Hospital Foundation's major fundraising campaign for an expansion to the operating room suite. "Our personnel and facilities will make us the envy of many small hospitals in the province," said Shea, who stressed the importance of Salt Spring residents being able to receive health care services close to home.

While not busy at the hospital, Dr. Preshaw and his wife Bente plan to pur-



Dr. Roy Preshaw

sue their interests in hiking and year-round outdoor activities offered on Salt Spring Island.

Deer accidents up

An increase in deer-related car accidents has prompted local RCMP to request that drivers exercise particular caution when driving on dark and rainy evenings.

The latest accident was a two-car collision on Lower Ganges Road near Kingfisher last Wednesday evening. One vehicle rear-ended the other, which had stopped for a deer.

No injuries were sustained in the incident, which occurred at about 5:30 p.m.

In other police news:

• Although police were called to investigate shots being fired in the Fulford Valley Saturday night, they ended up issuing a 24-hour driving prohibition instead.

Local RCMP were unable to find the source of the shots, but did find a vehicle in a ditch.

Further investigation resulted in the driving prohibition, and both the driver and the passenger were returned home by taxi.

• Salt Spring's RCMP detachment is looking for information on a stolen vehicle incident last week.

Police received a report of a vehicle taken from the business area of Fulford sometime over the night of November 15-16.

The vehicle, undamaged, was later recovered by police near Ganges.

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The Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee is appointed by local governments to advise BC Ferries on local ferry issues. The committee also advises the Corporation periodically on broader policy and service issues.

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- Election of a Co-Chair
- Capital Projects - Update
- Summer 2003 Schedule Review

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Busy agenda

Some voters might be tempted to credit the vast influence of this newspaper when analyzing the results of Saturday's voting on Salt Spring Island. And we would be glad to accept full responsibility. But the truth is something else entirely.

The electorate wanted change and happened, for once, to vote along the lines we proposed.

So what should we expect from the new threesome who won seats on the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District board?

Cooperation and collaboration jump first to mind. They were emphasized by all the candidates during the election campaign, it having been recognized that our system of government is woefully inadequate. If our three new representatives have not met by the time these words appear in print, they should take immediate steps to get acquainted.

We would also anticipate an early resolution to what is really no more than a minor irritant. The short-term vacation rentals issue will likely be easily resolved with regulations governing their operation, along with the necessary bylaw change to permit them. The new trustees will no doubt look first for concrete evidence of the problems such rentals are said to create before proceeding on the road to resolution.

One of the most important tasks facing both trustees and regional director is to prepare the way for a successful housing project. One is already under way, but it could use some creative ideas to find land on which to build.

Is there a means by which land in the vicinity of Ganges could be obtained by the community, perhaps through a swap for Crown land? We've been here before but it's worth raising it again: Are there parcels of park land that could be sold to help generate funds for the purchase of land more appropriate for housing?

In assessing the possibilities, our representatives must be prepared to consider every option: no ideas should be considered dumb ones.

Trustees also need to re-examine the issue of secondary suites and long-term cottage rentals as other housing solutions.

Underlying such matters, of course, is that of water supply. A comprehensive water study might provide the information necessary for us to make wise decisions on population density.

A history of the Islands Trust on Salt Spring will recall the mistakes that were made in the name of controlling the ultimate size of the population. Zoning regulations that removed the opportunity to create small-lot subdivisions have left us with a shortage of small, less expensive lots that could serve to reduce the cost of owning a home.

But density has often been tied to water, yet without any firm understanding of either source or supply. Some understanding is essential.

We expect at least one of the trustees will be eager to pursue the inequity of taxation within the Trust area. We wish Eric Booth well, but would remind him that he is one of only 26 at Trust Council. And if the solution to overtaxation on Salt Spring is the creation of a new super-Trust, we would prefer a go-slow approach.

A big item on the regional district agenda will be plans for a recreation centre. Swimming pool advocates might well have cringed when Gary Holman expressed his preference for a "green" — and possibly more expensive — centre. A big tax increase won't fly whether it's for a green model or one with myriad bells and whistles. There is a full agenda ahead for our new elected representatives, but we are confident that the best people have been chosen to pursue it.

Lucky voters

Could Salt Spring Islanders have been more fortunate in the 2002 local elections? Could they have asked for anything more?

With the exception of a vote for municipal councillors, no. And they have a host of community-spirited fellow residents to thank for their good fortune.

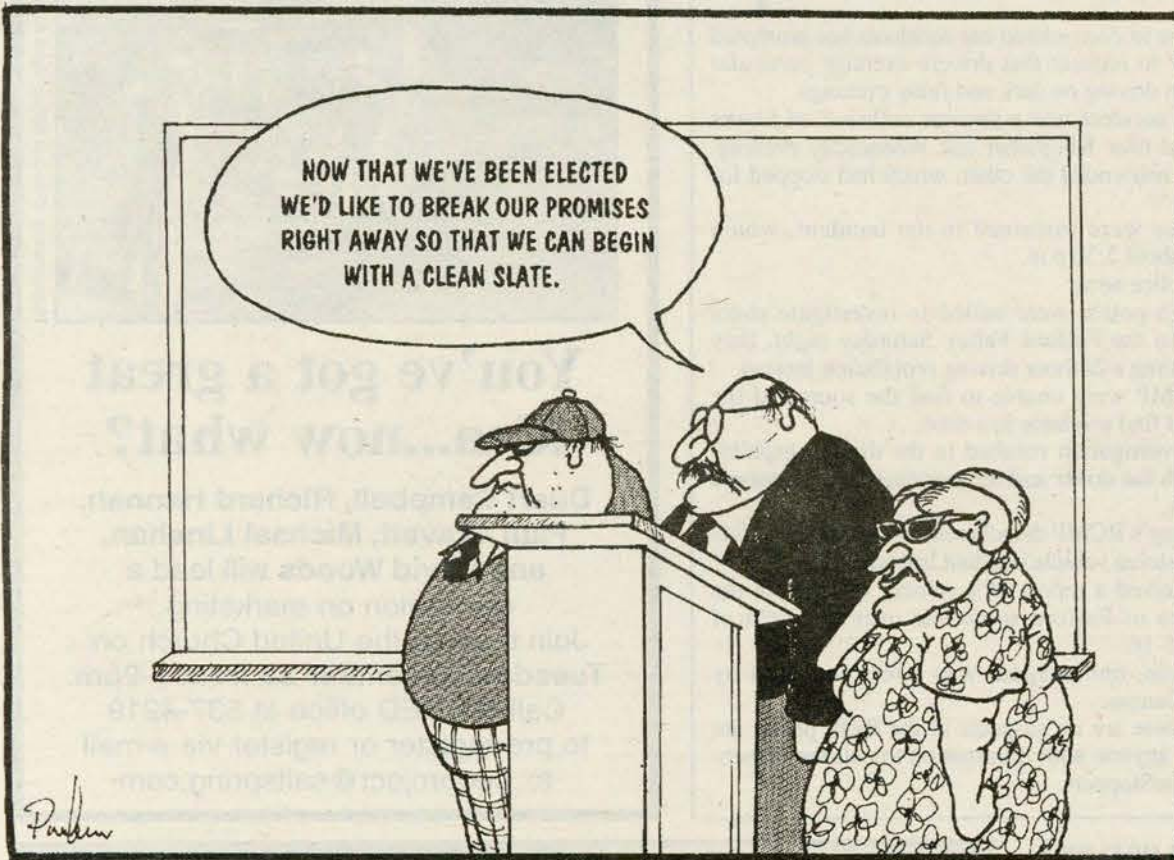
A record number of candidates for Islands Trust and a reasonable number for Capital Regional District and Gulf Islands School Board laid the foundation for an interesting yet civil campaign.

