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RIBBON OF HOPE: Organizers of this weekend's Community to Community conference on HIV/AIDS in Africa, with guest speakers such as UN AIDS envoy Stephen Lewis, erected crosses at Gulf Islands Secondary Monday night. Seen on the field Tuesday were, clockwise from top left, students Melody Kirkby, Delie Lohmann, Esther Dewaard and Jessy Burgess.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Big guns shoot down 'four-day'

By **ROB WILTZEN**

Driftwood Contributor

Public education is the cornerstone of democracy, the Forum on Education Cuts heard Monday night at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Jinny Sims, the president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation, addressed the meeting with the message that the underfunding of the public education system in B.C. facilitates the privatization of education in the province and undermines a key component of democratic values held by Canadians at large.

"Your school district here is not unique," she said. "Across the board, the districts have been systematically starved of funding over the last decade."

The incremental cuts are

part of a concerted strategy by the government to underfund, destabilize and therefore justify privatization, Sims concluded. "The local trustees everywhere are forced to make decisions that facilitate privatization," she said.

"What we are going through here in B.C. is an ideological struggle. School boards are being forced to enter into agreements with corporations like Coca-Cola to get the funding they need."

Sims was one of six speakers at the occasionally heated and emotional event organized by the Keep Five Alive coalition working to restore the five-day school week in the Gulf Islands.

EDUCATION FORUM A3

Fire trustees handed cell-antenna petitions

By **PAT BURKETTE**

Driftwood Contributor

Continuing opposition to the installation of a cell-phone repeater in Ganges fire hall came in loud and clear at the regular monthly meeting of Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees Monday night.

Andrew Haigh, owner of Salt Spring Books, led off yet another discussion of the repeater by saying he'd rather be at home with his kids.

"But it's because of my kids I'm actually here. I'm unsure a cell tower is a wise thing to do."

Haigh pointed out that in Europe, where cell phones were popularized before North America, organizations like the World Health Organization are now starting to address the problems of electronic smog in cities.

CELL CONTROVERSY A2

Fundraising calendar marks new daycare era

By **MITCHELL SHERRIN**
Staff Writer

Salt Spring Island Daycare is marking a change in eras with a new fundraising calendar.

When she retired Friday, long-time early-childhood educator (ECE) Susan Biddlecombe launched the new calendar as part of SSI Daycare's effort to raise \$250,000

for a new building.

"All the other six-year-olds have retired, so it's time," Biddlecombe laughed.

"I will miss these children so much. I think I will miss the absolute joy most . . . You don't get that anywhere else."

She's heard several different versions of her retirement story from children at the daycare.

"I'm going to live happily ever after — that's what [one student] said. Don't you love it?"

Parents and students made overwhelming offers to mark Biddlecombe's retirement with personal gifts and mementoes. But she has redirected their generous offers toward the daycare itself.

"There's people who want

to pay tribute. If you want to pay tribute, buy a calendar; then I'll know this preschool will go on," Biddlecombe said.

SSI Daycare's new calendar includes images donated by Robert Bateman, Marie Beaudoin, Janet Dwyer, Steven Friedman, Jonathan Grant, Eric Klemm, Michael Levy, Treena Norrish, Kevin Stein-

ke and Barbara Woodley.

Biddlecombe also encourages islanders to consider a contribution to the daycare's building fund.

Currently located in a rented space behind the seniors centre on Lower Ganges Road, the SSI Daycare is looking for a new home.

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Island Waldorf school closes doors

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

The public school system might fret over declining enrolment, but the Waldorf on Salt Spring private school was forced to close its doors due to a lack of students last week.

"We didn't have enough students so we couldn't keep the school open," said Waldorf school parent and board treasurer Brian Nash.

"It's a bit disheartening to close the school after years of trying to make it happen."

The decision to close the Stark Road school was made at 5 p.m. on September 6, the day before school was set to start, Nash said.

"We didn't have enough students to pay the bills."

After a promising start, the school struggled financially in recent years, he said.

"We were able to survive this long on the kindness of patrons."

He was surprised the island school faltered when so many other Waldorf

schools are flourishing.

"It is supposedly the fastest-growing educational philosophy in the world right now."

Based on the theories of Rudolf Steiner, Waldorf programs have existed since 1919, branching out around the world from their German base.

On reflection, Nash believes the local school was unable to continue because of insufficient parent support.

"It has to start with a parent body from the ground up... In a way, this school started with the teacher first. There wasn't enough of a foundation to keep it going."

Now that the doors have closed for Waldorf on Salt Spring, the remaining students moved to different schools and two teachers were left without work.

Nash wanted to acknowledge Marsha Flad, who had been with the local Waldorf program since 2000.

"She deserves the most recognition. She stuck with

the school. She was really committed."

Following the Waldorf philosophy of keeping students with the same teachers for multiple years, Flad taught her class of children for three years.

"My feelings are that Waldorf is a wonderful school system and it's sad that children can't enjoy it here."

Waldorf works from a heart and spiritual centre that would seem particularly appropriate for Salt Spring, she said.

"All over the world, Waldorf schools are thriving and it's a mystery that it didn't work here."

The Stark Road Waldorf school opened with three classes in 2002, but enrolment slipped to 12 students last year and the Kindergarten class was dropped.

"We started off with the preschool [located at Head Street], which is still going," Nash said.

Kim Hunter first brought the Waldorf program to the island in 1999, when she

started A Child's Garden Waldorf preschool/kindergarten at Southey Point.

Hunter was joined by Flad in 2000 and they formed the Waldorf on Salt Spring school at Head Street.

By 2001, there were 30 students attending four classes at the Head Street school. When Waldorf on Salt Spring moved in 2002, Hunter maintained a Waldorf kindergarten at Head Street.

"I have 10 [students] and I'm full and I have a waiting list... so it's not been a problem," Hunter said.

The Waldorf on Salt Spring school was promoting an Artisan Fridays program in an effort to increase enrolment, Nash said.

Though the Waldorf school is now closed, he still hopes to keep the Artisan Fridays program running.

It would offer full-day art workshops for children aged six to 10.

For more information about Artisan Fridays, call Brian at 537-8991.

CELL CONTROVERSY: Petitions signed

From Page A1

Asked by fire board chairman Michael Schubart whether electronic smog and cell phones were synonymous, Haigh said, "Cell phones are one of the contributing things to this."

Robin Annschild presented trustees with a 1,069-signature petition from the general public requesting there be no cell phone antennae in the Ganges fire hall clock tower.

Haigh also tabled a letter opposing the repeater signed by owners of 50 businesses in the village core.

"These things show there is fairly substantial worry," said Annschild, referring to the petition and letter.

She asked that the trustees at least delay a decision until the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) finishes its study. The IAFF, during its annual convention in Boston on August 17, passed a resolution to seek funding for an independent study investigating the long-term health effects of cell-tower radiation exposure. Members also called for a moratorium on cell-phone installations at fire halls.

On a different note, islander Gordon McRae received applause when he related his positive experi-

ence with fire department first responders after a car accident and asked people to consider their value rather than complaining about the fire department.

Agni Wilson, owner of Silver Shadow Taxi, said, "I consider this antenna to be completely unnecessary. We are totally dependent on cell phones and we have always had excellent coverage in the downtown core."

StarBooks owner Ken Rouleau asked, "Since there are 50 businesses which ring this fire hall who are opposed, how can you move ahead with this project until there are answers?"

Firefighter Jim Buckley wanted to know if trustees were going to pay attention to a petition with a thousand signatures.

Buckley referred to a previous petition opposing the dismissal of fire captains Bruce Patterson and Jeff Outerbridge.

"The last petition you guys had had 775 names on it and you guys didn't respond to that one."

Mary Gilles, owner of Salt Spring Drycleaners, said she didn't sign the letter from business owners because it was polarized around "do you or don't you want an antenna." Gilles said the antenna's

need came up because there were incidents where lives might be endangered, and the issue is whether people providing fire service can get good coverage.

"One needs to weigh up the balance between being up on a mountain and no one being able to reach you."

Outerbridge said, "This is a political hot potato. This won't improve cell-phone coverage for the whole island. This won't provide much increase in coverage in the downtown."

Schubart explained that there is a need for fire chief Dave Enfield to be able to communicate from the Ganges fire hall when dispatch radios and land lines are down. Enfield, the island's emergency program co-ordinator, said the cell-phone repeater had seemed a logical step in covering all bases for communication during a provincial emergency.

Firefighter Jamie Holmes noted that in the event of a land-line failure, there may be emergency situations, perhaps involving the RCMP, where cell-phone use would be preferable to broadcast over the fire department's radio system. Holmes, who is president of the Salt Spring Firefighters Association, has asked his membership

if they have concerns about installation of the repeater, and they have asked him to come back with more watt-age emission numbers.

Rick Carlson, western regional director of network implementation for Telus Mobility, has previously stated that the repeater will house an eight-watt transmitter emitting .048 micro-watts per square centimere, while the fire department's radio system has two 25-watt transmitters in place. Carlson gave no emission numbers for the radio system.

Salt Spring firefighters are not members of the IAFF, which represents unionized firefighters.

Asked when a vote on adoption of the cell-phone repeater contract with Telus might occur, Schubart said, "We have no schedule on the cell-phone tower contract."

Trustees are currently negotiating the contract with the intent of including an escape clause.

The meeting ended on a pro-active note when Haigh suggested the trustees contact some of the people present at the meeting to form a group to find a solution to the cell-phone repeater issue. "That's a very good idea," replied Schubart.

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EDUCATION FORUM

From Page 1

"There is almost no longitudinal data on the academic or social consequences of the four-day week," said David Banks, a writer and researcher who has investigated the four-day week extensively. "I think this is one issue that really deserved a referendum and it's really a shame that there wasn't one."

"The four-day week is exclusively a rural phenomenon," said Banks. "Its implementation in rural school districts is symptomatic of the erosion of the rural way of life."

Kathy Page, a parent, writer and teacher who was a member of the panel, echoed the sentiment.

"I see a diminishing number of families in the school district in the future," she said. "Beyond our own personal reality, we need to think of the societal impact of this introduction of a two-tiered education system and the way that a viable community is being unpicked."

We haven't seen the end of the cuts either, according to other speakers on the panel.

"The demographics are changing and we have dropping enrollment," said Garth Hendren, a former school trustee. "There is a long-term plan required. We need to realize that further cuts are likely."

But further cuts are more than likely, according to



TOP GUNS: BCTF president Jinny Sims was among speakers at a Monday night education forum targeting the four-day school week impact.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Kimberly Lineger, a former chair of the District Parent Advisory Council, member of the Futures 64 Task Force that examined options before the implementation of the four-day week, and an elected trustee for the Islands Trust.

"The numbers just don't add up," she said. "We are still looking at a projected deficit of \$549,000 for next year, so what will go next year? The school board promised that if we went with the four-day week this year, then we wouldn't cut programs, but I can't see

how that's possible."

The numbers were the subject of clear disagreement between Lineger and school trustees attending Monday's meeting. Trustee Russ Searle said that Lineger's numbers were incorrect, although Lineger maintained she was using school board figures. The matter was left without conclusion.

The question and comment period following the scheduled speakers saw a succession of audience members looking for direction on how to reverse the school board's decision.

"We need to put attention on the province to change the funding formula that starves rural districts, but instead, all of our attention is being put to reversing the four-day week" said Lineger.

"In the end, the decision was made to go with the four-day week in order to maintain programs and services for students," responded school board chair May McKenzie.

"If we had not balanced the budget, we know what would have happened," said Searle. "The ministry would have come in and started laying off teachers. And then who would make the choice about which programs should go?"

"I've got a challenge," said Lineger, closing the meeting with a practical next-step suggestion. "Next week I'm going to the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference, which will be attended by the premier. I will personally deliver to him all the letters I receive by Sunday from concerned citizens on this issue. Letters can be delivered to the Trust office by Friday, to the Community Policing Tent at the Fall Fair this weekend where I will be, or they can be e-mailed to me at kimbers@saltspring.com."

