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NUMBER ONE: Members of the AFC Gauntlet, a team of current and alumni GISS players, celebrate winning the men's competitive division of the annual Challenge Cup soccer tournament. See Page 24 for story, and the Driftwood's Facebook page for more photos.

FIRST NATIONS

Penelakut oppose Sunset pool

Burial ground disturbance raises Grace Islet spectre

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Penelakut Tribe have serious concerns about the provincial government's decision to approve construction of a swimming pool, hot tub and cabana above what they claim is an ancient settlement and burial ground along Sunset Drive.

In a May 12 letter to Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Steve Thomson, Penelakut chief Joan Brown expressed specific concerns with plans to use an excavator to "strip soils and rake artifacts and human remains from the backdirt," adding that such work fails to meet the group's expected standards of respect and care for protecting ancestral places, remains and belongings.

Representatives from Penelakut want a site meeting with staff from the provincial

Archaeology Branch and other First Nations to discuss details about the plan.

Property owner Stephen Roberts said he welcomed members of the Lyackson, Cowichan and Halalt tribes to his property on May 13 to discuss concerns. A representative from Penelakut was unable to attend.

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AWARDS

Kim Hunter gets national award for teaching

Salt Spring ECE given honour by Prime Minister Trudeau

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Waldorf teacher Kim Hunter was one of five early childhood educators across Canada to receive a certificate of excellence from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week.

The Government of Canada flew Hunter and her fellow award-winners to the nation's capital for a day of festivities that included presentations, lunch at the Parliamentary dining room, a reception and the awards presentation. In addition to five ECEs, 10 teachers from the K-13 grades also received awards.

"It was just astounding to be there," Hunter said. "It's an honour to be recognized in this way. There's not a lot of teaching awards that are given outside teaching circles."

Hunter usually prefers to stay out of the spotlight — in her other work as a stage manager for the Vancouver Folk Festival and other events, she is happy to stay backstage — but she was quite thrilled to receive the award from Trudeau, who was himself a teacher before entering politics. He even made a joke that handing out the teaching awards was the real reason he decided he wanted to become prime minister.

"He was very personable. He's warm; he's kind; he's hilarious," Hunter said. "He had another event afterwards, and he just stepped off the stage and was very present with the small audience that was there. It was really quite intimate."

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PILES AND PILES: Cam Proudfoot of Salt Spring Wood Chipping and volunteers handle some of the more than 70 loads of broom and gorse that were brought to Portlock Park for chipping and disposal during the May 15 Invasive Plant Drop-Off. The event was organized by the stewardship committee of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. People can still cut broom at ground level before seeds ripen in late June and the plants will die, but dead broom is an extreme fire hazard so it should be properly disposed of, notes the conservancy. Fresh-cut broom can be taken to the goats at Eco-Reality (250-653-2024) or call Proudfoot (250-538-8934) to have it chipped.

Property owner hoping for resolution

PENELAKUT

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“The whole thing is in process and, as far as I know, the Archaeology Branch tells us what we have to do,” said Roberts, who was the Liberal candidate for Saanich North and the Islands in the 2013 provincial election.

Roberts learned of the archaeological site when he applied for a building permit about 18 months ago. He was not informed of any such site when he bought the property three years ago. The site is part of a one-kilometre stretch of waterfront deemed to have archaeological significance, he added.

The permit is currently under review and awaiting comment from affected parties,

Roberts added.

“I’m just following the procedures. I’ve been very open with First Nations and talking about concerns,” he said. “I certainly don’t want to disturb anything or upset anyone.”

“I’m just going along with what I’m permitted to do.”

Archaeologist Eric McLay said the matter is especially noteworthy given that the consultants involved are the same individuals used for the infamous Grace Islet project.

He said the proposal rekindles similar themes that arose during the long battle to prevent construction of a luxury home on Grace Islet and the provincial government’s subsequent decision to step in and buy the

Ganges Harbour property in early 2015.

McLay questioned whether any of the recommendations suggested to prevent a recurrence of a similar storyline have been acted upon.

“It all goes back to the lack of any initiative by Minister [Steve] Thomson on this issue over the past year since Grace Islet,” McLay said. “Same issues, same people.”

He’s hopeful an early intervention in this instance will clarify any misunderstandings or procedural errors.

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations said Tuesday that Archaeology Branch staff are engaged in ongoing discussions with local First Nations and the proponent.

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REAL ESTATE

Market forces sunk pub: past owner

Plans for Vesuvius Inn property not known at this point

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The former owner of the Vesuvius Pub property wishes the land’s new owners all the best for whatever’s in store for the two-acre waterfront site.

