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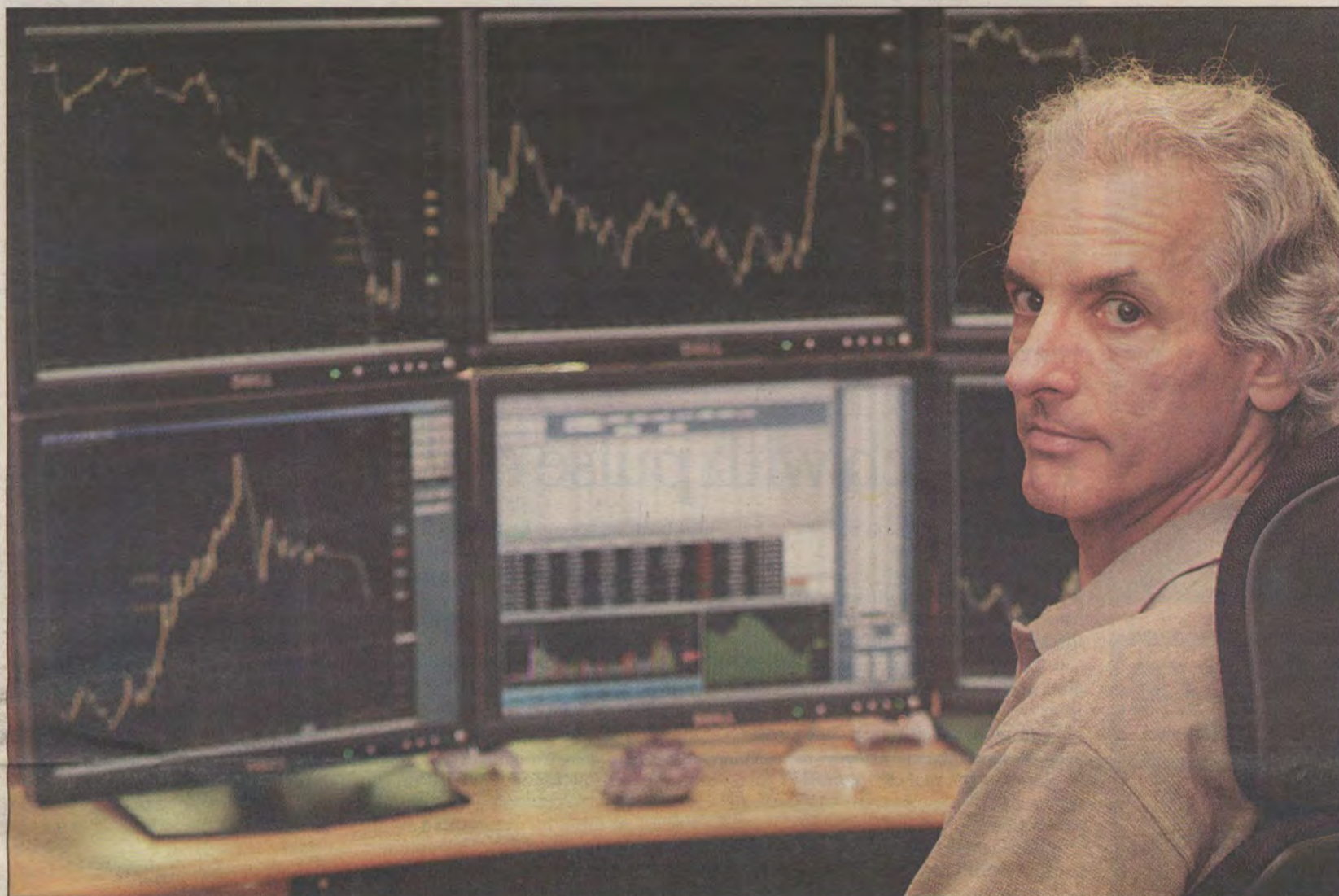


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Futures trader Eliot Kaplan monitors market activity from his north-end home on Friday — the day the loonie plunged to its lowest level in four years.

# Islander grapples with credit crisis

### Salt Spring's Eliot Kaplan rolls with economic punches

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In front of his living room window overlooking Stuart Channel, futures trader Eliot Kaplan, 55, paces back and forth, verbally dissecting the current credit crisis. The man has the kind of eyebrows that form abrupt peaks, resembling the lightning bolt-shaped charts that surge across his six computer screens.

It is Friday afternoon and the loonie plunges to its lowest point in four years and then swings back up again in the final 30 minutes of trading.

"There is no knowing how this will all turn out," he says of the crisis that has spurred "panic selling" and put traders around the world on the edge of their seats.

Kaplan is one of a number of futures traders on Salt Spring. He has traded electronically on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) and Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) for over 10 years. His father, who passed away in 1978, a modest businessman and old school investor, only saw the markets on a roller coaster ride like this once — in 1929.

"These are exciting times. But it can also be frightening," Kaplan says.

The U.S. government's \$700-billion rescue has done little to assuage fears of what the impending recession might bring, or the unimaginable other possibility, a financial system collapse.

His oceanview home, a stunning Japanese-style West Coast contemporary he helped design,

is for sale. The economic boom that made buying property with American dollars on Salt Spring a lucrative move will not be revived anytime soon. He says: "It feels like time to simplify."

Like many Americans who purchased properties on Salt Spring, the Massachusetts native crossed the border from Santa Barbara, California in 2005 to take advantage of the then relatively strong U.S. dollar, along with a quieter, less stressful Salt Spring lifestyle.

"The Canadian currency, which has strengthened over the ensuing years versus the U.S. dollar, has dropped precipitously over the last week," he said.

"A worldwide recession may at least temporarily reduce demand for raw materials and Canada, like Australia and New Zealand, to name

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS

# Locals throw hats into the ring

Islanders prepare for "the next one"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With the dust barely settled on the federal election, politicians with a local leaning are gearing up for a campaign all their own.

The candidate nomination deadline for Capital Regional District (CRD) director, Islands Trust representatives and School District No. 64 trustees closed Friday at 4 p.m.

In contention for the title of Salt Spring CRD director are incumbent Gary Holman and challenger Garth Hendren.

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# Results online

This week's Driftwood went to press two hours before federal election polls closed on Tuesday, but Saanich-Gulf Islands results are on our website at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com).

A tough fight got ugly on Monday night as a number of people throughout the riding reported receiving recorded messages purportedly from the fax number of NDP riding association president Bill Graham, urging them to vote for Julian West, the NDP candidate who dropped out of the race on Sept. 23. West's name was still on the ballot.

Salt Spring NDP member Irene Wright confirmed the calls were not from the NDP office and a police investigation was launched.

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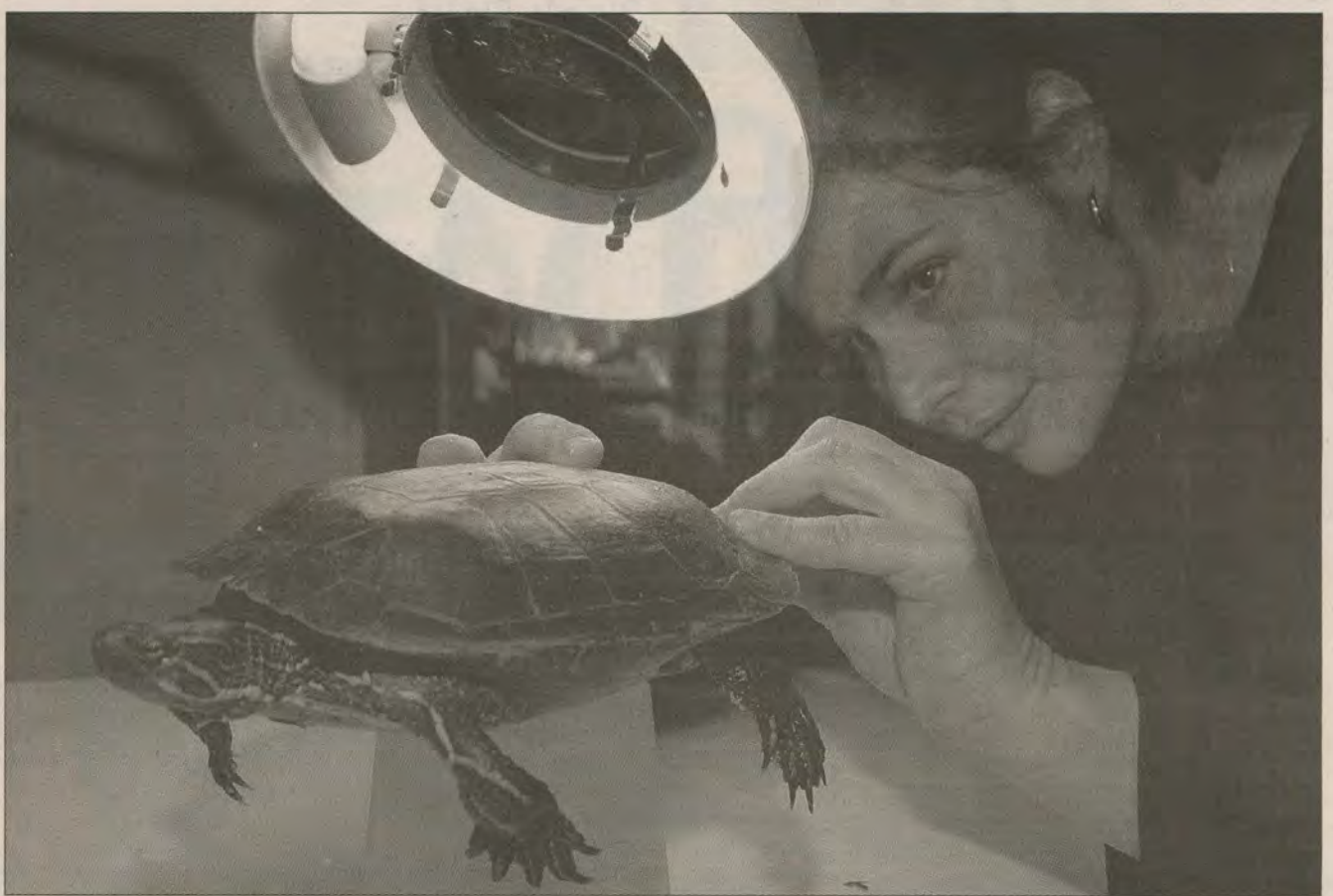
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**TURTLE TALE:** Bianca Altieri, a vet from Brazil, repairs the shell of a western painted turtle with a Pepsi can and epoxy. The turtle was run over on Salt Spring and brought to the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre.

## In touch with pulse of world economy

### CREDIT CRISIS

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a few, has a commoditized currency, meaning it is closely tied to the value of the raw materials it produces."

A trader, he explains, must be adaptable. But selling his home could take time.

"The houses selling on Salt Spring are the ones smartly priced," he said. "I don't see the real estate market collapsing, but also not strengthening much either."

When asked what effect the credit crisis could have on the Canadian economy, he cites a few possibilities. A deepening recession in the U.S. will have undesirable effects on all of its trading partners worldwide.

Imported goods will cost more, with expensive oil also a contributing factor. Inevitable personal losses will

also be experienced by those who had invested in the markets but didn't go to cash when warning bells began ringing over a year ago.

In recent weeks, Kaplan has traded a bit more attentively.

"Because of the extreme volatility, I even stand aside at certain times," he says.

But when asked if the crisis has changed his affection for his profession, he says, "No, I love what I do . . . It's the most challenging career I've ever had. At times it's exacerbating and difficult, but at other times it's equally gratifying. And even at a great distance, I feel vitally in touch with the pulse of the world economy, markets and events."

On Monday, the market was experiencing an upswing and Kaplan had found easier sailing.

"Some of the biggest single day

moves in history," he said over the phone. "The Dow cash index moved up over 900 points today."

Despite an incredibly strong market rebound that day and confidence rising in the market again — at least temporarily — he said, "It doesn't change the overall market environment. Seems like short covering, a bear market relief rally. But we'll see."

