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BIKER SANTA: Eddie Carson plays Santa as the annual Christmas Toy Run gets underway on Salt Spring, collecting toys for needy families at Christmas. The roaring line of bikers left Furness Road at 11 a.m. Sunday.
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Harbour future rests on compromise

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Continuing debate over a Ganges Harbour commercial development forced trustees to table their decision on Bylaw 404 at a Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting held September 22 and following a second round of public hearing.

LTC chair David Essig

was committed to catching an 8:40 p.m. ferry from Vesuvius, when trustees had not reached a decision.

"I'm not in favour of shelving it, but suggest we reconvene this meeting before the October [27] LTC meeting and schedule it so we do have time to properly debate this in a way that will allow the entire debate to

happen," suggested trustee Eric Booth.

"It's not going to happen tonight and I don't think it's necessary to go back to square one, but maybe to square 49," he said. "To open this back up to public hearing and to change it four or five months down the road is unnecessary and I don't think that serves the com-

munity well."

Trustee Kimberly Linerger said she was not prepared to vote for the application as it stood.

She recommended residents and the developer get together to work on a viable compromise before trustees make a final decision. She said both sides appeared closer to reaching a compro-

mise than ever before.

"There is a recognition of the importance of the marina to the community and a dawning understanding that regardless of the Trust committee's decision, some development can and will take place on the lots," she said.

MARINA FUTURE A3

75 years of ferries

Salt Spring Islanders wanting to return to the days without ferry service would have to make a long leap back in time — 75 years' worth exactly.

The Cy Peck, under Captain George Maude, arrived at Fulford Harbour on September 28, 1930 with a 13-vehicle load. The year before, 90 per cent of islanders signed a petition demanding ferry service and the Gulf Islands Ferry Company was formed by J.H.S. Matson.

Teacher job action starts today

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Islanders might barely notice the first tentative steps in a labour dispute between teachers and their employers, but lines have been drawn in the sand and a timetable for full-scale job action has been set in motion.

Following an 88.4 per cent vote in favour of a strike among 31,740 teachers in the province last week, phase one of the teachers' job action starts today (Wednesday), said Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) president Jean Claude Levesque.

"We won't be doing any supervision, we won't be having any meetings with management, we'll be taking attendance but not submitting it to administration," Levesque said.

"We will be talking to parents about student progress," he said. "But there won't be any formal reporting or interim report cards."

Students at Gulf Islands Secondary School would normally receive interim reports this week, he noted.

"Parents are more than welcome to phone in and talk to the teacher," he said.

Other aspects of job action initiated by the B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) include cessation of various teacher-administrative communications and a suspension of minor clerical duties.

"The next couple of weeks we're in what the BCTF refers to as 'phase A' of their job action," said B.C. Public

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Free fire hall home available

It may be on the noisy side, but the Salt Spring Fire Department has a room at a price no volunteer can afford to pass up.

The Salt Spring Fire Department's Chief Dave Enfield is requesting the services of a full-time live-in volunteer firefighter at the Fulford fire hall in an effort to quicken emergency response times in the south end.

"In the absence of volunteers in the area, this will increase our response time and help us better serve the

island's south end," he said.

While Enfield said a volunteer had already expressed interest, he anticipated making a formal announcement at the volunteer firefighters' Tuesday night practice.

He hoped the position could be filled shortly as it is clearly a "win-win" situation for the fire department and south-end residents.

Plans call for a maximum of two volunteers living in the hall rent-free in exchange for maintaining vehicles, security, landscaping and

answering the phone.

"There is room available and having someone in the hall would mean quicker response times for emergency calls in the south end," said Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board chair Ted Hinds.

The decision will make Fulford fire hall the only permanently staffed hall on the island.

A staff member currently visits the hall once a week to ensure everything is in order.

Trustees unanimously

approved a motion to pursue the plan earlier this month and operational guidelines have been developed.

Hinds said accommodating the volunteer would involve minor renovations to the hall at a "minimal cost" to island taxpayers.

"The board thought it was a good idea and it goes without saying that south-enders feel it is good to have someone close by," said trustee and south-end resident Ken Lee.

"This is a wonderful development."

TEACHERS STRIKE LOOMS

From Page A1

School Employers Association (BCPSEA) legal counsel Michael Hancock. "It's primarily aimed at administration. It's gumming up the works and making the routine communications within the school more difficult."

Parents can be assured that school supervision will still be maintained by administrative staff, non-teaching staff — and even by teachers, if safety is a concern, Hancock said.

"The other impact with parents is that if they need to talk to administrators in their school or other district staff, they need to be aware that they are going to be very busy."

It won't be until October 11 that teachers will start playing hardball.

Hancock indicated that the BCTF would have to give BCPSEA 72 hours notice before October 11 if

it intends any further job action within a two-week span. And the Labour Relations Board (LRB) will also have to rule on what teachers will be allowed to withdraw during that period, he said.

"If the LRB agrees with us, the most you could see is one day; if the LRB agrees with the BCTF, then you could see rotating strikes that actually involve two or three days out of those weeks. We just don't know. We'll have to wait until closer to the 11th to find out."

But the GITA seemed firm about its intentions starting on October 11.

"One quarter of all the districts in the province will be going out on one day and another quarter will be going out on the next day, and so on," said Levesque. "By the time you do the two weeks of those rotating strikes, you

will have lost two days in this district."

The job action is scheduled to escalate again to a full-scale withdrawal of all services on October 24 if the parties have not reached a settlement by that date.

BCPSEA and the BCTF had both submitted proposals to the LRB regarding the full scope of possible job action, but nothing has been settled, Hancock said.

"What we were saying is that when you get to the end phase of your teacher bargaining dispute, the most that can be withdrawn is 20 per cent on a weekly basis. That could mean one day a week or it could mean the reduction of one hour each day. That's our position. If the LRB agrees with us, that's the maximum amount you could see."

BCTF's position proposes that they should be entitled to

withdraw services for three months completely during the end phase of negotiations and, that after three months, they would come back for three days out of every five, Hancock said.

However, the provincial government ruled that teachers provided an essential service and ordered teachers back to work during the last labour confrontation in 2002.

"If that happens, it's a whole different kettle of fish," said Levesque.

But the teachers' union already has a contingency plan in place, he said.

"We have 88 per cent of the people that are willing to take action. There comes a time when the law is so damn bad, that you have to fight it. I don't know if that's the stand we'll take; time will tell," said Levesque.

Wages, benefits factor in teachers strike

Representatives from the B.C. Public School Employers Association (BCSPEA) don't see an easy resolution to the labour dispute over teachers' contracts.

"We characterized it as intractable," said BCPSEA legal counsel Michael Hancock.

BCPSEA estimated the total cost of every proposal BCTF has tabled at a 35 per cent increase in expenditures, Hancock said.

"We're at zero; they're at 35 per cent and neither side seems to be budging," Hancock said. "When we have no middle ground, it's not like we can move to 17 [per cent]."

BCPSEA costing includes all BCTF proposals on early retirement incentives, benefits improvements, preparation time, a compressed pay-scale grid and a wage and cost-of-living increase of 10-13 per cent annually, Hancock said.

However, in a press release issued Friday, the BCTF requested a 15 per cent pay increase over three years.

"The BCTF makes no comment as to whether the other outstanding cost issues regarding wages presented by the BCTF during earlier bargaining sessions, such as a shortening of the grid, are still on the table or have been withdrawn," the press release stated.

"We're still sticking to our

figures," Hancock said.

The Minister of Labour appointed a fact finder who will be providing a report to the minister on Friday, he noted.

Teachers have been working without a contract since June 2004, noted Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Jean Claude Levesque.

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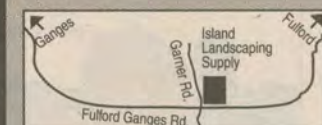
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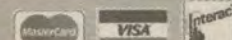
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GOING ONCE: Lisa Bleskie, of Tree Frog Daycare, stands with auctioneer Arvid Chalmers as they hold a painting donated by Thunderbird Gallery for the south-end daycare's Saturday night auction held at Lions Hall.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

MARINA FUTURE

From Page A1

"I would be stupid to say I do not want the amenities offered — they would be a jewel in the Ganges Harbour crown — but what is the trade-off between the developer and the community in the first place?"

If passed, the bylaw would permit construction of a three-storey, 1,533-square-metre (16,495-square-foot) building for 10 accommodation units, five residences and retail space on harbour fill, in exchange for public boardwalk construction, dedicated parkland, a sidewalk and road improvements.

Lineger said such amenities would fit nicely within a larger vision for the harbour.

"I envision a museum and a harbour First Nations interpretation centre, all of which can be built on a harbour management plan," she said. "It's just a matter of how we get from here to there so the question comes back to us: Do we want to be in the back seat or the front seat?"

When opening discussion on the bylaw, Lineger first said she believed an official community plan (OCP) amendment could be required in order to authorize building on harbour fill, due to OCP wording on the topic.

However, Trust regional planning manager John

Gauld and Essig stated that was not the case.

The LTC meeting followed a three-and-a-half hour packed-room public hearing, which was continued from the previous Tuesday evening due to speakers' demands and because Essig also had to leave the island that night.

Ganges Marina project manager Robyn Kelln was one of only two people speaking in favour of the project during the Thursday hearing.

He later said the procedural delay is a small price to pay to ensure everything is above board.

"A table is better than a no," he told the Driftwood. "As it is, [the Trust] can go ahead and rule on this and someone can come up six months down the road and say 'you guys stepped on the duck' and then the whole thing is back in deliberation."

Kelln said the project still has a ways to go before work could begin, even if the bylaw is passed.

Approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group is still required.

"This bylaw does not give B&B Ganges Marina the right to move in the bulldozers and proceed," he said.

"In the meantime we will be happy to work with a master harbour plan."

At Thursday's hearing, more than 30 speakers raised concerns about increased tourism, traffic, harbour pollution, damage to marine life and the long-term effects on the harbour.

The Salt Spring Conservancy's Peter Lamb said the ongoing debate surrounding the project put the Trust's accountability to the public in question.

"It seems pretty clear that the community is simply not supporting the bylaw," he said. "People with no vested interests are speaking against the issue from the bottom of their hearts."

Lamb said the trustees lacked sufficient information to justify approval of the plan.

A new Trust meeting date and time will be announced.

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Emergency plan gets a boost with hired help

An emergency planning coordinator will help complete emergency response and evacuation plans for the southern Gulf Islands, following approval of the concept by the Electoral Area Services Committee of the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Salt Spring director Gary Holman, southern Gulf

Islands director Rich Tamboline and Juan de Fuca area director Erik Lun approved the hiring of a full-time person to complete the task.