John Lefebvre, who bought the property soon after he moved to the island in 2005, said bad timing and poor market conditions are to blame for the pub not being restored to its former glory.

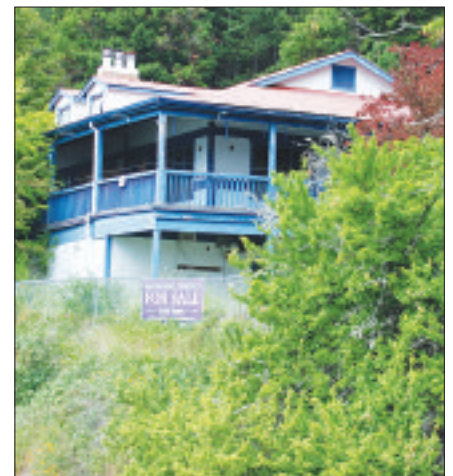
“When I bought it in 2006, we had a strong market and two years later every restaurant on the island was for sale,” he said during a recent interview. “The boatloads of money from Puget Sound stopped flowing north.”

The pub building languished as Lefebvre awaited the right moment to justify refurbishing the structure. That time never came, and the building was subsequently listed for sale. The property’s sale was confirmed in early May.

Lefebvre, a musician, lawyer and internet entrepreneur, had hoped to build a world-class concert venue on the site. At one point, he presented plans for a redesigned waterfront structure with expanded seating capacity and a retractable roof.

“Spending \$3 million to sell beer seemed like an unwise business decision,” Lefebvre said.

According to a title search on the property, the land is registered to a numbered company linked to the Canadian Bavarian Millworks in Chemainus. CBM is owned by Georg and Eva Wörnle. According to the company’s website, the Wörnle family moved to Salt Spring Island from Germany in 1982.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Former Vesuvius Inn site, which changed hands in early May after being on the market for several years.

An employee at the phone number associated with the company said the new owner is currently on holiday.

“I’m not sure what their plans are,” Lefebvre said. The title search lists the property’s declared value at \$778,000.

Salt Spring Land Use Bylaw No. 355 zoning regulations for the Commercial Accommodation 2 property permit construction of up to 15 units per 2.5 acres.

NEWSBEAT

Heads up!

SSI Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, MAY 30, 4:30 to 7 p.m.
Harbour House Hotel

TRANSPORTATION

Southern Gulf Islands extend community bus service

Pilot projects start on Pender and Galiano this summer

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The successful launch of community bus service on Mayne Island has motivated two other island communities to follow suit, with pilot projects aiming to get underway on Galiano and Pender Islands this summer.

Help from the Mayne Island Bus Society and a \$50,000 investment from the Capital Regional District's Southern Gulf Islands electoral area will help get the two programs running, while most of the legwork will be done by local not-for-profit societies working in conjunction with the Southern Gulf Islands Economic Development Commission. The CRD Board approved a proposal by electoral area director Dave Howe at their May 11 meeting that will see two vehicles purchased through the Community Works Fund.

Mike Hoebel, who is leading the pilot project on Galiano Island, said his group is looking for a six-passenger minivan to start and would ideally begin service for the Tour des Îles weekend in June, when shuttles will be needed to take people from CRD docks to town.

"We're crossing our fingers because it's only a few weeks away," he noted.

Service on both Galiano and

Pender will initially come under the umbrella of the Mayne Island Bus Society because it has received the necessary authorization and licensing from the the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Passenger Transportation Department. Mayne Island began its pilot project in July 2013 with a system that was designed to operate effectively and at the lowest cost possible. The group was fortunate enough to have a vehicle donated and established an annual operating cost of about \$8,000.

The bus now connects the ferry terminal at Village Bay with other major points on the island, operating Thursday through Sundays or holiday Mondays during the summer months plus special holiday weekends, and Friday through Sunday the rest of the year. Drivers are volunteers and payment is by donation, although the ultimate goal is to compensate the drivers and have set fares.

"We have shown that providing a reliable bus service will increase BC Ferries foot passenger travel, reduce tourist vehicle traffic to the island, reduce congestion and our carbon footprint," SGI Economic Development Commission chair Ian Dow said in a September 2015 report. "We have also shown that reliability of service and user education will increase revenues over time, producing a system that will maintain three to four employment opportunities."

Under the agreement with MoTI,



PHOTO COURTESY MAYNE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Passengers line up for Mayne Island's community bus program. Galiano and Pender Island pilot projects starting up this year hope to replicate its success.

the society is not permitted to charge a fare but took user donations for operational costs during the pilot phase. Additional donations came from the EDC, Greenangels Woodchoppers, Blue Vista Resort and private individuals.