We would credit interest in the election with the incorporation discussion and vote earlier this year. It raised interest in and awareness of local problems and issues and sparked candidates to come forward and run for election.

They deserve our sincere thanks for having done so.

Equally deserving are those whose terms have ended. Serving Salt Spring at the Trust, the CRD or the school board would be regarded as a trial by the majority of islanders. David Borrowman, Bev Byron, Kellie Booth and Garth Hendren subjected themselves to that trial.

We disagreed with them all at one time or another but respect them no less. They too deserve our appreciation.



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The Russians are coming!

In the summer of 1985, when the Soviet Union was still our "enemy," and still "secretive," I was in charge of a cultural exchange program.

We brought 11 Russians to B.C. for two weeks. Supposedly, they were 10 air traffic controllers and an interpreter, but most were clearly people who had earned such a trip to "the West" and had little or no background in aviation.

The interpreter was a relaxed and humorous woman named Marina. The rest were middle-aged men in dark suits. The same dark suits every day for two weeks.

A couple of my colleagues and I showed our new comrades around the province, enjoying perfect summer weather throughout. We filled the time with fun stuff, ranging from a few days on Pender Island to a couple of days in the Okanagan — with the Abbotsford Air Show and the PNE parade in between.

PWA donated free passes (remember them? They were a good airline, a real airline. To BC'ers, they seemed like "our" airline) so we flew the group to Kelowna. I'd arranged to rent a 15-passenger van, but on our arrival at Kelowna the rental company apologized, saying the van wasn't available, so they substituted a bus.

I told the guy I wasn't qualified to drive a bus (though that hadn't stopped me driving a bus-load of loggers on a night tour of the Queen Charlotte Islands a few years earlier. That, as they say, is another story).

He assured me the bus was

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just like a van to drive and needed no special training, so off we trooped to the parking lot. There, in all its bright yellow glory, was a school bus. Marina explained to the Russians why we were laughing and they joined in, as we all clambered aboard. We had arranged with a local friend for a box of fresh peaches, so our guests were all happily slurping away as we headed south.

We took the backroads through orchards and vineyards, stopping for lunch at a friend's small winery and restaurant in Summerland. Next stop was the beach at Skaha Lake for an hour or two of swimming and playing, then off to meet the mayor of Penticton for a ritual welcome.

By late afternoon we were on the road again, heading back to Kelowna.

The highway approaching Kelowna from the south winds down a long hill overlooking Okanagan Lake. Shortly before the road reaches the lake, there's a large billboard on the right that says "Marina" in 8-foot-high letters; it's of course an ad for a local marina.

When our "Marina" saw the billboard she hollered for me to stop the bus so she could hop out and get her picture taken beside the sign.

The rest of us waited on the bus while she and one of the guys hiked across a ditch and over to the billboard. After a few

minutes, Tom, one of the guys helping me escort the Russians, said, "What the hell's the problem on the highway?"

I looked out my driver's side window and saw that the traffic coming down the hill was backed up out of sight.

This was August in the Okanagan, so the roads were jammed with a combination of tourists and impatient truckers: the line of campers, trailers, motorhomes and semis stretched up the hill as far as I could see.

The line seemed to start right about where I was stopped, so I thought maybe the car behind me had broken down.

Looking back up the line of traffic, I noticed that all the drivers were looking at me. Realization hit me like a bottle of Russian vodka. I had pulled the bus off to the shoulder of the highway and, for safety's sake, had turned on my four-way flashers. This was a school bus. I had unwittingly turned on the full slate of flashing red lights. Nobody was about to pass the stopped school bus.

I turned the lights off and slunk down in my seat, watching sheepishly as the mile-long line of traffic began to creep by. A woman in the passenger's seat of a car driving by stared (with what looked like sympathy) at all the grown men sitting in their suits on the bus — on this hot August afternoon. She turned back to the driver and said something that caused them both to nod their heads solemnly. To this day she probably tells the story of the strange busload of "special" — probably disadvantaged — people.

She'll never know that the driver was the only one on the bus who fit that description.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What do you think was an important issue in the local election?*



Hetty Clews

I decided on the basis of the probity and character of the candidates. . . . I'm for people and against politics.



Jack Rosen

Water and, of course, the accommodation issue. Water is going to be one of the critical things on Salt Spring Island in the future.



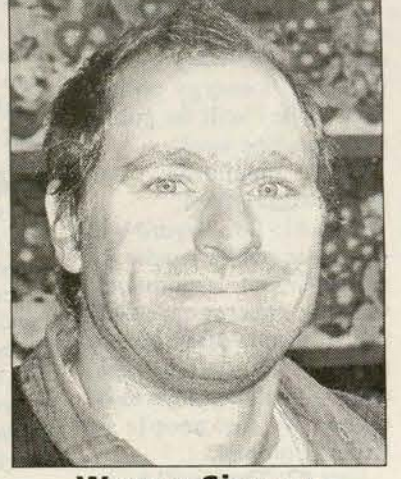
Margaret Monro

The biggest thing for me was municipal control of people's housing.



Pam Donnelly

The budget; there are lots of concerns about cuts in health care and education.



Wayne Simons

I'm more concerned with the personalities of the candidates than any issue.

Letters to the Editor

Vital

Four months ago, Marilyn and I were approached by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) capital fundraising campaign committee to inquire if we would be willing to take the role of honorary chairpersons.

It was without hesitation that we committed to support this community effort to upgrade, expand and revitalize our hospital's operational core.

The goal is to raise \$650,000 within the community. These funds, along with the \$720,000 committed by the CRD and the \$430,000 from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, will enable the construction and equipping of a new operating suite and palliative care suite.

With the LMHF fundraising effort being concurrent with local elections and other worthy calls for financial support, we have continued to be impressed and gratified by the generous and continuous contributions coming in.

Over the next few weeks there will be more intensive information sessions and public presentations, which you are all invited to attend. They will be held tonight (Wednesday, November 20)

and Tuesday, November, 26. Both presentations will run from 7 to 9 p.m., and both will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Please read the brochures and information coming out in the mail and the newspapers, talk to your health-care people in the community, attend the public meetings, talk to us and please give. Lady Minto Hospital is one of the vital components of our community, and this expansion makes it better able to serve us all.

We are building our future.
CHRIS and MARILYN SCHMAH,
Honorary chairs, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Capital Fundraising Campaign

Falsehoods

While I know this letter will appear after the election, too late to influence anyone's vote (if letters ever do), I can't let the false impression created by Eric Booth's letter in last week's Driftwood go unanswered.

Mr. Booth professed to find my criticism of his running for two positions "perplexing," not to mention invalid, because, or so he claimed, I am also "in favour of the Trust moving towards

a special regional district status that would combine land-use planning with services under the mantle of the Trust."

Mr. Booth's claim is worse than perplexing; it is false.