Unfortunately, many will suffer financial losses because of the crisis, but Kaplan hopes measures will be put in place to minimize the impact.

But the crisis also breeds opportunities.

In 1929, John D. Rockefeller, among others, took advantage of the crash. Today it's Warren Buffett.

So the adage goes, "When there's blood on the [Wall] street, cash is king."

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#### AGRICULTURE

# Growing up Organic gets a \$40,000 boost

More fresh, local organic produce to be served in institutions by 2010

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Thanks to the success of the Growing Up Organic program, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) students ate Greek salads last week made with organic cucumbers, tomatoes and feta cheese supplied by local farmers.

Home-grown produce is delivered daily now to GISS and Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence kitchens via the program adopted by Island Natural Growers (ING) in February. Making strides over past months has earned ING an additional \$40,000 from Canadian Organic Growers and the Certified Organic Associations of British Columbia to extend the development phase through to March 2010.

"It's a first for farmers and the school," said Patricia Reichert, coordinator of the project. Reichert vied for and won Salt Spring's place in the national, non-profit initiative that links Canadian organic farmers with their local institutional kitchens.

With \$7,000 to launch the project in February, Reichert developed an ordering and delivery system that farmer Ben Luna calls "an incredible gift."

"To know we don't have to be chiefly responsible for the transport and sale of the food, for me, is a dream," he said. "It frees up time for us to farm."

Once a week Reichert asks farmers for a list of available produce, she e-mails the list to GISS and Meadowbrook chefs, they choose what they want and Reichert delivers it.

A central goal of Growing Up Organic is to overcome barriers such as delivery methods that might keep farmers and institutions from working together.

Meadowbrook chef Kate Bragg pulled out her camera to take pictures of Luna's cherry tomatoes when they first arrived.

"That kind of thing never happens with food that comes off the truck," Reichert said.

Al Irving, chef instructor of the GISS cook training program, raved about the program in an interview Thursday.

"I e-mail Pat and the next day we have all this beautiful produce at our door."

Perks for Irving include having access to a variety of seasonal produce that is fresh and tasty, and most of all, putting local, organic food at his students' budding culinary fingertips.

"The kids were just all blown away by what a tomato is supposed to taste like," he said of Luna's cherry tomatoes from Giacopuzzi Farm that have replaced store-bought varieties in some of the cafeteria's salads.

Ben's son Luca Luna is thrilled that during his first week of the chef training program he was making salad with his dad's tomatoes.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Meadowbrook residents, from left, Ilse Foster, Jim Sinclair and Mardi Banks tour the gardens at Salt Spring Centre.

"Chef [Irving] let us all try [the tomatoes] and they were so good we didn't want to make them into soup."

In addition to Giacopuzzi Farm, Duck Creek Farm, Bright Farm and Moonstruck Cheese now participate in the Growing Up Organic program that began making produce deliveries in summer.

One concern for chef Irving in February when he first heard about the program was that his students wouldn't be able to afford meals made with local, organic produce that typically come with a higher price tag than their store-bought, imported counterparts.

But farmers have lowered their prices and chefs have agreed to pay slightly more — a compromise on both ends to support a program that supports a sustainable local food system.

The price of GISS cafeteria meals went up last month, but not because of the cost of organic produce, Irving explains. Grain prices, he says, are to blame.

Growing Up Organic is coordinated by Reichert with oversight by a steering committee of ING members.

With \$40,000 to boost the program, ING plans to use the funds for coordination, farmer outreach and workshops, the development of a long-term business plan, a public awareness campaign and a feasibility study of starting a value-added farmer-based food processing facility on Salt Spring.

Schools, healthcare facilities and assisted living centres

remain on the list of institutions they hope to involve.

"This is a first for our community," Reichert said of the Growing Up Organic program.

## 1,000 pounds of produce

Here's a snapshot of what farmers have sold through the Growing Up Organic project since July:

- Buttercup squash, basil and carrots from Stowel Lake Farm
- Japanese eggplant, watermelon, fennel and tomatoes from Bright Farm
- Walla Walla onions from Windrush Farm
- Strawberries from Aldercreek Farm
- Swiss chard and salad mix from Fulford Organics Farm
- Yukon gold potatoes and red onions from Steve Ward's farm
- Beets from Cora Platz at Food Forest Farm
- Leeks and broccoli from Susan Evans on Weston Lake
- Corn on the cob and patty pan squash from Sundowner Farm
- Wolf River apples from Wave Hill Farm
- Cucumbers from Duck Creek Farm

Project coordinator Pat Reichert says 20 different farms are participating so far and more are welcome to sign on.

## News briefs

### Trustees grant Trust TUP

Offices of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee will remain at their current location thanks to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's decision to grant a temporary use permit (TUP) to the Trust's administrative site at its October meeting.

The TUP allows for the continued operation of Islands Trust offices on property zoned Rural Neigh-

bourhoods (RL).

Though R-zoned properties outside the Agricultural Land Reserve permit public service uses, office use is not permitted.

Trustee George Ehring supported the TUP based on the lack of complaints voiced about the property's use and staff's inability to find any available alternative sites.

The TUP application was submitted because the Trust's existing TUP is set to expire in November.

"If opportunities arise in the future with respect to the Ganges fire hall, then that may be a candidate for a more permanent Islands Trust office location," read staff comments in a Sept. 29 report.

"In the interim, the TUP allows for continued provision of accessible service to the community within an existing underutilized building and allows the Islands Trust to examine its ongoing office needs and the availability of appro-

priate locations for such needs."

### 200,000 in the dark

The Thanksgiving Sunday blackout left 200,000 homes and businesses without power on the Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island from Victoria to Ladysmith.

Salt Spring police said they were "minimally affected" by the outage.

For many at home, it was

the perfect occasion to dine by candlelight — turkey or no turkey.

"We ate dinner by candlelight," said Dwight Redmond who, along with family members, took advantage of the full menu that continued to be served at Raven Street Market Cafe, cooked as always by a wood-fired stove.

Others in Ganges on Monday said board games, good conversation and eating whatever food had been fully cooked before-

hand helped pass the time from when the lights went out around 5:40 p.m. until just before 7 p.m. when the power was restored locally.

The Fritz cinema cancelled the showing of Amal Sunday night when staff found themselves still in the dark at 6:45 p.m.

B.C. Hydro spokesperson Ted Olynyk said the outages were linked to a transmission problem. As of Tuesday noon, the exact source had not yet been pinpointed by Hydro crews investigating the matter.

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## NEWSBEAT

### FERRIES

# Ferry workers get Thanksgiving bonus

One week after corporation cuts service

BY AMY GEDDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C. Ferries dished-out \$1.6 million in Thanksgiving bonuses to front-line staff last week, just days after the corporation cut back service on major routes to reduce costs.

The bonuses that are part of an employee incentive package recognize staff contributions to safe operations and high customer satisfaction ratings, Ferries spokeswoman Deborah Marshall said on Thursday.

The bonus of up to \$500 per person given to 3,400 front-line staff was pre-approved before the end of March.

"B.C. Ferries had a very successful year that ended March 31, 2008 and the decision to award these bonuses was made prior to any drop-

off in customer travel," she said.

But for Hornby Island resident Michelle Easterly, the bonuses are another reason to question how B.C. Ferries manages its finances.

"I have nothing against the ferry workers, but it's not the right use of our money. I still consider them our ferries and our money."

A cofounder of the Rock the Boat Coalition, Easterly says high ferry fares are taking a toll on Hornby Island businesses, including her own bed and breakfast.

"I think [the Thanksgiving bonus] is a type of bribery for a lot of mismanaging," she said. "People working on the ferries are tired of their friends being beaten over head with fares."

Richard Goode, acting president of the B.C. Ferries Marine Workers' Union, supports the Thanksgiving bonus.

"The union does not see this as a bribe in any way, but a bonus for work that

was well done and for the effort employees put into their jobs," he said on Thursday.

Goode pointed out that recent service cutbacks mean less working hours for B.C. Ferries employees. And the Thanksgiving bonus will help compensate for the anticipated wage loss.

Front-line worker bonuses aside, David Hahn receives an annual bonus of up to 50 per cent of his base salary, contingent upon his achievement of individual and corporate goals, according to the most recent prospectus document voluntarily posted by B.C. Ferries to sedar.com. The prospectus shows Hahn made \$304,680 in the 2004 fiscal year, he received a bonus of \$167,500 and \$11,732 that fell under the category of "other compensation."

Marshall said she could not comment on Hahn's salary.

"The optics of this are not good," wrote NDP ferry critic

ic Gary Coons in an e-mail Thursday.

**"I think [the Thanksgiving bonus] is a type of bribery for a lot of mismanaging."**

MICHELLE EASTERLY  
Hornby Island resident

"Although this [Thanksgiving bonus] was budgeted for by the corporation last year, it is an insignificant amount compared to what has been paid out to the management of B.C. Ferries. It should be acknowledged that B.C. Ferries and the board of directors do not want to talk about this management bonus item as it would astonish ferry users and taxpayers."

## Candidates seek to make local changes

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In an e-mail received on Tuesday, Holman said he is once again running "to demonstrate that our rural system of governance can work and to improve governance in a way that does not weaken the [Islands] Trust or its mandate.

"We are on the threshold of some significant improvements in governance structure," Holman added.

Hendren said he will represent Salt Springs who want a change in the way the island is governed.

"I've been involved in the community in various capacities for a long time and the fact that we have such limited control of our government has become much more apparent to me," he said.

Adding two new trustees with limited powers would do little to resolve problems of governance on the island, he added.

Vying for the two positions on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee are incumbent George Ehring and candidates Kimberly Lineger, Norbert Schlenker and Christine Torggrimson.

"Many important community projects are in the works, and I'd also like to participate in the next phase of the

official community plan review and the revisions to the land use bylaw," Ehring said.

He expressed regret that his colleague Peter Lamb decided to not run for a second term as trustee, but added that he is delighted about Torggrimson's decision to step up.

Torggrimson said she intends to develop "creative solutions" to key challenges such as watershed protection, agricultural production, developing an economy in conjunction with ecosystem integrity and affordable housing.

"I love this island and this community and believe I can be helpful in shaping its future," she said.

Former trustee Lineger said she threw her hat into the electoral ring at the last moment after it became apparent to her that action is needed to address the "disconnects" in the island's government structure.

"I'm running because I want to have a restructuring study about governance on this island," she said.

Schlenker said trustees have misjudged some of the "big picture issues" over the past three years. Most notably, he said, is the trustees' refusal to seek an updated governance study that considers incorporation as a potential alternative.

"I've decided some changes need

to be made at the local Trust committee level and at Trust Council as well," Schlenker said.

The complete list of Islands Trust candidates for all islands is available online at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

Only residents of North and South Pender islands will be asked to vote in the election of school district trustees as former trustee Russ Searle and incumbent Pete Williams applied for the role.

On Salt Spring, Wolfgang Temmel did not join Mike Krayenhoff and Charles Hingston to step forward for another term.

Trustees will be required to appoint a third Salt Spring trustee within 30 days of their first board meeting in December, said elections officer Tom Moore.

Salt Spring trustees will sit alongside Mayne Island's May McKenzie, Saturna's Susanne Middleditch and Galiano's Bonnie MacGillivray, all long-time school board members.

Voters in the outer Gulf Islands will choose between former Islands Trust trustees Roy Smith of Galiano Island and Ken Hancock of North Pender Island as CRD director for the southern Gulf Islands.

Local elections will take place on Nov. 15. The advance poll date is set for Nov. 5.

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# Accidents keep crews busy

Crashes create traffic headaches

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two local men were airlifted to a Victoria hospital with serious injuries following a late-night head-on collision near the Seabreeze Inne on Fulford-Ganges Road Saturday.

Emergency crews blocked travel between the island's north and south ends for two hours in order to clear what Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis called the weekend's most serious motor-vehicle incident.