"The coordinator's time will be split equally among the electoral areas and will assist in the completion and refining of our emergency

response and evacuation plans, and provide professional support and training to our local emergency response volunteers," said Holman.

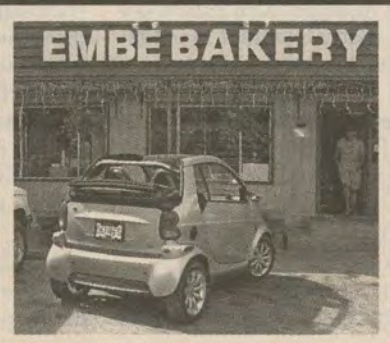
The local emergency planning group, deputy coordinators and emergency operations centre will remain in place.

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Wine, pigs greet Bullock plans

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

While Salt Spring Island Village Resort (SSIVR) developers recently hosted a special fête for local realtors in preparation to launch sales of The Cottages, a Bullock Lake farmer has planned a different kind of welcoming soirée.

"We've got pigs coming

this week," said Rollie Cook. "I'm going to be an apprentice pig farmer."

Cook plans to start pig farming with a modest half-dozen herd of Danish Landrace pigs and he's already taking orders for organic pork.

"They're good foragers. We're going to have them occupy that whole lower field next to the resort. So they'll have a whole field to have fun in."

Cook's 20-acre property borders Bullock Lake and the SSIVR, where developers intend to complete construction and sell 123 resort units on a 14.5-hectare (36 acre) site, he noted.

"We've been here before and we've seen Brian Hauff do this before," Cook said.

Hauff serves as a director of a numbered company that purchased the partly completed resort in May.

SSIVR was previously mired in controversy when the Local Trust Committee (LTC) initiated a downzoning of the property from commercial to residential use in January 1996 after the Capital Regional District had already issued building permits on the project.

Incidentally, Hauff was also at the helm of SSIVR before the resort went into receivership in 1998 when

50 units were partially completed.

The Vancouver-based developer coined the phrase "goofers" to denigrate organized opponents of the resort such as Eric Booth (now an LTC trustee), who also threatened to run a pig farm on the same neighbouring property.

Cook's plan to reintroduce pigs to the Bullock Lake farm makes a striking contrast to an invitation-only wine-tasting event hosted by the SSIVR marketing team of Maverick Real Estate Corp. for local realtors on September 15.

Realtors attending the SSIVR information session got to check out draft floor plans of The Cottages elegantly mounted on easels, see a table-top mock-up model of the completed resort and hear about Zen gardens, vineyards and spa facilities while sipping local wine and learning about commission options.

"I am thrilled to see the response from realtors. There's been nothing but support," said SSIVR project coordinator Ron Behr.

Maverick sales associates informed realtors that sales are set to begin in mid-October but Behr indicated that developers are "still finalizing aspects that relate to

legal issues."

Currently, clients are encouraged to register with SSIVR in preparation for "selection day," said Maverick sales manager Shannon Vrlak.

"That's when people choose their units."

Cook is particularly interested in plans the SSIVR marketing team shared with realtors.

"We're watching with interest," Cook said.

And he's concerned about the scale of the resort development, along with particular items like three proposed docks that could impact the sensitive wetland ecosystem around Bullock Lake.

"We could live with one dock but he wants three; that could be a bit overwhelming with our little pond," Cook said.

The lakefront is protected as an Islands Trust development-permit area, he noted.

While Cook watches and waits beside the resort, he plans to plant turnips to help feed his new pigs.

"There will be lots of manure and lots of fun," he grinned.

Asked how many pigs Cook intends to keep on the property, he answered wryly, "The number of pigs will depend on the size of the resort."

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PARC pool contracts aim for November CRD board

Detailed drawings were at the printers on Monday, but Salt Spring's pool project is still under the gun to get approval from the current roster of Capital Regional District (CRD) board members in November.

In a progress report at Monday night's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting, commission member Peter Lake said once the structural, mechanical and electrical drawings are in the hands of construction manager Ken Zukiwsky of Liberty Contract Management, the tender documents can be finalized and bids received for the project.

"Hopefully we will have the tenders out and ready in the very near future," said Lake.

Advertisements for expressions of interest are already running, and bids will hope-

fully be in hand before the end of October.

"We would like very much to see this process done for approval at a November CRD board meeting."

Local elections occur on November 19.

Lake also reported on a donor's offer to purchase starting blocks for the pool, estimated at more than \$9,000 in value.

PARC is also getting updated operating cost estimates from consultant Kerry Bysouth, one of two parties providing the original estimates used for last November's referendum.

In addition, and following advice of the Pool Community Advisory Committee of experts aiding PARC with the project, a detailed schedule and budget "reflecting actual bid prices for a minimum of 75 per cent of the total

expected costs, including all anticipated overhead costs and fees" is being created.

PARC members also voted last night to award an \$11,000 contract to GSEI/Spencer's Excavating to remove and set aside topsoil from the construction site now, before winter weather makes the task more difficult and expensive. The expenditure is part of the \$45,000 landscaping budget.

That same company is currently doing pond excavation and site preparation work on the Rainbow Road property.

PARC chair Bill Curtin thanked Lake for his commitment to the new facility planning committee heading up the pool project.

"I want to express, on behalf of the commission, appreciation for all the energy and time you are putting into this," he said.



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'Leap of faith' taken on Norton plan

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee (LTC) voted to proceed with an affordable housing development on Norton Road in hopes the 26 units will alleviate what trustee Eric Booth deemed the island's worsening housing crisis.

"I'd be surprised if there is anybody in this room that doesn't think there is a housing crisis on this island," said Booth. "We do have a housing crisis and it is not just today, it is forever."

Booth said approving the Norton Road project is a step toward improving the plight of young families who must relocate off island in the wake of high property costs.

While Booth admitted the market-controlled development would not be the final answer to Salt Spring's housing woes, he said it would ultimately allow 26 families to remain on the island.

LTC chair David Essig cast the tie-breaking vote, after trustee Kimberly Lineger voted against the bylaws.

Essig said ensuring the community's survival is as important as preserving the island's natural and agricultural heritage.

"I believe the preserve and protect mandate of the

Islands Trust Act includes the need to address sustainable communities," he said. "One of the most endangered species in the Islands Trust is young families with children."

Lineger spoke out against the proposal's density level and suggested developers adopt a 14-unit, mixed-income development as recommended by Islands Trust planning staff and the Community Housing Task Force.

She wondered what segment of the population could really afford the mortgage payments required to own the homes.

"My concern is that after mortgages and taxes, the people who are in there will have no money for maintenance and what we'll get is a pretty messy-looking development with a lot of problems," she said.

Lineger said more research should be done before it can be determined if this project will address the community's needs.

"I'm not prepared to take that leap," said Lineger. "Just because we are in a crisis, I'm not prepared to accept just any application that come before us because we think it might fill the need when we haven't yet defined what that need is."

"My concern is that we are

creating housing because we feel we are in a crisis, but we don't even know if we have a demand for that housing or whether or not that housing is actually going to be utilized."

The five-acre property will include modest two- and three-bedroom homes with garages and shared gardens.

Developer Salt Spring Affordable Housing Corp. will be required to use water-conserving measures, do landscaping and address safety concerns at the Norton and Lower Ganges roads intersection.

Bylaws 406 and 407, amending both the official community plan and land use bylaw, were needed to accommodate the development's zoning and density requirements.

Nearly 100 residents attended a public hearing earlier this month, with most speakers opposed to the bylaws. Opponents said the proposal encroached on agricultural land, contributed to urban sprawl and set a dangerous precedent for similar developments.

While Essig said he would have second thoughts if this were proposed on a "pristine agricultural area," he dismissed notions the Norton Road project held significant agricultural value

due to existing encroaching developments.

He added access to shops and services along Lower Ganges Road made the project an ideal proposal for an affordable housing project.

"I feel that this is an important first step," he said. "I believe we can set aside the notion of demonstrated need and the potential for success and get on with the job."

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Recycling depot contract undergoes renegotiation

Salt Spring's existing recycle depot appears to be secure, following an investigation of recycling costs done by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

A consultant's draft report on the costs of recycling alternatives is being finalized by the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC) and CRD staff, said regional director Gary Holman.

"The report concludes that the gross costs of operating the depot would be similar regardless of whether the Salt Spring Community Services Society, CRD or a private operator ran the facility. However,

the report also found that Community Services could apply its existing user fees for non-blue box materials, like scrap metal, drywall and white goods, to generate more revenue."

Based on this report and a recommendation from SSISWAC, CRD staff are now negotiating directly with Community Services regarding renewal of the recycling contract.

"This is a positive step," said Holman, "since previously CRD staff would only support a competitive tendering process, potentially resulting in a for-profit operator of the depot."

However, he added, CRD

staff are basing their negotiations on a per-household subsidy for residential blue box materials only, which could result in reduced financial support for the depot.

The issue will be discussed at upcoming CRD Environment Committee meetings, and a CRD Board decision will be made before the elections in November.

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'Trust needs power, public input'

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Kicking off a three-day Renewal of the Origins of the Trust (ROOTS) Forum last Friday evening, Islands Trust chair David Essig said more power and increased public participation in the Trust is needed for the organization to fulfill its preserve and protect mandate.

"The Islands Trust needs more authorities and more tools to conduct our duties," he said. "It is my hope people will come away from this forum with a renewed drive to request MLAs and other members of the legislature to give us more tools."

He recommended people write letters and pursue measures to bring attention to the unique role of the Islands trust.

"We must work on a culture requiring more citizens to run for office," he continued. "Take your turn at the plate and see what you can

do to make things happen."

The call to action came during the opening night of a weekend-long forum examining how the Islands Trust can better fulfill its mandate.

Organized by concerned community members, the event attracted a who's who of Islands Trust area trustees, regional activists and armchair politicians to Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Preserving the islands' natural beauty, managing population growth and development pressures figured prominently in the panel presentation.

Intended to stimulate the weekend's discussion, Friday's event focussed more on the Trust's meaning and relevance, rather than substantive changes to improve the system.

"We are here to work on strengthening our special form of government," said Judi Stevenson in her intro-

ductory remarks. "I hope we never stop, for we are all islanders and it is essential we continue to build our sense of collectivity and shared purpose."

Panelists Kathy Dunster, Briony Penn, Robert Morales, Mike Larmour and Essig, in addition to guest speakers Bob Weeden and Tsawaout chief Allan Claxton provided inspiration to more than 150 people in attendance.