Mr. Booth ascribes to me a position that, whatever its merits or flaws, has never been mine. It's something I've never said, never written, never even thought. In fact, while I certainly opposed incorporation, I always thought the Trust renewal proposal was one of the "no" side's weaker arguments; it was not one I ever made myself.

It's one thing for Mr. Booth to respond to those he's labelled his "enemies" — anyone, it seems, who disagrees with him; it's another thing to do so by spreading falsehoods and misrepresentations.

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford

Need a break

A few observations on events of the last week:

1. The Driftwood should now crate up its editorial page pit Chihuahua and send him off to Tierra del Fuego or some other appropriate clime. His yapping has now become terminally tiresome. Flouting the Driftwood's

clearly stated policy of not attacking any candidate in the last edition before the election without giving them opportunity to defend themselves was certainly far more "cowardly" — to use his own overblown language — than anything Mr. Pottinger accused the candidates of. Surely grounds for dismissal, no? Or at least long-term exile. Driftwood readers deserve a break.

2. Most island people still believe the Trust is the only agency that has stood between us and unchecked development for the last 20-odd years, and the way to deal with the ever-increasing development pressure is with an improved Trust, not a hobbled one. Mr. Booth and Ms. Lineger need to hold that thought if they contemplate throwing sand in the gears of Trust reform in hopes of resurrecting the incorporation initiative.

3. The forces of development — more tourism, more vacation rentals, massive marina, more non-resident ownership, more of everything that makes money — are now in the ascendancy. But the people driving development need to look beyond the imperatives of their wallets if they are not to kill the

goose that lays the golden eggs.

Try to remember Yogi Berra's immortal line about a once desirable haunt: "The place is so crowded nobody goes there anymore." Standard of living is not the sole criterion of a good life. Think about the quality of life that sustains you here. It's in your power to destroy this place, one demand at a time. Put a lid on it.

SAM LIGHTMAN,
Fulford

Grotesque

I don't know who dreams up the 65-cent Christmas stamps.

I bought a sheet before looking at them. It looks like a grotesque little old lady with her mouth open. I'm ashamed to put them on my envelopes. This time of year offers so many lovely scenes.

I wish I'd looked before buying.

RUTH KREISSL,
Salt Spring

Doctor lists

Since moving back to Salt Spring in April of 2002, my husband and I have been looking for a family physician.

We were told that the doctors are not taking new patients. We did find one that would put our names on a

waiting list but would make no promises.

Earlier this week we both found it necessary to see a doctor, and did see the doctor on call at the hospital. He told me that I need to have a family doctor, but could offer no solution except by giving me a number to call to ask to be put on a list, which wouldn't be of any help before January. I did this, but wasn't encouraged by the results. I called again to the office where we had been put on a waiting list but was told to call back in January.

I read in the November 13 Driftwood that people from several places off-island are coming to Salt Spring to see a doctor here. I feel that local people should come first and other people should be encouraged to find a doctor in their own community.

I feel very discouraged by this and feel that our elected officials should be looking into this matter.

I also wonder if it wouldn't be possible for our local doctors to open their lists more and cater more to the local population.
DOROTHY WLASITZ,
Victoria Street

MORE LETTERS A10

The cost of doing the right thing with plastics

"Plastics," Dustin Hoffman was told in the movie *The Graduate* 25 years ago — the money career of the future.

The production of plastics has gone hog-wild, especially in the disposable industry. What irony, to make disposable products from materials that take ages to biodegrade.

The new frontier for plastics has got to be in reusing and recycling them. (There's no hope for reducing them, not with the entrenched '67 mindset). With recycling in mind, and as an update to my column of August 28, here's the scoop on getting recycling of currently unrecycled types of plastics off the ground on Salt Spring.

Zeb Pereira and José Simas,

SPRINGBOARD
BY BRENDA GUILD



"Your Plastic Recycling Specialists" who started Victoria's Pacific Mobile Depots (PMD) three years ago, are keen to have a plastics pick-up day on the island.

Peter Grant, manager of the Salt Spring Recycling Depot, has agreed to host their visit. (Please note: it will be for one day only. No dropping off this special pick-up stuff before that day, no leaving it after.)

Plastics recycling is still a fairly marginal business. To make it worthwhile for PMD to come over, they must be paid for at least 150 bags of plastics

and foam on the day they're here. Paid? Yes, that's how people who want to keep their unrecycled plastics out of the waste stream must state their caring and commitment. That's how Zeb and José make ends meet at present. The more people buy in, the more industry and government will see that there's a need and a market.

What's it cost to do the right thing with all the hard and soft plastics and styrofoam not taken by most recycling depots?

For hard plastics — e.g. plastic lids, pen casings, toothpaste tubes, medical tubing, ice scrapers, oil funnels, audio casings, light switch plates, desk trays, rulers, licence plate forms, recycling bins — it's \$1.50 for a regular size garbage bag or \$3.00 for a large bag (35" x 50").

Soft plastics — trash and

retail bags, cereal box inserts, chip bags (except metallic), film and sheeting, cellophane wrapping, shrink and stretch wrap — cost \$2 for a regular-size bag and \$4 for a large bag.

Styrofoam blocks used for packing, insulating, etc., and egg cartons are \$2 for a regular bag and \$4/large bag.

Styrofoam chips are \$1.50 and \$3. No deli and meat trays, alas. They used to take them, and they hope to do so again by next summer.

Whew! It ain't easy becoming a plastics expert, but whoever said that a better way and a better world would be easy. Pioneers always have to break tough ground, but it'll pay off, guaranteed. Our grandchildren will thank us. If we do a good enough job, they won't even know what garbage pigs we were way back now. They'll be able to recycle plastics as easi-

ly as we send newspapers back for another chew through the mill.

So here's the deal: call me or e-mail me to tell me the number of bags of the above sorts of plastics you've collected thus far and will deliver to the Rainbow Road Recycling Centre and pay to recycle. I'll keep a tally, and when we reach the magic 150 number, Victoria's recycling saints will appear within a week or two.

The luckiest part of this deal is that everyone who brings a bag or more will get to meet these two young fellows. They're bright, caring and they've got some big plans in the works. What's coming just next year in polystyrene recycling is big-time and exciting — I'll let you know as soon as their secret is out of the bag.

In the meantime, contact me at b_guiled@yahoo.ca or 653-4608.

Speculation

I am writing in response to the increasingly frenzied speculation about B.C. Hydro.

As your readers are likely aware, the government is currently finalizing a comprehensive energy policy. That policy will be public in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I can share two key facts:

Fact #1: B.C. Hydro will remain in public hands. All of the Crown corporation's existing generation, transmission and distribution assets — all the wires and dams — will continue to be owned by the people of British Columbia.

Fact #2: There will be no deregulation. After years of political interference, B.C. Hydro rates will be re-regulated and fairly set by the independent B.C. Utilities Commission.

These facts are not new. We have stated many times our plan to maintain public ownership of B.C. Hydro and committed as part of our New Era platform to re-establishing the B.C. Utilities Commission as an independent rate-setter. In fact, these facts are essential to the new energy policy, as you will see in the coming weeks.

Until then, I encourage your readers to be neither fooled nor frightened by rumours and wild speculation.

RICHARD NEUFELD,
Minister of Energy and Mines

Whining

The Driftwood constantly whines about municipal

More letters

incorporation.