The men, whose names have not yet been released by police, were transported to Victoria General Hospital where they were treated for serious though non life-threatening injuries, Willis added.

A Dodge Aries and Pontiac Firebird collided near the middle of the road soon after midnight.

Salt Spring RCMP continue to investigate the matter, but do not suspect alcohol was a factor.

"One driver had a couple of beer, but nothing significant, according to the report," Willis said.

Salt Spring Fire/Rescue Capt. Dale Lundy said traffic woes were made worse since the accident occurred on one of the only stretches of road where no alternate routing is available.

Earlier that same day, a two-vehicle accident on North End Road near Fairway Drive blocked traffic for several hours.

Four people were taken to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries after a minivan containing six people and a dog collided with another minivan with a lone occupant just before 2 p.m.

Salt Spring RCMP continue to investigate the matter.

The busy Saturday came after a Thursday afternoon collision that blocked off a section of Stewart Road.

Willis said the two-vehicle incident may be the result of a steep and slick road. One of the vehicles rolled onto its side in a nearby ditch after the driver attempted to avoid a collision.

Both drivers were treated for minor injuries on site and released.

COURT DOCKET

# Author fined for careless driving

Crown accepts plea to lesser charge

Well-known radio personality and author Arthur Black received a \$600 fine in Ganges Provincial Court Tuesday after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a vehicle without due care and attention under British Columbia's Motor Vehicle Act (MVA).

Court heard that the Salt Spring Island resident drove off the road and into a ditch along Fulford-Ganges Road near Ganges on Nov. 1, 2007 as he attempted to evade a deer.

Black was trapped in his vehicle until bystanders and staff from the nearby ambulance station offered assistance soon after the incident.

Black, 65, told officers on the scene that he had consumed alcohol and some medication prior to the incident. Black was subsequently charged with operating a vehicle while impaired and care or control of a vehicle with a blood alcohol reading of over .08.

Crown accepted not guilty pleas on both counts in exchange for Black's admission to violating Section 144 (1)(a) of the MVA.

Following the decision, Crown counsellor Barb Penty said it is not uncommon for the Crown to accept such pleas when there is "no longer a substantial likelihood of conviction" for criminal code charges.

Whether or not Black will face a driving prohibition will be determined by the superintendent of motor vehicles, Penty added.

Defence counsel Tybring Hemphill told the court that Black has since made significant efforts to make sure he does not repeat the experience.

"He has taken this matter very seriously," Hemphill said.

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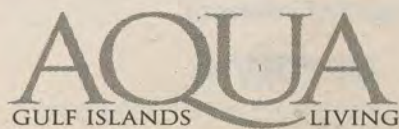
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## NEWSBEAT

### STUDIES

# Community health and ecosystems report out

First phase of initiative now complete

BY DAVID RAPPORT  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

First announced last February in the Driftwood, the Healthy Ecosystems Healthy Community Initiative (HEHCI) coordinated by two Salt Spring scientists has now completed the first of three phases.

Myself and Luisa Maffi, who specialize in integrated assessments of ecosystems and community vitality created this initiative after a call for an island-wide, community participatory initiative, arose from a public meeting in August of 2007 at Lions Hall.

By drawing upon and integrating many of the findings of previous studies, as well as identifying and then filling data gaps, the HEHCI will provide a sound basis for systematic monitoring of our island's ecosystems. It is expected to yield a science-based comprehensive picture of human activities and the environment as it pertains to our well-being, health, and sustainability. HEHCI's vision is holistic, integrating the social, natural and health sciences in both theory and application.

The goal of Phase 1 was to gather existing information that would be useful for the development of ecological, social and public health indicators for three of Salt Spring's watersheds: Cusheon, St. Mary and Maxwell.

This was accomplished through watershed meetings where residents and other interested members of our community voiced their concerns about the ecological, socio-economic, human health and cultural aspects.

Phase 1 also benefited from consultations with the Capital Regional District and Salt Spring Island Conservancy, as well as input from its 20 member advisory group, representing a wide spectrum of expertise and interest on Salt Spring Island.

Following the initial advisory group meeting in May, a series of public meetings were held in the three watersheds where the community had the opportunity to learn about the initiative and offer suggestions. These meetings also expanded the HEHCI team as volunteers and collaborators decided to "join forces."

The community consultations were very informative because they not only pointed out the problem areas but more importantly outlined the gaps in data that could be very valuable in understanding the state of our island.

At these meetings, community members and a few members of our advisory group raised concerns over a variety of issues: lake water quality, air quality, invasive species (such as bullfrogs and broom), the loss in forest cover due to deforestation, land disturbance associated with logging, development potential in sensitive watersheds, loss of biodiversity, lack of affordable housing, changing demographics with a loss of diversity of age groups and economic status and tourism and its effects on the watersheds.

These consultations not only highlighted the rational concerns but also brought about the emotional concerns of Salt Springers. We all live on this "paradise" island, and to see how our actions, or in most cases lack of actions are degrading the very place we proudly call home, deeply saddens the majority.

We are part of our ecosystems — and if our ecosystems become increasingly stressed, there are important ramifications to the health and well-being of our community — both economically, socially, culturally and from the standpoint of public health.

The draft report for Phase 1 — which identifies the

problems, provides an eco-cultural health perspective, identifies the parameters (indicators), and outlines the prospect for the HEHCI — is complete and available on our new website: [www.hehci.com](http://www.hehci.com) and also in hard copy at the library. Interested community members are encouraged to visit the website and communicate with us.

Fundraising for Phase 2 will begin immediately. We anticipate work on Phase 2 to start in early 2009. In Phase 2, HEHCI will undertake a "rapid health-assessment" of the eco-cultural health (including socio-economic, public health, cultural and ecological aspects) of Salt Spring Island's three main watersheds, with reference to existing sources of information, as well as identify more specifically priority data gaps that need to be filled.

Extensive interviews with individuals on Salt Spring with historical knowledge and interest about the conditions of the watersheds are being planned.

Phase 3 will build upon the experience of phases 1 and 2 and extend the scope of the initiative to all of Salt Spring's ecosystems — including its fresh water and marine systems (bays, harbours and coastal areas) and its terrestrial eco-cultural systems (e.g. forests, woodlands, agro-ecosystems).

Phase 3 will also provide the capability for our community to participate in gathering the data for regular health check-ups on our island, as well as educational outreach both in schools and in the community.

We are confident that, with well-seeded community support, the HEHCI will provide the essential monitoring, assessment, diagnostics, communications and outreach to enable our community to develop in a manner that enhances the health of our island and our community well-being.

We are optimistic that "the best is yet to come!"

### CLIMATE CHANGE

## Presentation gets island homes on more climate-friendly path

Community Action on Energy and Emissions program report

change, the recommendations will also help support those policies, explains a press release on the event.

On Monday night, Oct. 20, lawyer Deborah Curran with Matt Horne and Alison Bailie of the Pembina Institute's Sustainable Communities Group will present findings and recommendations on measures to help meet the Salt Spring Energy Strategy emissions and energy use targets.

"The short-term target is to hold 2012 emissions and energy use at 2002 levels," states a press release about the evening. "The consultants' work, which started early this year, was funded by a provincial grant awarded to the Islands Trust under the Community Action on Energy and Emissions program." The Capital Regional District administered the grant.

Since Salt Spring's revised official community plan has new objectives and policies

"Options analyzed by the consultants included various levels of increased energy efficiency for new homes, the impact of tree cutting (removing trees adds carbon dioxide to the atmosphere), and the use of regulatory tools such as density bonus and development permit areas to achieve energy efficiency and emissions-reduction objectives."

A draft "Salt Spring Island sustainability checklist" for single family dwellings has been prepared as a guidance document for homeowners planning to build or renovate and will be reviewed with contractors and other building professionals before introduction.

Monday night's presentation, beginning at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall, will include time for discussion and questions.

For more information, contact Elizabeth



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**HAVING THEIR SAY:** Salt Spring Elementary School students Troy Wheadon-Rajala, Riley Kirkpatrick, Nikki Taylor-Dron and Nicholas Howe participate in a nation-wide student vote event on Thursday. SIMS also held a school-wide vote on Tuesday.

HEALTH

# Grade 9 girls debriefed on Gardasil vaccination

Health nurse preps teens for Oct. 21 vaccinations

BY AMY GEDES  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last Wednesday afternoon, a classroom full of Grade 9 girls quizzed their public health nurse on the Gardasil vaccine to be administered in school next week.

"What is cervical cancer?" "How will the vaccine protect us from it?" What are the potential adverse affects?" were some of the questions raised.

The information session and question-and-answer period held at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) gave the nurse a chance to prepare the girls for the Gardasil vaccine to be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 21 during the school's routine immunization day.

BC Health endorsed the vaccine for Grade 6 and 9 girls in March.

This will be the first time Gardasil injections are administered as part of school-based vaccination programs at GISS and the Salt Spring Island Middle School.

The Grade 9 girls were shown a DVD explaining the series of three injections that occurs over a six-month period and the nurse explained that Gardasil protects against two types of Human Papilloma-

virus (HPV) that cause most cervical cancers and the two types of HPV that cause most genital warts.

The nurse, who did not want to be identified in this article, gave students an information package to take home to their parents.

"Most of your parents did not come to the meeting," the nurse said of the Salt Spring parent information meeting held on Oct. 1.

"It's up to you to bring this information home to them so you can make an informed choice."

Laurie Blakely, GISS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) vice chair, said in a phone interview Monday that she sat down with her two daughters — one is in Grade 9 — and they went over the information together.

"We're still discussing it as we read more and talk. It's a personal decision and I think each family needs to do research and talk to people and share information."

Parents have been asked to indicate on a permission form whether or not they approve of their daughters receiving the vaccine.

"Nobody has had serious adverse affects from the vaccine," the nurse assured girls who said they had read elsewhere that the vaccine had negative side effects.

In addition to other controversies surrounding the vaccine, six of Alberta's 20

Catholic boards just voted against the vaccine, believing it condones sexual activity because HPV is a sexually transmitted disease.

**"It's a personal decision and I think each family needs to do research and talk to people and share information."**

LAURIE BLAKELY  
GISS PAC vice-chair

"The reason we're talking about this is not to encourage you to be sexually active at all," the nurse said.

The PAC executive, tasked with helping to inform parents about the vaccine, expects a list of informational websites to be posted this week to the GISS parents web page at [www.gulfislandssecondary.ca/parents.html](http://www.gulfislandssecondary.ca/parents.html).

"It's been difficult because we didn't have a lot of heads-up," said GISS PAC chair Alicia Herbert.

"We weren't able to take much action because there wasn't really time."

The PAC executive was first informed about the vaccine in early September.

## How long does the vaccine last?

Researchers predict that HPV vaccine protection will last for at least 15 years, and preferably for life. Vaccine studies show there is good protection for five years.

Follow-up studies are being done to see if there will be a need for a booster dose in the future.