Forum probes welfare policies

Salt Spring's Coalition of Concerned Citizens will host Seth Klein, director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' B.C. Office, as the guest speaker for the Forum on Poverty held at ArtSpring on September 21.

"This talk will be focussed on welfare policy and the impact it has on low-income people," Klein said.

While Klein visited Salt Spring in the past to speak about tax and spending cuts under the B.C. Liberal government, next Tuesday's talk will be more focussed on issues of poverty and welfare, he said.

"I hope people will come who want to know more about what happened to welfare policy in the last couple of years."

The event runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and admission is by donation.

People generally know about steep budget cuts in the last three years but they are less aware that the Ministry of Human Resources (MHR) took the "biggest hit" of any government ministry, said Klein.

"The hardest hit has been borne by the most vulnerable among us."

The welfare reduction was achieved by a significant drop in case loads, he said.

"There's this complicated story where the government says, 'Case loads are going down and therefore it's all good news,' and yet other trends like homelessness and food bank usage and shelter usage are on the increase. Part of it is about those welfare policy changes."

Case-load reductions were achieved through some fairly dramatic reductions to welfare that involved multiple cuts

in benefits and a significant tightening of eligibility rules, he said. "We have seen measures there that are unprecedented in the country."

One new welfare requirement means B.C. residents must show financial independence over two consecutive years.

"No other jurisdiction in Canada requires that."

It particularly affects young people who haven't had time as adults to accumulate two consecutive years of financial independence, he said.

"It's wrong to expect the welfare system to solve the problems of people needing welfare. You have to look at policy alternatives for the economy provincially and locally that will increase the supply of jobs that pay decently. Then your problem takes care of itself."

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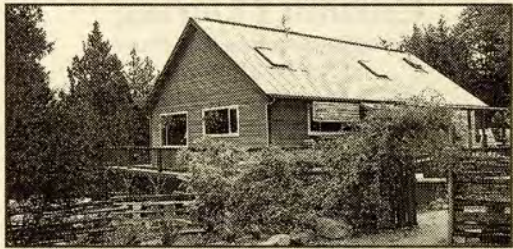
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Mayne developer bends to pressure

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Plans to expand the Mayne Inn from nine to 42 units with a new strata-ownership system have not received a friendly welcome from neighbours on Bennett Bay.

Now Mayne Island's Local Trust Committee (LTC) has asked the hotel owners to reconsider their development plans in an effort to appease the community.

"We just asked them, in view of the concerns expressed by the neighbours in Bennett Bay, that they come back with something that the community can live with," said LTC trustee Jeanine Dodds.

"Their proposal was for the maximum density that they are allowed under their current zoning. We've asked them to come back with a smaller project and I expect that they will."

Community opposition was organized by Friends of Bennett Bay (FOBB), who

packed a Trust townhall meeting beyond capacity on August 28.

"We would hate to make rash decisions to set up a resort community," said FOBB spokesperson Caterina Geuer. "Once we started down that road, it would be very difficult to move out of it. We're basically just asking for reflection and thought and we want the community's concerns to be heard."

FOBB has objected to project density and strata ownership of units, they've questioned local water availability, and discussed the possibility of increased sewage in an ecologically-sensitive non-flushing bay.

"The main message from FOBB regarding this issue is that we are not against development if it is done in a sustainable manner, taking the wishes and concerns of the community into consideration. We will not become a destination resort on Mayne, however," said Geuer.

While the LTC has said it is powerless to refuse the Mayne Inn's plans, FOBB is pushing for reduced density, Geuer said.

"They're telling us they don't have the power to change anything but in actual fact, according to a legal opinion, they do."

Geuer also expressed concern about whether trustees on the Mayne LTC really reflect the views of their constituents.

"In the past year there have been four or five major issues and either one or the other of the two trustees have had to declare themselves in a conflict of interest. That's kind of unsettling. Who are they representing, really?"

The situation on Mayne mirrors similar development conflicts occurring throughout the Gulf Islands, she said.

"We know that we're a small part of a much big-

ger story. At the same time we should recognize that the Gulf Islands are a precious resource. There's nothing like them anywhere else. A lot of the people have moved here because of that."

Even though the Mayne Inn plans adhere to existing bylaws, developers will likely succumb to public pressure after the Islands Trust asked them to voluntarily submit a smaller proposal.

"We feel we are sacrificing a significant amount of potential but what good is it if you are hated," said Mayne Inn co-owner Murray Rosengren.

"We're not slick developers. There's me and my partner Dave Hinton. I'm a carpenter and he's an electrician. I've put a lot of myself into this place."

Along with Hinton, Rosengren intends to stay on Mayne Island for the long term and the developers hope fair-minded people will find a new proposal more agreeable.

"We feel it will be a very reasonable reduction . . . I don't expect to satisfy people totally but people have to respect we do have some rights here."

Rosengren's been flummoxed by project opposition.

"We're going to bow to that pressure to a degree . . . Even though it's not law. We don't have to. We've got the zoning. We fit into the OCP."

Opponents from FOBB are not looking at issues like commerce and jobs or considering green-building practices in the plan, he said.

"Tourism is what we're doing here. If they are against tourism, what in heaven's name are they for? Every industry has an impact on the environment but what industry is more environmentally friendly than tourism, especially green tourism?"

Mayne Inn development plans include grey-water recycling and a rainwater-collection system with 100,000 gallons of storage capacity.

Additionally, wastewater plans will have to meet stringent regulations set by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

"Everybody is an environmentalist these days. We're all really concerned about ozone, global warming and everything. This is a tough issue to fight."

Though the Trust relayed FOBB concerns to the Mayne Inn owners, Dodds believes many community concerns about the development are "misinformed."

"We had a town-hall session at the beginning of our [August 28] meeting and we certainly had at least 150 people in the hall and quite a few people outside who were very misled by the FOBBers. There was a huge amount of misinformation spread by the FOBB," Dodds said.

One of FOBB's key concerns is that the Mayne Inn plans to build 33 new units with the investment concept of fractional ownership, where a hotel room could have several potential owners.

"People assumed that when you had multiple ownership, then you would have a residential-condominium project. They didn't understand that you can sell a hotel room."

The Mayne Inn plan for 42 strata-hotel units on their 1.19 hectares (2.93 acres) is equivalent to 14 three-bedroom houses on the same space, she said.

"So the density isn't that much different than their neighbours that pretty much all have quarter-acre lots with three-bedroom houses on them."

Nonetheless, the LTC directed planners to draft a letter to the Mayne Inn citing community concerns, she said.

"We meet in the middle of October and I definitely expect the Mayne Inn to come back with its architectural plans and a smaller proposal. I'm quite sure they are going to do that and I have no idea if the public will be happy or not."



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DAYCARE FAREWELL: Callum Ceysens, Susan Biddlecombe and Max Temmel (left to right) ask islanders to buy a fundraising calendar to support a new home for the Salt Spring Island Daycare. Biddlecombe retired from her work as an early-childhood educator at the daycare on Friday.

Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

DAYCARE: Fundraiser

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ing an increased demand for licensed daycare," said SSIDS vice-chair Harry Barnes.

"Unfortunately, there aren't enough daycare spaces for the children who need them and SSI Daycare is unable to offer more spaces, owing to the size of our current facility."

The present building has served the daycare well for many years, but is now very old and reaching the end of its useful life, he said.

"We are initiating a fundraising drive to purchase property and build a new licensed facility which will enable us to offer services to more children on Salt Spring," said SSIDS chair Paul Ceysens.

"Our plan is to raise capital through a variety of means, including provincial government daycare grant programs, which would potentially match the money we raise, dollar for dollar, to a maximum of \$250,000."

Biddlecombe started her teaching career in a Doukhobor school in the Slokan Valley "many years ago," she said.

She became an ECE in 1992 after she was inspired to teach preschoolers through working with older children who had special needs.

Biddlecombe realized that if all children could receive earlier intervention, many of them would require far less assistance from the school system later on, she said.

Upon graduating from the ECE program, she moved to

Salt Spring and worked at Treefrog Daycare and Salt Spring Co-operative Preschool before she started at SSI Daycare six years ago.

"Susan is one of the best ECEs I have ever seen," said SSI Daycare Society (SSIDS) board member and parent Loretta Rithaler. "She has a special way with children, and they know she just loves them."

SSI Daycare manager Andrea Hollingsworth also praised Biddlecombe.

"Susan's gift with children is legendary. She loves them and they love her. She thoroughly appreciates and understands them and can relate to them on their level."

Hollingsworth notes that early-childhood care is a vital concern for the community.

"The common perception is that daycare is only an issue for families and is just . . . a safe place for children to play while parents work. But the fact is that quality

daycare is vitally important to families and the community, and that early-childhood education found in a quality daycare benefits the community as a whole."

Along with improved performance in numeracy and literacy, early-childhood education is associated with increased self-esteem, strengthened socialization skills and better connections with the community, she said.

"This is over and above the obvious benefit of ensuring that every parent who wants or needs to has access to the workplace or to education," Hollingsworth said.

Contributions to SSI Daycare's Building Fund 2005 can be sent to the society at 381 Lower Ganges Road, V8K 2V4. Charitable tax receipts will be issued.

The 2005 SSI Daycare calendar will be available at the Salt Spring Fall Fair, Juliette's Hair Studio, Thrifty Foods, Vesuvius Store, Volume II Books and Windflower Moon.

RCMP REPORT

On September 9 a blue Miata handmade 10-speed road bike was stolen from outside Barb's Buns.

• On Saturday morning at 5 a.m. a 1983 Ford pick-up truck went off the road in the 2300 block of Fulford-Ganges Road after the 23-year-old male driver fell asleep while driving.

He received a violation ticket for failing to keep right and a \$109 fine.

• An 82-year-old male on a 2001 Yamaha motor scooter failed to negotiate the corner into his driveway and slid on the gravel, suffering abrasions to his leg.

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Youth plays major role in conference

By **ROB WILTZEN**
Driftwood Contributor

The HIV/AIDS pandemic of Africa will be tackled by the youth of both Africa and Canada at the upcoming Community to Community conference on September 18 and 19.

Youth involvement has been a focus of conference organizers in recognition of the special opportunities for education and the unique impacts on youth that the HIV/AIDS pandemic has had in Africa.

"The youth in Africa are devastated by family loss," said conference organizer Susan Dann. "Too often the parents are gone, the teachers are gone and, in many cases, the opportunities to be young are gone. We have one young woman attending the conference who ended up

in a parent role in a refugee camp at the age of 11."

The workshop series will have many youth participants, including five African youth who are travelling from Pearson college in Victoria. Other young people will be arriving from various B.C. locations.

With strong support from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), the organizing efforts for the conference have included many local youths.

"We've made a conscious effort to involve youth — especially given the setting of GISS," said Dann. "The crosses that were in the park for World AIDS Day last year will be going up this week at GISS, providing a visual impact for students."

Five island youth from the Sea Ventures will be partici-

pating in conference organizing by filming the workshops. Since workshops are held simultaneously, participants can view alternate workshops later, thanks to efforts of the young filmmakers.

Ten high school students from the leadership group will work with conference organizers to do set up and logistics for the conference. Some of these were involved with World AIDS Day events last December 1 and see this as a logical continuation of effort over the issue.

High school student Addi Perkins says he has lived with heightened awareness of the issue since that time and enthusiastically volunteered to help with the conference.

Perkins has a dream of becoming a doctor and volunteering with Medicin Sans

Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) in Africa.

"The main thing you would be doing is combating HIV/AIDS," he said of his career aspirations. "It's a cause I'd love to work for."

The 17-year-old student already has some ideas of what his priorities would be.

"The most pressing issue is catching up right now, getting generic drugs into Africa and South East Asia and getting preventative measures in place in other developing countries," he said.