While panelists were given the opportunity to wax on what the islands meant to them, they also provided some Trust history focus.

Essig said the Islands Trust had made significant progress in pro-active planning, recognizing First Nations rights and overall vision, but other panelists said even more work is necessary.

Penn agreed the Trust had shifted from preserving a visitor playground to preserving a sensitive ecosys-

tem since it was established in 1974, but said the organization needed to change the way it makes land use decisions.

"We need to set a higher standard on land use," she said. "As soon as you buy land, you are going to start a conversation that is rich, rich, rich."

She said quantifying the Trust's preserve and protect mandate was difficult because so much of what made the area special could not translate into a law book.

Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group chief negotiator Robert Morales said there exists a "disconnect between newcomers and the land."

He agreed people needed to reassess their values before development begins.

"We are so accustomed to seeing land as a commodity," he said. "It's not just a resource; not just a place to put buildings on."

RCMP cracks down on drunk drivers

RCMP officers laid charges against three individuals in separate impaired driving cases this past week.

Just before midnight on September 21, officers received reports that an intoxicated male appearing lost and disoriented had driven up to a Bittancourt Road residence.

Upon arrival, police locat-

Tide takes loose boats, reports Salt Spring coast guard

Canadian Coast Guard officer John Nilssen has a tip for boaters after his crew recovered two wandering boats in a short span.

911 FILE

ed a 53-year-old Salt Spring Island male driver who had driven a vehicle off a driveway and onto a front lawn, narrowly missing a building in the process.

The driver was charged with impaired driving and

driving with a blood alcohol level of over .08.

He will appear in Ganges court in October.

• A driver pulled over on a routine traffic stop for failing to wear a seatbelt was detained and charged with impaired driving after he failed a roadside alcohol-screening test on the afternoon of September 22.

The 32-year-old Salt

Ruxton Pass on September 18.

"These guys were up rock climbing on the cliffs and their boat drifted away on them."

Salt Spring-based coast guard crews recovered a drifting 25-foot sailboat near

The local crew also found a small Zodiac adrift near

Spring male was released on a promise to appear in court on October 11.

• A 52-year-old male attempting to avoid a road check at Lower Ganges Road and Park Drive late Saturday night was stopped on Dean Road after police gave chase.

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Saturna Island on September 20.

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Home is where heart is at land bank site

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

When Salt Spring Land Bank Society (SSLBS) members approached their newly acquired property at the end of Dean Road earlier this summer, it appeared they had their work cut out for them.

The house not only failed to meet fire and septic regulations, the 80-year-old property lacked insulation and the paper-thin walls meant the home's six occupants had little privacy.

"We've been working really hard on this property," said SSLBS member Andrew Lewis on a recent tour of the home. "The home has been operated as a shared property for seven years, but the home's condition meant a time had come for renewal."

After a busy summer spent working on the home, there's still more to do, but efforts to date were not in vain, since the one-and-a-half-acre property is now up to code.

The SSLBS purchased the home hoping to help improve the island's shortage of affordable rental housing.

Lewis said his work with the land bank has opened his eyes to the reality of living on Salt Spring, including people who live in their cars or tents despite holding down jobs with island businesses.

The lucky ones, Lewis said, have to commute from Vancouver Island towns where costs are lower.

In the long run, Lewis said, island residents would end up paying the biggest price of all.

"When people commute from Crofton, Chemainus or Ladysmith, the island community becomes a ghetto," he said.

"They are no longer involved with the schools here, don't buy their groceries here and can't always take part in the community's cultural or social activities. The community will fall apart if we don't try to maintain its diversity."

Lewis said making space available for people in need of short-term or seasonal housing just makes sense on so many levels.

Tenants in the home pay between \$300 and \$400 a



HOME SWEET HOME: Andrew Lewis gives a tour of the Land Bank's new Dean Road property. The home provides affordable rental accommodation for seven people.

Photo by Sean McIntyre

month, depending on their room and, because the home is located so close to Ganges, many tenants can do without a vehicle.

During a morning visit by the Driftwood, tenants appear to have gone off to work and the house is silent except for some work being done on one of the bedrooms.

A look inside that room reveals a bed, desk and chest of drawers. The towering ceilings and large window overlooking the garden lend the stoic furnishings a welcoming air.

Lewis said the tenants come from all walks of life. Some live there year-round while others stay only for the summer months.

House manager/rent collector Michel Daviau said a large part of his job is ensuring everyone in the house gets along.

Considering there are always between five and seven people living in a home with one bathroom, he said it was surprising how little conflict there is.

"It sounds impossible, but for some reason because people work at different times it works like a choreography," he said.

"When people are too young and too energetic, it becomes too annoying for

everyone and the whole ambience suffers, so I try to find people who are compatible."

For Lewis, the project has been a resounding success and paves the way for future SSLBS projects currently being negotiated.

While short-term solutions to the housing problem may not exist, Lewis said increasing interest from government, business and individuals is a good sign.

"I think the island is experimenting with different ways forward and this will take a while to sort itself out," he said.

"Personally I think the only way to ensure affordable housing is to take the speculative profit motive out of the deal."

Lewis said the land bank society hopes the community will work together to find a solution for the problem.

"People are hungry for this on the island. They see the need and they really want to help," he said.

"Because the land bank exists as a vehicle for affordable housing, people are coming forward and saying 'can we do something on our property?'"

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Seeking consensus

When it comes to passion-rousing issues on Salt Spring in recent years, proposed Bylaw 404, which would allow redevelopment of Ganges Marina properties and harbour infill, has led the pack.

For intensity alone, it threatens to rival the fracas over passage of our current land use bylaw and official community plan between 1996 and 2001.

Political pressure and public debate can be as murky and messy as a harbour's bottom, but the slowly unfolding process we've seen over the marina bylaw is, believe it or not, bringing more clarity to the surface, as it should.

Trustee Kimberly Linerger appeared hopeful at Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting that a new interpretation of the OCP's Ganges Harbour fill clause might delay deliberations — but that possibility was dismissed by Trust staff and LTC chair David Essig.

True to form, Essig is not showing his hand at this point, although people on both sides may be tempted to interpret any comments he does utter to suit their purposes.

Essig has a nine-year track record of level-headed decisions as Salt Spring LTC chair, (to which Thursday's Norton Road project approval vote can be added) and will be standing on solid ground when it comes time to make a vote on Bylaw 404 in either its present form or an amended version.

However, it would be preferable if some semblance of consensus on the marina proposal can be forged, rather than the plan up for consideration being either tossed in its entirety or approved as it is through a no-doubt controversial 2-1 vote among the three trustees.

The public hearings and meetings have shown that development of some sort will occur on the B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. properties, yet if the company is now willing to participate in a broader Ganges Harbour management plan, that course that should be pursued.

As with other issues on Salt Spring, the process has shown us how much long-term planning work still needs to be done so every development proposal doesn't prompt a similar tidal wave of protest.

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Campaign for submarine route heats up with hearing

By DARIA ZOVI et al

We would like to give an update on the situation regarding the proposed new transmission lines on Salt Spring.

In January 2005, B.C. Transmission Corporation (BCTC), a Crown corporation that operates the transmission system for B.C. Hydro, announced its intention to install new transmission lines to supply electricity from the mainland to Vancouver Island using the existing right of way on Salt Spring.

IRAHVOL was formed in February to try to find a better alternative, and has been involved in the regulatory process to support the use of a safe alternative technology, HVDC Light, to supply Vancouver Island via an underground and submarine route that bypasses the Gulf Islands.

In October 2005, Seabreeze Pacific Inc. a private transmission company, will be presenting to the B.C. Utility Commission (BCUC) its proposal to carry out the project

VIEW POINT

ect using HVDC Light technology along an alternative route that maximizes engineering benefits and minimizes environmental and community impacts.

On November 12, 2005, the BCUC, the regulatory body that is reviewing the application in the interest of all ratepayers, will be coming to Salt Spring and is inviting the community to voice their concerns about the project.

Who should be concerned and why? Long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields generated by power lines has been consistently associated with several health problems and types of cancer, especially child leukemia.

The largest epidemiological study to date, released earlier this year from Oxford University, shows a 70 per cent increase in child leukemia in children living

within 200 metres of power lines, and a 20 per cent increase in children living within 600 metres from power lines.

On Salt Spring, the proposed new power lines would carry more than 10 times the power carried on the existing lines with plans to double that power in 10 years.

The hospital, Greenwoods and the new long-term care facility are within 200 metres of the power lines. The bowling alley, the campground at the garlic farm, the Salt Spring daycare are within 200 metres of the power lines. Brinkworthy and the proposed subdivision on Norton Road are within 200 metres of the power lines.

If you live or work or may be living or working in these areas in the next 60 years, you should be concerned. If you live or work in proximity to the power line corridor anywhere on the island you should be concerned. If you own property in proximity to the power lines you should be concerned about your property value.

Wherever you live you should be concerned about the environmental impacts the existing lines have had and the new lines will have on the 300 acres of land they occupy on Salt Spring, Parker and Galiano islands and the many kilometers under water from the mainland to Vancouver Island.

The existing transmission lines were installed many years ago and are nearing the end of their lifetime.

IRAHVOL's goals are to have all existing transmission lines removed from Salt Spring to the mainland to have BCTC cancel the existing right of way from Salt Spring to the mainland to have electricity supplied to Vancouver Island by an HVDC Light submarine route that by-passes the Gulf Islands.

IRAHVOL needs community members to write to the BCUC, expressing their concerns (Box 250, 900 Howe Street, Sixth Floor, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2N3). Tel. 1-800-663-1385; fax (604) 660-1102; e-mail: Commission.

Secretary@bcuc.com; website: <http://www.bcuc.com>.

Community members can register and speak at the town hall hearing on November 12 at ArtSpring from 9:30 a.m. (Register with Mr. Gordon Fulton, Commission Counsel, at (604) 687-6789 on or before November 7.)

Donations are needed to help pay for legal and technical advice. (IRAHVOL is asking all residents to contribute at least \$100, which will be partly or entirely refunded if the BCUC approves our request for financial assistance.)

Community members are needed to help with fundraising, research (expertise in health, transmission and distribution systems, environmental sciences, regulatory issues) and public relations.

The above was submitted by the writer, as a member of the IRAHVOL steering committee, along with Jackie and Doug Truscott, Charles Bazzard, Enid and Barb Turner and John Wakefield.

New library should be constructed on Rainbow Road site

By GRACE BYRNE

Salt Spring's present library is rapidly becoming too small for our growing population and has serious structural defects.

An architect and a local builder both assured the library board that repairing the building to bring it up to code would cost as much as rebuilding it.