Source: Immunize B.C. fact sheet

For more information on the Gardasil vaccine, contact Vancouver Island Health

Authority public health nurses Trinda Gajek or Christine Smart at 250-538-4880. Or visit the following websites:

- [www.hpvinfos.ca](http://www.hpvinfos.ca)
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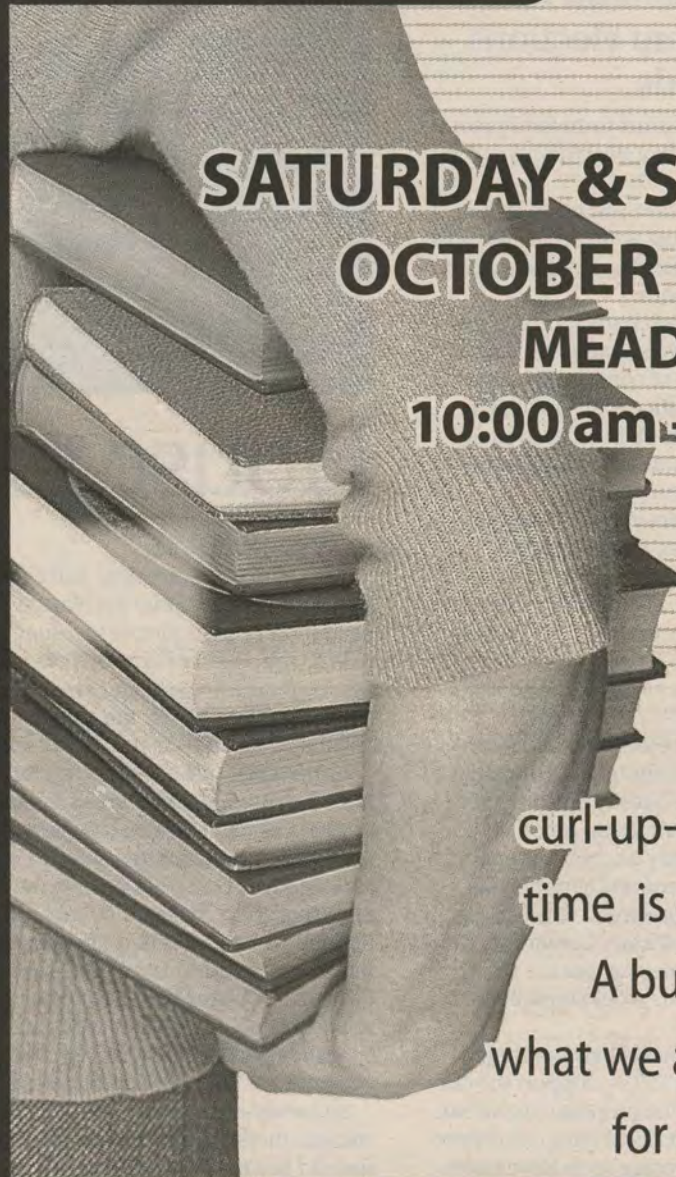
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# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Serious campaign

With a federal election just completed and a provincial one set for the spring of 2009, it wouldn't be surprising if enthusiasm for Nov. 15 local government elections was on the pale side.

But local elections are so distinct from their provincial and federal counterparts that they may as well be another beast entirely.

On Salt Spring, to be sure, there will be no lack of interest in both the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District (CRD) races. Even before nominations closed Friday, the tone was dead serious.

This time there's no colourful characters on either ballot and no political neophytes testing the waters to give us the usual modicum of comic relief. Some islanders wanting to run for office even decided to hold off in order to avoid splitting the vote for their favoured sides.

**THE ISSUE:**

Nov. 15 elections

**WE SAY:**

Serious, OK, but civil, please

No, in 2008 it's all business, as two "camps" prepare for an "us or them" showdown. In case readers have missed the not-so-subtle preamble to this election, Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) has encouraged candidates committed to requesting an

incorporation (or "restructure") study for Salt Spring from the provincial government to run for office.

As it stands, an updated study on the costs and implications of Salt Spring becoming a municipality will not be done without agreement to make the request among local elected officials. Candidates Kimberly Lineger and Norbert Schlenker (for the Trust) and Garth Hendren for the CRD would be willing to do the deed.

Their rivals, George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson (Trust) and Gary Holman (CRD), support the current government system and the proposal to give Salt Spring two more trustees for its local Trust committee (which islanders will also be voting on in November). Since ISG sees the extra-trustee plan as a poor attempt to appease islanders wanting more control over local governance affairs, it will be urging a "no" vote in the referendum.

While we hope and expect that the study request issue and additional-trustees concept will be fully aired in the next month, Salt Spring voters also deserve more than a one-issue campaign.

They also deserve a civilized debate. The stakes are high in this election, but we urge everyone to behave as if they are building bridges for the future, not burning them down.



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## House prices shouldn't be political

BY TOM O'CONNOR

At their Oct. 2 meeting, Salt Spring trustees said they wanted "proof that the Norton Road housing will be affordable to moderate incomes."

But what they really want is for us to use their "cost" method of pricing for the housing agreement, as opposed to the income-based method prescribed by the island's official community plan (OCP). But that's a dead issue turned into a red herring.

Immediately after the Norton Road rezoning was approved with three readings in 2005, we explained to the new trustees that their method, as well as being a departure from the OCP, was simply not workable. We then attempted to explain this to the Community Housing Task Force, but its chairman Gary Holman refused to allow any discussion. Instead, at that same meeting, it was announced that the Islands Trust had hired task force members as their consultants who would, at taxpayers' expense, look into these matters and devise a template for all housing agreements. The Islands Trust then refused to do any further work on the draft agreement previously submitted by the Elliott family, developers of the Norton Road project, until the Trust consultants had finished their work.

So, we sat on our hands for nearly 10 months. The trustees' consultants made no effort whatsoever to contact us or elicit our views, nor did trustees, despite our application being a major affordable housing stakeholder. When the consultants' report was finally done, even the Islands Trust admitted publicly that it was a complete failure. The consultants weren't capable of even scratching the surface on a workable affordable housing cost pricing method.

We immediately responded by asking the Islands Trust, once again, to provide the information we needed to finalize the income based method of pricing — the method prescribed by the OCP, the one contained in our original 2003 application, the one vetted at public hearing and approved in the fall of 2005. The task appeared to be a simple one: tell us the updated median income for Salt Spring Island families. Nonetheless, it took the Islands Trust a year

**VIEWPOINT**

and a half to give us the figure. Trustees rendered no assistance. More time lost. By the way, the 2008 median income for a Salt Spring family is \$63,800; "moderate" income is the range of incomes 20 per cent less through 20 more more than the median.

At the end of the day, our housing agreement mandates affordable prices, but prices set immediately before construction based on costs determined by the builder, not politicians. The agreement will require that not one single home can be started at Norton Road unless it is of a standard suitable for the moderate income Salt Spring family locked in at a price that family can afford — all done through a process with all manner of checks and balances, and final approvals resting with the Trust. Regardless, trustees persist in demanding that we give them what even their own people failed to give them.

This is an attempt by our trustees to control not what the price will be so much as how the housing is priced. They want to micro-manage and control aspects of this project for which they have no expertise, and will assume none of the cost and none of the risk themselves.

So here we are. Three years; no progress. The Norton Road affordable housing project remains stuck once again while trustees, in this passive-aggressive manner, hold the rezoning hostage until we give them exactly what they demand, a virtually unattainable demand which is really meant to make the price of a house a political decision.

Our only conclusion is that Norton Road simply doesn't fall into that narrow, restricted social agenda that the present trustees have set for themselves and their following. Meanwhile, this once healthy, vibrant, interestingly diverse community continues its downhill slide towards becoming a stale, polarized haven for the haves and have-nots.

The writer is project planner for the Norton Road affordable housing project.

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

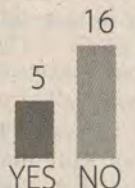
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Has the internet affected your federal election vote?



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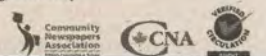
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## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What did you do during the blackout Sunday evening?



**LEE CARD**

*Just as the power went out I was taking my nachos out of the oven. So my roommates and I sat around eating nachos and playing Scrabble.*



**ERIC STABLER**

*We sat outside and waited for our food to finish cooking in the oven.*



**DWIGHT REDMOND**

*We ate dinner by candlelight at the Raven Street Market.*



**JANE GARLAND**

*We lit candles, enjoyed good conversation and were grateful the turkey was already out of the oven.*



**LIAM BAND**

*We warmed our pumpkin pie on the barbecue.*

## Letters to the editor

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OneMatch will contact registrants and if you meet the initial criteria, they may invite you to submit a painless cheek scraping using a modified Q-tip they will mail to you. Questions can also be directed through the website.

The first step in registering as a potential stem-cell/bone marrow donor is to visit the website, and determine if it is something that is of interest to you and if you meet initial requirements.

**ROB JAMES,  
MANYA SADOUSKI,  
SALT SPRING**

### Free ideas

Re: PARC allocating

\$40,000 for a new strategic plan. (Oct. 8 News Briefs.)

This is a plea for the Parks and Recreation Commission to sort itself out and not keep wasting money. Even with ever-changing members, surely a plan can be made without cost. The public will be quite willing to contribute ideas for free.

Here is one: pave the parking lot at Portlock. It is an embarrassment for all users and visitors, who are numerous especially in soccer season. Some months ago holes were dug and refilled in a few places (at what cost and what purpose?) so maybe there was a plan there. Sigh.

**J. MORGAN,  
SALT SPRING**

### Responding to Morton

Art Morton's excellent Oct. 8 In Depth column on

Homo Stupidicus reveals an idealistic but somewhat naive intelligent guy.

The Second World War (I remember ration books and the death of my RCAF cousin and brother of the late Salt Springer Dorie Best) followed on the heels of the Great Depression when we were used to sacrifice. The present very real climate change crisis and the international financial meltdown follow decades of "me, me" selfish consumerism. There is no way there will be no fossil fuel burning vehicles on Salt Spring until affordable electric cars are available, along with massive presently unavailable funds to help present vehicle owners to switch.

Yes, vegetarianism should be encouraged. I never eat steak or chops, mostly fish and chicken, but feel guilty eating chicken as I know

most are raised in cruel massive numbers as are pigs.

It is possible the financial crisis will help the deteriorating environment as it will dampen the rampant consumerism and reduce fossil fuel consumption. There are still many otherwise intelligent persons who deny human involvement in global warming so evident in our Arctic.

**JACK HALLAM,  
SALT SPRING**

### Voice of community

It was with great relief that I read our trustees' Sept. 24 response to Illyd Perkins' concerns about the proposal from Salt Spring Coffee Company to relocate and expand its business above Ford Lake.

As an owner of property near Ford Lake, I had not been informed about the

application and was upset to discover that another industry was being proposed near this sensitive ecosystem. I am encouraged that I will have the opportunity to have my objections considered regarding this re-zoning. As truly well-intentioned as the coffee company owners are, I cannot believe that their proposal is appropriate for this particular area — and I hope that opinion can be heard without inferring rancour.

In addition, I have a fear that the entire strip between the coffee company proposal and "Star Barks" will eventually be re-zoned industrial and I feel that should be avoided at any cost. This is a small island, and one entire community, and one hopes the voice of this larger community will be heard.

**DAWN LUKER,  
SALT SPRING**

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A10

## 'Big tobacco:' lots of chances to gain lost ground

How do you speak to kids so they don't start smoking cigarettes? Where do you go to get this kind of information? Do you try government agencies, health practitioners, or even social service agencies? Don't bother. You can get all the answers you need at [www.philipmorrisusa.com](http://www.philipmorrisusa.com).

Wait a minute, you say. Isn't this the same Philip Morris International that is the world's largest tobacco company? The same Philip Morris which manufactures 14 different brands of cigarettes, including Benson & Hedges, Chesterfield, Parliament, Virginia Slims and Marlboro? Isn't this the same Philip Morris that earned \$66.73 billion (2006) worldwide entirely and unambiguously on the sale of an addictive and lethal product? And, to think, all this started so innocently when old Mr. Philip Morris opened up a modest tobacco shop in central London back in 1847.

Why are you so negative? People can have a change of heart. Remember another Londoner, Ebenezer Scrooge, from Dickens' A Christmas Carol, who went from villain to hero literally overnight after a particularly restless sleep. So why can't a mega-giant multinational undergo the same kind of epiphany and transformation?

Still you remain a doubter. You're not convinced that Philip Morris USA (now going under the corporate alias of Altria Group, Inc.) has turned the page on its seedy past and is now pursuing a more altruistic vision of the future. Isn't this the same conglomer-

ate that spent \$101 million lobbying the U.S. government between 1998 and 2004 (second most active lobbyist in America)? And isn't this also the same company that was ordered last year by the Superior Court jury of California to pay \$3 billion in punitive damages to a single smoker (this after being penalized among five other tobacco companies for a whopping \$145 billion the year before in a class-action lawsuit awarded to thousands of sick and dying Florida smokers).