"Somehow, the countries with money and power have to do something to fund the drugs and do the education to take the stigma out of HIV/AIDS."

Perkins will be speaking at the closing vigil at the crosses at GISS on September 19.

Clean Air workshop before concert

Labour and environment representatives will come together to participate in a day-long discussion about clean air issues on Thursday, September 16, while others gear up for the Clean Air Concert.

The benefit event featuring Neil Young, Randy and Tal Bachman, and the Bare-naked Ladies may have a few last-minute \$100 tickets available for people who call Cowichan Centre at 748-7529.

For Salt Spring residents attending the concert, a bus has been arranged. People can walk on the 3 p.m. ferry

from Vesuvius to Crofton, with the bus leaving Crofton at 3:45 p.m. The bus departs from the Cowichan Centre at 9:30 p.m. to meet the 10:05 p.m. ferry.

Bus vouchers are available at Salt Spring Books for the \$5 return trip.

B.C. Ferries will also run a late ferry leaving Crofton at 11:05 p.m. to pick up any concert stragglers.

Concert-goers are advised to bring a cushion, but no cameras, backpacks or umbrellas as there will be a security check. Food is available at the arena.

The Clean Air Workshop takes place in Duncan on Thursday, with government and industry invited to speak.

"We wanted to do something positive to get past the jobs vs. environment com-

ments that have made in the run-up to the concert," said Karen Cooling, national staff rep for the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP), who will speak at the event.

"Workers are like everyone else in supporting clean air, and this event will allow us to share our experiences, knowledge and concerns with people in our community."

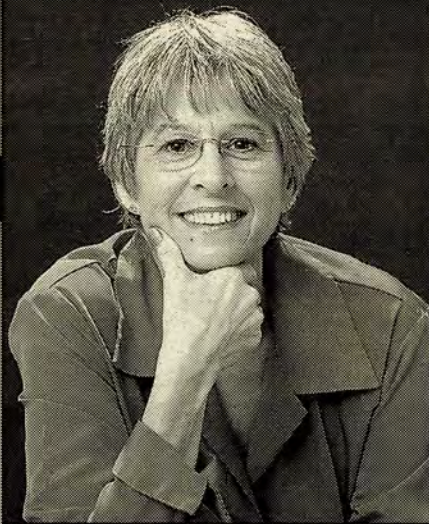
The day will feature a morning of storytelling by people from around Vancouver Island and B.C. The afternoon looks at stakeholder perspectives on B.C.'s air quality regulatory regime by labour, environment, industry and government representatives.

"Our union is in support of stronger clean air standards for B.C.," said Stuart Blundell, National Environ-

mental Officer of the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada (PPWC), who will also speak at the event. "While guidelines do exist, there are currently no provincial or federal regulations for air emissions from pulp and paper mills. This should be examined."

"While it's true that the concert has created tensions, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that there's actually a lot of common ground here," said Matt Price, a local environmentalist who helped pull together the discussion forum. "Let's talk about reforming B.C.'s outdated air-quality laws so that citizens can be confident that their government is protecting them."

The event is at the Silver Bridge Travelodge, 140 Trans-Canada Highway from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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Anne's roots are in rural Quebec and after many years of city life, she and her husband, Eric, chose Salt Spring Island as their home eight years ago. They were drawn by its caring, interesting people, its natural beauty and a desire to be part of a smaller community again.

Recognizing the importance of strong communities, Anne pursued further studies in Community Economic Development and has been actively involved in this island community. She recently played an integral part in establishing and coordinating the Salt Spring Island Society for Community Education, and remains involved as a board member.

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READY TO RUN (WALK, CYCLE): Young Kelly Fitzpatrick holds up his Terry Fox Run participant ribbon. The annual event took place Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Referendum to decide water district future

Federal and provincial infrastructure grants valued at \$1.5 million dangle above ratepayers in the Beddis and Fulford areas as they face a November 20 referendum.

The infrastructure grants will provide two thirds of project costs for water district facility upgrades if taxpayers agree via referendum to become Capital Regional District (CRD) utilities and finance the remaining third through CRD borrowing.

"The grant is conditional on them becoming a service of the Capital Regional District," said CRD local services engineering coordinator Gary Hendren.

Fulford Harbour Waterworks District (FHWD) could receive \$972,000 in joint federal-provincial infrastructure funds if its members vote to become CRD utilities.

Simultaneously, the Beddis Waterworks District (BWD) could gain \$507,000 in infrastructure funds for improvements following a vote of approval.

Another \$131,000 infra-

structure grant aimed to upgrade the Maliview sewer system has already been approved by a petition process.

The Beddis bylaw went before the CRD board in July while the FHWD bylaw was given first readings on September 8.

"Both are going to the same date for a referendum."

Local committees will decide whether the referendum will be in the form of a mail out or a public meeting, Hendren said.

"The next milestone will be when we put together a package for the public to look at that will have estimated costs of operation, estimated costs of actual capital works and their share."

He expects the information package to be assembled by early October.

"Basically the information needs to come to people so it's fresh in their memory for the referendum, but at the same time isn't too late for them to think about it."

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Photos will be featured in a special section published November 10.

Readers are asked to complete a special form describing the subject of the photo.

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Expression of Interest: Auditor

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Process

- Contact ArtSpring for an introductory package (available at ArtSpring between September 8 and 22, 2004).
- Sealed Expressions of Interest must include information about the organization/individual, experience, and qualifications. Please include description of previous work with not-for-profit organizations. As well, preliminary cost estimate.
- Deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest is 5:00pm, Friday, September 24, 2004. Interviews with potential candidates will be arranged for October.
- Following interviews, candidates will be required to submit final quotation.

The Island Arts Centre Society reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest quote will not necessarily be accepted.

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Making the case

Furor over the four-day school week in the Gulf Islands may have peaked Monday night with the Keep Five Alive-sponsored education forum at Gulf Islands Secondary.

In addition to local guests, passionate speakers included B.C. Teachers' Federation president Jenny Sims and CUPE B.C. head Barry O'Neill.

We maintain it is unfortunate the local school district felt forced to make such a dramatic change as the four-day week and clearly because of inadequate funding, while believing the alternative of odious program and service cuts was worse.

Opponents to the four-day week have been loud, certainly, but not overwhelming in number. The relative quiet could indicate many families are willing to give the new schedule a try, still bearing in mind the alternative.

What Gulf Islands parents should do in the next six to 10 months is realistically assess what the change has meant for their children and families, and provide that feedback to the board.

It's simply too soon to say what a four-day school week really means.

For the immediate future, islands trustee Kimberly Lineger has a constructive idea. Everyone concerned about the lack of funding for rural school districts such as ours should write a letter to Premier Gordon Campbell and bring or e-mail it to Lineger, who will hand-deliver the whole collection to Campbell at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference next week.

When it comes to making its financial case to the provincial government, the Gulf Islands School District could clearly use some help.

The school board must also clarify possible financial scenarios for the 2005-06 year, which was an area of dispute at the Monday night forum.

Inspirations

It's the week for passionate speakers on Salt Spring.

Anyone who has seen film or TV clips of Stephen Lewis, U.N. Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, will know his Sunday evening address at Gulf Islands Secondary will be an event to remember.

Congratulations in advance to organizers of the entire Community to Community conference, for bringing Lewis and other guests to the island and inspiring us year-round.



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Islanders get on stream with watershed management plan

By MAUREEN MOORE

What's that ugly green scum sometimes seen on Cusheon Lake?

It's commonly called a blue-green algal bloom but technically, the organisms belong to a group with the scientific name cyanobacteria.

These micro-organisms can produce toxins with deleterious effects on human, animal or fish life, and they can even cause death. If a lake has a high level of such toxins, it has to be closed to bathing, drinking and washing clothes or dishes. Chlorine can't remove the toxin and neither can boiling nor filtration.

However, Cusheon Lake has a lot in its favour. It is a source of drinking water for over 200 households. It has the second largest annual flow of water

VIEW POINT

among the lakes of Salt Spring, and autumn windstorms mix it well. This means that the benefit from any cleanup effort will be seen quickly. This lake can be restored.

Also on the plus side, a steering committee of volunteers has been working for almost two years to produce a draft Cusheon Watershed Management Plan.

A baseline study of phosphorus sources was completed and reported by Dr. John Sprague, a biologist who specializes in water pollution. Those conclusions were used by the group to write the management plan, which also

includes lots of information from Kathy Reimer, an expert on fish and their habitat.

Dr. Sprague and Wayne Hewitt are sampling and testing water to confirm the sources of nutrient. The plan is a first on the island and might serve as a model for other Salt Spring lakes. The goal is to lessen the sources of pollution and bring the lake back closer to its natural condition.

Why do we have blooms of algae and cyanobacteria in Cusheon? Our human activities have increased the nutrient inputs to the lake during the last few decades. The crucial "limiting" nutrient is phosphorus. If that is lessened, the blooms will decrease.

Phosphorus surges into the lake from land run-off, especially from erosion of cleared land and

the banks of creeks. This includes land draining into upstream Roberts and Blackburn lakes.

Phosphorus also seeps from septic fields, along with E. coli. We can reduce the nutrient flows by fixing septic systems and revegetating stream banks. Nature provides natural filters (grasses, shrubs and trees) that clean the sediments and nutrients from lake-bound water.

Some of the recommendations in the management plan are: (1) restore stream and lakeside vegetation, (2) avoid clear-cutting and revegetate denuded land, and (3) ensure that septic tanks and drainage fields are properly maintained. (The CRD will soon have an inspection program for septic tanks.)

Since the management plan is still just a draft, the steering

committee is asking concerned citizens to read it, and send back comments to improve the plan. The draft version is available at the Islands Trust office and on www.islandstrust.bc.ca — the Trust's website.

Also, there will be a Cusheon Watershed Plan booth at the fall fair this weekend.

There will be a public meeting in October (watch for it in the Driftwood's "Coming Events" classified column and in the Driftwood's What's On This Week section.)

Please share your views and information. Help restore a lake!

The writer is a member of the Cusheon Watershed Plan Steering Committee, the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee and the Water Preservation Society.

Stephen Lewis' words prompt actions full of hope

By PEG FRANK

On Sunday, September 19, Stephen Lewis, United Nations Special Envoy to HIV/AIDS in Africa, will be on Salt Spring Island to talk publicly about the situation in Africa.

His speech is titled "The AIDS Pandemic in Africa: What Can We Do?" and has made me want to share my own experiences.

I first "met" Stephen Lewis on film as he spoke with a group of very ill women in Rwanda. Stephen spoke kindly and directly to these women.

Judy Jackson, my friend and fellow islander, had been on assignment with the CBC to film Stephen Lewis in Africa. But, she'd also been on assignment for me. I'd had asked her to look for a project my artistic friends and I could support.

IN RESPONSE

As we watched the unedited footage, Judy said, "Here is your project."

Several of the widows who Stephen had spoken to had just moved into a created community called the Village of Hope. There were many things that these women and their families needed.

I made contact with the Rwanda Women's Network, and Peter Bardon and I prepared for a Group of Eight art show. I e-mailed Stephen Lewis, asking him for an endorsement.

He wrote back. "I've visited the Polyclinic of Hope on three occasions now. It is

one of the bravest and most moving projects of its kind in Africa. A contribution to these HIV+ women, often savagely raped during the genocide for the explicit purpose of transmitting the virus, is a true act of hope and generosity. Your money will go directly to them and you can be sure that it will be well used."

The Group of Eight show raised \$5,000. We asked what the village needed. The women told us they needed water and electricity and later we discovered it would cost about \$50,000. Peter and I decided not just to send the money we had but to find ways to raise the rest.

Then we met Stephen Lewis again, this time in print. *The Globe and Mail* ran an article on the AIDS pandemic that included Stephen's intention to start

a foundation to link Canadians with grassroots projects in Africa. The article listed three special projects, including our Village of Hope. By now others were included in our fundraising campaign. There was a school in Toronto, a bookstore in Prince George, a church in Saanich . . .