The library board has decided to build a new library and is proposing to build it in the village core. This reflects survey results preferring this location. The board has chosen to buy the lot east of the library for \$600,000 and build on the combined site.

This will keep the library in the village core on an inadequate site at a very

IN RESPONSE

high cost.

The first concern is the matter of paying off \$600,000 for the McColl property. Even with the "tax to the max" for our tax requisition, fundraising and our bank reserve fund, we will be hard-pressed. Better to spend this money on a building than an over-priced lot.

There are two library referenda for voter consideration this November. The first, Bylaw 3307 should be passed. It puts the responsibility for providing services and facilities for the library under the auspices

of the Capital Regional District (CRD). It must pass in order for us to build a new library anywhere. The CRD is the taxing authority for Salt Spring.

The second, Bylaw 3308, should be defeated. This bylaw authorizes the borrowing of \$600,000 to buy the property next door to the present library. If this bylaw is defeated, the property will not be bought.

Salt Spring's official community plan (OCP) suggests we will have a population of 18,000 to 20,000 in 15 to 20 years. Our professional librarian has researched future needs based on other libraries in B.C., Canada and some American states.

The present site, combined with the adjacent site,

is too small to accommodate a library for the future, with associated parking. It will be necessary to build two stories and include an elevator for handicapped access. It will be necessary to temporarily relocate the library during construction — an expensive additional cost. If we build on Rainbow Road land owned by the CRD via the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), we would have a much smoother transition.

PARC has offered the library an excellent site on the Rainbow Road recreational land. It is offering the library a 15,000-square-foot "footprint" large enough to build a one-storey library that would be sufficient for many years to come.

We would share in the proposed parking for the swimming pool. We would not need to pay \$600,000 for the lot next door and, when the new library is built, the old library would be sold — it should fetch at least \$500,000 — to apply against the cost of the new construction. The reserve fund in the bank can be used towards the cost of building instead of towards paying down the cost of land.

The Rainbow Road site is about three blocks further from the centre of Ganges. Is it worth the extra one to two million dollars and the less than adequately sized building to be closer in?

The other in-core site proposed was the Peace Park (across from ArtSpring).

This site, strongly pushed by regional director Gary Holman, has its own deficiencies. It has a very high water table, is too small, and would have insufficient parking. Most importantly it is a well-used and enjoyed park. It should not be sacrificed.

All three sites would require OCP or land use bylaw amendments to permit library use.

I would urge voters to defeat Bylaw 3308 and ask the library board to build at the Rainbow Road site. We would have a better library for much less money.

The writer is a 20-year library volunteer, has served 11 years on the board and has now resigned her board position as past chair.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *How can the Islands Trust better serve its "preserve and protect" mandate?*



Sterling McEachern

Much of the Islands Trust's power comes from the province. If we can't get them to cooperate, not much will change.



Sheila Harrington

A huge amount of water is wasted every day on the islands. It would be nice if they could push for the use of compost and low-flush toilets.



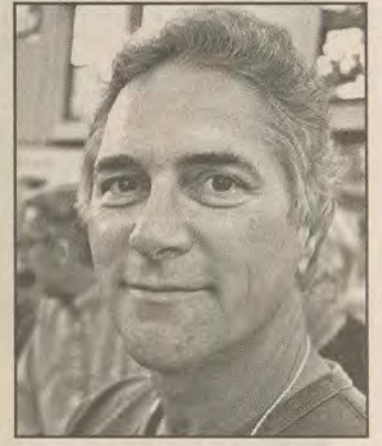
Rick Laing

It has to realize what an incredible place we live in and what a great natural environment we have. We need to develop a respect for the land.



Louise Nye

I think we should put more trust in the Trust. They are trying to get more power and we should support that.



Mark Starik

The best things governments can do are listening to public debate and consulting the people when they make important decisions. This will ensure a stronger democracy.

Letters to the Editor

Opportunity

I sympathize with Ben Goodman's views in the September 21 guest column, but I think it's possible to distinguish between two types of development when it comes to responsible funding: projects funded through property taxes; and privately funded projects.

Projects funded through taxes are represented by the pool and by the tennis courts and by the library; nice projects, but we simply don't have the tax base to support them. If affordable housing is an issue here, increasing property taxes to fund projects like these will make it impossible to maintain the house you can barely afford to buy in the first place.

Privately funded projects are represented by the B&B Ganges Marina proposal. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to lose: new public amenities at little cost to the public, plus an attractive restoration of a pestilent corner of the harbour.

If a sustainable economy is an issue here, I don't understand where opposition to this project is coming from. Well, in fact, I

do: opposition comes from a hyper-sensitive, anti-business group, intimidated by decision-making.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN,
Sky Valley Road

Decision time

Next week may prove to be crucial in the history of the Islands Trust. We shall see which will prevail: the special interest of developers — or democracy. Shall we see the infilling of the harbour, or not?

Local Trust Committee chair David Essig and trustees Kimberly Liniger and Eric Booth have an opportunity to show their Trust-worthiness following the overwhelming public endorsement of the official community plan at last Thursday's public hearing at the Baptist church. The only democratic and responsible course for the would-be developer is to return to the drawing board and to design a revised bylaw which is in keeping with the expressed wishes of the islanders and with the spirit of the Trust's mandate.

As one of the speakers at the hearing said: "The harbour is sick with poison.

Would you treat an alcoholic with a daily bottle of Jack Daniels whisky?"

ALAN CLEWS,
Canvasback Plac

Pool affordability

I applaud PARC's planning and careful development of a multi-use community pool. It is based on the principles of a) what do people want (referenda required to answer this) and b) affordability.

It is easy to say, "Give me the best" or "Pool? Yes please!"

PARC proceeds from the concept of a moderately affordable facility and leaves the door open to future embellishments if people want that. The hard question is "What are you willing to pay?"

We are told the public's share of the capital cost of the pool will be paid back through local property taxes over 15 years. In addition, operating costs (salaries, utilities, maintenance, etc) paid for in annual taxes will go on forever and never get smaller (unless the facility is moth-balled).

Operating costs, to be paid through the annual tax requirement, will depend on your property value and rise each year as operating costs rise. In addition, pool entry fees will be charged each time one uses the pool.

One way of defining the question, "How much are you willing to pay?" is to keep a daily record of those who use the pool.

At the end of the year total operating costs (not the capital costs paid for by all of us) could be pro-rated on a per use basis to those who used the pool. This puts the question of "what do you want?" in very sober perspective. It also defines the nominal charge for non-resident visitors.

A pool? Yes please. How much are you willing to pay?

RON HAWKINS,
Quarry Drive

Sustainable

Eco-tourism on Salt Spring? Imagine what we could do through the eyes of a future visitor, who might write the following:

"Thank-you Salt Spring! I came to your wonderful island to see for myself how

a green community really functions. I left my car off-island because I knew that I could ride the Green Bus, powered by waste vegetable oil, to my first destination — the Ecovillage.

"I took a permaculture workshop at the Ecovillage. It was a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience in organic farming, responsible water stewardship and natural building. It really sparked my interest to see it all in practice right in front of my eyes.

"I ate fresh, organic food that I helped harvest, I milked my first goat and I used my first composting toilet, which was perfectly acceptable! The house I visited was made completely of natural materials, mostly cob and straw-bale. What a warm and inviting feeling to be in a hand-sculpted room. Now I want to build my own home that way.

"It was inspiring to see a community of people who are really making a difference. Your island has something very special to share with the world. Now is the time for spreading the seeds of sustainability . . . peo-

ple are hungry for positive change. Thanks for setting the example."

If you support this concept of sustainability, please help the non-profit society S.E.E.D.S make it happen. Visit www.islandseeds.org.

IRJA KRIEGEL,
Salt Spring

Going straight

I am a Homo sapien (human being).

I am not homophobic, if there is such a word.

Also, I am not homosexual. I consider myself to be a normal person as much as possible with help along the way from the courts, counsellors, AA, church and many other personal advisors.

So please do not tie me up with or unite me in any way with those homosexuals who wish to practise an unnatural lifestyle. They are bent a different way than I am and we are going in different directions. I am going straight.

JOHN STEELE,
Salt Spring

MORE LETTERS A10

Middle class salvaged by positive Norton Road vote

At approximately 7:15 pm on September 20, Hurricane Kimberley swept through the meeting room of the Islands Trust, doing her level best to leave in her wake the tattered remains of the middle class on Salt Spring Island.

What was at stake? The Norton Road affordable housing subdivision.

Let's get caught up. The Norton Road subdivision involves 26 homes on a piece of property adjacent to the Brinkworthy mobile home park. The developer plans to market these new homes for under the \$300,000 mark. Attached to the properties are some harsh resale clauses, that pretty much keep these homes "affordable" for a long, long time.

Trustee Kimberley Liniger voted against moving this application forward. Her reasoning was simple. The developer had not demonstrated a palpable need for this kind of housing on Salt Spring . . . middle class housing.

HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



She may be right. High rents and astronomical housing prices coupled with low career prospects have driven many a working stiff off the island. Those who managed to hang on were either lucky enough to buy before the price explosion, or have been compelled to live at home with mom and dad.

Islanders with university degrees are forced to either take jobs with salaries far below their credentials, or commute to the city, where their life is an endless cycle of ferry line-ups, early mornings and late nights . . . grounds for divorce.

Times have changed. Residential building construction has gone through the roof, to the point where the early morning

ferries are dominated by tradesmen's vans, coming over from Vancouver Island. Carriage trade homes are sprouting up everywhere fuelled by well-heeled newcomers construct-

ing their seven-digit edifices. With Channel Ridge on the horizon, anyone who can swing a hammer is pretty much guaranteed work for the next 10 years.

Demand for skilled labour has driven trade wages up to dizzying numbers. I was lucky enough to find a good carpenter for a few days, and was grateful to get him for \$38 per hour — two bucks less than his normal rate. Given a normal work week, that puts him at over \$70,000 a year before taxes, not including longer days or weekend "folding money" deals.

This is far above the median family Salt Spring income of around \$48,000, and far above what is considered a "middle-class income." Yet even with these

bulging wallets, the best they can expect in the Salt Spring housing market is a clean little double-wide or a cracker box handyman special on the main drag . . . not exactly palatial or "kid friendly."

And so the tradesmen continue to commute. With the exception of the occasional take-out sandwich from Ganges Village Market, they spend their money in Duncan or Victoria. Almost imperceptibly, Salt Spring is morphing into a land of Lexus SUVs passing by hitchhiking waifs making their way to backwoods tents or musty basement rooms. Enter Norton Road.