We voted (overwhelmingly) against incorporation. Please, please, please... give it a rest!

MARK TRUEMAN,
Salt Spring

Gary thanks

I want to thank islanders for electing me as CRD director for Salt Spring, and to congratulate all of the candidates who participated in the election.

I will do my utmost to represent the community interest in all issues and to work constructively with our newly elected trustees, Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank David Borrowman and Bev Byron for serving for the past six years as our Islands Trust representatives.

The official community plan and the land use bylaw, which they brought in and in which I participated, will undoubtedly be revised over time. However, I hope that we can build on these foundation documents, not tear them down.

Special thanks to David Borrowman for the key role he played in the negotiations with the Province, leading up to the protection of the Texada lands.

Finally, my heartfelt appreciation for the efforts of my campaign committee, and the well wishes of friends and other candidates during my absence from the campaign to

attend my father's passing.

GARY HOLMAN,
Fulford Harbour

Press on

I would like to wish a sincere congratulations to Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth on their successful election win for the Islands Trust.

I believe they will be a solid and balanced team that will listen to islanders and promote a solution-oriented Trust.

That being said, we as islanders still need to press on with the diverse issues raised during this election and the many unforeseen concerns Salt Spring may face soon.

For me, I enjoyed this campaign very much and wish to thank those who gave me their vote of confidence on November 16. I will aspire to gain more experience and knowledge in the next three years and I plan to keep on being enthusiastic behind this wonderful community.

"For the way we live and our differences we share."
DEAN CROUSE,
Salt Spring

Strut stuff

Our film festival organizing committee is labouring to produce the 2003 version of Our Island, Our World, slated for February 8 and 9.

From the beginning, honouring the volunteer groups in our community has been an important feature of the weekend, and we hope to

give that acknowledgement a fresh vitality during the coming festival.

Heretofore we have used the list of organizations in the phone book as a guide for inviting participants. However, since the "letters" column of the paper is widely acknowledged to be an especially effective means of communicating, we decided to reach out through your pages.

This is an open invitation to island volunteer groups to "strut their stuff" at the festival on Sunday, February 9. We sense that there may be worthwhile projects out there that could benefit from the exposure. We invite all non-profit groups that may be interested to get in touch with us before December 15. We hope to collaborate on a lively presentation of their work for patrons of the festival.

The numbers to call are 537-9804, Maggie Schubart; or 537-5467, Jane Squier.
MAGGIE SCHUBART, for Our Island, Our World Film Fest

Tether dogs

I saw a person on the 11:30 a.m. Vesuvius ferry on Friday, November 15 in a blue, extended cab pickup loaded with people and gear.

A beautiful husky-type dog was also in the back of the filled, open pickup.

I wanted to ask the person if they realized how easy it was for an untethered dog to be bounced out of an open pickup. But I was too chicken.

I hope the dog's owner reads this. I hope the dog is still safe.

Not only have I witnessed this, but it also happened to my dog. I was so lucky; my dog wasn't injured. I hope that you and others in the future will always tether your dog in an open pickup.

MORGAN SAVIN,
Vesuvius Bay Road

Honoured

I would like to thank all of the people who made my election campaign so wonderful; all of the

islanders who came and spoke with me, all of the people who waved from their cars and gave me the thumbs up, and especially all of the people who voted for me.

I put my name forward for the Islands Trust because I believe we need to change how our people are treated by the Trust and because I believe we need to be more accountable in our use of tax dollars.

Even though I was not personally elected, I believe that Salt Spring will see these changes through the leadership of Eric and Kimberly. There is hope that we can all experience trust in the Trust again.

Those of you who brought your concerns to me during the campaign can be assured that I will pass them on to the new trustees so that they can be addressed.

Thanks again for the support and encouragement you showed for me. I am sincerely honoured.
SHERI NIELSON,
Salt Spring

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GREAT SOUND: Salt Spring's Planet Music gets into the swing of things at Vesuvius Pub last Saturday night.

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More letters

Dialogue

Around 50 people were treated to a very powerful talk on aboriginal self-government given by Hupacasath First Nation chief Judith Sayers at the last Aboriginal Speakers Series event.

Straightforward, articulate and compelling, chief Sayers provided a refreshing contrast to the kind of vague, non-committal doublespeak some of us may be accustomed to hearing from many mainstream non-aboriginal "leaders."

Chief Sayers has been involved in the process of reassertion of aboriginal sovereignty for many years. Sayers participated in the 1994 UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and has been Active in both federal and provincial arenas.

As the elected chief of Hupacasath First Nation, Sayers has helped forge a strong relationship between her own community and that of Port Alberni, through extensive dialogue and various kinds of land-use agreements.

Land is of course one of, if not the, central issue on which successful treaty settlements and effective self-government will depend.

In one example, Sayers talked about an agreement in which the Hupacasath lease an area of land from Port Alberni. This land will be developed to attract tourists, who currently pass through the area at a rate of over a million vehicles a year. The benefits from this

kind of partnership will serve not only the Hupacasath but also the broader community of Port Alberni as a whole.

This type of co-operation exemplifies the way in which partnerships and "bridge-building" relationships between communities can often be more effective at local levels than at formal treaty tables where government representatives can sometimes be hamstrung by political considerations far removed from the concerns of local participants.

In discussing various aspects of native traditions, Sayers pointed out how aboriginal self-government can be an effective means of safeguarding the integrity of lands within claim territories, not only for the First Nations themselves, but for the benefit of the broader non-aboriginal community as well.

This touches on such issues as the management of woodlots and salmon streams, as well as the spec-

tre of international trade agreements as they relate to such things as the potential sale of bulk water.

Sayers talked about the inadequacies of the various ways in which aboriginal interests have been dealt up till now. She stressed that where more empowering models have been undertaken, real progress has been made.

Dialogue between neighbours helps each to know the other. This familiarity brings trust, which can in turn allow partnerships to develop.

As non-aboriginal communities get to know their First Nations hosts, their apprehensions about aboriginal self-government can be addressed and laid to rest.

As many others have said, Sayers reaffirmed the idea that First Nations aren't asking anyone to leave.

They simply want to exert real control over their own destinies. Considering the alternatives, such a goal can't help but benefit everyone.

Salt Spring Islanders for

Justice and Reconciliation (SSIJR) has been pleased to facilitate this discussion as part of this year's Aboriginal Speakers Series.

The next event, on Tuesday, November 26, features guest speaker Chris Arnett. It's at Lions Hall at 7 p.m.


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By PETER VINCENT

What's it going to take to ban hunters from Salt Spring Island?

At this time of the year, the Friday afternoon B.C. Ferries runs are chock a block with khaki-painted SUVs loaded with Winchesters and Coleman coolers, piloted by hunters in full camouflage regalia, looking forward to a fun-filled weekend of bullets



IN DEPTH

and booze.

Why do we need these people on our island? Every year stories circulate about crazed hunters cornering some confused deer in someone's front yard, where it is dispatched from this

earth by a rifle shot so close that there are powder burns on the fur.

We hear of hunters too lazy to get up off their butts, content to kill unsuspecting deer from the air-conditioned velour of their Pathfinders.

And "unsuspecting" describes the deer perfectly.