Hoebel said the Galiano project will operate under a steering committee brought together by the Galiano Community Development Office. It will include individuals and representatives from various island organizations and also seek support from local businesses.

Scheduling and passenger loads will be worked out during the two-year pilot, although initial plans include a loop from Sturdies Bay

and "the corner" over to Montague Bay as the primary route, with a secondary route running the length of the island.

"We're trying to learn a lot, rather than saying we've got it all figured out and this is the plan," Hoebel said.

The pilot on North Pender Island will be overseen by Moving Around Pender, a local organization dedicated to fostering alternative means of transportation such as hiking and biking trails and transit. The idea is to obtain a vehicle that can take up to 21 or 22 passengers, with routes that connect Otter Bay with Hope Bay, the Driftwood Centre and the densely populated Magic Lake neighbourhood.

A transit survey that MAP conducted in 2012 found that over 60 per cent of respondents would take public transit if it was available. The number was nearly 70 per cent in the Magic Lake area.

"So we know there's an appetite," said MAP director Peter Pare.

Another document, the Islands Trust's Age Friendly - North Pender Island Action Plan, found that local mobility options centre almost entirely on the automobile. Seniors who are not able to drive are isolated, can't access services and may wind up leaving the island. The action plan cited the Mayne Island Bus Society as a best practices example to follow.

The CRD will enter into an agreement with the Mayne Island Bus Society with the terms and conditions of the Community Works Fund for the pilot project bus purchases. Pare said the future path may involve a pan-island bus society with a name change to reflect that. Until then, the various groups are cooperating and communicating regularly.

The estimated cost of the two-year pilot project for Galiano Island is \$36,850 with expected revenue of \$12,000 stemming from community and business donations. The North Pender Island project's estimated cost is \$64,000 with approximately \$39,000 to be raised from the community. It plans for a paid part-time coordinator and volunteer drivers to start.

NEWS BRIEFS

Impaired drivers nabbed

Officers from the Integrated Road Safety Unit who were on Salt Spring over the long weekend issued six roadside prohibitions for impaired driving.

Salt Spring RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Darren Lagan said the number was signif-

icant given that all the cases occurred on the same day and most were in daylight hours before 8 p.m.

"It is a concern, especially with the congestion we see on the weekend with pedestrian traffic and vehicle traffic," Lagan said.

He added RCMP officers were happy to not have opened any major cases or dealt with other big issues over the long weekend, despite the influx of visitors.

Wood shops get funds

The Gulf Islands School District has received \$243,500 from a \$45-million pot of funding for school improvement projects announced by the provincial government on Thursday.

Upgrades to wood shop dust-extraction systems at Gulf Islands Secondary School and Salt Spring Island Middle

School will be funded as part of the School Enhancement Program.

According to a Ministry of Education press release, school districts were asked to identify priorities for routine capital upgrade projects to support healthy, efficient schools for students, teachers and staff. Projects costing more than \$100,000 were chosen based on need, priority and how well they supported student learning.

Salish Sea plan endorsed

The Capital Regional District Board has unanimously supported a multi-lateral effort to have the Salish Sea designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area by the United Nations' International Maritime Organization.

Victoria city councillor

Ben Isitt proposed a motion of support to the CRD board in April and brought it back to the May 11 meeting with additional information about the potential implications outlined in a staff report.

According to the report, the PSSA designation would help regulate international commercial shipping in the area to protect environmental, economic and cultural concerns, but would not impact other marine activities.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Salt Spring trustees near decision on fire service levels

Board to consider decontamination saunas

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees inched closer toward declaring a fire service level at their May 16 fire district meeting but decided to take another month to investigate what the decision really means.

"We've promised to engage the community, but we haven't engaged the community because we don't know what we're talking about," said Linda Lee, chair of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board.

The provincial fire commissioner asks that fire districts across British Columbia declare minimum training standards before the end of June.

Training criteria required to bring departments into compliance with the Fire Services Act of B.C. are outlined in a playbook drafted by the BC Fire Service in 2015.

Salt Spring trustees have many unanswered questions about potential legal problems associated with declaring a service level. Representatives worry that declaring Salt Spring a "full-service" department will commit the department to service it cannot provide because of response times and low water supply in certain parts of the island.

Board members said they want to proceed with prudence, awaiting to hear news about service levels from acting chief AJ George, who is scheduled to attend a provincial meeting of fire chiefs in early June.