The Norton Road subdivision may be just the thing to woo back the middle class. A brand new home on Salt Spring, close to schools, hospital and groceries, for under \$300,000. But there is a downside. Anyone buying into the plan will not be allowed to flip the property next year for double what they paid for it, because of the fine print attached to the title.

Potential buyers will need to rethink their approach to real estate. This housing project is not about investment opportunities, it is about shelter . . . a safe, reasonable place to bring up your kids, an opportunity to make a life on Salt Spring. Let's give each of these 26 six new homeowners a couple of kids. That's 52 new kids in a dwindling Salt Spring public school system, and cross your fingers, maybe a five-day school week again, and more teachers.

Of course, bringing in 26 middle class families won't be the magic bullet to solve Salt Spring's economic woes, but, as Local Trust Committee chairman David Essig stated, "It's a start." And with that, bolstered by Eric Booth's vote, Hurricane Kimberley turned into a light rain.

I guess we will all see over the next 18 months if the project will be a model utopian paradise or join the ranks of Salt Spring's Great Embarrassments . . . like the unfinished boardwalk.



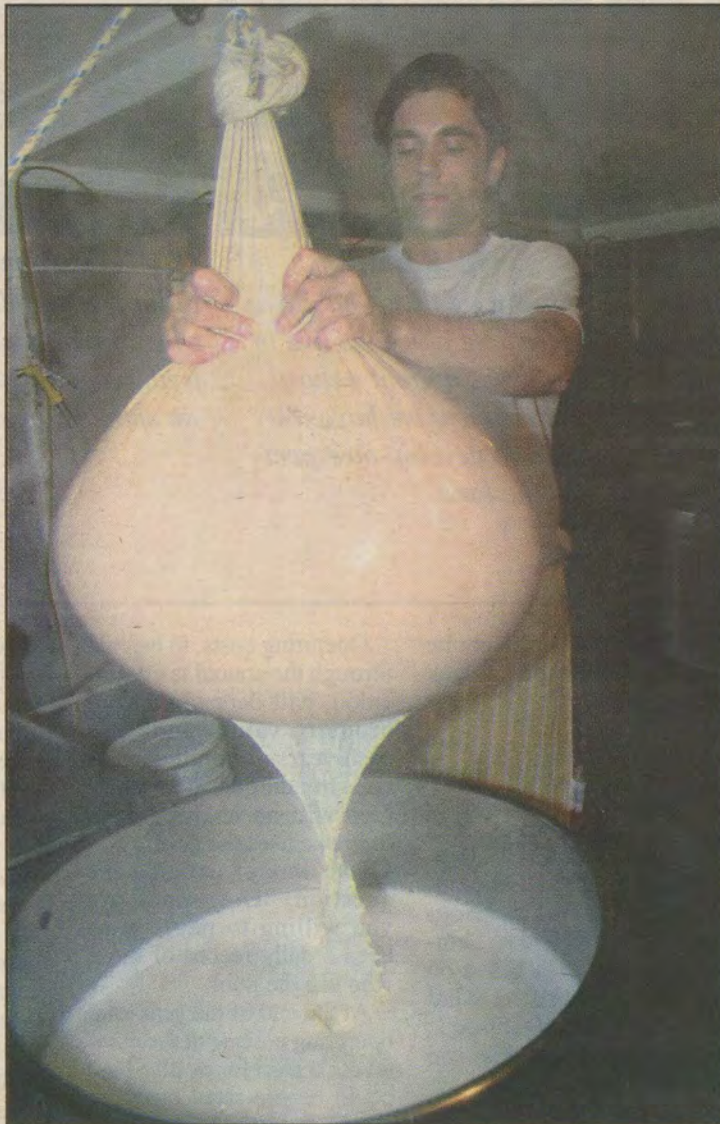
Tofu ... today

the story of Salt Spring's
Soya Nova Tofu

“ The tiny little soya bean gives you so much.” — DL

In the beginning, Tofu Deb (Lauzon) discovered tofu in 1969 as she travelled in California. Then she learned how to make it — and hasn't stopped for 35 years. Soya Nova Tofu was created in 1983; more than 20 years later it's looking at doubling production this fall as a major company begins distribution of the Salt Spring smoked tofu.

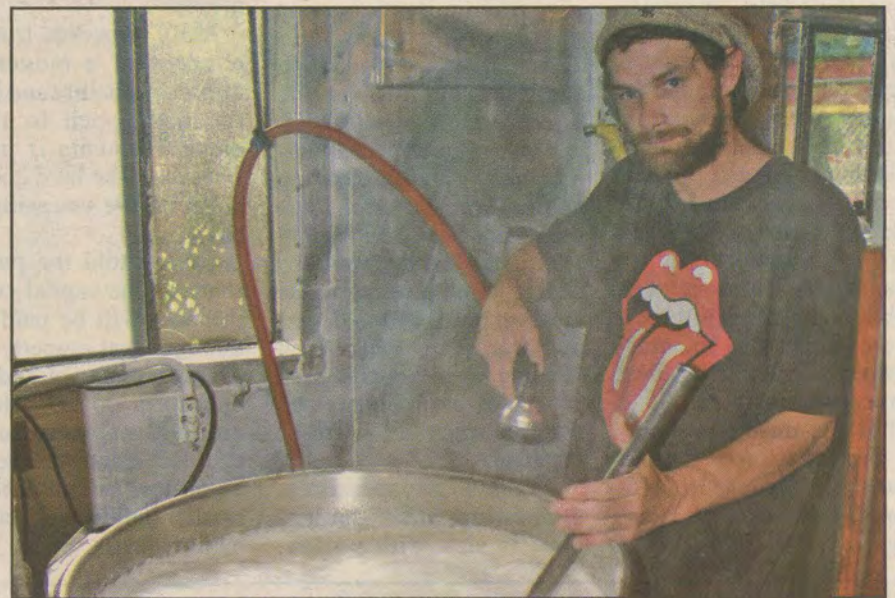
At right, Joel Berry puts the soya milk through a cloth bag. Starting early in the morning, Monday to Friday, Soya Nova workers produce 400-500 pounds of tofu every day.



Above, Joel Berry presses the “slurry.” Soya Nova's traditional farmhouse style of tofu combines mineral-rich well water, nigari (a natural form of magnesium chloride) and certified organic soybeans shipped from Ontario and Quebec. The business uses 26 tons of soya beans a year.

“ I'd never seen tofu before. I loved the taste of it and became a vegetarian.”

— DL



Tofu Deb's son Zoltan Lauzon Kodaly grabs a tray of freshly made tofu. As Deb turns her focus to product development, and Soya Nova gears up for expansion, Zoltan is set to take over the business.

“ I've spent so much time in production, I haven't done much marketing.” — DL

Above is Jay Steadman, stirring the tofu mix. The only part of the soya bean not used in tofu production is the soya bean shell (okara) which is rich in collagen. Finding a use for it is “every tofu-maker's dream,” says Lauzon, who is currently working on a product that contains okara and tofu whey, an anti-aging enzyme.



Some of Soya Nova's products — like Zed Spread, smoked tofu and teriyaki tofu jerky — are unique Canadian items. With a little marketing, these products could take off.



Tessa Young Serra holds up a pound of tofu — fresh off the press around noon every day. Despite the fact Soya Nova products are distributed all over, islanders can still drive down to the Beddis Road property and get their daily fix.

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More letters

Sell Core Inn

Flashback: a July evening in 1993. Beaver Point Hall. A group of nine people meet after the funeral for two 16-year-olds, who died in a stolen-car crash on Reynolds Road.

The discussion centres around what can be done on Salt Spring to work more closely with young people, especially those struggling with serious behavioural problems. As the mother of the boy who stole the car and died, along with one of his friends, the question is directed to me.

I respond, "Do you think we could buy Luigi's and start a youth centre for island teens?"

As all present are enthusiastic, we decide, as a group, to proceed with this plan. A name is found, the "Core Inn," after Corin, the middle name, coincidentally, of both teens who died.

Luigi's, the old Garner house at the corner of McPhillips and Jackson avenues in Ganges, is under a court-ordered sale, and the pressure is on. Some heavy fundraising and intense tri-weekly meetings ensue.

After only an astonishing four months, the group, now a non-profit society, with the help of many generous donations, actually manages to buy the building outright, for the sum of \$225,000. This is despite some questions from one or two of the then-members of PARC and a measure of disdain from several well-placed members of Salt Spring society. The process of creating a youth drop-in centre in Ganges begins.

The above history of the Core Inn is written as a backdoor to the point of my letter,

and I apologize to all those who may be dismayed at my suggestion.

Over the past 12 years the Core Inn has generally been under-used, and is not fulfilling its original mandate. The superb heritage house is now almost completely restored after the damage caused by last Halloween's arson attempt. It must be worth a pretty penny on today's market.

With the best interests of Salt Spring citizens in mind, troubled teens et al, I personally feel that the very best use now of this valuable community asset is to put it on the market, and use the monies from its sale for the immediate addition of the leisure pool to the plans for our long-awaited pool complex.

My husband and I actually voted against the pool in the 1980 referendum, but both of us voted for it in 2004, as this is so obviously the wish of the majority, and will be a very important contributor to the future health and well-being of our island community.

May both the new pool and the new tennis court thrive.

R. DUPUY,
Mountain Road

Dog fear

This is a call for no pit bull terriers on Salt Spring.

Last Friday brought terror to our relatively peaceful corner, when a female pit bull terrier broke loose from its chain and charged at my neighbour, who, screaming and kicking, managed to get back into her house. This dog recently had a litter of pups that were being weaned.

I am told this dog was much loved and well cared for.

The police were notified

of this attack and after a skirmish between dog, police and animal control officer, the dog was destroyed.

Be aware that there are now four or so young pit bull terriers awaiting future adoption. I do not wish to live in fear of my neighbour's dog.

D. PARSONS,
Pioneer Village

Jonathan's back

A little on the lighter side

To the many interested residents of Salt Spring, Jonathan Seagull returned to my lakeside home on September 16. His arrival coincided with our return from holidays. Now, how did he know?

This is the 10th year he has made his appearance in September, staying until March. He breakfasts on scraps, provided by local merchants and family friends.

CONNIE HARDY,
Cusheon Lake Road

Game plan

With autumn fast approaching, the residents of Salt Spring will find themselves spending more time indoors.

With a diversity of options for activities on long cold

nights, we think board games are an excellent choice.

They encourage interaction with family and friends; board games are fun, and many challenge and improve our creative and intellectual prowess.

We love to play board

games, but with so many great ones available on the market today, they can be an expensive investment.