The worst encounter with a human being is normally a distraught gardener armed

with a garden hose. Nobody has given the deer a "heads up" that for a month or so every fall, the island is overrun by gun-toting city boys too lazy or too cheap to make the trip to Prince George, where the animals caught in the crosshairs have the brains and experience to actually run and hide.

Besides, in the Prince George area there are big nasty bears, with sharp teeth and long claws, that can fight back, that can take a bullet and still come at you.

The worst you will encounter on Salt Spring is one or two Jack Russells with bad attitudes.

For these erstwhile hunters, Salt Spring is nice and close. The ferry runs from Victoria and Crofton are barely long enough to smoke a cigar.

It's perfect. Hunters can come over here in the morning, bag a stunned deer or two, have a beer and a burger at one of our local watering holes, and be home in time for the hockey game.

Now don't get me wrong.

I am certain that there are tons of hunters out there who are responsible, non-smoking decaf coffee drinkers — law abiding citizens that play by the rules, wear their seatbelts and pay their taxes. The point of this is not to denigrate or lionize hunters. I just want to invoke the NIMBY clause: Not In My Back Yard. To paraphrase Charles Bukowski: "It's not that I don't like hunters, I just seem to get along better when they are not around."

How can anyone possibly justify firing off weapons on this island?

Despite the best efforts of the Islands Trust, Salt Spring has become a glorified suburb.

There is no guarantee that you won't run into a local walking a dog or wandering along some forgotten logging road anywhere on this island. And please don't bring out that old saw about killing for the meat. This is not the 1800s and you are not Daniel Boone.

How about this one:

"culling the herd." Stop it. We do a good enough job of that ourselves. Just check the ditches of the ferry routes any morning.

You will find a half dozen of these creatures that didn't move quick enough to dodge two tons of Detroit steel speeding to make a ferry. Perhaps we can just line up all these four-legged casualties at the ferry terminal and let the off-loading hunters just pick one.

So once again Salt Spring residents are forced to wear bright red jackets and to keep their dogs close when walking anywhere but the track at Portlock Park.

Now that we have a fresh new "council" in place, perhaps we can serve this up to them as one of their first orders of business. All the candidates have been singing the same tune about making Salt Spring a better place to live. Banning hunters seems like a no-brainer. Let's see what kind of people we have voted in.

The writer is a Salt Spring dog and business owner.

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Skatepark meeting deemed successful

Finding ways to improve the Kanaka Road skatepark made some impressive progress at a well-attended meeting last Wednesday.

Representatives of skateboarders, parents, schools, RCMP and residents gathered to talk about the park both now and in future.

"It was a fabulous meeting," said Brenda Brazier, executive member of the Salt Spring Skatepark Society. "There was no negative energy there at all."

After defining the problems, which ranged from litter and lighting to use of profanity, people formed groups and came up with suggestions on how to solve them.

"I was amazed," said Kimberly Lineger, who is involved with the District Parents Advisory Council and the Crime Prevention Association. "It was totally solution-oriented."

People seemed to agree that "the park is a reality on this island," she said, and so the focus was "what are we

going to do to resolve these problems?"

Several boarders provided invaluable contributions, said Brazier and Lineger.

"I was totally proud of all the kids who participated," Lineger said.

The next meeting is set for December 11, 6 p.m. in the high school multi-purpose room.

Skate park society members will bring people up to date on the plan to build a permanent facility.

"My overall impression was that everyone agreed that we need a good skate park," said Brazier.

Lineger said, "I think the big push is getting the park actually built because there was a strong consensus [at the meeting] that if it was actually constructed the problems would take care of themselves."

Anyone interested in working on skatepark improvements and the plan for a permanent park facility is welcome to join the process.

Skeena decorating party in the works

A Christmas treat for the Skeena Queen could be in the offing if a proposed decorating party goes ahead.

Having some kind of open house was proposed at the last ferry advisory committee, and should be organized

soon, said committee chair Doreen Hewitt. Other issues raised at the meeting were requests for two schedule changes: one coming from regular Vesuvius-Crofton ferry users who want an earlier first sailing start-time, and

another from people wanting one weekly late-night return ferry from Swartz Bay to Fulford. Hewitt said any

schedule changes would require losing a sailing in the middle of the the day so that no extra costs were incurred.

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CAROL SIMPSON'S TORCH HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED!

The Tribal Council counted ballots long into the night (although not as long as Saturday's election) and have asked Carol Simpson to leave Salt Spring Island. "Banana" Joe Clemente garnered 67% of the votes cast in Survivor II, and has won \$500 for his charity, the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Comments from the natives included "Sorry Carol, scholarship vs Hospital fund, my aching heart says goodbye", "Carol, you're just too nice, you deserve to be rescued from the Island!". Natives voting for Joe included the comments "Enthusiasm and attitude are everything" and "Joe's got the best legs of anyone on Salt Spring..he's gotta win!"

CASTAWAY CLEMENTE COMMENTS:
I'm happy to be a North End Survivor! "The Tropical Zone!" I've enjoyed my time on the island with my fellow castaways. No more banana cream pies for awhile. I know my charity, The Lady Minto Hospital Fund can put the money to good use. Cheers "Banana" Joe..I Thank everyone for their support!

CASTAWAY SIMPSON COMMENTS:
Congratulations Banana Joe! Thanks to the Driftwood for inviting me to play - I had a great time! Thanks to all the sponsors who made it possible. It was fun while it lasted and I was surprised & happy to make it as far as did, but Banana Joe was just too much competition. Heck, I would have voted to keep him here if I wasn't competing against him!

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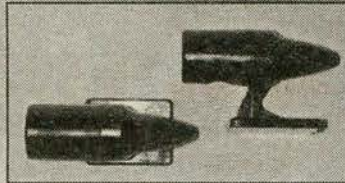
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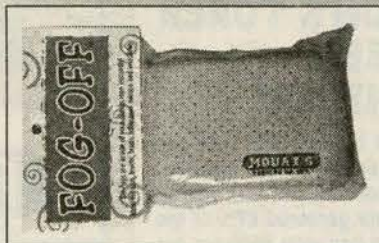