Trustees will revisit the topic at

their June 20 meeting.

"We're six weeks away from the theoretical deadline, but we know [the province] is not going to send the sheriff if we don't declare," said trustee Norbert Schlenker.

Firefighters' cancer risk addressed

Trustees voted to table discussion of buying a pair of infrared saunas to use as firefighter decontamination chambers pending receipt of a business plan and operational guidelines for the proposal.

The board's Occupational Health and Safety Committee has been exploring the use of sauna units equipped with stationary bicycles for use by firefighters exposed to

carcinogens in the line of duty.

According to committee meeting minutes quoting co-chair Lt. Ken Akerman, "The carcinogens after a structure fire require gross decon, and as soon as possible. It is the department's responsibility because it is a known hazard."

The discussion coincided with information about cancer risks associated with firefighting provided to the committee by the B.C. Fire Chiefs Association.

"Despite the correct use of personal protective gear, firefighters sustain intense and repeated exposures to highly variable mixtures of concentrated carcinogens," writes Victoria oncologist Kenneth Kunz on behalf of the BCFA. "After inhalation, absorption through skin, or inadvertent ingestion, these

substances are widely distributed throughout the body."

The BCFA recommends firefighters receive regular cancer screening based on their number of years in service. Firefighters who are more than 40 years of age are advised to undergo annual medical evaluations.

"This is a fairly new thing in fire halls. They're fairly rare now, but it seems to be a growing thing," said trustee Howard Baker.

Trustee Derek Hill said personal experience with efforts to construct his own infrared sauna unit raised several cautionary flags about potential electromagnetic radiation associated with some units.

"I'm not sure the overall benefit is going to be good," he told trustees. "It definitely needs to be investigated."

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Rain after an extended dry spell will make for a slippery road surface that worn or under-inflated tires will not grip safely. Have tires replaced as required. New windshield wipers and properly operating washers can make a huge difference to safe visibility.

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FEDERAL POLITICS

Electoral reform on May 28 agenda

Elizabeth May gets committee seat but no vote

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Elizabeth May has a seat at the table to discuss electoral reform, but it's still unclear how the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP will fit into the newly named electoral reform committee as a non-voting member.

"I'm pleased to be on this committee although, as you can imagine, somewhat perplexed by my status," the Green party leader told reporters at a news conference following the May 11 announcement. "But I think the major story today is that we're moving ahead and getting started with a process that is historic and is important.

"I will certainly give it my all."

The Liberals have struck the committee on the premise that Canadian federal politics has seen its last first-past-the-post election. The 10-member committee comprises six Liberals, three Conservatives and one NDP member. May and a representative from the Bloc Quebecois will sit as non-voting members, able to watch proceedings but unable to vote.

May said it's ironic that discussion of a new voting system rests with a committee on which not all members can vote, but confirmed her opposition to any potential referendum on the group's ultimate recommendation.

"I don't see the reason for a referendum," May said. "We didn't have a referendum when women got the vote, and we didn't have a referendum when First Nations got to vote. When we're talking about rights for equal voting, that's not the subject for referendum, it's a subject for really engaged discussion and consultation with Canadians."

Opponents of first-past-the-post are fighting to replace what they claim is an archaic voting system that disenfranchises voters and promotes political apathy. Bob MacKie, a Salt Spring resident who heads up the local chapter of Fair Vote Canada, said he's happy to see the Liberals launch the \$8-million consultation process with Canadians in all 338 federal ridings over the coming six months.

"That's a lot of tea and cookies," he said.

MacKie wants to get the conversation rolling. Hot on the heels of a jammed event in Ganges last month, he hosts another electoral information session on May 28 at the Salt Spring Island Public Library's program room. The free event starts at 5 p.m. and features Saanich North and the Islands NDP MLA Gary Holman.

MacKie said the presentation will offer participants the chance to learn more about different forms of proportional representation and what changes mean to voters.

For more information about the event, contact MacKie at robertbmackie@gmail.com.

SYRIAN REFUGEES

Syrian refugees' arrival anticipated within six weeks

Experience of Pender family offers resettlement lessons

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Syrian refugee family's decision to relocate to Victoria from North Pender Island fewer than two months after landing in Canada highlights the hardships of settling in a new and foreign land.

Morhaf and Maha Alkoweit, along with their four children, received a heroes' welcome when they made landfall at the Otter Bay ferry terminal this past winter. More than 60 islanders, led by a core group of 15 volunteers, devoted countless hours to filling out and filing paperwork, raising about \$60,000 in sponsorship funds and setting up a new home for the refugee family.