Island Star Video is currently considering carrying a selection of quality board games for rent.

If you, like us, think this

Name: **Laurie Hedger**
537/538/653: 653

Occupation(s): Recycling and waste, bulldozing.

Hobbies: Boating.

Home finished/unfinished: Not finished ever.

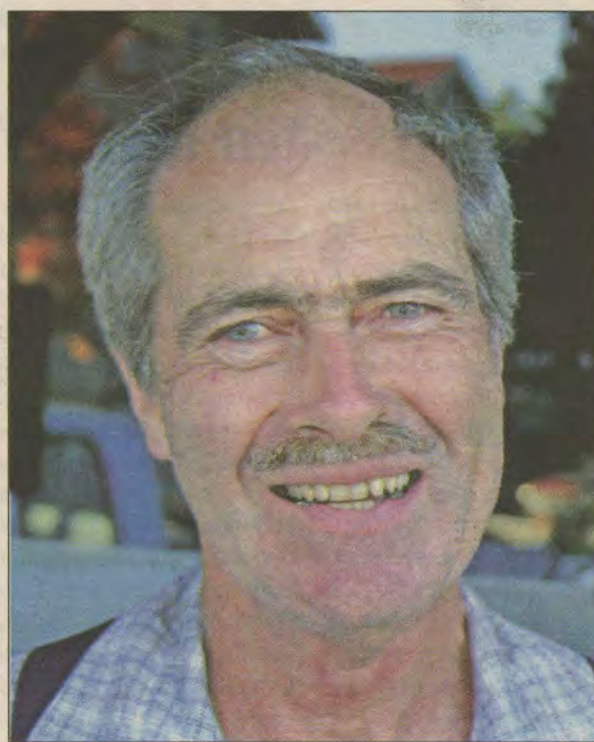
Favourite people: Islanders — newcomers or old.

Favourite read: Carlos Castaneda.

Best thing about SSI: People.

Worst thing about SSI: Underestimating the people's concern for SSI's welfare.

Best place to kiss on SSI?: At home.



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KEEPING OUR ELDERS IN THE HEART OF THEIR COMMUNITY is the underlying philosophy supporting the construction of the new Assisted Living Residence. Geared to elders with modest incomes, we will fill the gap between living in one's own home and living in a long-term care facility. We will enable our elder neighbours to live in their own apartment, in a community of friends, with access to services that will ensure their independence and quality of life much longer.

"The goal of assisted living is to promote greater independence and delay the need for complex care."

—Howard Waldner
president and CEO
VIHA

The FUNDING Partners

- Greenwoods Eldercare Society: **GES**
- BC Housing
- Vancouver Island Health Authority: **VIHA**
- Capital Regional District: **CRD**
- Canadian Mortgage & Housing Corporation: **CMHC**

The DEVELOPMENT Team

- Project Contractor: **Kinetic Construction Ltd**
- Architectural: **Jensen Group Architects**
- Project Management: **CitySpaces Consulting Ltd**

30 Unit Assisted Living for Southern Gulf Islands

Gulf Islands seniors in need of affordable housing with support will continue to call Salt Spring Island home with the construction of 30 assisted living units next to the Greenwoods care facility on Blain Road. This \$7.7-million project is funded in part under the Canada-British Columbia Affordable Housing Agreement. Providing more options for seniors housing and care is a priority for government, given that over the next two decades the seniors population in B.C. will double to an estimated 1.4 million. Salt Spring Island is a popular retirement community. The number of seniors on the island is growing steadily, and by 2006, the number of people over age 80 will rise to about 800. The natural beauty, climate, and life style of the Gulf Islands mean that elders who have lived here are most reluctant to leave. "The Greenwoods Assisted Living Residence is a great example of a non-profit group working with government and other partners to provide more services

for our seniors," says Murray Coell, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands. "Partnerships like this allow us to give seniors more choices for independent, affordable housing with ready access to support services when needed." "The introduction of assisted living in the community gives us another important option to support our seniors," says Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area director and Capital Regional District board member. "It allows the seniors in the Southern Gulf Islands to remain here, close to their family and friends, in a place suited to their needs." The Province, through BC Housing and the Independent Living BC (ILBC) program, is committed to providing 3,500 affordable assisted living apartments province-wide.

CAMPUS of Care

As part of its holistic approach to elder care services, the **Greenwoods Eldercare Society (GES)** is building



A DREAM COME TRUE: Pictured at the building site, Jeanne Taylor, GES Chair; Phyllis Bolton, GES board member retired; Don Hartwig, GES Past Chair; and Penny Polden, GES CEO outgoing, celebrate the coming alive of their vision that has been a decade in the planning.

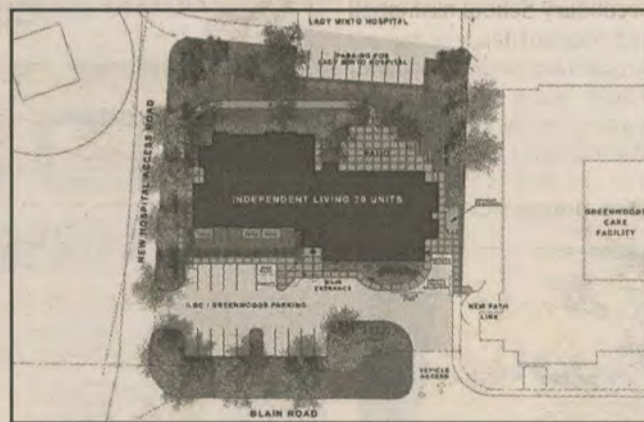
the **Assisted Living Residence** to serve elders living in the Southern Gulf Islands region. The **Greenwoods Assisted Living Residence** will be owned and managed by the Greenwoods Eldercare Society (formerly known as the Gulf Islands Intermediate Care Society). Greenwoods as the natural hub of elder care on Salt Spring Island, the Lady Minto Hospital with its acute

care and extended care services, and the **Assisted Living Residence** are developing into a "Campus of Care" for seniors. It is suitably located next to the Seniors Centre (which is situated on property owned by the Greenwoods Foundation). The existing Greenwoods facility is a "complex care" facility providing residence and services to seniors with marked and extensive physi-

cal, cognitive and emotional challenges that exceed the type of intermediate care found in an extended care unit. The **Assisted Living Project** was conceived in response to the growing need to provide our aging citizens with affordable medical and home services in a private setting where a person can live in a fully independent apartment with access to services as needed. ♡



FACING BLAIN ROAD: Construction began in June and will take 12 months to complete, with a move-in date expected in autumn 2006.



SITE PLAN: The assisted living property is located on the northwest corner of the Lady Minto Hospital lands. The new development will be immediately adjacent to the Greenwoods residential care building. The new assisted living building will consist of 30 new units, and the project will also include a significant renovation to the kitchen area of the existing Greenwoods facility.

GES at heart of Eldercare

Greenwoods Eldercare Society is at the heart of elder care on the Southern Gulf Islands. A community leader in providing care for elders since 1979, it operates a wide range of services from its existing Greenwoods care facility. These services include a bathing program and an adult day program that involves art and music therapy and exercise activities together with a hot

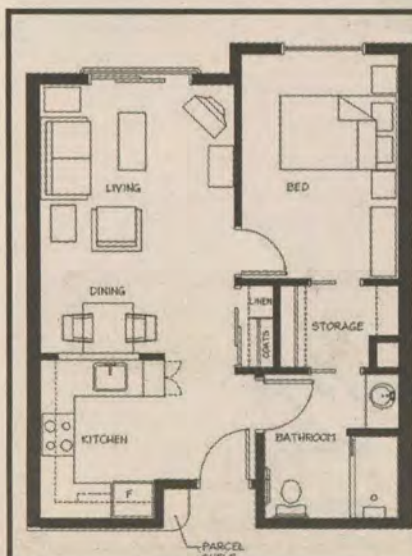
lunch and an opportunity to socialize. Greenwoods provides the important Meals On Wheels program on Salt Spring Island and oversees it for the other Southern Gulf Islands. As well, Greenwoods provides transportation services and respite care when required. Greenwoods relies on the good will of the community for volunteers and for annual donations through the Greenwoods Foundation.

The 2002 Elder Plan

The Elder Plan, commissioned in 2002 by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) and the Capital Regional District (CRD) Health Facilities and carried out by CitySpaces Consulting, identified a number of challenges facing our region. Specifically, the study identified our aging population and insufficient supportive housing as key

issues. With the government rolling back in-home support services while continually seeking more cost effective ways to care for seniors, the concept of "aging in place" has evolved and has meant a shift from facility care to providing more options to allow elders to live independently, with dignity, privacy and support, for as long as possible. The new assisted living residence is positioned to address all of these areas of concern.

INQUIRIES REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENCY in the new Assisted Living Residence may be made via your personal physician. Your doctor and the assessment board of the Vancouver Island Health Authority will have tools in place for evaluation and determination of eligibility. ♡



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Assisted Living Means Independence

Once completed, the Greenwoods Assisted Living Residence will provide 30 homes for low-to-moderate income tenants who can live independently but who may require access to some services. Available services will include two meals/day, housekeeping, laundry services, and recreational opportunities. Personal care services will include assistance with medications, mo-

bility and other care needs, as well as a 24-hour response system. Participation in some of the services and available programs is optional. "The goal of assisted living is to promote greater independence and delay the need for complex care," said Howard Waldner, president and CEO of the VIHA. "Giving seniors the choice to stay in their home communities is essential in maintaining

their health." In the common areas, the Residence plans include: lobby, elevator access to upper floors, community dining room & servery, family dining/meeting room, internet lounge, activity lounge & kitchenette, health & podiatrist clinic & hair salon, bathing room, garden & veranda area, electric scooter storage room, administration office, and lounges on the second and third floors.



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RANTS

Rants to the person at Grace Point Square who insists that the beautiful palm tree in the round stone planter be removed. Are you out of your mind? That is a beautiful healthy specimen that I planted nearly five years ago. Since it has been there I have heard nothing but good comments on how nice it looks. It would be a crime to remove such a plant. It may be a little more difficult than you think to extract as long as I'm around. You may have stirred up a hornets' nest! Banana Joe Clemente

Rants to the boar who left his water tank on our driveway. Why should I pay to get rid of your garbage? Please pick it up again. You can be charged for littering. Lin Beattie

ROSES

A bouquet of sunflowers to the many people who came to my assistance Thursday, September 15 at Tree House South. Special thanks to Christina and Stan, my friends Dave and Gill, the caring ambulance staff and the doctor and nurse at Lady Minto Hospital. SAL

A bouquet of sweet-smelling roses to the Rotary Club

RANTS & ROSES

of Salt Spring, and Robyn the cow, for their contributions to my prize in this year's Muffin Madness at the fall fair. It was a pleasure to support such a worthy organization. MM

An enormous bouquet of dahlias to Mike Best in thanks for all the dahlias that he didn't pick up after the fall fair, and that found their way to be enjoyed by all the people at Greenwoods.