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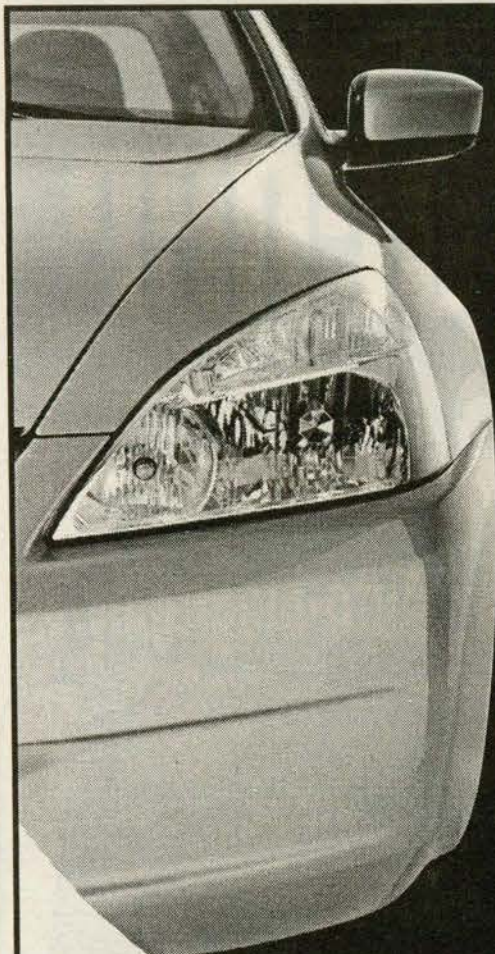
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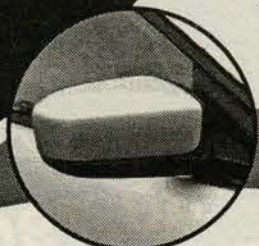
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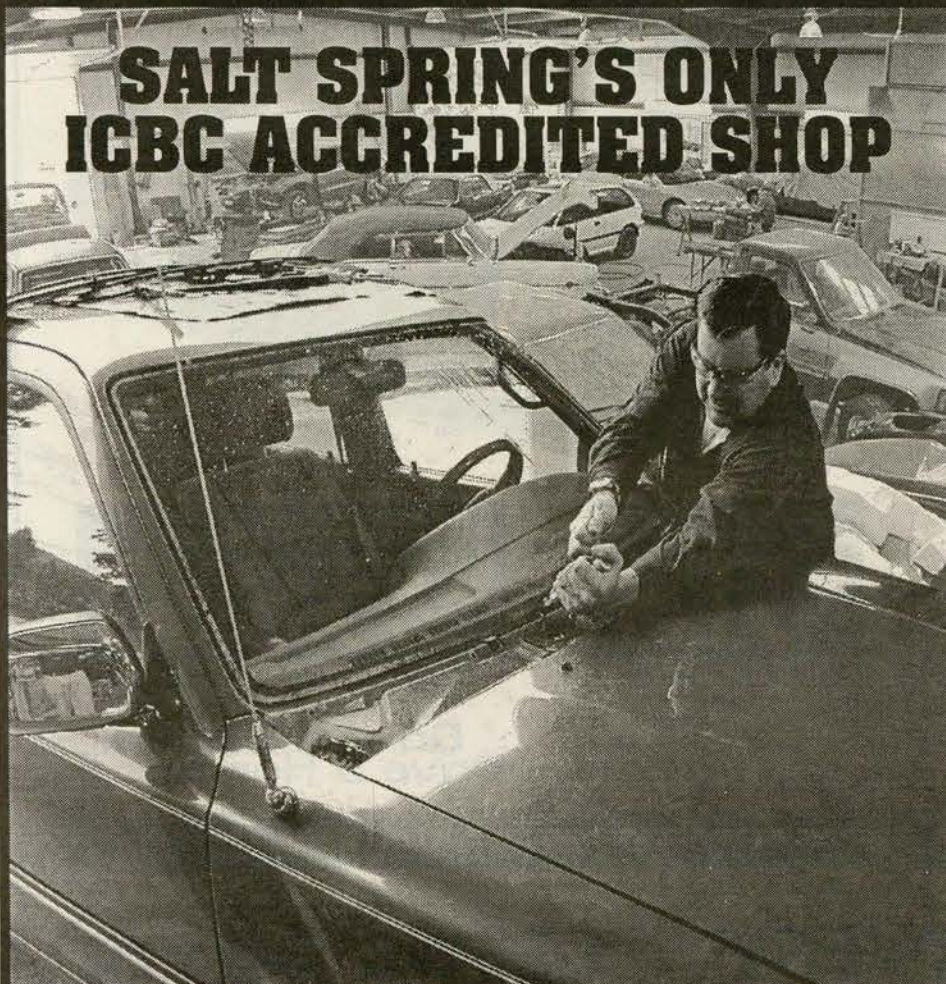
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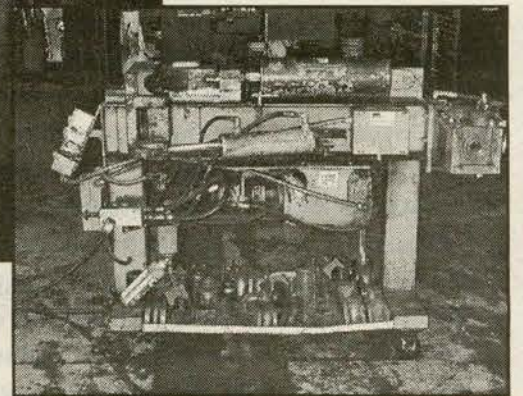
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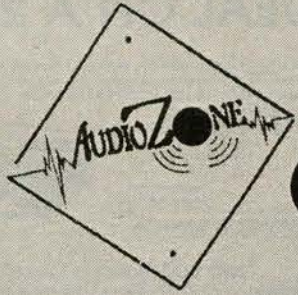
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Slayers bite Bulldogs in 40-zip football match

In the final match of the regular season, a "red-hot" Slayers junior bantam football team shut-out the first-place Cowichan Bulldogs in an away game Sunday.

The Bulldogs had lost only one game all season, but team organizers report the Slayers have been on a roll with recent adjustments made by coach Doug Mitchell.

As the kick-off man, Charlie Stimpson averaged 50 yards a kick. After the opening kickoff, Mike Windsor delivered a crunching tackle.

The Bulldogs made only five yards on their first two plays against the rock solid Slayer defence.

Then two plays later, the Slayers took over on their own 53, and Taylor Stibbards ran 57 yards for



RED HOT TEAM: Slayers football team member Taylor Stibbards grabs the ball at the start of one of his four touchdown runs. Photo contributed

6-0 Slayers score.

The Slayers stopped the Bulldogs cold again with a big Brandon Shaw sack — one of the four he administered throughout the game.

Next up was a Bulldogs punt, which Peter Goodman returned 52 yards and it was 12-0, Slayers.

Again the defence stopped the Bulldogs. Team organizers say Robert Smith had "an awesome game," leading the defence in tackles, while Terry Cooper, Shaw and Windsor were also defensive stand-outs.

Only two Bulldogs first downs were allowed by the defence.

A series of good runs by Lowell Rockliffe, Windsor and Stibbards in the next round of Slayers' possession took the ball to the

Bulldog line, where Myles Teagle wedged in to make it 20-0.

Stibbards scored two more touchdowns — one with a great 75-yard run and one from the 15-yard line to make the final score 40-0.

Coaches say the success of the team is due to the fact every player is doing his job.

"The blocking is the reason the running backs are scoring — guys like Alias Hajek, Aaron Trory and Angus Fraser, who do their job in the trench."

The weekend victory puts the Slayers tied for second place with a 6-3-1 record.

Next week the Slayers face the Parksville Packers, their fellow second-place finishers, for round one of the playoffs.

Trust candidate sweeps disc event

After a two-month hiatus, Dean Crouse rose to supremacy on the disc golf course following breaks to care for his new baby and an Islands Trust election campaign.

"He had a stellar performance with a -20 overall (under par 108) today... Even though he didn't win his Islands Trust campaign bid, he sure is a very good disc golf player," said tournament organizer and second-place competitor Scott Chapman (-17).

The November Locals tournament saw 21 disc golfers compete over 36 holes at Mouat Park Sunday.

Five aces were shared among Chapman, Joshua Hart (two aces), Paul Linton and Andrew Ross-Collins (third among open/pro competitors).

Ryan Hudson won advanced (-15), Eric Vanderwekken took second (-6) and Hart placed third (-4).