In the summer of 2003, we became associated with the newly formed Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Although we had now "met" Stephen Lewis several times, Peter and I first shook hands with him when he spoke at the McPherson Theatre in Victoria earlier this year. For two hours we were mesmerized by his talk.

Afterward I bravely moved through the crowd and introduced myself. "Pegfrank," he said, using my electronic name. "What a pleasure

to meet you and thank you for the great work you are doing."

Peter and I have continued our fundraising. A month ago we got news that the government of Rwanda is helping to implement rural water and electricity projects in our Village of Hope, among others. The villagers worked with labourers and installed the lines within the village, using the money we had sent more than two years ago.

We are waiting for approval to send the rest of the money from the Stephen Lewis Foundation to link these lines with those one kilometre down the road. There is such joy in knowing that these amazing women can spend their last days with their families instead of carrying water and gathering firewood.

As we prepare to meet Stephen Lewis on our own turf, Peter and I reflect on the inspiration he has given us.

Through knowing him in film, in print, on the Internet and in person, we continue to be inspired and moved to participate in the resolution of the African AIDS crisis.

If two ordinary islanders help bring water and electricity and a better quality of life to 120 people in Rwanda, imagine what an island of 11,000 can do?

Come listen to what Stephen Lewis has to say. His talk, at 5:30 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School, is open to the public.

Tickets are only \$30 (\$15 for students) and available at ArtSpring.

The writer spearheads the Village of Hope project, along with Peter Bardon.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *Would you pay an extra \$70 in taxes each year for an indoor pool?*



Shelley Lawson

No. It's just not something we would use. We had access to indoor pools in the city and we didn't use them.



Dora Martin

I suppose I would. I think if one had small children, it's fairly important.



Lynn Bell

I would because eight months of the year you can't swim outside.



Patrik Burr

No. Buy a wetsuit and swim in the ocean.



Lewis MacKay

I probably drop \$50 every time we go to Nanaimo to swim. With a pool here, I could drop the kids off and take a nap. You don't want to be the only place in Canada without an indoor pool.

Letters to the Editor

Prudent

Someone said to me that the fire trustees have the right to decide what they want to do with the clock tower, be it the installation of a cell antenna or anything else.

I don't think so. The purpose of that publicly funded fire station is to house fire fighting equipment. Period.

I don't think the trustees have the right to bring this toxic technology to Ganges, any more than they would have the right to put a pig-slaughtering plant in the fire hall parking lot to make a few extra bucks.

The fire trustees are completely ignoring the wishes of a large number of nearby businesses and neighbours as well as the very large number of people who play or shop in Ganges.

Trustees also ignore the ever-increasing amount of evidence of the real and potential dangers of cell-phone technology.

The 265,000 member International Association of Fire Fighters has become so concerned about the health impacts of cell phone antennae they recently placed a moratorium on the installation of cell-phone antennae in all their fire stations.

In light of the above, trustees forcing the antenna on this community could recklessly expose our fire department and/or themselves, personally, to legal actions and financial liabilities.

Clearly the prudent and responsible course of action for the trustees would be to abide by the precautionary principle, which the local government has formally adopted regarding antennae and abandon any installation until such time as the professional IAFF study is complete and the safety of this technology is proven.

TOM PICKETT,
Lee Road

Beauty lost

Twelve years ago we moved to Norton Road because we liked the peace and quiet of this rural road.

Today I still hear chickens squawking, cocks crowing and sheep bleating in the neighborhood. Deer are crossing our path and entering our gardens. Quails, robins and other birds build their nests here and we enjoy their company.

The other day a dead deer was lying in the ditch, killed by a careless driver, with a broken headlamp of a car nearby, who must have taken the curve from Scarff Lane

too fast and impatiently. With 26 new houses planned on this road, it could just as easily have been a child!

People who come to my house tell me they never knew there was such a beautiful and quiet place here. And why should they? Usually they go by Norton Road in a hurry on Lower Ganges Road.

In the spring there are still apple and cherry trees in bloom along the road, wild roses, daisies and other wildflowers bloom on the sides and later people stop to pick blackberries.

All of this is zoned agricultural because it was owned by the Norton family, who made their living by farming the land.

The increased traffic of 26 families with mostly two cars per family driving on this narrow, hilly road, while children are riding their bikes, playing, roller skating, or just ambling along deep in their conversations — all of this means an accident is bound to happen some day.

Some of us are senior citizens who have given up driving but not walking! We walk to the Village Market, the drugstore, the hospital, the seniors centre and other places.

Already now, if two cars, trucks or vans pass each other, one of them has to stop on this road to let the other pass.

People from across Lower Ganges Road who live at Meadowbrook and at the new housing development between Foxglove and the Village Market like to go for an exercise walk down Norton Road because there is little traffic on it and because they like its rustic charm. Nurses walk down our quiet road from the hospital on their lunch hour for a breath of fresh air. All this will be destroyed if the planned houses are built.

I will not talk about developers who are not interested in natural beauty or its value for the health of people who lived here much longer than I have or who come to enjoy a quiet walk along our road. Others have done that. And we know the developer's interests. People with low incomes cannot afford the houses that are proposed here and the prices that are quoted.

Before a fence was put up across from our properties, we were able to take a walk on the side where this development is planned. It used to be a beautiful wilderness place, full of trees and plants, with small paths,

probably made by deer who lived there with other wildlife. How it is now I do not know, because a big house was built at the end of our road by the new owners and everything is fenced in.

MARGARET PRIETZ,
Norton Road

Seniors speak

B.C.'s 550,000 seniors are proud of our province. It is a much better society today than it was when they were young. They take their citizenship duties seriously. They turn out to vote in record numbers and in every community they are willing volunteers in causes that help their fellow citizens.

You will see senior volunteers in hospitals and in care homes. They do shopping for people who are housebound, they drive seniors to doctors appointments. They help deliver meals-on-wheels to seniors and handicapped, and they help raise funds for community causes.

Many seniors thought they had it made and would be able to live out their lives in a caring society with some degree of security. But it was not to be. Governments, especially in B.C., began chipping away at the gains that had been made, partic-

ularly to our public health care system.

Many seniors remember the days before we had publicly funded health care. This understanding of the difference that a public health care system makes has caused seniors to fight back against the numerous cuts and changes being made by the provincial government.

Seniors belong to dozens of different organizations and are now exploring ways to unite their forces and speak with one voice. The Romanow report with its solid support for publicly funded health care was endorsed by all major seniors organizations across Canada.

As our public health care system undergoes changes, citizens actively voicing their opinions and engaging in decision making which affects their lives can make positive change.

Citizens have a responsibility to be informed on issues of concern and to participate as they see fit in decision-making that affects them and beyond.

Public health benefits all citizens, not just seniors.

RON MILTON,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Dana's charm will be missed but Salt Spring carries on

At the stroke of midnight on September 29, you may feel a small tremor on Salt Spring. Do not be alarmed.

The epicentre of this shudder will be in downtown Ganges, as Boardwalk Greens, the little shop of flowers, changes ownership.

In many ways, Boardwalk Greens and the owner, Dana Britton, represent the charm of Salt Spring. Dana is quirky, eclectic, colourful, and imbued with a God-given talent to transform any dowdy interior into a showpiece. Her shop reflected her personality.

Tourists and locals alike would be drawn to the shop like bees to honey, not for the stuff on the shelves (have you ever been in one of those shops where everything is interesting?) but more for the ambiance, the whole dog and pony show.

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



Dana was the consummate performance artist. Boardwalk Greens was her stage. When the Globe and Mail, or Vancouver Sun, or even the L.A. Times needed a cover shot that typified Salt Spring Island, they would often end up at Boardwalk Greens.

What would prompt the owner of such a popular and successful island centrepiece to decide to fold up the tent? If you go to the source, she will say that it was just time to go. Run-ins with dog catchers, school boards . . . being a single mom on Salt Spring, a dearth of rentals, long hard days slugging around immense flower pots . . . there are plenty of reasons. But scratch the surface, and it goes a little deeper.

Dana Britton's departure may well represent a quiet exodus on Salt Spring. The headlines always talk of the armies of newcomers in shiny new SUVs or wheezing old school buses scratching around for a piece of paradise, but what of those going the other way . . . long-time locals that have had enough?

Thirty year resident David Rainsford and his wife Carol slipped off to Denman Island. He was the man who organized that beautiful garden outside the local library without pay and, incidentally, without much recognition.

Graeme Maltby, carpenter and stellar banjo player in the "Barley Brothers" band, made the ultimate sacrifice and has gone to northern Alberta. Philosopher king and tree climber Ty Mah moved to Courtenay. I could go on.

There is a major sea change afoot, and many of the old timers are less than giddy. Rules are being enforced. Leash laws, seat

belt laws, bicycle helmet laws . . . cars are pulled over for burnt-out headlights and wobbly tires.

Roadside farm stands and children's bus shelters have come under bureaucratic scrutiny. Many on Salt Spring will be surprised to learn that written building permits are required when putting up a structure. Civilization has come to Salt Spring, and with it, a certain sanitized homogeneity . . . the sharp edges are being rounded off. It's all so Darwinian.

And as Darwin would say, let nature take its course. Understand that Salt Spring is one of the premier destinations in Canada, and the pressure to accommodate all those wanting a piece of the action will always be there.

If we can't stop it, at least we can direct it into a reasoned, measured progression. To dig in one's heels, to roll up the drawbridge is, as Shakespeare would say, "to take arms against a rising tide" . . .


. . . or, as they would say in the south end, "about as useful as pissing into the wind, eh?"

To throw up your arms in exasperation, to shoehorn everything you own into a U-Haul and head for the prairies may be equally foolhardy. The grass always looks greener "over there." My bet is, that many of the disgruntled emigrants will eventually find their way back home to Salt Spring.

If you are downtown in the near future, drop into Boardwalk Greens and pay your respects to Dana. She is one of those unique pieces of humanity that has made Salt Spring what it is, and I will miss her.

To the new owner of Boardwalk Greens, congratulations! You have got your hands on an original. If you can retain half the magic that Dana created, you will have yourself a winner.

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Road and cars

I thought that the suggestion of placing one of those small slightly raised roundabouts at the Central crossroads to regulate traffic flow was a great idea.

Those little traffic islands are the coolest things out there, if you hit one at a high-enough speed and angle, you can catch air and have all four wheels off the ground for a good distance. Unfortunately the wrong angle can put the car into a barrel roll, but hey, I know the local kids will get it figured out after a few tries.

And, maybe I'm getting cynical in my old age, but isn't there a delightful irony about using enough fuel to keep a small car going for about six months on the island, by driving a hybrid car two thirds of the way across Canada to protest fuel usage?

Of course, the thing has to get back too, so make that a year's gas.

IAN ABBOTT,
Walker Hook Road

Errant

I read with dismay the letter about killer dogs in the Driftwood last week.

As a local and long-time resident Jack Russell (born in the Fernwood area) I know that this behaviour is not typical of us. We do seem to get the occasional bad press and some of my friends do step out of line, but we generally are an articulate, well-read and well-bred bunch, despite not being recognized by the Kennel Club as a breed of our own.

I apologize for the errant behaviour of some of my colleagues (ratting is our nature) and will take steps to ensure that this does not happen again.

ROSIE HANNAH,
President, Jack Russell Anti-Defamation League, Salt Spring Chapter

Irrational

Why would Bob Weeden resort to the libel of a hypothetical Israeli raid on Iran when he has the reality of Iranian-sponsored violence within the Jewish state? (September 8 Driftwood Viewpoint.)

His own approach suggests why negotiations fail. When one side becomes irrational, nothing remains to discuss. Once reason has fled the field, the solution becomes military rather than diplomatic: a megalomaniac in Iraq destabilizing the region; zealots from the West Bank or Gaza who would rather blow themselves up than eat; a hostile man holding a knife to a woman's throat in Toronto.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Salt Spring

Complaint filed

As residents of Salt Spring Island, we would like to file a public complaint to the Salt Spring RCMP to investigate Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. for its violations of Sections 13 (2) of the B.C. *Heritage Conservation Act* (1996).