Now there you go being all gloom and doom. You say you refuse to believe tobacco companies really want to discourage the next generation from becoming hooked on their product. You claim to be skeptical that they would do anything to jeopardize their bottom line.

You're such a cynic. Had you been standing inside the gates of Troy when the Greeks left a giant gift horse outside, you probably would have urged the city elders to act carefully and prudently instead of flinging open the gates, hauling the sucker in, and making whoopee through the night. Why, I bet you're one of those loser wimps who thinks municipal incorporation would weaken the fragile island infrastructure and open up a free-for-all for self-serving "Trustbuster" developers. As if . . .

Okay, so how is Philip Morris going to



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT . . .

make a living these days? Are the CEO and his cronies supposed to live under a bridge or highway on-ramp? Do we expect them to huddle outside the doorway of a Burger King looking for some "spare fries"? Nonsense! There are still plenty of opportunities out there in Big Tobacco country. For instance, you've heard of the cob house craze sweeping the nation. Cob houses are a low-tech solution to the high price of construction materials that also pollute both the home and natural environment. Cob houses use straw and mud as the main building materials. But how easy is it to get good straw? Just think, every bale you buy for construction is one less bale for a horse or donkey to bed down in. Now think of all those packs and decks of smokes sitting on the shelf of your local tobacconist. Mix those puppies with a barrow full of mud and now you're smokin'.

Then again, Philip Morris could follow the lead of the hemp industry by inundating the market with clothing and apparel manufactured from tobacco fibres. We're talking shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, handbags and even suitcases. And if you were suddenly seized by an uncontrollable urge for a puff, you could just whip off your shirt and smoke it. (Of course, if you were to pick up a "previously owned" tobacco sweatshirt at Value Village, you might say you were wearing

second hand smokes — sorry, I couldn't resist that one.) You could be promenading down the street while making a nicotine-tinged fashion statement. Walk a mile in your Camel flip-flops. That's right, you've come a long way, baby!

And for the environmentally conscious, there's always the possibility for tobacco-based biodiesel fuel. Step aside Big Oil; here comes Big Tobacco. We'll be able to replace gasoline and other petroleum products without having to waste real foods like grains, corn and soybeans to feed the gas tanks of our transportation industry. That's right, we'll be cruising down the old boulevard riding high on a full tank of fermented Lucky Strikes.

Let's go back to where we started this rather squishy diatribe. What exactly does [Philipmorrisusa.com](http://Philipmorrisusa.com) have to offer in terms of discouraging the next generation from becoming smokers? How are we as parents supposed to prevent the next generation from becoming "replacement consumers"? There is much mention on the site to maintaining good communication. However, after navigating through the website for almost an hour and going from one red herring link to another, I never did find out exactly what I was supposed to be communicating.

Perhaps the objective of the website is to keep you searching until you drop from natural causes. Is it possible that, after all, we haven't come quite as long a way, baby?

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## OPINION

### MORE LETTERS

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### Industrial complex

Language is powerful. The Salt Spring Coffee Company has chosen to refer to its proposed new roasting site as a "green campus" — campus being a term commonly used to refer to the site of an educational institution.

Industrial buildings grouped together are commonly referred to as "a complex." Can we call the proposed new site an "industrial complex?" The tone then changes.

We think it important to recognize that despite the efforts of the coffee company to "go green," the reason for their expansion is increased product and profit.

We appreciate them being a good employer and providing work for many islanders. We buy their coffee beans. We do not deny them that; but we do not support an "industrial complex" being constructed in a watershed. We are in favour of a comprehensive island plan that will designate commercial and light industrial areas, as opposed to "random acts of re-zoning."

Salt Spring Islanders stand up for, speak out for and put their money behind the preservation of ecologically sensitive areas.

Ford Lake, at the head of the Fulford Creek watershed, deserves to be kept as pristine as possible. We urge the Islands Trust to keep the surrounding

properties zoned rural-residential.

**DEBBIE AND RICHARD MAGNUSSON,**  
EAGLE RIDGE DRIVE

### Population

In my lifetime the world's population has increased three and one half times. We are now at 6.7 billion and climbing fast.

It is our carbon footprints that put additional carbon dioxide into the atmosphere; more of us produce more carbon dioxide. The sustainable carrying capacity of our planet is estimated by some experts to be one to two billion, and half a billion by others.

We passed the larger figure in the early part of the last century at about the time of WWI (the war to end all wars). We lost that opportunity to cap our population. Instead the pulpits of our nations preached their various flavours of pie-in-the-sky, encouraged the fecundity of their congregations and condemned birth control. WWI veterans barely had time to get home, get married and produce the soldiers of WWII.

Today the remaining time to turn climate heating around is very limited. Recognition of population's role in climate change is still below the horizon. Organizations working hardest to slow climate change shy away from mentioning the role of exploding populations.

Discussion of the reduction of baby production is still taboo. Are we doomed to famines, wars and pandemics to reduce our populations?

**GORDON BARNES,**  
SALT SPRING

### Values and passion

I have withdrawn my nomination papers for Salt Spring Island trustee in order to support George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson in their bid for the two Islands Trust positions.

Over the past three years George and Peter Lamb have been wise, patient and ultimately very democratic in leading us through the OCP review and other contentious issues. Christine has a thorough knowledge of Trust affairs and will bring a bright, resourceful voice to the table. They both share my values and passion for the Gulf Islands.

I also encourage islanders to vote "yes" on the referendum regarding the two extra trustees. The cost per household is minimal and will give us a more diverse local Trust committee, spread the workload and add to the effectiveness of local government.

Should the referendum pass I will run for one of the trustee positions. I see the Capital Regional District/Trust alliance as a very democratic and financially responsible entity that balances short and long-term economic and environmental concerns. Truly a vision for the 21st century!

**RICK LAING,**  
WILKIE WAY

### Homo pre-careius

I commend Art Morton for his challenging piece about "Homo Stupidicus" in last week's Driftwood. He says profound changes are necessary in our human behaviour and attitudes in view of the dire effects of global warming, and he wonders why we are not rising to this crisis as the nation did in World War II.

In spite of all the words, pictures, numbers and graphs, how many of us really believe that this crisis threatens us? So the world is getting warmer: what's so terrible about that? Lower heating costs, bananas on Salt Spring?

So there are more hurricanes than there used to be, floods and ice storms, heat waves where old people die; there have always been weather extremes, but most people survive, rebuild and have something exciting to talk about. So species are going extinct at an alarming rate: do we care, so long as the species we like to eat and to play with are safe?

We don't see the desert creeping, the glaciers melting, the people starving and the forest dying -- except as pictures on a screen which we can turn off when it gets too grim. We live on a lovely

green island, with food in the stores, gas at the pumps and money in our pockets (turning our faces away from those among us whose pockets are empty).

The problem is, Art, we are too comfortable to get worked up about a situation we can't see and don't know what to do about, even if we could. We need leaders with the wisdom and the authority to tell us what we have to do, but do we have enough wisdom to choose such leaders?

Fortunately, there are many dedicated souls among us who do have a greater vision, who do care about what is happening to the world, and who with incredible energy are working toward the same drastic goals that you prescribe and their numbers are growing.

For the rest of us, no doubt we are "Homo Stupidicus," or perhaps more precisely, "Homo Comfortabilis Myopicus," content to sit in our pleasant warm bathtub until we boil.

**MARY TOYNEE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Golf goods return

As a follow-up to my Oct. 1 Rants & Roses submission about my stolen golf clubs, I offer roses to many:

- to Eric from Teal Place, who found and returned my golf bag;

- to Heather and Peter from Broadwell, who found and returned my Wilson 6, 7, 8 irons, sand wedge and driver behind their house along Vesuvius Bay Road;

- to Andrew from Cormorant Crescent, who found and returned my Wilson 3, 4, 5, 9 irons, 5 wood and putter and golf glove — again found on Vesuvius Bay Road;

- to Joe on Vesuvius Bay Road, who returned my Wilson 3 wood his son-in-law found in their driveway;

- to Loretta and Const. Kerry Howse at the RCMP office for their excellent work and encouragement when I reported the theft;

- to Don, who lent me a set of clubs in the interim;

- to Pat, who phoned and offered an interim set as well;

- plus to all who consoled me and provided encouragement.

Believe it or not, only my Wilson pitching wedge is missing (and the 50 or so golf balls that were hit off the asphalt and side of the road into the woods and apparently hit some houses as well).

So locking my vehicle is no longer an option, even in my own driveway.

There are not enough roses on Salt Spring, so some will have to share theirs. Only on Salt Spring, eh?

**WAYNE REPP,**  
SALT SPRING



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Advice

The world, being round, balances itself. Put it out of balance and humanity will suffer or even disappear.

Pay attention. Live a clean life. Help your fellow man to look after your world. Do the same. Be honest and trustworthy. Murderers and thieves will not prosper or even live.

I am a 93-year-old lady. I've gone through the dirty '30s. Pay attention. There is an unwritten law. Abide by it.

Moneyed industry and individuals, stop being so pompous. Be humble and get down to brass tacks. I believe in "God helps those who help themselves."

L.A. MARLOR,  
SALT SPRING

Terry Fox thanks

The Terry Fox Committee of 2008 would like to thank everyone involved in the Terry Fox Run this year who helped

make it a successful day.

It takes a whole village to put on a community event and once again people stepped forward and donated time, energy, services and products. Thanks to the businesses GVM, Island Fruitsicles, Embe Bakery, TJ Beans, Island Star, Thrifty Foods, Columbia Ice and the Driftwood.

Thanks to Sports Traders, Island Savings, Royal LePage (Russ Crouse), Chamber of Commerce, and Bob and Jo Twaites for the tents.

Roses to school district 64 for venue and custodial support, Mark Beveridge, Pieter Hoffman and Dave Morgan.

The entertainment this year was great and we would like to send out musical roses to the Salt Spring Pipe Band, Stephanie Rhodes, and Trish and Gord from Synergy, and to Arlo McGowan for running the sound system and making everyone sound so good!

Roses to Hydro for putting up the banner, the senior boys volleyball team for cooking those yummy hotdogs,

Marianne Banman and Sonja Colombine for making sure everyone was warmed up to walk/run/bike/wheel and to David Honour and the Tai chi group for inspiring us with their moves.

Roses to our registration team of Kathy O'Neil, Pat Desbottes, Laurel Bachman, Beth Weston, Lori James and Dale Romagnoli.

Roses to Alan Johnston, who gave awesome massages, and Simply Sylvia for her expert reflexology.

Roses to Karen and Todd Smith for selling the T-shirts and keeping it all straight! It turned out to be a hot day and the water was appreciated, so roses to the water station girls: Abby and Kim Rothwell, Olivia Keddy and Madison Greggains.

Roses to the highways department for safety equipment for our fantastic flaggers: Stan Peters, Linda Gilkeson, Bobbie Janowaski, Joyce Sharp, Victoria Skinner, Rick Laing and Merv Anderson, who kept everyone on route, and to cyclists Richard

Bennett, Ann Wheeler and Geoff Bartol for making sure everyone was doing OK.

Roses to Dale Romagnoli for the wonderful fanfare greeting participants at the end and Maggie Birch and Becki Steel for greeting everyone at the end.

And finally roses and roses and roses to Shilo Zybergold for entertaining us, keeping us on track and informed, and being such a wonderful MC — and to Phyllis Waltho and Dominica Sweet for sharing your journeys with us and your wonderful words of inspiration. See you on Sept. 20, 2009.

JEAN SOUTHGATE, FOR THE TERRY FOX COMMITTEE 2008

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Effective October 16, 2008

Small hand piled brush piles and incinerators with screen are permitted and will no longer require a permit until April 15, 2009.

A responsible adult must be in constant attendance, have water on site and burn down to dusk only. Maximum fire size is 2 metres in diameter and 1.5 metres high. No burning within 10 metres of any structure and 5 metres of any vegetation.