Donating apple juice for prizes, Linton won the masters division (-11) followed by Mike O'Toole (-6).

Mike Boughton won the amateurs division (-3) and the closest to the pin

award, John Bateman shot par for second and Tanya Van Ginkel took third (+2).

Greg Vanriel won the novice category (+1).

In other disc golf news: the Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Association is holding a work-bee at 10 a.m. on

Sunday, November 24.

The next monthly locals tourney starts at 10 a.m. on December 15 and islanders will host golfers from around the region for the Fifth Annual Boxing Day Classic as part of the prestigious Duck Golf Series.

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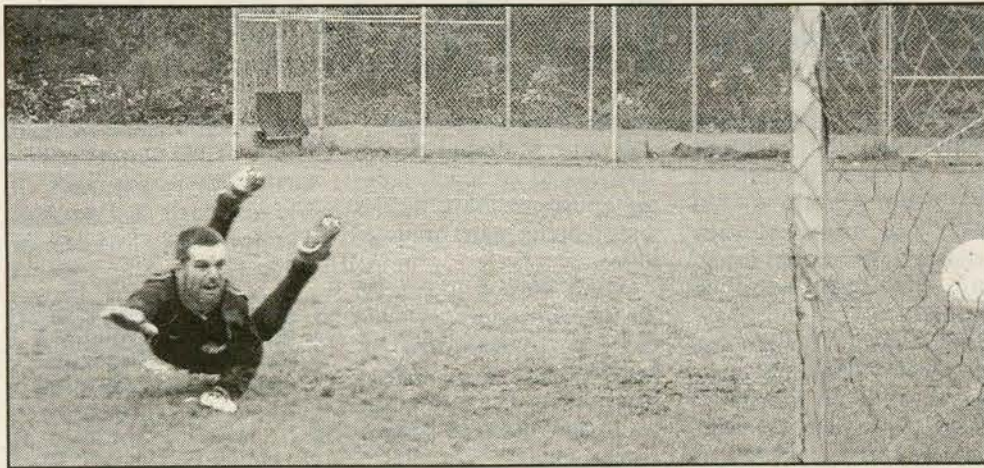
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CLOSE CALL: Div. 6 goalkeeper John Oblati just misses the ball as his team takes on Genesis and comes out with a 6-2 loss at Portlock Park on Sunday.

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Div. 6 takes deep six in first loss

In a meeting between two rising stars of the Vancouver Island Soccer League, Salt Spring's Division 6 men's team took its first loss of the season in a 6-2 battle against the Genesis FC "scoring machine" at Portlock Park Sunday.

"They were a better team. What can you do?" said coach Mike Brown. "The guys played great but we were working hard to maintain a loss."

Onlooking FC players in the stands rated Genesis as an upper level Div. 3 or middle-weight second division team, he said.

Brown even asked the visiting team about rumours that some of its members had previously been on the Vancouver Whitecaps.

"They neither confirmed nor denied the rumour. They just nodded and smiled."

For the first half, the islanders were able to play up to the Genesis FC calibre to hold a one-goal deficit, Brown said.

Colin Walde even came out of retirement to give Salt

Spring their first goal to tie it up early in the game.

"Off a corner kick, a loose ball came to Colin outside the 18-yard box and he hit it first."

The second goal for Div. 6 was actually an own-goal off a Genesis miscommunication.

"A defender made a beautiful pass back to the goalie and put it in the far corner."

But Genesis notched two more goals against the spirited

Salt Spring defence to hold a 3-2 lead in the first half.

And Genesis lodged three more unanswered goals to finish off the match.

"At the second half, our conditioning and skills were inversely proportionate."

In net for Salt Spring, John Oblati did an outstanding job, Brown said.

"The ones he didn't stop were unsaveable."

The islanders have no regrets over their first loss.

"I have nothing bad to say about the game."

Brown characterized Genesis as a great group of guys who played clean, precise soccer.

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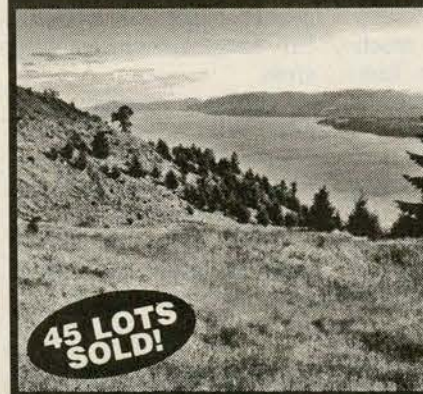
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8.Temmel Wolfgang	106	125	231	45	33.Curtis Joe	89	125	214	40
9.Delmandallo Mallo	106	124	230	51	34.Mara Kathy	93	121	214	43
10.Johnson Cam	100	129	229	29	35.Marley Deanna	102	112	214	36
11.Field James	99	129	228	47	36.Johnson Liam	96	117	213	42
12.Haston Mark	96	132	228	29	37.Snetsinger Hannah	90	123	213	44
13.Speed Glenn	116	112	228	46	38.Calberry Ron	78	134	212	35
14.Tamboline Philip	95	132	227	33	39.Morrison Jeremy	82	128	210	36
15.Buckley Jim	98	125	223	40	40.Shaske Lucy	88	122	210	50
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54.Byron Nicola	90	116	206	39	84.Martin Lannan	77	121	198	36
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56.Grams Ed	82	124	206	37	86.Russell Lori	93	103	196	32
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FC dominates Lakehill in fiesty Portlock match

By KEN MARR
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring FC easily held their first-place spot in Division 2 with a 3-0 game against Lakehill at Portlock Park Sunday.

The match appeared decided early on as the islanders hemmed Lakehill into their own zone right from the opening whistle.

Still missing some key individuals, FC's line-up

was juggled, pushing Chris Langdon to right wing half for the first time.

Langdon had a great game, dominating his area and breaking free numerous times.

FC went up 1-0 at 16 minutes on a cross by Jesse Fisher, put in by Jess McEachern. Two minutes later, Fisher added his own marker on a cross by Harrison "Hairball" Jason.

Wing-backs Dave McColl and Mark Nordine consistently ran overlaps and put many dangerous balls into the 18 for strikers "Hairball" and Dion Hackett, who did well to get opportunities on net and distributed the ball back and outside.

At the half, FC made more changes to bring Kevin Luke into the mid-field and Lee Johnson into

right back. FC was left a bit vulnerable with this change as it also meant a shuffle of two other positions. But after ten minutes, they adjusted and started bringing the play back to Lakehill.

Chris Jason "Dough" had his usual dominating game, and didn't allow Lakehill a chance in the air. "Dough" actually knocked the keeper well into the net with a

header in the second half.

Jeremy Morrison played flawless as sweeper, making numerous brave tackles and stopping many opportunities.

After "Hairball" capped the win with another goal in the last 15 minutes, his brother Morrison joined him on the front line and also came close to scoring several times.

The win keeps FC two

points and a game in hand ahead of the closest opponents. Salt Spring takes on Gordon Head next week at Tyndal Park, Sunday at 2:15.

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Dragons rally for convincing 3-1 win against Juan de Fuca

Even though the game was almost cancelled due to foul weather, the Salt Spring Dragons women's soccer team pulled off an excellent game for a 3-1 win against Juan de Fuca Sunday.