We understand, based on public information, that

Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. has reportedly disturbed or destroyed recorded and previously unrecorded archaeological sites during recent non-permitted land development of Channel Ridge Village. Section 13 (2) of the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* provides legal protection for all archaeological sites against disturbance without receipt of a permit from the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, in particular:

Section 13 (2) Except as authorized by a permit issued under Section 12 or 14, or an order issued under section 14, a person must not do any of the following:

(a) damage, desecrate or alter a Provincial heritage site or a Provincial heritage object or remove from a Provincial heritage site or Provincial heritage object any heritage object or material that constitutes part of the site or object;

(d) damage, excavate, dig in or alter, or remove any heritage object from a site that contains artifacts, features, materials or other physical evidence of human habitation or use before 1846;

As residents of Salt Spring Island, we are dismayed by the allegations that Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. has proceeded to illegally destroy a piece of our island's history. Island residents have been actively involved in recording many of the archaeological sites located on Channel Ridge over the years, including DfRv-110, a large inland

shell midden site first identified four years ago.

We have been vocal through the Islands Trust and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd.'s public consultation meetings to preserve these archaeological sites from destruction by the proposed development of Channel Ridge Village.

As citizens of British Columbia, we believe that these archaeological sites should be protected not only out of respect to First Nation people and their history, but also as a part of our common Canadian heritage.

The Heritage Conservation Act is the provincial law of British Columbia, and it is the duty of the RCMP to uphold provincial law on Salt Spring Island.

For this reason, we request that the SSI RCMP complete a full-scale police investigation of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. and forward an official Report to Crown Counsel to determine charges for their offences against the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

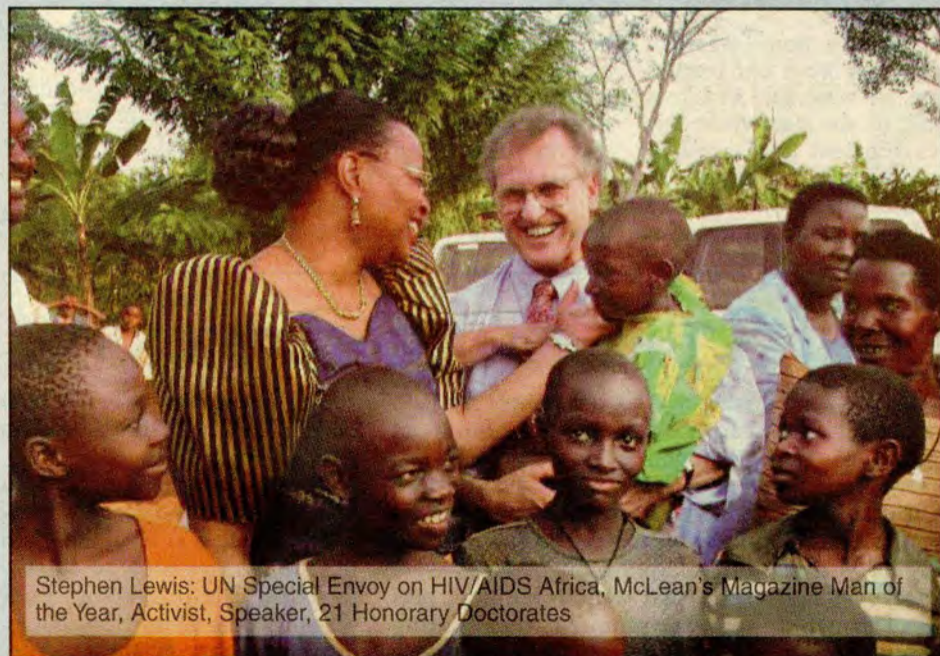
Thank you for upholding justice on Salt Spring Island.

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JACQUELINE THOMAS,
JUDI STEVENSON,
GREG SPENDJIAN,
DONNA COCHRAN,
RONALD WRIGHT,
And 13 other signatories,
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AIDS Pandemic in Africa: What can we do?

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Excellent choice

The letter in last week's paper about the Jack Russells was almost too silly to respond to, but . . . !

As any sensible person knows, any dog has the potential to be aggressive and badly behaved and every dog has the potential to make a well-behaved and friendly pet. The difference is in the manner in which a dog is raised, treated and trained.

To label all Jack Russell terriers as a bad choice for a pet is patently ridiculous.

Let me tell you about ours. We have two, Roz and her son Moby. Our dogs are obedient and well behaved, travel with us everywhere (including staying in hotels), are well known around town and are a favourite with our bed and breakfast guests.

Moby recently starred in the boating safety video, Moby the Safety Dog. A less aggressive dog would be hard to find.

He's even afraid of mice! Roz has been known to chase the occasional rodent, but I'd say that's a good thing, or are we going to start a Save the Rat Campaign?!

As for kids, our dogs are wonderful with them. We even had a family staying with us whose three-year-old daughter was afraid of dogs. By the end of their stay she was coming downstairs to play with our two and the parents were thrilled that she had overcome her fear by interacting with such friendly and well-behaved canines.

So — watch out around town for Roz and Moby. They'll be happy to demonstrate to anyone who might think I'm biased, that JRTs are an excellent choice for a family pet.

MANDY SPOTTISWOODE,
Salt Spring

Questions

Why, oh why, oh why? (As Rabbit says in Pooh.)

Why, oh why, oh why would Rick Carlson, director of network implementation for Telus come personally to Salt Spring over one itty-bitty antenna?

Why won't Telus come out and specifically say, "We can show it's safe."?

Why is Telus ramming this

through with no public consultation?

Why has the International Association of Fire Fighters called for a complete moratorium on installations of cell antennae in fire stations?

Why does the B.C. Parents Advisory Council not want cell antennae on or near school grounds?

Why is it illegal to even raise health concerns in the U.S., if the technology is so safe?

Why won't the fire trustees hold a public meeting to answer your concerns?

Why are our fire trustees ignoring and showing such disrespect to 1,500 individuals and 50 businesses who have asked them not to install the antenna?

What do you think?

What do you want?

MICHAEL LINEHAN,
Salt Spring

See exhibit

Last weekend I finally got to see the Egypt Exhibit at the Victoria Museum. It will be there only until the end of October.

It was pretty profound and I hope to go one more time in October.

You can spend several hours there and I strongly recommend Salt Springers check it out.

There are aspects of the exhibit I found haunting. The event is well worth it. The best stuff is right when you walk in, it's the finest and apparently oldest artifacts there.

I heard the reason its on tour for the first time (and Victoria, of all places) is because the London Museum is being renovated.

If there is nowhere to move everything, you put it on world tour!

JAMES FALCON,
Salt Spring

Tourism effects

If you think having concerns about placing a cell-phone transmitter in the Ganges fire hall tower makes you an oddball, consider the company you're in that also has great concerns for this kind of situation.

For instance, Dr. Helen Caldicott, co-founder of Phy-

sicians for Social Responsibility stated in an e-mail published in the New Milford Times, March 3, 2000 and published in Telecom Towers Tsunami by B. Blake Levitt:

"Radio frequencies emitted from mobile telephone towers will have deleterious medical effects to people within the near vicinity, according to a large body of scientific literature. Babies and children will be particularly sensitive to the mutagenic and carcinogenic effects of this radio frequency radiation . . ."

Centennial Park is right across the street from the fire hall with many babies and children in the playground, not to mention all the babies and children who come to the Saturday market.

The parents who come as tourists, bringing their babies and children with them would perhaps reconsider visiting here knowing their children to be at risk.

That then could be a large amount of tourist dollars that would not be coming to our community.

DEBORAH CRAN,
Salt Spring



TERRY FOX COLOUR: Kirstie Shaw and Kaeli Dragomir fancy-up the start and finish line at Sunday's Terry Fox Run, Salt Spring, decorating it with flowers.

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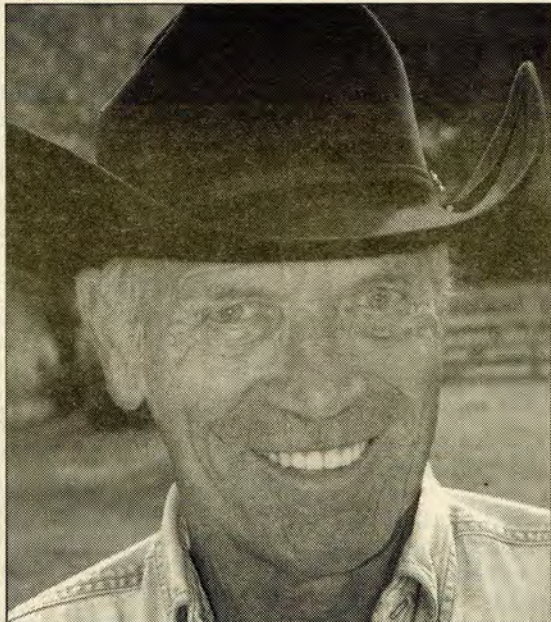
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DERRICK'S ISLAND PICS

More letters

What price

I have read several times, carefully and thoughtfully, Bob Weeden's View Point article in the September 8 Driftwood, deploring the shooting by Toronto police of a man who, being chased by police, grabbed a woman and held her at gunpoint. After 40 minutes of stalemate, a police sniper killed the man, so the woman was released.

I have a great respect for Bob, and admire his humanitarian ideals, but I find myself in substantial disagreement with a number of items in his article. He goes on to say, "The woman was physically unharmed." Is physical damage the only criterion to be considered here? How long is it going to take this poor soul to get over the emotional trauma and get her life back to where it was when she was taken hostage? A year, 10 years, ever?

He then speaks of Canada as a nation where the death penalty is banned. This, of course, is exactly what the federal government wants us to believe. Unfortunately,

as is so often the case with things governments want us to believe, this could not be further from the truth. The news media report to us with sickening regularity yet another execution, the only difference being that under the convoluted logic of what Pierre Trudeau invented with the euphemism "the just society," more often than not, it is of a perfectly innocent person whose only offence was of her or him being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The executioner is then given every consideration and assistance at taxpayers' expense, while the victims are left to blow in the wind. This woman in Toronto was in imminent danger of becoming another such statistic.

Bob has, not surprisingly, taken a very academic approach to this event. He ponders all the variables and options, and wonders if more time taken in negotiation would have resolved the problem without bloodshed. But, w of course, he had the luxury of being thousands of miles from the action, and

with no personal involvement. Musing over the conscience of the sniper, he wonders if it would be hard to explain to his grandkids.

I wonder if it would be any easier to have to say, "I had the means to stop him, but while I was dithering, he murdered your mother."

Had Bob been on the scene, I wonder if he would have written the same article. Had it been his wife being held, I wonder if he would have been prepared to give the order to shoot.

From the comfort and security of one's own surroundings, 40 minutes of negotiation may not seem very long, but I have no doubt that 40 minutes would be one hell of a long time if one were standing with a gun at your head!

Let me put it another way: is Judy Weeden's life expendable as the price we should be prepared to pay for the opportunity to try and convince a madman to be rational? I think not.