Roses and peace to Scott and Jay for delivery of the hospital bed back to the Red Cross society, and sincere thanks to Mark Rithaler and Slegg Lumber.

A large bouquet of yellow roses each to George Ehring, Rita Dods, GVM and Thriftys, who all helped to make the annual motorcycle toy run such a huge success. Also thanks to all those who joined in the ride and donated Christmas toys. CC

The co-op preschool would like to send fall-coloured roses to Barry, Chris and Jocelyn of the Oystercatch-

er, Bellavance BBQs, Rick and Ganges Village Market, and Russ at Thrifty Foods for all their help at our fall fair salmon barbeque. We couldn't do it without you!

Roses to the Royal Thespians for making our program a success, with a spe-

cial bloom for Pam Cundy, without whom we couldn't have done it.

Roses to the Bank of Montreal staff in Ganges who came to my rescue when I fell on Thursday and even sent me flowers afterwards. DH

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Library land purchase will help preserve village

By GARY HOLMAN
Salt Spring
Regional Director

The Salt Spring Island library has a unique opportunity to purchase the adjacent McColl property, under the auspices of the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Voters must authorize the borrowing of up to \$600,000 in a referendum to be held on the November 19 election date. The loan authorization does not increase the existing legal tax limit for library purposes, it simply permits use of the existing taxing authority to purchase property. This purchase represents the best chance for the library to remain in the village core, as required by our official community plan and supported in a recent survey of library users.

Purchase of the McColl site obviously involves additional costs compared to the Rainbow Road recreation site outside of the village, but I believe these costs are not significant from a long-term perspective. The library board has decided, to its credit, that remaining in their current location is not only preferred by users, but will also help to preserve our vibrant, functional village.

The library board also considered CRD land at Peace Park across from ArtSpring, but would prefer to avoid using scarce green space within the village.

It should be noted that the library board is committed to reducing the taxpayer costs of the land purchase by fundraising and the use of its own building fund of over \$100,000.

The purchase loan will be fully paid out in 15 years or less, at which time the community will have permanently secured the heart of Ganges village for public library use. The library board is now preparing an application for infrastructure funding for a new building. Once infrastructure funding

CRD REPORT

is secured, hopefully within two to three years, a second referendum will be required to authorize matching local taxpayer support for a new building.

The purchase of the McColl property is so important for the future of our library and the functioning of our compact, seaside village, and it is well within our fiscal capacity. I strongly urge voters to support this acquisition in the upcoming referendum.

Leisure pool

I have tabled a referendum on the inclusion of the leisure component of the pool project because I believe at this time it is more prudent to confirm the capital and operating costs of the currently proposed multi-use pool/whirlpool facility, before incurring significant additional costs.

Surveys jointly designed by PARC and Ssplash indicated the strongest public support (85 per cent) for a basic facility, and I am still not confident that there is a community consensus regarding the purpose and design of the leisure pool.

I recognize that Ssplash continues to work hard for the inclusion of a leisure facility. I have indicated to them and the CRD Board that I might reconsider the

issue if their target of 2,000 confirmed Salt Spring Island voter signatures is achieved. I acknowledge that there is support in the community for the leisure pool, but my concerns about costs and design are also shared by a significant number of voters, and I want to proceed cautiously on a \$5.5-million project that is already \$1-million over budget.

Tennis

Despite my concerns about the tendering process for the proposed new indoor tennis facility, I supported approval of the construction contract at the September CRD Board meeting. I did so because I believe the facility will be largely self-financing and will still be readily accessible to the public.

My support was also predicated on commitments by PARC and the Salt Spring Tennis Association to hold a public meeting within the next month to address concerns about the project rationale, including the tendering process, PARC's financial analysis of the facility, and possible changes in user fee policies. An announcement on such a meeting will be forthcoming soon.

UBCM

I am attending the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention in Vancouver this week and will respond to e-mails (directorssi@crd.bc.ca) and phone messages (653-2075 or 653-2042) when I return.



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Junior varsity Scorpions shut out second straight team



FOOTBALL CRUNCH: Members of Salt Spring's junior varsity football team stomp on the Comox Raiders in a home game at the Hydro field last Saturday.

By **CHRIS BYWATER**
Driftwood Contributor

The Comox Raiders showed up with an impressive bus, uniforms and a 30-member team, but the 13 local junior varsity Scorpions went to work early and often, crushing the Raiders 38-0 in their home opener Saturday.

Will Cornwall stunned the Raiders on the first play of the game with an 80-yard sweep to the end zone behind great blocking from Hugh Finer and Angus Fraser. This combination worked all game with Cornwall racking up an unbelievable 365 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

Newcomer Trevor Cottrell notched the Scorpions' fifth touchdown, sprinting 49 yards to the end zone. Sebastian Banks converted four

touchdowns, had 54 yards on the ground and completed passes to Ian Barrett and Trevor Morrisette.

Angus Fraser rounded out the offensive stats, punching through the Raiders defence six times for 49 yards.

On defence, Myles Raposo led the Scorpions with nine tackles, including two sacks. Banks was just behind Raposo with eight tackles while Dan Foley hauled down seven Raiders.

The blocking team of Angus Fraser and Hugh Finer was also key on defence, combining for 11 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery.

The junior varsity Scorpions are now 2-0 and have not been scored on yet.

Their next game is Wednesday against Barsby in Nanaimo.

School runners win top spots at year's 1st cross country race

Salt Spring Island's Youth Cross Country team excelled at a Vancouver Island meet on Friday.

Some 28 students from Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) travelled to Nanaimo to participate in the event hosted by Dover Bay Secondary School.

Running two kilometres, Grade 8 student Erica Rimmer outpaced her closest competitor by 40 seconds

to win a first place, while fellow eighth grader Keegan Pearson took third place in his run.

GISS fielded 10 female athletes, six of whom competed in the four-kilometre junior (grades 9 and 10) girls' competition, and the remaining running in the four-k grades 11 and 12 grouping.

Grade 9 student Danica Lundy brought home a fourth-place finish, while Kristen Iverson (Grade 10)

grabbed sixth place.

Salt Spring's boys' team saw Grade 10 student Jesson Motherwell land a fourth-place finish for the juniors, while Lowell Rockliffe nailed second place for the seniors.

Dimitri Wintermantel also placed a respectable fifth in this heat.

The team travels to Beaver Lake Wednesday (today) to compete in the preliminary rounds for the provincial championships.

Defending champs trounce locals

By **CHRIS BYWATER**
Driftwood Contributor

Coming off their season-opening victory against the Nanaimo Islanders, the Scorpions varsity football squad faced off against the defending AA-champion Windsor Dukes on Saturday.

Number 7 was definitely not lucky for the Scorpions as the Dukes' #7 running back Gabe Ephart caused the Scorpions headaches all day.

The Dukes scored on their opening series and then had their kick-off bounce off a Scorpion and back to them to retain possession. Unable

to capitalize, the Scorpions took over but the Dukes defence made local running backs Taylor Stibbards and Graham Meek grind for every yard.

The Scorpions' luck looked like it was turning when Yoni Marmorstein recovered a fumble on the Dukes' 25-yard line, only to have the half-time clock run out before the Scorpions could execute a play.

In the second half the Scorpions offence started to click with Travis Bantel executing a reverse for 10 of his team-leading 56 yards rushing. John Foley

completed back-to-back passes to Cody Hunsberger and the Scorpions battled to the Dukes' one-yard line but couldn't break through.

Final score was 35-0 for the Dukes.

Meek and Stibbards rushed for 55 and 30 hard-fought yards respectively.

Hunsberger led the defence with six tackles and pulled in three pass receptions. Marmorstein made four tackles, Meek and Dave Puhky each notched two tackles.

The Scorpions' next game is Saturday against Ballenas in Parksville.

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Double-post miss thwarts Division-2 Selects team

Onlookers at Portlock Park were left stunned when Salt Spring's Division-2 Selects women finished with a 2-2 tie against Gordon Head on Sunday.

"It was a very odd game," said coach Dave McColl. "And we scored the tying goal on ourselves in a round-

about way."

Selects strikers mauled Gordon Head defence and had a hail of chances, he said.

Jordan Davignon notched the first goal off a corner by Michelle Proctor.

"It was a beautiful header just under the crossbar. It

wasn't a wimpy one, she hammered it."

And Thea Wood scored the second goal off a beautiful nutmeg feed by Jesse Wilson, McColl said.

"At the end of the first half, it should've been seven or eight nothing," he said. "We were all over them but we

couldn't put it in the net."

While the Selects usually have more chances than they can finish, Sunday's game had a particularly strange feeling, he said.

"There were some pretty blatant misses," he laughed.

"Late in the first half, one of our strikers came in from

the left and hammered this shot in low. It passed the keeper, hit the inside corner of the post, went across the face of the goal; our other player came in from the right side and hit the other post."

Conversely, Gordon Head had few chances and scored

two unlikely goals, including one that hit a Selects' defender in the face and deflected into the net.

McColl credited Gordon Head's keeper and centre midfielder for clearing several balls and noted that every one of the Selects had a good game.

FOG clouds youth at Sooke triathlon

Age and treachery prevailed over youth and enthusiasm at the 9th-Annual Sooke Triathlon on Sunday.

"It's fun to beat up on the young guys, that's the only reason I do it," said islander John Nilssen.

"There was no age group, so we raced against all the young guys and we're all pushing 50."

Salt Spring's Nilssen and Bruce Grey combined with

Gabor Herner of Victoria to win the triathlon event among some 20 teams.

"Our team was named FOG — Fast Old Guys."

FOG placed first in the relay race when Herner ran 10 kilometres in under 40 minutes and Nilssen pedalled a 30-kilometre gravel road course in 56 minutes.

Herner had bronchitis and still won the run, Nilssen said.

"Last year, he won his age group in the Penticton Iron Man, so he's a fit guy."

Nilssen is no slouch either. He placed in the top 20 within three different cycling events at the World Masters Games in July.

He was particularly pleased to roast the Pearson College team, whose members had briefly surged ahead after FOG's Grey, who placed third in the six-nauti-

cal-mile kayak paddle.

"That was a highlight, tracking him down, reeling him in and passing him and then dropping him and saying goodbye."