"We started out quite strong, keeping the ball well into the offensive field," said player-coach Carol Adam.

Playing her last game of the season for the Dragons, Thea Wood had some excellent crosses and shots on net and Juan de Fuca's goalie showed talent to stop her volley of attacks, Adam said.

But Wood scored 20 minutes into the game off a play by Adam and Glynis Finer when she found herself pressing the net alone with Adam's strong cross up the

field. "(Wood) shot a sweet ball across to the right far post. The keeper didn't have a chance and seemed a bit choked at her team for letting Thea break away," Adam said.

With 10 minutes remaining before the half, Juan de Fuca caught island defences off-guard with a long ball well outside the 18-yard box.

It coasted over the reaching arms of keeper Tami Benoit and tied the match at one apiece.

Early in the second half, Jana Duke took a bad injury to her quad and was carried off the field. The Dragons were left in disarray for another 10 minutes as they

tried to reconfigure the team.

But some strong encouragement and a great through-ball from the Dragons newest defender Lorna Walde allowed the islanders to score a second goal on a shot off Adam.

Five minutes later, the Dragons offence surged with the newly regained strength of being up a goal and Adam scored a third time with a near-post shot from a beautiful Amy Gessinger low cross.

"The team is feeling pretty good after having taken a couple of weeks off," said Adam. "It was good to get back out there."

"We're gonna miss Thea's speed and talent on the front line. Happy travels, Thea."

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Volleyball team wins 10 out of 12 to take second place

Two Salt Spring girls' volleyball teams vied for championships off-island last week.

The Grade 8 Tsunami girls from Salt Spring Middle School won 10 of their 12 games to place second in the Mid-Island Championships Thursday.

Up against squads from Queen Margaret's, Mt. Prevost, Lake Cowichan, Duncan Christian, Quamichan and George Bonner schools, the island girls only lost close matches against the tournament-winning George Bonner team.

Also competing in a weekend tourney, the Gulf Islands Secondary School senior girls Scorpions placed fourth amid eight teams in the Island Championships.

The Scorpions advanced to the semi-finals after placing second in their pool Friday and won their first match against Brentwood Saturday. But the islanders fought a tough loss against



tourney-winning Max battle and a close five-game Cedar for the consolation
Cameron for their second match against tourney hosts play-offs.

VOLLEYBALL STARS: Salt Spring Middle School's Grade 8 Tsunami girls team, coached by Karen Hosie, won 10 of its 12 games to place second in the Mid-Island Championships Thursday.

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Old Boys lucky against winds and ref

By DAVID NORGET
Driftwood Contributor

The Old Boys took to the pitch in mud and blowing conditions against a bulky Gordon Head side for a blustery 2-1 win at Tyndall Field Saturday evening.

Early in the first half, Don "Striker" Brown went into the clear and beat Gordon Head's keeper with a shot, but the ball was subsequently stopped short of the goal line by the wind (Gordon Head's "12th man" on the pitch).

Gordon Head tallied first on a 30-yarder which sailed over the hapless arms of

John "Old Man" Oblati.

The back line of Mike "Stone Cold" Davis, Dennis "The Laugh" Shaw, Graham "Left Foot" Tweddle, and Campbell "The Great Scot" Blair held defence.

Sandy "Where's the Field" Rankin, Phil "Windsor" Ritson, and Jack "Bulldozer" Braak worked their bulk and the sidelines well.

Late in the half, Rainer Funk sent a square ball over to David Norget, who rushed into the box, shot and picked up a clean finish by a Gordon Head defender to tie the first half.

The second half no longer saw the "12th man advantage" as the wind died down and switched directions.

The mud-spattered "Boys of Old" started sluggishly and Gordon Head controlled the play to create a few chances of their own.

But wide Gordon Head shots and strong Salt Spring defensive play kept the game deadlocked.

The tide changed in favour of the islanders on another play by Brown (and more luck).

The ball came up the left side to Brown near the end line, and even though he

inadvertently brought the ball "out-of-touch," the move went unobserved by the referee.

Consequently, Brown sent a shot, which sailed perfectly into the far corner net to nab the game-winning second goal.

But the Old Boys wonder if their luck can hold.

In the next two games, the islanders will face arch rivals Philbrooks and their nemesis Juan De Fuca.

Unless they can call up eligible players from Salt Spring FC, they'll be just hoping for fair winds and favourable referees.

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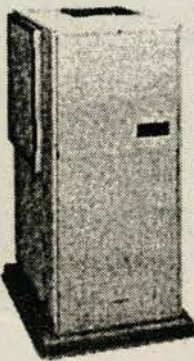


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Two bowlers score 300 games

By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

In all the years I've spent around bowling alleys, I have never witnessed a 300 game and I actually saw two on November 7!

I even kept score for one! Just because you now own a bowling alley, doesn't mean you can show off, Myles! And with all the work Bruce Watkins has volunteered around the alley, something must have worn off!

With the wetter weather has come extra bowling. Lots of people are bringing out their children and friends for a game or two. It's great to see.

Here are the top scores from the past three weeks:

Circus: Connie Hardy, 211, 227/616, and 222, 201/608; Ron Cunningham 206, 209, 202; Lance Leask, 238, 211/637 & 229, 203; Brian Radford, 202; Tony Farr, 230; Gene Graham

209; Don McMahon, 250, 207; Myles Wilson, 209 twice; Sam Cochrane, 202.

Tues. Seniors Club: Ken Robinson, 206; Margaret Baker, 216, 234/609, and 203, 220/611; Jim Glen, 211 (twice) and 222, 213; Anne Kowal, 204; Rita Dods, 200, 205; Bruce Watkins, 225; Reg Winstone, 215; June Webb, 262.

Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 230 and 143; Jason Newport, 145; Gloria Dale, 171; Jessie Maron, 142, 145,

151; Maggie Reddy, 154, 143; Terry Swing, 149; Sharon Way, 187, 156; Marjorie Mackay, 148.

Thursday Legion: Bruce Watkins, 391, 223, 209; Myles Wilson, 306; Ken Ditlof, 215, 200, 227; Ron Cunningham, 203; Nikki Moreau and Danny Bedford, 241; Lance Leask, 203, 279; Lori Coulombe, 207.

We are still looking for people to fill our Tuesday night league. Come on GVM,

Golden judo tourney

SOCCER SIT: A Cordova Bay soccer player takes time out from the action as his team plays Salt Spring's U11 Rip Tide at the high school on a recent weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

A small contingent of Salt Spring Judo Club members wrestled top finishes out of the Pacific International Junior Invitational Tournament in Steveston Saturday.

Natalya Alonso defeated all her opponents, including Winter Games contenders from Alberta and Saskatchewan, and secured another gold medal.

"Her odds look great for the national winter games," said coach Shaun Adams.

Megan Leitch defeated all her Canadian opponents, including some she had faced in the past at the national championships, but had to settle for silver after narrowly losing to an American competitor.

As an unexpected bonus, Leitch was also offered a B.C. Winter Games coaching position but had to decline due to her university commitments, Adams said.

Despite being the youngest and smallest athlete in his division, eight-year-old Adrian Alonso delivered a great performance and finished fourth, even though some competitors in his division were 12 years old.

Ian Simpson competed valiantly but did not collect a medal for his efforts, said Adams.

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