HAROLD PAGE,
Salt Spring

Salt Spring Island FALL FAIR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Islands Farmers' Institute Fair Grounds, 351 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3:30 pm	Fair building open for placing entries (except Photography and Quilts which must be placed on Wednesday Sept. 15 - see sections for details)	7:30 pm	All entries for indoor sections must be placed. All entries for livestock sections must be placed (unless otherwise arranged)
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 am	Admission gates open. Indoor judging. No Admittance to the Main Building during judging. Pancake Breakfast at the Beer Garden	12:00 pm	Classes and demonstrations at the Horse Ring ongoing all day
8:30 am	All livestock must be penned. Start of livestock judging, continuing through the day	1:00 pm	Sweetest Apple Competition
9:00 am	Commercial Vendors and Exhibitors open	2:00 pm	Maintaining and caring for your septic system
9:00 am	Horse show opens continues all day	2:30 pm	Sheep Dog Demonstration
10:00 am	Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds: starts at the Tourist Information Centre. Food Concessions open. Games of Chance open. Ongoing Demonstrations at the Demo Tent. SSI Weavers' Guild - Try your hand at weaving	3:00 pm	Doll-making - hands on demo
11:00 am	Indoor Sections Open - in the Main Building	4:00 pm	Rug hooking with Joanne O'Connor
11:30 am	Sheep Dog Demonstration	6:00 pm	Gates Closed

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10:00 am	24/7
11:00 am	Salt Spring Fiddleworks
12:00 pm	Triskele
1:00 pm	Terry and Friends
2:00 pm	Suzanne Little and Tom Hooper
3:00 pm	Alan Moberg
4:00 pm	Stack Sisters
5:00 pm	YJP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30 am	Admission Gates open. Pancake Breakfast at the Beer Garden	1:30 pm	Hoof and Woof. Watercolour techniques with Margaret Threlfall
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Admittance to the Main Building open only to Special Needs and Greenwoods residents	1:45 pm	Longest lasting dahlia bloom announced
9:00 am	Commercial Vendors and Exhibitors open	2:00 pm	Ongoing Demonstrations: Check demo tent for up to date schedule
9:30 am	Pet Show registration. Horse Show opens continues all day	2:30 pm	Sheep Dog Demonstration
10:00 am	Free bus shuttle from town to/from the fairgrounds: starts at the Tourist Information Centre. Pet Show. Ongoing 4H demonstrations, check at 4H tents for schedule. Food Concessions open. Games of chance open. Ongoing Demonstrations: Check demo tent for up to date schedule.	3:00 pm	Rotary Club Muffin Madness. 4H Raffle Draw
10:30 am	Indoor Exhibits open to all fairgoers	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Prize money and Trophies may be collected in the upstairs main building
11:00 am	Soap making with Terri Shaw	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	All entries must be removed. (not earlier) Gates Closed for another year
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RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

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ROSES

Roses, roses to the charming fellows at PARC's trail committee who created and installed markers at beach access points and trails across the island. Thanks for making these unique and valuable green spaces accessible to all islanders.

A simple, classic bouquet of ruby red roses to my man Mark. Your courage of heart and strength of character gathers soul from the storm. R

Many thanks for the return of the Nokia cellphone to the Driftwood. SW

A huge bouquet of roses to the young man who took my

glasses to Dr. Varju's office and left no identity. Such kindness restores our faith in the essential goodness of people. Very, very grateful. PJ

A giant bouquet to the gentleman and two ladies who interrupted their lunch to help our server when she fell down the steps at Moby's. Your help was much appreciated.

A bushel of roses and many thanks to Tim and Gwen (the first on the scene of my husband's bicycle accident), to Anne Buckley for her first-aid knowledge and for taking control of the situation, and to Aidan Buckley for his assistance. The ambulance attendants, Nancy and James, were very professional and caring. My gratitude to the staff at Lady Minto: Leanne, Dr. DeKock, Dr. Woodley, Aaron, and Amy. My husband is on the mend and appreciates everyone's kindness and expertise. KN

Masses of long-stemmed roses to Jacky Cooper for her wonderful coaching, dedication to horsemanship and commitment to her students. Her investment in the lives of her students and her persistence in helping them realize their full potential through horses and riding is incredible. Thank you!

A bouquet of fragrant roses to Jules S., who is a true friend. Lending your horse to someone for "B" Pony Club testing is a real sign of generosity and trust. Thanks, Jules!

A prairie rose to Norma Thompson because to know her is to love her!

A big bouquet of roses to Patricia Balsor for the outstanding job she has done keeping the bathrooms clean and the garbage picked up

at the market every Saturday. We will miss you. Best of luck for your new life in White Rock. WB

Roses aren't enough to

thank Terry who lives on DuBois Road for coming to our rescue with his huge tractor and pulling our truck out of the woods, then holding it up while we changed the tire. Merci! R and P

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This week's Islanders in Focus highlights the Mahon Hall Anniversary Show opening Thursday; and on Friday, the Knoop, Denz, McBride and Weinert show reception at ArtSpring; and the Bruce Bott reception at J. Mitchell Gallery.

If your community group has a special event planned, call The Driftwood for coverage in Islanders in Focus.

ISLANDERS in FOCUS



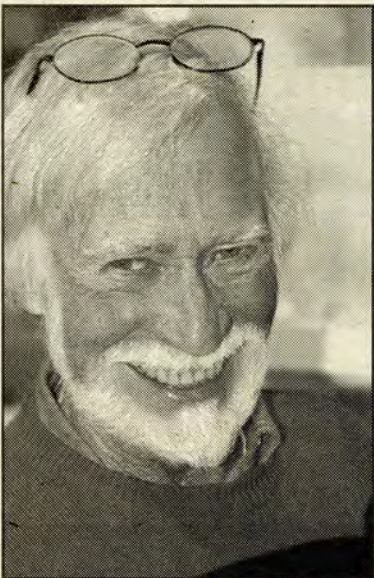
Artist Anni Knoop stands with one of the pieces in her tree series at ArtSpring.



Josie Clement and Phillip Lake are seen at Mahon Hall.



April Steel and Jill Hickford at Mahon Hall.



Photographer Joe Bengé at J. Mitchell Gallery.

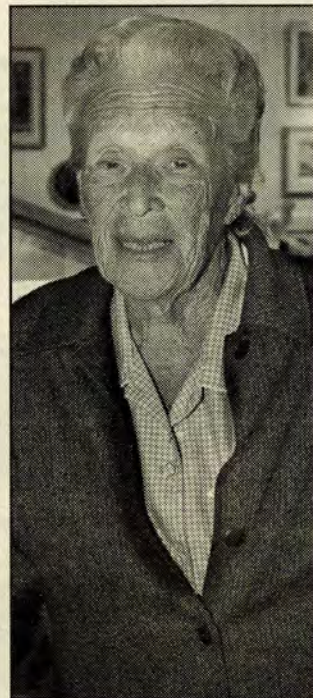


Pat Gould with sculpture at J. Mitchell Gallery.

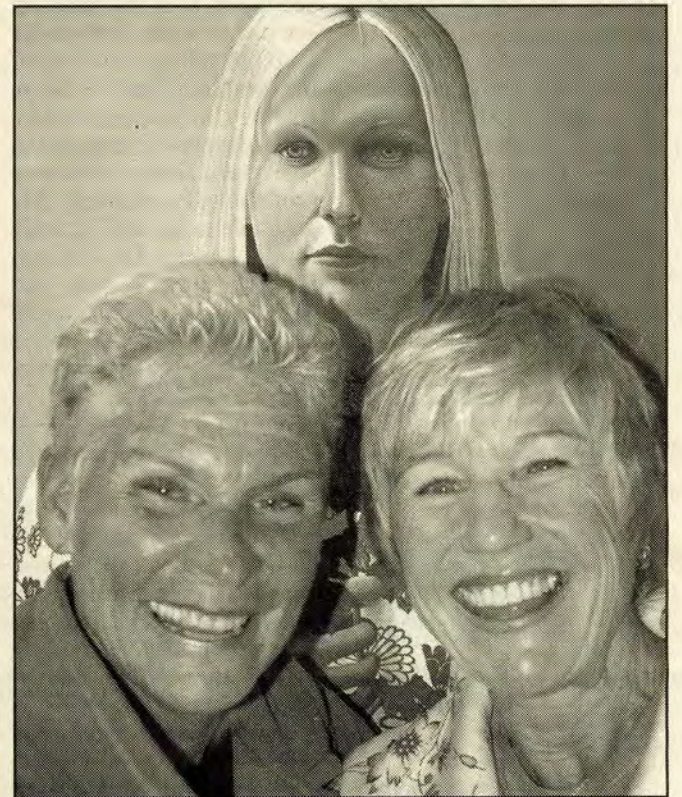


Robert Lawson and Robert Moss at J. Mitchell Gallery.

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Nita Brown enjoys the sights at Mahon Hall.



Susan Biddlecombe and Mary Halpen stand in front of a Jerry Davidson painting at J. Mitchell Gallery.



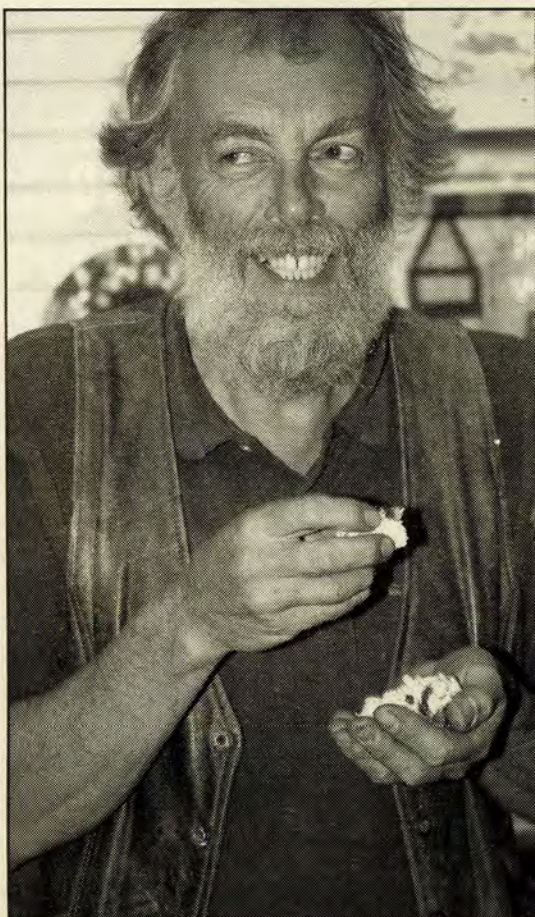
Chris and Stella Weinert at ArtSpring.



Pat Bennett spotted at J. Mitchell Gallery.



Lorcan Pitcher, Iris McBride and Bill Curtin hang out at ArtSpring.



Ian and Jacqueline Thomas attend the ArtSpring show.



Bob and Sylvia Cook at J. Mitchell Gallery.

At right, Merle Box (left) and Gillian Cobanli are spotted at Mahon Hall, along with Illtyd Perkins, seen at left.



At right, Shirley Graham enjoys festivities at Mahon Hall.



Salt Spring foundation invites \$\$ applications

By JUDY NORGET

Special to the Driftwood

Twice each year the Salt Spring Island Foundation approves grants to a number of the island's registered charitable organizations.

A total of \$40,000 in grants was approved last May, with approximately \$30,000 more available this year.

The next deadline for the submission of grant applications is at the end of this month — September 30.

Charitable organizations interested in applying for a grant may obtain a copy of the guidelines by contacting Ruth Pepin (phone 538-1939 or e-mail lrpepin@saltspring.com) or Bob Rush (phone 537-2501 or e-mail rush@saltspring.com).

The purpose of the Salt Spring Island Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in our own island community through the support of a wide range of worthy charitable organizations.

The foundation does this by investing the financial donations — however large or small — of thoughtful citizens in an endowment fund, and then annually distributing the income generated by the fund.

In this way, each donation is truly "a gift that keeps on giving."

Last May the foundation approved grants to the following:

ArtSpring — to upgrade ArtSpring's box office, including the purchase of a new thermal printer, compatible ticket stock, a new computer and a software upgrade.

First Ganges Sea Ventures (Ventures are the senior division of Scouts Canada for youth from ages 14 to 17) to refit the group's 26-foot sailboat, which had been damaged.

Fulford Community Hall Association — to help

with the provision of suitable storage for equipment used by the hall's regular users.

Gulf Islands Secondary School — toward the purchase of an arc welder for students' use in the technology shop.

Islands Trust Fund — for fencing and upgrading steps and paths for public safety at the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve.