BC Provincial regulations state that burning must be carried out at least 500 metres from hospitals, care facilities, and from schools in session.



Machine piled piles always require a permit and venting regulations must be observed.

Thank you for your cooperation  
Salt Spring Island Fire-Rescue

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to the superior officer who deemed it necessary to pull my medical marijuana plants from my garden. Sally Sunshine, quadriplegic

and the protection of social programs. Thank you. Young at Heart Seniors (OAPO)

raising for the foundation. The Terry Fox Committee

Roses

A heartfelt bouquet of roses to our members and supporters for their financial assistance via GVM's "Shop & Drop" Save a Tape program, Box #74. We are proud of our achievements of the Young at Heart Seniors (OAPO) and feel we've made progress on our commitment to promote and defend the best interests of senior citizens

Dozens and dozens of healthy red roses to Dominica Sweet for such a wonderful speech at the Terry Fox Run. You deeply touched us and we are so grateful to you. I am sure many of us made the positive change you suggested! Thank you again. The Terry Fox Committee

A gallon of rose blossom paint to Kerry and Kirsty for giving my family and I a ride to our car from Long Harbour on Sunday night. Clinton, Cora Lee and Shelby

Roses to Marie for putting up with me for 12 years. I will always treasure the time we spent together.

Dozens and dozens of radiant red roses to Phyllis Waltho for inspiring us yet again at the Terry Fox Run, and for your tireless and dedicated fund-

Roses to the two young police officers who pulled my medical marijuana from my garden with such respect and understanding.

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**"Are you in favour of increasing the number of locally-elected trustees that sit on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee from 2 trustees to 4 trustees. Yes or No?"**

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Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against the question shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), P.O. Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 until Friday, October 31, 2008.** Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

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## NEWBEAT

### YOUTH ISSUES

# Body image, friendships discussed

Pass it On workshops set for teenage girls

The Pass it On project is excited to announce its first two-part workshop.

The workshop will offer fun, reflection, creativity and an honest exploration of two topics for young teenaged women. The morning session In the Mirror and Beyond, will look at the issues of personal identity and body image. The afternoon workshop, called The Balancing Act — Between the Lines of Girls' Relationships, will explore the joys, complexities and challenges of friendships between girls.

The issues being addressed were voiced during a roundtable focus group in May where young women were asked to explore and prioritize the top four issues and behaviours that are currently jeopardizing their health and safety in our community. The plan is to help young women develop personal strategies to address these behaviours. In

addition, the workshop facilitators will build awareness of local community resources and supports and will be using a youth/adult partnership model.

The free workshops are on Friday, Oct. 24 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) music room. A complimentary lunch will be served.

Workshops are open to all girls between the ages of 13-18. Transportation is available to those needing a ride.

Pass it On is a new program under the auspices of SWOVA Community Development and Research Society. During SWOVA's Respectful Relationships separate gender classes last year, GISS girls asked for more time to talk together about important issues facing them. As a result, SWOVA developed the Pass it On project. In addition to workshops for older teens, there will be a mentorship component where trained young women will be partnering with younger girls.

Christina Antonick, an experienced Respectful Relationships facilitator,

and Debbie Magnusson, former GISS teacher, will be leading the workshops. The Pass it On youth advisory team is helping to organize and promote the workshops.

Pass it On is funded jointly by Status of Women Canada and by proceeds from the B.C. Civil Forfeiture, Crime Prevention program. Two more girls' workshops are in development and will be offered Friday, Nov. 21.

A parallel boys' project has received funding and will begin in the new year. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information, or to register for the workshops, call the SWOVA office at 250-537-1336, or e-mail Christina at c.antonick@swova.org or Debbie at magnussonallies@shaw.ca.

Registration sign-up sheets are also at the Core Inn, Phoenix High and the GISS counselling office.

Workshops are limited to 60 participants, so girls should reserve their spaces now.

Article submitted by SWOVA.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Community Ed book sale ready to roll this week

It's high-gear time for the second annual Bag-a-Book

Sale team, whose members are at Meaden Hall this week first accepting and sorting donations of books and then re-opening the doors for the two weekend sale days.

Book donations are welcomed today and tomorrow — Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 15-16 — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Salt Spring Island Community Education Society fundraiser.

People should drop their books off at the designated spot inside the door and vol-

unteers will take it from there.

Changes for this year include putting cooking, gardening and mystery books in their own spots, which should make some patrons extra happy.

Donors should note that books must be in good condition, i.e. not dirty or mouldy, and no magazines or Reader's Digest books are accepted.

The assurance of quality is good news for book buyers, especially since all items cost only \$1, except for coffee table

books, antiques with extra value and other special items, which are \$5 or \$10.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at the hall in the Legion building on Blain Road.

Buyers are encouraged to bring their own bags.

Community Ed is a non-profit society offering general interest courses. Sale proceeds help cover the society's day-to-day operating expenses and keep course fees as low as possible.

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In her spare time, Karena enjoys kayaking, oil painting, and running. She has a degree in theatre and especially loves Shakespearean acting. She has lived on Salt Spring Island for 10 years, raising her two children.

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It would be exciting to build from scratch using all the amazing green products coming to market, but for most of us changing to sustainable products is a slow

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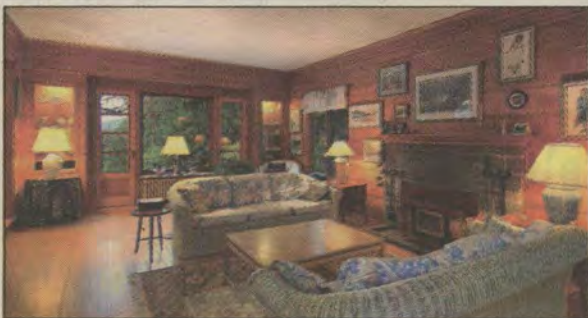
Most recently, Elizabeth has:

- sought funding for the solar hot water system and other energy upgrades to the new Murakami Gardens community housing project;
- undertaken preliminary planning for a new "deep green" affordable housing project;
- worked to convince B.C. Parks that it is appropriate to have traditional agricultural activities in Class A parks. (Increasing local food production is key to creating a more sustainable community.);
- provided input to the OCP review process on energy, climate change and affordable housing;
- been doing a local micro-hydro feasibility study to see what the potential is for that kind of alternate energy on Salt Spring (along with Marion Pape of the Salt Spring Community Energy Strategy);
- been involved with the Crofton Citizens Airshed Group and its attempts to reduce air pollution coming from the Crofton Mill.
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See [www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca/recycling/whatcanberecycle.htm](http://www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca/recycling/whatcanberecycle.htm) for a list of items accepted and specifications. Better yet, if you have any questions, call the depot at 250-537-1200 or talk to the staff the next time you're there.

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A dynamic, free 10-session program for parents and their four and five-year-old children, called Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS), is funded through a School

District 64 early learning grant.

Between now and April the following topics will be covered: riddles, raps and rhymes — understanding how the brain learns through patterns, connections, categories and generic questions; print in our community; literacy and play; story book ready; ABCs, learning to read; early math; tiny techies.

Each session gives parents and their children a chance to learn on their own and together. Children will also be given a book bag that will

be filled at the end of each session with resources to encourage further learning at home.

It's not too late to join the sessions after today's inaugural meeting.

PALS is organized by the school district's early learning coordinator Kathryn Akehurst and facilitated by retired educators Wendy Vine, Cathy Takagaki and Rineke Jonker, who have a wealth of information to share with parents.

People can register by calling Akehurst at 250-537-5548, extension 608.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

# Arthritis help offered

Arthritis sufferers can look forward to some relief when a six-week program begins at the end of the month.

Presented by Community Wellness Programs (CWP), the Arthritis Self-Management Program will be led by Michelle Nadon on Tuesday evenings from Oct. 28 to Dec. 9, excluding Remembrance Day.

"Discussion will cover pain, fatigue, stress, depression, safe exercises, nutrition, medications, alternatives, your health team and community resources," said CWP coordinator Sharon Glover.

Nadon is a retired physiotherapist who also lives with arthritis.

Glover said the island has been without an arthritis self-management program for about two and a half years.

The program can accommodate 12 people and a waiting list will be taken after that.

The two-hour sessions will run at Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence on Atkins Road. To register, or for more information, call Glover at 250-537-4607. Cost is \$25, which includes a manual, or \$10 for a companion, with no manual provided.

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The board of trustees may proceed with this project unless more than ten percent of property owners petition against this proposal.

This project will benefit the users of both the St. Mary and Mt. Maxwell systems.

The signed elector forms must be submitted by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at 4:30 pm.**

**Four hundred signed responses must be received for the Alternative Approval Process to succeed.**

Petitions against the proposal can be signed at the office of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District at 761 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1S1.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Late-game goal grants Gremio tie

Locals challenge serious division contenders

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on Ganges Gremio had plenty to give thanks to as the team managed to tie division-leading Maynard West on what proved the final play of Sunday's game on Salt Spring.

"It was another battle," said Ganges Gremio spokesperson Ryan Smith. "These guys just never say die."

Gremio took an early lead when Jesse Hrančuk "sacrificed his body to the goal post" for the goal.

After solid back-and-forth play to finish off the half, an unrelenting Maynard West team managed to score two unanswered goals by the second half's midway point.

"We kind of lost our pace and just gave them two goals," Smith said.

An heroic last-second effort by Gremio's Kalkin Brosseau led to a brilliantly lobbed shot that fell just beyond the reach of Maynard West's keeper.

"They were stunned," Smith said, adding that the final whistle blew almost immediately after Maynard West retook possession of the ball.

The win gives Gremio (1-1-2) five points and fifth place in Division 5A of the Vancouver Island Soccer League (VISL).



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

A Ganges Gremio player fights for the ball as the island squad ties league-leading Maynard West during the final minute of the game at Portlock Park on Sunday.

Gremio players hope to continue where they left off when they travel to Vancouver Island to take on the last-place Saanich Braves on Saturday at 4 p.m.

In other men's soccer news, Salt Spring FC lost a 1-0 decision against Alberni Oceanside at Port Alberni's Bob Dailey Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The loss places Salt Spring FC (1-3-2, five points) in

eighth position in the VISL's second division.

FC will try to regain their form when they take on the Gorge Canadians (1-0-4, seven points) in an away game on Oct. 19.

The Salt Spring Old Boys over-35 soccer club found reason to celebrate this past weekend as the team earned its first point of the season.

The Old Boys held the fourth place Gordon Head

Nearly Dead squad to a scoreless tie during a Sunday morning game on Salt Spring.

The tie gives the team a 0-3-1 record, enough to place them 11 points out of first place.

The Old Boys hope to snag another point or three when they host an as-of-yet point-less Juan de Fuca team on home turf on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

## VICTORIA MARATHON

# Locals make presence known among thousands

Beaglehole takes top spot in division

Salt Spring runners sped to some great results at last weekend's Royal Victoria marathon, half marathon and eight-kilometre road races, topping their divisions and placing well ahead of fellow competitors.

Two island men competed in the marathon, with Richard Hayden taking 82nd spot out of the 2,041 runners in a time of 3:04:36. He placed 17th in his division of men aged 40-44.

Matt Cecill also took 17th in his division (men, 25-29) with a 158th overall finish in a time of 3:14:05.

In the half-marathon, Salt Spring's Judith Beaglehole nailed the top spot in her division of women aged 65-69, placing 1,418th out of the 4,264 competitors with a time of 1:57:04.

Other half-marathon results were as follows: Jason Jewkes, 1:39:24 (393rd overall); Jill Schulze, 1:45:17;

Keith Barclay, 1:51:59 97; Wayne Pagens 1:53:09; Shannon Wood, 1:55:33; Many Sadouski, 2:01:46.