A second Salt Spring team also hit the podium when Uma Meyers placed third among female cyclists.

Team Mean Machine also included Caroline Rowley, who ran the 10K, and Dave Melanson who paddled.

Reserves boost FC win against Athletics

Salt Spring FC's Division-1 men pegged another win on their road trip against the Alberni Athletics on Saturday.

FC Captain Chris Jason attributes the 2-1 win to help from several Division-5 Reserves players who filled depleted ranks.

Reserves player Gord Akerman brought dynamic energy and actually nabbed the game-winning goal, Jason said.

"It came off a goal mouth scramble. Gord originally missed the first shot but it came back to him and he got it on the

second effort."

And able goal keeping came from Reserves net-minder Chris Griffiths — since Jonathon McDonald is out for the next 10 weeks recovering from an injury.

"Chris played rather well. He didn't have a lot of shots but when he did, he was there for them," Jason said.

Salt Spring's first goal came from Jim Severn 25 minutes into the game.

Marlow Hart also had a great chance early in the game with a 25-yard shot.

"It was just a screamer off the crossbar."

Following a 2-0 lead, FC had to fend off a determined counterattack when Alberni rallied with a "junky goal" off a scramble, Jason said.

"It got to be a little scary but they held them off."

Jason is looking forward to Saturday's upcoming match against Gorge (2:15 p.m. kick off at Portlock Park).

"They have a good squad and we usually have a pretty good rivalry."

During their last encounter in March, FC tied the then division-leading team 3-3 even though they were down two men due to red-card violations.



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post their events to. The suggested getaways will encourage visitors to visit us in the quiet season. Additionally, starting next month we will have a series of ads at the Comox International Airport enticing visitors to the island. These ads will run in the off season only. Advertising opportunities for our members on these ads will be available in the new year. Our 2006 brochure will have a new

layout and include the names of all our members to give visitors a better idea of what the island has to offer. The deadline for the chamber brochure is November 3rd and a publication date of early spring. Throughout the winter we will be looking for selected advertising opportunities to market our island to the off season visitor. If you are aware of any opportunities, please feel free

to contact the chamber office. At our Annual General Meeting on October 13th, Dave Petryk of Tourism Vancouver Island will be our guest speaker and will be discussing where visitors to the Gulf Islands are coming from and what they are looking for once they arrive. This will be a great opportunity for our members to learn and plan for the upcoming season.

New to town? Attend Thursday's Newcomers' Social

Any Salt Spring residents who consider themselves "new" are welcome to attend the Newcomers Social at ArtSpring on Thursday evening. Running from 5-8 p.m., it offers a chance for people to familiarize themselves with island community groups and businesses, and meet both fellow newcomers and established residents.

The Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Wagon, Driftwood and ArtSpring are co-sponsoring this first-ever event of its kind on the island. Newcomers Club members will also participate. "People come to Salt Spring because of the community spirit and hopefully an opportunity like this is a really quick way to see some of those things on the island," said Salt Spring's Welcome Wagon hostess Andrea LeBorgne.

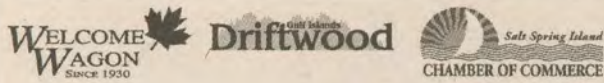
People don't need to have received a Welcome Wagon visit in order to attend, she stressed.

As one of the first people most newcomers meet, LeBorgne tries to outline the kinds of community activities and groups available, but an event like the Newcomers Social provides even more information.

LeBorgne has also been amazed by the number of families with school-aged and younger children moving to the island, as

well as a baby boom this year.

The Newcomers Social is modelled on an event held in Powell River, which proved incredibly successful. Coffee, tea and snacks will be served, and door prizes donated by various businesses are part of the fun. "ArtSpring is a great space to have an event in," adds LeBorgne. Non-profit groups wanting to set up a table at Thursday's event can call chamber manager Perry Ruehlen at the chamber office (537-4223).



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Tourney seeking players

Spots are still available for a popular annual golf tournament that benefits Salt Spring's young golfers.

The Richard Vermeulen Memorial Cup Golf Fun Day runs on Saturday, October 1, and includes lots of prizes, awards and a barbecue dinner.

The format sees a junior player matched with four adult golfers in a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Golf Club's junior program and a high school scholarship.

For more information or to sign up, call the clubhouse at 537-2121.

Youth soccer teams back in top form

Representatives of youth soccer teams are welcome to submit short game reports for this feature. Submissions — which must be in by noon Monday — will likely be edited according to newspaper style.

• Salt Spring's U11 girls played a great season-opener against the Peninsula Stars Saturday.

Although the final score netted out 3-1 for Peninsula, everyone played hard with only two subs to relieve them.

The game featured great saves by Becky Steele in the first half, and by Madison Greggains in the second half in her first ever soccer game.

Hariana Brooks' perseverance to fight through the Stars' defence paid off with a classic Brooks goal.

The team's appreciation goes to guest coach Emily

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Rothwell for her encouragement and tactical experience.

• The Gordon Head Gladiators were met with Cannon blasts and Gunn fire at Portlock Park on Saturday, as the Salt Spring U11 boys Warthogs thundered to a 5-2 victory in the first game of the season.

The home team dominated the field throughout the match, with sophisticated passing and superb offensive team-work.

The Warthogs enjoyed the contributions of two new team members: speedy Elijah Gold showed great tenacity in midfield, while Liam Simpson played a solid, focussed first game.

Putting the ball in the net for the Warthogs were Tai Dunkley-Whelan, Farley Cannon and Ronan Gunn.

For his hat-trick point, and the final one of the match, Gunn took everyone by surprise, scoring from a corner kick, with a "Beckham-style" curve ball.

• The Salt Spring U13 girls Smurfettes weren't looking blue after they scored a 2-1 victory over opponents from Bays United for their first game of the season at Portlock Park on Saturday.

Jody Pringle scored both goals in the first half but Amalia Smith received an equal amount of cheers for numerous saves in the second half that preserved the Salt Spring lead.

Other standout players included Megan Jarman as keeper in the first half, Tilly Morgan as flawless sweeper, strong midfield control from

Liz Fennell and determined action on the wing by Alanna Hillis.

• Salt Spring U13 boys showed a good effort against Peninsula Cougars last weekend, fighting back from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game at 4-4.

Erik Barba scored with a volley over the goalkeeper's head from outside the 18-yard box and Erik Rothwell scored with a waist-high volley that blasted past the goalkeeper.

In the second half, Barba scored off a penalty shot with Rothwell getting his second on a screened goalkeeper.

With Charlie Holmes in goal for the full game, he showed why the team is proud of its goalkeepers.

• Salt Spring's U17 boys gold team took on Gorge FC Sunday, playing a fast-paced

game despite being short on subs due to player illness and injury.

The team displayed strong passing skills, accurate ball control and played in its offensive end of the field throughout the game.

The first goal was scored by Gorge partway into the first half, but Salt Spring evened up the score when Chris Byron deflected and controlled a pass by the Gorge defence, and landed a decisive high shot from beyond the 18-yard line.

The score remained tied until the last three minutes of the game when an unlucky kick by a Gorge forward went in.

Both the referee and Gorge's coaching team commented after the game that the Salt Spring boys played an outstanding game and deserved to win it.

Old Boys pothole in Sooke

A determined Sooke team wrecked the Old Boys' unbeaten record on Sunday with a well-earned 1-1 draw at Fred Milne Park.

"Whether it was Hump-back Road, lack of a 'Timbits' break, the unseasonably hot sun, a desire to lay back and enjoy the body-refreshing properties of the potholes or what, but Old Boys players and coaching staff turned in a listless performance against a team determined to get their first goal

and points of the season," reported coach Fraser Hope.

Despite considerable pressure and chances, the game's first half ended scoreless.

The second half started off brightly with a goal brought about by a quick through pass from Chris Cottrell and a well-timed run from Graham Tweddle to beat the off-side trap. Fraser said Tweddle was also aided by the Sooke groundskeeper since the penalty box had a marked down slope that

helped the ball over the line.

Alas, despite several clearcut breaks, an inspired Sooke goalkeeper prevented a Salt Spring insurance goal and Sooke earned their hard-fought draw with a scrambled equalizer 15 minutes from time.

As always, the team returned from a road trip nursing aches, bruises and, in Tweddle's case, a split lip. Next week the Old Boys host Nanaimo United at the lower high school field.

Originals hold back Reserves

Lots of bodies and a lack of leadership at Doug Day Park led to a 4-0 loss for Salt Spring's Division-5 Reserves on Sunday, said player-coach Chris Griffiths.

"Highlights? Well, we had lots of guys at the game. Lowlights? Where do I begin?" pondered Griffiths.

The Gordon Head Originals scored three goals during a 15-minute span in the first half, Salt Spring missed two penalty kicks

and Gordon Head scored a fourth goal in the second half, even though the islanders controlled the bulk of play, Griffiths said.

"We lacked leadership in the game," he said.

On the bright side, Gord Akerman and Mark Nordine both gave a good showing and the Reserves will next face Sooke United at home (2:15 p.m. Sunday at Portlock Park).

GISS team volleys at Vanier

A senior girls volleyball squad from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) had a learning experience during a 10-team tournament in Courtenay last weekend.

"We did okay against the AA schools that are our size and we had a little bit of trouble with the bigger

schools," said coach John Bergsma.

"It was the first tourney of the season so it was a good start for us."

GISS played in a five-team pool at Vanier Secondary School and beat Kwilikum Secondary School, and lost a three-game battle against Terry Fox Second-

ary (from Port Coquitlam), he said.

"On the consolation side, we ended up beating Cedar, which is good because they're also an AA school."

The GISS senior girls volleyball team will next head to Malaspina University-College to play in a tourney Friday and Saturday.

Drobyshev earns 2nd Blackburn title

The 2005 Blackburn Meadows Club Championship finished in a playoff between Vassa Drobyshev, aged 19, and Evan Eyles, 18, after both shot an even par 64.

Drobyshev came out victorious to achieve his second

club champion title.

Third place was a three-way tie between Herb Burnett, Pete Schure and Eric Beamish, all shooting 67.

Drobyshev also earned his name on the putter of the year Bracket Ball Trophy.

KP on #3 was won by Corbin Scott and long drive on #9 by Beamish.

Blackburn Meadows thanked George Ehring for scoring and being the night's MC, and all the staff for their continuing efforts.

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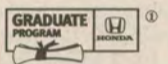


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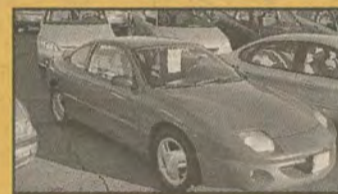
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