The Mood Disorder Association of Salt Spring Island — to purchase books and videos on mental illness, which will be available to the community in the Mary Hawkins Memorial Library.

Planned Parenthood: Gulf Islands — to purchase a television set with video attachment for educational purposes.

The Salt Spring Island Alzheimers' and Caregivers' Support Group — to purchase additional reference material for its library.

Salt Spring Aquatic Society Stingrays Swim Team — toward the purchase of a portable storage unit for equipment.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy — for the

purchase of a multimedia LCD projector for the conservancy's educational programs.

Salt Spring Island Historical Society Archives — for the purchase of digital voice recorders and a laptop computer, as well as acid-free boxes and envelopes to house photographs and collections.

Salt Spring Preschool Society — toward the installation of an interactive outdoor play area.

Salt Spring Island Branch of the Victoria Human Exchange Society (with two residences to serve the island's homeless and working poor) — to repair damage and replace items that have "gone missing."

Donations to the Salt Spring Island Foundation are always welcome.

Every donation, no matter how small, helps the endowment fund grow, and thus helps the foundation provide more assistance to the many charitable organizations on the island.

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Salt Spring soccer kids sail for off-island goals

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Salt Spring youth will be playing soccer for elite off-island teams in unprecedented numbers this season.

"I think it's fantastic," said Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIY-SA) technical director Sue Spencer.

"Kids are able to fulfill their dreams, they're taking chances, they're gaining confidence and they're winning spots."

Some local players even qualified to play at the intra-provincial level, a notch above metro, during the summer, Spencer said.

"Of course it has an impact on the club. But the club's mandate is to try to promote the kids in every way possible."

Local youth are playing soccer for different reasons and not all of them are looking to play at the highest level, she said.

"Everyone has choices now."

In previous years, only a few kids left the island, but the number has been growing at a remarkable rate in recent years.

Spencer believes local coaches have made a significant contribution toward



SOCCER EXODUS: Some of the Salt Spring soccer players heading off-island this year to play on gold or metro soccer teams gather at the high school. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin

supporting youth soccer development.

"The training is getting better, coaches are learning more and they have support."

She also ran advanced training every week last year for many kids who went on to make the cut to elite teams this season.

"Because I've coached at the Canadian-national level, internationally, Olympic development and all that, I know what the path is. And I

also know what the criteria is and what it takes."

Spencer will continue to train her group from last year and she plans to start a new one this year.

"Last year I pooled everyone into one group. This year I'm breaking into a two-tier system with different age groups too."

So many kids are currently playing away from Salt Spring, it's difficult to track them all down.

Keegan Pearson made the

U13 boys gold team with the Peninsula club. He played with a U12 metro team last year but there are no local Metro teams at the U13 level this year, he said.

Pearson is happy to have experienced play at a top level but he has some regrets about leaving the island to play.

"It's too bad. This is the first year Salt Spring fields are awesome."

His friends on local teams have given him a little grief

for his decision to play off-island.

"They all call me a traitor," Pearson laughed.

But he is in good company. Julian Smith will play with Cowichan Bay's U14 boys gold team, and Liam Johnston, Jesson Motherwell, Isaac Raddysh and Brandon Shaw all made the Prospect Lake U15 boys gold team.

"If you play like a gold player, you should play on a gold team," Shaw said.

Among the girls, Danica Lundy and Olivia Morgan made the U14 Peninsula girls gold team.

"This year, lots of people [on the team] moved away. So I wanted to do something else because I didn't know what was going to happen over here," Morgan said.

Playing a notch higher, Meredith Raddysh earned a spot on the U14 Lower Island girls metro team. Caitlyn Pal and Kate Parker signed with the U15 Central Vancouver Island girls metro team. And Elsbet Krayenhoff and Helena Bryn-McLeod will play with the U15 Lower Vancouver Island (LVI) metro team.

Krayenhoff noted that her old island team will be fine without her.

"Our team is totally

full. There are 18 players already."

Bryn-McLeod wanted to thank all the people who helped support the move.

"It's such a commitment for the parents. We couldn't do it without them. It's so much driving and so much money," said Bryn-McLeod.

To add a few more names to the list, Avery Brown will play with the U16 girls LVI metro team; while Eland Bronstein, Rusty Fedberg and D.J. Lake made the cut with the U16 Lower Island Selects.

Playing off island for the past several years, Cardin Davis rejoined the U16 boys LVI metro Selects. And Britta Rustad will continue play with the Nanaimo Women's Premier team at the top level of amateur soccer for her third year, even though she is still a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Fellow GISS students Steven Severn and Elan Squire previously played on metro teams in Victoria but they will return to the island to play with Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men's team this season.

Squire will now share net-minding duties with veteran Div.-1 keeper Jono McDonald.

Tentative Reserves take draw

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

"Early-season jitters" and an unlucky call deprived Salt Spring FC's Division-5 Reserves of a win during their 2-2 draw against the Victoria Athletics at Portlock Park on Sunday.

"In the first half there were some early-season jitters and in the second half they came out really strong," said Reserves coach Chris Griffiths.

Salt Spring's Tom Berry scored the first goal but Victoria tied it up five minutes before the half, Griffiths said.

The Athletics then scored again five minutes into the second half, which prompted a rally for the Reserves.

"After we went down 2-1, they really pulled it together," Griffiths said. "Joe Akerman had a great shot from 20 yards out and beat the goalie."

Unfortunately, a game-winning shot by Jordan Haenen was ruled a no goal by the referee, Griffiths said.

"He had a shot from 18 yards out that hit the crossbar and went down into the goal and came out but they couldn't call it a goal."

Salt Spring's new keeper, Dan Bennett, had a great game in net, Griffiths said.

"He made a really good save with about 10 minutes to go when they had a break-out."

The islander's defender Zoltan Kodaly also had a strong game.

"He put a lot of good crosses through to the forwards."

Griffiths was pleased with the team's first game in Division 5.

"We pulled out the draw which is a good way to start the season."

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FIERY DRAGON: Salt Spring Dragons soccer player Mardon Nordine, left, fights for the ball against a Cowichan player as the Dragons' season kicks off at the high school.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Music-box play costs FC in loss to Titans

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A win wasn't in the cards for Salt Spring FC's Division-1 team when they fell 3-0 against the Gordon Head Titans at Doug Day field during the regular-season kick-off Saturday.

"We went into the game with the plan to keep it defensive and not push too many men forward because we knew [the Titans] have a high-powered offense," said FC captain Chris Jason.

Salt Spring started well and held Gordon Head scoreless through the first half, according to plan. But a second-half glitch allowed Titan Vladimir Music deep in the FC backfield and Jesse Fisher took the player down in the box.

"[Fisher] got a red card so it was a double whammy for us. We were a man down and they scored on their penalty shot," Jason said.

Reduced in numbers, Dave McColl was forced to bring Music down in the box once again and the Titans scored on a second penalty shot. Gordon Head's Kwame Telemaque

then scored on a breakaway late in the game to tally the third goal. Despite the loss, the islanders were feeling positive about their game.

"We still played well and we were down a man. But once you're down a man, it's really tough, especially against a team like that," Jason said.

So far, FC has opted to play without a coach or manager this season.

"As long as we can stay happy with each other it will work out."

The red card leaves starter Fisher off the roster for FC's next game against the Alberni Athletics on Sunday. But Jason is still confident about their road trip against the freshly promoted Alberni squad.

"We knew Gordon Head was going to be tough to get a point from. There are four teams in the league that are tough to get points from. But next week we should really get some points."

FC's Div. 1 will play their first home game at Portlock Park, against Bays United Blue, on September 26.



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Swim season wraps up with awards event

All-round topnotch swimmer Brendan Nickerson was named "swimmer of the year" at the Salt Spring Stingrays Swim Club's annual awards ceremony last weekend.

Coach Kellie Rolston presented the Penhale Family Swimmer of the Year Award to Nickerson, commenting on his swimming achievements — both regionally and at provincials — as well as his help with younger swimmers on the team and his good sportsmanship.

He was one of numerous swimmers to receive awards as the swim club wrapped up its season with a potluck get-together and awards presentation Sunday night at Fulford Hall.

Nina Fletcher took the Lundy Family New Swimmer of the Year Award, which is presented annually to a first-year swimmer who

shows remarkable achievement.

In her first year on the team, Fletcher qualified to compete at provincials in 50-m fly.

The Toole Family Sportsmanship Award was presented to Olivia Morgan and Emily Gix, who spent a lot of their time at swim meets helping younger swimmers through the marshalling process and cheering them on.

Swimmer Victoria Budd was presented with the Gix Family Persistent Trainer Award for her hard work during practices throughout the season.

Nickerson and Sierra Lundy received trophies as the winners of male and female aggregate points, which are awarded at each swim meet for top six or eight placements.

Lundy finished the season

with 356 points; Nickerson came home with 216.

Runner-up male and female aggregate trophies went to Mack Rankin (74 points), and Danica Lundy (172 points).

Medallions were presented to the next top 10 aggregate winners, who were: Miranda Logan-Webb, Nicola Temmel, Grace Morgan, Eryn Gix, Victoria Budd, Danielle Viozzi, James Cameron, Rebekah Lee, Liam Budd and Amy Zacharias.

Five team members representing each of the team's training groups were presented with "most improved swimmer" awards.

They included Maggie Birch, Larissa Andrews,

Rankin, Kirstie Shaw and Olivia Budd.

Presented with roses at the event were the team's seven swimmer-coaches-in-training: Nickerson, Viozzi, Zacharias, Victoria Budd, Olivia Budd, Danica Lundy and Rebecca Hylands.

Stingrays president Susan Lundy announced the date of the annual general meeting — set for October 20, 7 p.m. in the Ganges United Church lower hall — and urged families to attend and reserve spots on the team for next year.

Early registration for team members will occur at the AGM, after which new swimmers will be able to register.

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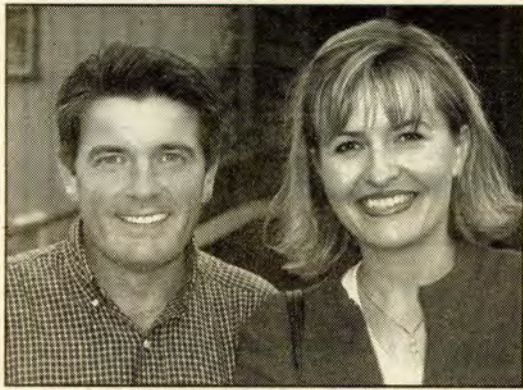
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Local MP Gary Lunn and his wife Alexis were among those attending the Driftwood Benefit Golf Tournament.

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Bob Saunders of Saunders Subaru turns out for a round of golf.

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Jim Moulton couldn't golf; he had to cook the lamb.

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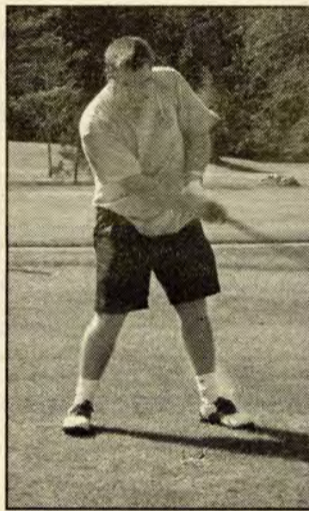
Tracey Davidson checks the lay of her ball on the green.

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Tim O'Connor sinks a putt on No. 7.