In the eight-K road race, Vlad Pomajzl (36:32) took sixth spot in the men aged

60-64 division; while Kaitalyne Severn (37:44) also took sixth in her division (women, 16-19) and Jessie Wilson (37:40) nailed seventh in women aged 20-24.

Other local results for the eight-K race included: Sean McIntyre, 38:59; Matthew Byron 40:21; Natsuko Inaba, 41:45; Ron Reznick, 42:15; Carolyn Pomajzl, 44:18; Michele Severn, 45:14.

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## SPORTS & RECREATION

### YOUTH SOCCER

# All you wanted to know about SSI's youth soccer group

From player move requests to how to be an executive member



Malcolm Legg

## SOCCER ROUND-UP

### How to become a referee

Lots of players want to know how to become a referee as they want to learn how to do it and earn some pocket money.

Players/adults or others who wish to referee need to contact me at 250-537-4970 or mallegg@shaw.ca to register for Class 5 course (beginners) or Class 4 (beginners over 14 years of age.)

The SSIYA will be offering a Class 5 entry level clinic on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portlock portable.

The fee for the course, which will be taught by our head referee, is \$60 per participant and includes referee shirt and equipment.

Now that you know, get signed up for the course.

### How to be a linesman

Again, another question often asked of us is how parents can learn to run the line for their teams and at least get a basic knowledge of doing that.

It really is fairly simple as you learn how to signal throw-ins, end line decisions, substitutions and get an overview of the offside rule.

Grant Eckberg will hold a linesmen's clinic on Sunday, Oct. 19, 4-5:30 p.m. at Portlock Park. Contact me to register.

### How to be an executive member

Actually, no one really asks this question very often, but it is something we definitely need. The workload of the current executive is quite substantive, especially as we have lost a couple this year, so if you would like to join us in developing the youth soccer program we have lots of jobs that need doing (raffle, mini program, communications, photos, tourney, etc). Please contact me at the phone number or e-mail listed above. Your help is essential to keeping the program vibrant.

A couple of notes before I go. One is that the website is currently under construction and we will be having it redone over the next month (so ignore a lot of the stuff on there).

Secondly, in a study just released by LISA, Salt Spring has seen the largest increase in enrolment in soccer in the lower Vancouver Island area and also leads in the retention of their players. I guess one could say we are doing some things right. See you all on a field near

The dust has finally settled for the soccer association as they have all their teams up and playing, most coaches and managers are in place and new technical director Josip Brantanovich has started most of his programming with the youth players.

It is time for the executives to catch their breath before taking on the next challenges, like photos, raffle, clinics, etc.

It is also a good time to answer some of the questions that get thrown our way so that our membership can understand the operations of the association.

### Will we ever have a turf field?

This is another often-asked question and with all the other districts putting them in there is the feeling that we need one. Salt Spring is very fortunate to have some of the best grass fields in the Lower Island Soccer Association, mostly due to the grounds crews led by Dave Morgan (school district) and Martin Milner (PARC), who keep them in great shape.

The problem really falls when the rains take over making fields very muddy and unplayable and causes many game cancellations — this is where a turf field would help.

At present our work on this facility was stalled but our executive is looking at our options. Maybe it will be a reality rather than a dream and at only one million dollars a real bargain.

### Player movement

We are often asked about how we determine player movement between teams and the process is quite easy:

- Firstly, all requests for player movement have to be in written form to the soccer association president (myself);
- Secondly, I contact parents to discuss request;
- Thirdly, this request is reviewed by the registrar, technical director and myself for input.

We use the following criteria to decide on a move:

- Its effect on both the team the player is leaving and the team the player moves to;
- Determine the roster sizes of both teams;
- The player's ability is determined and;
- The player's desire and commitment to the move.

Based on recommendations of the committee, the president will decide if the move is in the best interests of the player and teams

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#### BIRTHS

My Mum and Dad have been too preoccupied to introduce me to you, so I decided to do it myself. My name is Heidi Elizabeth Burch and I've been hanging around Fulford since May 1st. I weighed 8lbs. 11oz. I was pretty excited to meet my two older brothers, Isaac and Garrett, and my big sister Mackenzie, as well as my Mum and Dad, Chelsea and Ryan.

PART OF the baby boom? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Marlie 537-5261.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

**LORRAINE (DODS) MOTH**  
  
*She smiles down upon us.*  
 October 23, 1955 to  
 October 18, 2007  
*Loved & Remembered*  
**Lorraine.**  
 Mom, Les, Loretta,  
 Mark, Willian & Anna

#### COMING EVENTS

**COME ONE! COME ALL!**  
 To the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE**  
**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9 am til 1:30 pm**  
**Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road**  
 • GREAT GIFTS • JEWELLERY • SWEATERS • CHINA  
 • BOOKS • TOYS • POTTERY • LINEN & MUCH MORE

#### IN MEMORIAM

**VANCOUVER ISLAND QUAKER COMMUNITY**  
 Will hold a Memorial Service for Elizabeth Anderson on October 16 at 2:00pm at the Salt Spring Baptist Church 520 Lower Ganges Road.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMING EVENTS

**SALT SPRING JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY**  
 presents  
**THE BILL EVANS PROJECT**  
 A concert of the music of Bill Evans featuring Norris Clement with Ian Van Wyk & Laurent Boucher  
**Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 pm**  
**All Saints-By-The-Sea**  
 Tickets \$20 at Acoustic Planet or at the door.

#### COMING EVENTS

**BINGO**  
 MEADEN HALL  
 Royal Canadian Legion  
**7 PM THURSDAY**  
**OCT. 16**  
 Early Birds, 6:30 pm  
 Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary  
 Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92  
 All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island Students.

DANCES OF Universal Peace, Sun. Oct. 19, 7 - 9pm. Ganges Yoga Studio. (Grace Point Square).

DON'T FORGET! Peace at Mahon Hall, October 22, 1 - 2:30.

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE**  
 New SSI Contra and English Country Dance group starting on Sat. Oct. 25 at 7pm for beginners and learned enthusiasts. All dances taught. If you can walk you can do these dances. Please call 250-537-9551 or 250-538-1770 for info.

THAI MASSAGE Class, Oct. 25 - 27. 3 day intensive. Certification, Fulford Hall. academyofmassage.ca 250-537-1219.

#### COMING EVENTS

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**Eye for Colour EXHIBITION**  
 SS Weavers' & Spinners' Guild & SS Painters Guild  
**OCTOBER 18-26**  
 Opening 3-5 pm  
**Saturday, Oct. 18 @ ArtSpring**  
 Info: 250-537-4535

#### COMING EVENTS

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING**  
 7:30 pm at Fire Hall #1  
**October 20, 2008**  
 PUBLIC WELCOME

#### COMING EVENTS

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**S.S.I. Peace Works!**  
 presents:  
**Circle of Songs for Peace**  
 Children & youth will gather at  
**Mahon Hall, Wed., Oct. 22/08**  
 Everyone is welcome to participate!

**15th Annual Family Fun Fest**  
 You are invited!  
 A great evening for big kids, little kids & young at heart with our famous cake walk, skill testing games, face painting, & free candy.  
**Friday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd., Community Gospel Chapel  
 Kids under 12 come with an adult

#### COMING EVENTS

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**A CELEBRATION**  
 for our  
**30th Anniversary**  
 Saturday, October 25, 2008  
 10-5  
**20% off all purchases**  
 cake — conversation — creativity  
**Waterfront GALLERY**  
 250-537-4525

#### COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

**GUN SHOW**  
 Courtenay Fish & Game  
 3780 Colake Road  
**BUY, SELL & TRADE**  
**Sunday October 19, 2008**  
**9am - 2pm**  
 Breakfast & Lunch available  
 Proceeds to conservation.  
 For more information  
 Call Bob 1-250-339-1179, Comox

LOOKING FOR a physical, mental and social work out? Check out the Salty Wheels Square Dance Club every Thursday at Central Hall from 7:30-9:30pm. Visitors welcome. Beginner classes to be announced. For more information call Marilynne Cunningham at 250-537-5356.

**OY CALCUTTA!** A musical in India starring Stewart Katz and Sue Newman. Beautiful dancers! Zany comedy! Great for kids! Oct 25 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm at ArtSpring. Tickets \$15 and \$10 at ArtSpring box office.

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**SALE EXTRAORDINAIRE.** Cedar Mountain Studios is having its first annual gift product blow-out. Discontinued lines at low cost prices: picture frames, coasters, magnets, aprons, pot holders, oven mitts and much more. Christmas shopping at its best. Come and discover treasures galore, massive household clear out by dedicated shoppers...antiques, china, jewellery, clothes & accessories. This is a sale you won't want to miss. Central Hall, this Saturday, Oct. 18, 9-2.

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 When: Sun., Oct. 26th, 3:00pm  
 Adults: \$30.00  
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#### COMING EVENTS

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**SSI GARDEN CLUB and BAMBOO RANCH**  
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Kees Ruurs, Parks & Recreation Manager,  
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Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3  
By calling 250-537-4448  
or email request to parc@saltspring.com  
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Fax: 250-537-4456 or email: parc@saltspring.com  
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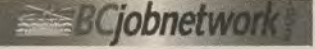
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**This Week's Horoscope**  
by Michael O'Connor



Tip of the Week:

Well here we are in the final stretch of both the Canadian and the United States federal and even municipal Elections. Voters will soon decide who will govern their respective countries. Amidst economic aftershocks of an unprecedented shake down of the banking institutions that is being felt all over the world, it is curious to ask what astrological factors are at play. Interestingly, the Canadian election will be decided during Mercury stationary retrograde! This means Mercury will appear to be at a standstill in its motion as it slows to a stop before resuming direct motion. Mercury rules perceptions and communication processes and this will prove to produce unexpected events leading to disappointments as the decision making process is confounded by quirks, mistakes, bloopers and generally unexpected events coloring the entire term before the next election! Some will say that is life, especially when it comes to politics but there will be true to a higher degree than usual. Many if not all platform policies will soon be forgotten or over ridden by other issues that arise. Again, such is tradition with most politicians and political groups once in power. In addition to Mercury retrograde until October 15th, Venus and Mars in Scorpio bring deep desires for power subject to covert and possibly sinister behaviour along with ruthless ambition. Not only is this present currently, it also will be active for the duration of the term. This is based on what is actually called "Electional Astrology" which is the study of the planetary picture present at the moment of official initiatives where important legal signatures serve as the 'first breath' of the city, company, country or special event in question. The overall picture has some saving graces such as Jupiter and Saturn in a trine aspect suggesting creative solutions, especially regarding economic and environmental issues. However, the process of achieving these and the general tone may prove distasteful, even shameful and, again, with Mercury retrograde, the process will not be obvious and could well occur as a consequence of or in the midst of scandalous behaviour and events. This stands to be true in the U.S. as well I made mention of the complicated planetary alignments that will accompany the U.S. election as well in my monthly Newsletter for October. You can read the contents in UPDATES on my website. There you will also find insights addressing both deeper existing themes and larger current realities. I will address these themes further in my next New Moon Newsletter scheduled for October 28th.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Desire, passion and intrigue are setting the stage for drama worthy of the movies. You will make extra efforts to conceal your deeper motives with a cool and agreeable front, and so too will others on your stage. Fact is you want to go big and win and so do other key players; yet confusion and deceit may well be lingering. There exist very large and complex factors amidst more current social and economic swings and the forces at play on personal levels are themselves filled with seductive guile. Caution!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

You are eager to realize dreams now. It is important that you know the facts especially well now in your dealings. While you want others to share their feelings and plans, you may feel reluctant to share your own. Meanwhile, key players are pushing you to invest. You are wise to proceed cautiously, especially if you are put in a liable position of any kind. The cliché: 'A bird in hand is better than two in the bush' applies now. Love, passion and security are major factors. Exercise critical analysis before you say yes.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

The stage is set for all the drama of a Hollywood film. This could prove exciting yet also overwhelming and uncertain. Opportunities are present, but tensions are rising on economic and political fronts...everywhere! It is important that you be willing to focus and work diligently now. Delays and frustrations earlier in the year have yielded somewhat, so focus to make your every move count. Enjoy the drama but make conscious efforts not to get lost in it.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Changes close to home continue to shake your world. Larger social changes are at play as well and are pushing you to pay attention. How can you create a greater measure of security for you and your family, with effective short-term measures? Be willing to learn new skills. Hands on training or at least practical applications are much more important than theory, especially now. Generally, be willing to learn new skills and keep an open mind about your options.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Attending to an array of errands, communications, visits and short journeys should be keeping you busy now. Amidst it all, this is a good time to assess your life by reflecting upon the past and projecting possibilities for the future. Financial delays and frustrations stand to shift for the better soon; are you prepared? Brain storm for ideas and take note of your ideas. The time is not ripe to take big risks yet. Do your homework and secure your foundation to prepare.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Taking inventory of what you have, want and need is now underway. You are eager to entertain and to explore new options. You are eager to take some new initiatives. This is a good time to review your options and do some follow-up and investigative work. Aim to increase your network as well as your technical skills. Be careful that your ambitions do not exceed the energy, time and money you are willing to actually invest as well. Concentrate and follow through once you have a clear sense of direction. Think about your long-term plans.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

You are in the mood to forge ahead with all engines fired. Your ambitions are running high, maybe too high for your own good. Be aware of wanting more than you can reasonably, healthily and honestly have. Your confidences could be inflated as you attempt to feel secure. Some risky ventures may well earn returns but be careful on long-term commitments. Small purchases or short term goals are the way to go now. Prepare the ground for bigger goals.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Desires for power are apparent now. The problem may be choosing where to focus. Your ambitions may be leading you in too many directions creating conflicts of interest and contradictions. Can you safely say you know who you are and what is truly best for you? Take some time out to reflect to differentiate between fantasies and genuine dreams. Both have their place and are best enjoyed when kept there. Timing is the other factor. Concentrate on fulfilling needs rather than get lost in wants.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You may be wearing your individuality on your sleeve these days. Grand dreams and schemes continue to fill your mind. You may well feel the weight of responsibility as well as the limitations of your position. Somewhere between the two and with a very sober attitude and approach you may be able to get your way, but save the big whims for conversation pieces. This way you can enjoy them for what they are and not mix them with practical considerations.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You are determined to expand your position. Yet you know you have a lot to learn. Also, you are on the eve of some major changes. If you cooperate with these you could demonstrate some real leadership. However, resistance is futile so avoid trying to control people and situations and exercise self-control instead. Take note of who are your true friends. In the short term, be willing to approach others for assistance and to return favours.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Balancing the big picture with the small is especially important now. Your focus may not be as clear as it is usually. This will soon change. For now, be willing to take a philosophical approach on all matters of interest and perspective. Gather new tools and be open to new instruction and skills development. Comparisons and contrasts can serve to help you define your priorities better. Sometimes it is best to know what you do not want before asserting what you do.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Some rather deep and potentially complex events are unfolding for you now. At best, you are clearing away the old and making key investments for the future. At worst, you are forceful in your approach and a turn off to others. Be willing to share the stage and the attention; cool down or be more assertive for the sake of harmony and balance. Ask questions, listen respectfully and be willing to learn or best results. Be willing to make changes and adjustments in your attitude, perspective and approach as necessary.

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**ON THE BALL:** Salt Spring U18 girls player Kloe Holmes challenges for the ball as the local squad downs Peninsula 2-1 at Portlock Park Sunday.

**SIMS FOOTBALL**

# Slayers win 18-7

Fans urged to come out to home game

**BY BLAKE GOLD**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On a grey rainless day last Saturday, the Salt Spring Slayers travelled to Nanaimo for their sixth game of the year, playing against the Nanaimo District Secondary School Cowboys.

The Slayers received the opening kick and began a methodical march down field. Using a varied attack that utilized all of their offensive weapons, the Slayers' Sam Miles scored on a 30-yard run play that made great use of blocking.

The ensuing kick-off was recovered by Miles, and the Slayers were on the offensive again. Quarterback Kayla Pultke put together an impressive drive that culminated in another Miles touchdown and a 12-0 lead for the Slayers.

The Cowboys offence

found some rhythm in the second quarter and a sustained drive led to a major that with the convert made the score 12-7 for Salt Spring at the half, despite a "hail Mary" by Miles to Elijah Gold just short of the end zone.

The second half began with another successful on-side kick but a first-down interception on a deflection gave the ball back to the Cowboys. On a third and inches, a Cowboys fumble was recovered by lineman Jack Cook and the Slayers offence was back to work. A balanced attack of passing and a formidable run game led to another Miles touchdown and the Slayers were in the lead 18-7.

Team defence was the difference on this day, with the game ending on a Barry Goodwin interception.

The Slayers have a 4-2 record and play at home in a doubleheader fundraiser this Saturday at the Hydro field starting at 1 p.m.



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# Dragons want three points from no shows

Players set for top team

The Salt Spring Island's Dragons soccer club anticipates getting three points after they claim opponents forfeited a weekend game by not showing up to play.

The league is considering the decision, but team manager Joanne O'Connor said she is confident Bays

United players and the league will agree to the decision.

A forfeit would be considered a 1-0 Dragons victory. The win would place the Dragons in second position of the Lower Vancouver Island Women's Soccer Association's third division with 12 points.

The ruling is significant considering the Dragons are in hot pursuit of the

division's top spot. The Dragons are set to take on first-place Vic West (14 points) in Victoria this weekend.

O'Connor added that she will be thrilled when the team is officially awarded the three points, but is disappointed because the team didn't get a chance to play the week before what will likely be one of the season's most important matches.

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If you want to know more about the referendum, please attend the public information session on **October 29**. More information is also available on the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee home page on the Islands Trust web site at: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

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## SPORTS & RECREATION

### LADIES GOLF

# Links trophies awarded

Golf year celebrated

BY MARCIE HOGAN  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On Sept. 30 the 18-hole ladies played Hidden Partners. Actually it was the partners' names that were hidden until the end of the round when captain Joanna made a blind draw to match players.

Karen Davies and Maureen Rowell took top spot with a net score of 147. In second place were Susan Russell and Pat Low with net 153. Russell tied Joanna Barrett for the low putts award at 31 strokes. Rowell captured the KP title.

The year ended with the traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot on Oct. 7. Cheri Cornachione nabbed the turkey on a low gross of 50. Runners-up were Julie Tyler and Pearl Gray, each with 52. Gray also took low net with 38.5 while Cornachione was in the chase with 39.5. Gray

### GISS FOOTBALL

# Scorpions lose see-saw battle

25-16 outcome a heartbreaker

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

If there was one word to describe the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions' performance against the G.P. Vanier Towhees in Courtenay last Saturday it would have to be "heartbreaking."

Still hungry for their first win of the season, the Scorpions came into their third straight game on the road, looking poised to take home the "w."

The Scorpions got off to a rusty start in the first quarter as the Towhees capitalized on an early run that would move them ahead of the visitors 7-0 after converting on a field goal. The Scorpions managed to stay close by playing some strong defence with Kevin Abbott, who leads the team with six tackles, Myles Raposo, three tackles and a sack, Ian Barrett, three tackles and a sack, and Oliver Schnare, four

turned in the low score of 17 putts and Tyler picked up KP.

The final event of the year for the nine-hole ladies was the Crier's Towel, for those who hadn't won anything else this year. Donna Mort was the champ with a net 50. Isobel Heffernan took the putt pot with 16 strokes on the greens.

The Monday night ladies held an 18-hole tournament on Sunday, Sept. 28 to celebrate a great year. Trophies were awarded to the two top players: Alice Richards for low gross winner and Judy Nurse for low net. Maureen Rowell broke 100 for the first time. Everyone had a great time and the prizes were excellent. Following dinner, the season's winners were recognized.

Russell earned the most improved player title. Her handicap dropped 13 strokes this year. Darlene Wellington led the points chart with 118. Her closest competitors

were Carol McIntosh with 102 and Dora Reynolds at 85. The eclectic board winner, Patricia Gibson, shaved an amazing 51 strokes off her first game on the board. Six players had two chip-ins each this season: Britt Elwes, Femmy Schuurmans, Rowell, Nurse, Wellington and McIntosh. Wellington also scooped the most birdies award with six for the year. The B.C. Golf Association prize went to Ina Curran with a 34.1, for the lowest average of four net games. Wellington took the Royal Canadian Golf Association prize with a 29 for the lowest overall net game.

This concludes our season. The most enthusiastic players will want to mark the April opening day luncheon on their calendar. New members are invited to join one of the ladies divisions and fulfill their destiny to improve their game.

tackles, providing no room for the Towhee offence to work in.

The second quarter looked much more promising for the Scorpions as Abbott, who would go on to accumulate almost 70 yards, looked virtually unstoppable up the middle as he made first down after first down, making the Towhee defence look childish. However, it wouldn't be until after a sensational fumble recovery by Leonard Palm that the Scorpions would get their first touchdown in the game as Palm would run it in for about three yards while Barrett converted on a run-in conversion to put his team ahead 8-7 at the half.

Early in the third quarter, the Scorpions let up another Towhee touchdown as they fell behind 13-8. But the Towhees would underestimate Barrett's speed and agility and watch him run for a miraculous 80-yard touchdown off a kick-off return, putting the Scorpions ahead once more at 16-13, with Abbott providing

the conversion. However, the lead would be short lived as the Towhees came back to finish the quarter on top 19-16.

The fourth quarter brought a dramatic finish to a very close, evenly played game as both teams brought their A-game. Defensively, the Scorpions were very solid again as Mason Raposo, Graham Moore, Eric Pultke, Sam Raace and Bill Billwiller all contributed to the shut-down, but perhaps the biggest surprise was the sudden play of Bradley Watson, who added two tackles and a memorable sack, all back-to-back-to-back. Within the final minutes of the game, the Scorpions went for the win but came up just short for a first down and would get scored on once more to end the game with a devastating loss and a score of 25-16 for the Towhees.

The Scorpions now need to win their next two home games to qualify for the playoffs and hope they can do so, starting Saturday with a win over Howe Sound.

# Storm continues winning rampage

U13 girls and U12 boys also report on weekend action

### SOCCERKICKS

• Despite being one player short for the entire game with no substitutes, Salt Spring's U13 girls dominated their game over Juan de Fuca, winning 4-0. Zorah Wiltzen was tireless on the field, scoring two goals in the first half.

The second half saw yet another goal from Wiltzen and one from Becki Steele. With the team's defensive players effectively keeping the ball out of the Salt Spring end, it was a strong, offensive game.

• The Salt Spring Storms U15 boys remain undefeated after a 9-2 win over Bay United Kayiatos. Mauricio Escandon secured the first goal of the game, with one from Armando Morineau

shortly after.

The Bays fought back with one of their own, despite the hard defensive work of Matthew Stubbs. Byron Mussell made an excellent attempt to stop a powerful Bays penalty kick, but was unsuccessful.

But Morineau's skilled footwork earned him the next two goals and a hat-trick. Luc Comeau's amazing speed led him to two well-placed breakaway goals.

A corner kick from Dylan Bullach that was headed by Morineau off a Bays player and into their own net kept the score rising. Paul Jordan got his first goal of the season and Comeau ended the game with a beautiful shot.

• Salt Spring's U12 boys came out strong against Gordon Head, with keepers Nick Pringle and Nick Honor putting in excellent showings.

Facing a strong Gordon Head defence, the team counted on its own powerful defence led by Matt Mason (coach's game MVP). Honor, Johnny Caron, Matt Traer and Victor Lopez Martinez stood their ground, but Gordon Head managed a break-away goal.

Then speedy Pringle created momentum for the offence with help from Mason and Rory Johnston in the midfield.

Then Gabe Gold broke through the defence with Tomas Weatherby, who used his golden boot to find the back of the net. With a 1-1 tie, the boys remain undefeated.