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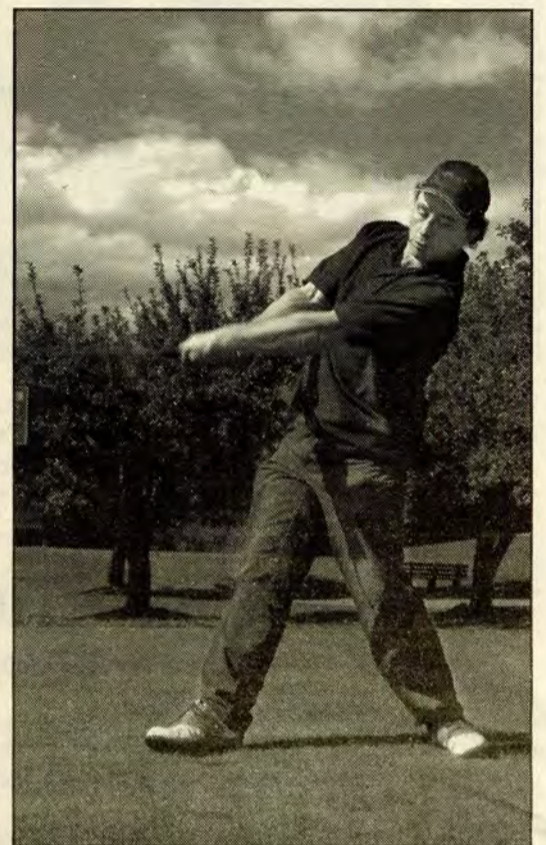
Bob Birch hits a drive on the ninth.

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Lynda Joyce is seen with tourney organizer Alice Richards.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Corbin Scott tees off at the benefit event.

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Golfers chip-in for Ssplash

Local golfers dug divots toward creating an indoor pool with the Second Annual Driftwood Benefit Golf Tournament held at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club on Sunday.

Some 68 islanders played golf and 100 attended a benefit dinner to raise approximately \$4,000 for the Salt Spring Indoor Pool Society (Ssplash).

"It's about the same amount as we raised last year. That's awesome because we had fewer people this year," said tourney organizer Alice Richards.

The benefit tournament was organized as a friendly scramble that welcomed non golfers along with veterans into foursomes, she said.

To give the event a Ssplashy look, swimming noodles marked tee boxes and there were several side contests that blended golf

with an aquatic theme.

One contest saw golfers chip whiffle balls into a wading pool while another tourney had competitors blast beach balls with their clubs in a hilarious long-drive competition.

"Corbin Scott just kept trying that long-drive beach ball tourney. I don't know how many tickets he used but he wouldn't give up and he finally got it," said Richards.

The long-drive, chip-in and putting contests were also accessible to children, she said.

Among competitive teams: Peter Huser, Rob Huser, Peter Schure and Barry Walker won the event with a 31.

Second team was Todd Dragomir, Harris Patton, Mike Reynolds and Glenn Woodley with a 33.

No one managed to win

the hole-in-one prize of a car offered by Saunders Subaru, but dealership owner Bob Saunders counted among third-place team winners (33) with John Budzinski, Hamish Simpson and Jeremy Winter.

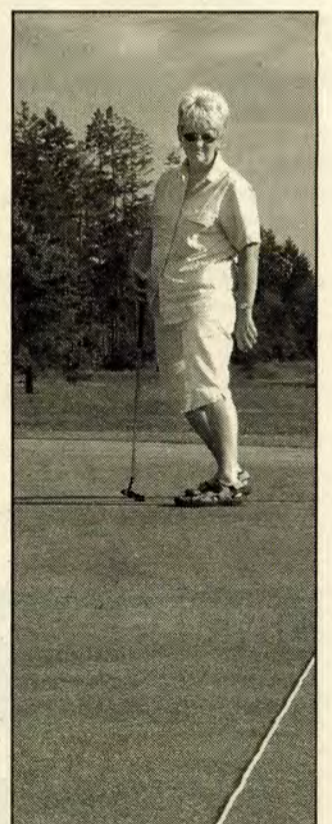
Other winners included Mike Hardy, who nabbed the men's long-drive competition, and Donna Wrigley, who hit the women's long drive.

Femmy Schuurmans had the closest-to-the-pin (KP) shot for women, while Walker and Gary Utter won KPs among the men.

A generous bounty of loot provided by sponsors meant that almost every participant went home a winner through raffles and door prizes.

"I think everybody got a prize. That was the intent," Richards said.

Even the lamb for the dinner was donated, she noted.



Debbie Cade enters the putting contest.

Photo by Tony Richards

More than one kilt was seen on the course Sunday. Here Peter McCully sports his Nova Scotia Scottish heritage while putting.

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Special thanks to Jim & Connie Moulton, Ken & Jill Byron, Malcolm & Stephanie Bond, Arnie Hengstler and Bev & Mike Byron.

The tournament committee members: Penny Sakamoto, Melanie Iverson, Linda Woodley, Joanna Barrett, Lynda Joyce and Dora Reynolds, and to all the volunteers, including the Ssplash members and the Thrifty Foods Smile Team.

Thanks also to Steve Marleau, Head Professional, and Pro Shop staff, Kirk Harris, Course Superintendent, and his greens crew, and to the staff of the 19th Hole Restaurant for all the work they've done to pull this event together.



BLACKBURN WINNER: Colin Beamish (right) presents trophy to Blackburn Meadows club champion Vassa Drobyshev. Photo contributed

Drobyshev takes tourney golf title

Vassa Drobyshev won the Blackburn Meadows Men's Club Championship Sunday following a shotgun start at noon during the window of fair weather.

Drobyshev topped tournament golfers with the first place club championship, the low net score and as winner of the closest to the line.

Second low gross went to Tom Murphy, with second low net to Phil Gregson.

Putter of the year was Cam Johnson, who was also the club's junior champion of the year.

Closest to the pin winner was Pete Spencer, while long drive went to Bill Boyd and long putt to Gregson.

The tournament saw a number of former champions returning for the annual event.

The ladies open tournament will take place at Blackburn Meadows on September 28.

High-achieving Don Archer marks 80th birthday at club

By JULIAN B. ELWES
Driftwood Contributor

Last Wednesday the Fickle Fingers league of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club celebrated the 80th birthday of one of their long-standing members, Don Archer.

In true style, members gathered together after their regular morning play, enjoyed coffee and a little libation, presented appropriate gifts and swapped good-natured stories about the legendary Archer.

Known for his strict adherence to the rules of golf, Archer has played with the Fickle Fingers since 1993, been league captain, a banquet organizer and has won just about every trophy for which the Fickle Fingers regularly compete, including, in 1995, the club's coveted "hole in one."

Born and raised in Van-

couver, Archer enlisted in the Canadian Air Force at the age of 18 and became one of the military's youngest officers as a pilot of Lancaster bombers in October of 1943.

During the war years he was stationed in England, returning to Canada in June of 1945. He promptly volunteered for service in the South Pacific, but during training, this was circumvented when the U.S. dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima.

Returning to civilian life, Archer married his sweetheart Joan MacLure in 1946 and for 40 years they lived in West Vancouver. After various positions in

the manufacturing sector, Archer turned his attention to property development and, amongst many other accomplishments, built the Hazelmere Golf And Country Club in White Rock in 1962, a 100-suite apartment complex in Surrey and three private homes in West Van.

After more than 20 years of retirement, Archer shares his philosophy concerning the game of golf: "I have learned to enjoy the game, I recognized that I would never be another Jack Nicklaus, so why keep trying?"

As far as advice to younger players is concerned, Archer simply says, "Relax and enjoy the game."

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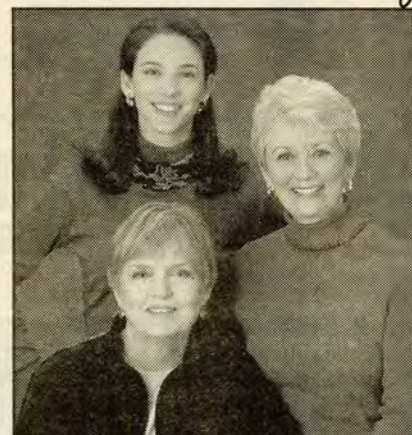
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Keeper shines under Old Boys' onslaught of shots

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Only an exceptional keeper stopped the Salt Spring Old Boys from dunking the Prospect Lake Lakers during a 4-3 win at Portlock Park Sunday.

"Their goalkeeper had a great game. He saved four or five certain goals," said Old Boys coach Fraser Hope.

"If he had just been a regular keeper in our league, it could have been 8-3 or 9-3. He played great."

The islanders had chance after chance in Sunday's match but Lakers netminder Simon Ablitt made a string of remarkable saves, Hope said.

The Old Boys' Kerry Walker slotted away the first goal early in the game when he tapped in a rebound off a shot by Doug Pearson, who had received a nice feed from Chris Cottrell.

A play set up by Cottrell, Damien Brazier and Antonio Alonso let Mike Brown help the islanders to a 2-0 lead in the second half.

"Right after that we got another penalty kick and, unfortunately, the keeper got a fantastic save on a well-placed shot. They got a penalty kick two minutes later and then the score was 2-1."

Incidentally, Cottrell had been awarded a penalty kick early in the game, but his goal was called back after the referee found that the islander had shot from a sprinkler mark, rather than the penalty spot.

Graham Tweddle hit a third goal for Salt Spring off a shot that originated from great passing development by Alonso, Pearson and Walker.

But the Lakers keeper made a double save to thwart Dennis Shaw's fantastic header off a rebound from a blistering Brazier shot.

Prospect Lake then grabbed momentum to score a second goal.

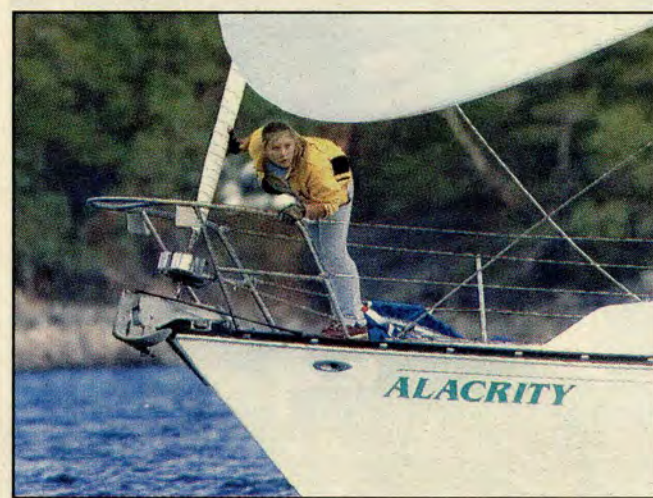
In the last 10 minutes of the game, Mike McCormick latched on to a through ball from Walker to score again for a 4-2 lead.

"Big Mike McCormick and his two sons were really happy that he scored the game-winning goal."

However, the determined Lakers fought for another goal to narrow the gap.

"The last three to four minutes were tighter than we would have liked."

The Old Boys next play Bays United at the high school field at 10 a.m. on Sunday.



SAIL RACE: Bob Jones' Alacrity slices through the water as Natalie Shergold checks the finish time in the Salt Spring Sailing Club's Montague Harbour Race on Sunday. Results on corrected time were as follows: Jekkers!, first; Electra, second; Alacrity, third.

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Arnold rings 'infamous 16'

Local disc-golf master Fritz Arnold shattered a record some thought was impossible to break when he aced the 16th hole at Mouat Park during the weekly doubles tournament Sunday.

"He crushed 16. It wasn't a 'tink,' it was a pound," said fellow competitor and Salt Spring Island Disc Golf Association president Scott Chapman.

"It was a cross-body-left-handed ace on the infamous 16."

Local legend reports that hole 16 may have been aced once previously by islander Gary Railer.

Unfortunately, the player was alone and unable to verify the shot, Chapman said.

Along with the ace,

Arnold and Braeden Simmonds birdied every hole on the back nine and scored a 41 (13 under par 54) to place second behind Chapman and Jason Dyck (with a 40) in the doubles tournament.

"They didn't lose, they just ran out of holes," Chapman said.

In other disc-golf news: Salt Spring was well represented on the islands regional team in the three-round B.C. Club Championships on Saturday.

Chapman and Hickford represented Salt Spring on the nine-member island team.

"We squeaked a third-place victory on the very last hole of the very last round," said Chapman.

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