Local business owners stepped forward with job offers for Morhaf, the island's butcher brought in halal chicken, ESL teachers offered free language lessons and an Arabic translator was enlisted to ease

the family's transition from the Middle East to the Salish Sea.

Though news of the family's decision to relocate to Victoria wasn't what Penderites had originally anticipated, volunteers who helped make the journey possible have no regrets. Most islanders quickly realized the hardships faced by a young Muslim family in a new and isolated land.

As of late April, the family was prospering in their new home in Victoria. The children are enrolled in elementary school and parents are taking rigorous ESL training. Morhaf has enrolled in driving lessons and anticipates obtaining a driver's licence by the summer.

"It was so nice to hear how well the family is doing. Pender gave them a great start," wrote Andrea Spalding on Pender's Refugee Support Project Facebook site.

"It's been an honour having them here," added fellow group member Kev Gordon.

Word of the Alkoweit family's relocation comes as a Salt Spring group awaits the arrival of a family of five and a single young man.

Anne Marshall, a lead member of the Salt Spring Refugee Sponsorship Group, said the Salt Spring-bound refugees were declared "travel ready" on April 14. Immigration authorities have said the refugees may arrive within the next six weeks.

Fundraising and support on Salt Spring has been ongoing since the group launched an appeal to sponsor the Syrians in 2015.

"We are so ready," reads information in an update provided to United Church members in late April. "We have a temporary furnished home for the family with a welcome basket provided by all the local merchants, stocked cupboards and fridge, crib and toys, new bicycles for all the children, a new Apple computer and printer, hand-knitted afghans for all the beds, dictionaries, iPads for the children and an iPhone with language apps."

Marshall said the group is aware that Salt Spring's refugee guests may follow the Alkoweit's lead. Having a community of neighbours who share the same language and cultural traditions is obviously impor-

tant. She said the fact that the refugees bound for Salt Spring are not Muslim and have a stronger command of English may ease the transition.

"It's not about us, it's about them," Marshall said. "We're just trying to help people get out of a terrible situation."

That's a sentiment shared by many people on Pender. According to a recent survey, 63 per cent of respondents voted to bring another refugee family to the island. The group has already contacted its sponsorship agreement holder in Victoria with guidelines for a prospective family.

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Teachers get chance to network

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Hunter was nominated for a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence before. This time she was championed by local teacher Alison Bain, whose son is hard of hearing and attended Hunter's preschool program called A Child's Garden for three years. He stayed an extra year with Hunter before transferring to Fulford Community Elementary School, where he is doing well.

"She had so much patience for him and a real desire to work with him, and so I appreciate that," Bain said.

"Kim is very dedicated to what she does and it was very easy to ask other people for letters of support," she added. "I think she's been an amazing teacher for my son and for other people's children."

Award recipients in the ECE category are selected based on "the excellence and innovation of their outstanding ability to engage and support the development of the children in their care, and on their overall commitment to the development of children and the early childhood education and care profession." A selection committee looks to ensure nominees have excelled in four components.

Part of Bain's nomination letter reads: "Ms. Hunter's Waldorf teaching incorporates many best practices such as play-based learning, and project and place-based learning, as well as differentiation and instruction that is informed by assessment. [She] teaches in these leading ways with exceptional knowledge, compassion and patience and in a way that supports the growth and development of each child."



PHOTO COURTESY GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Salt Spring ECE teacher Kim Hunter receives the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa on May 12.

Hunter found out just four weeks before her trip that she would receive the award, and she was instructed not to tell anyone except close family members or a work superior. Since she runs her own school and considers her community to be her family, this made it difficult to keep the secret, although she did.

Hunter stayed with former Salt Spring resident Carol Martin in Ottawa, who also acted as chauffeur. Hunter's daughter Kaya, now living in Vancouver, also flew to Ottawa for the ceremony.

Being immersed in national history was one of the joys of the trip, Hunter said. The ceremony was held at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in the same room that became the emergency headquarters for the Canadian government after the Parliament buildings burned down in 1916.

Hunter also enjoyed touring the legislature buildings and attending question period at the House of Commons.

On a professional note, meeting other innovative teachers was another bonus of the trip. Each award-winner gave a 10-minute presentation on best practices in their work.

"It was amazing to experience," Hunter said. "I think we were all inspired by all the presentations. There was nothing presented that I didn't absolutely admire."

Hunter hopes to have the opportunity to meet up with some of those colleagues again and perhaps visit their classrooms when she goes to eastern Canada later this year. She will be there to present Time to Play, her documentary film about the benefits of play in early childhood education, to several universities.



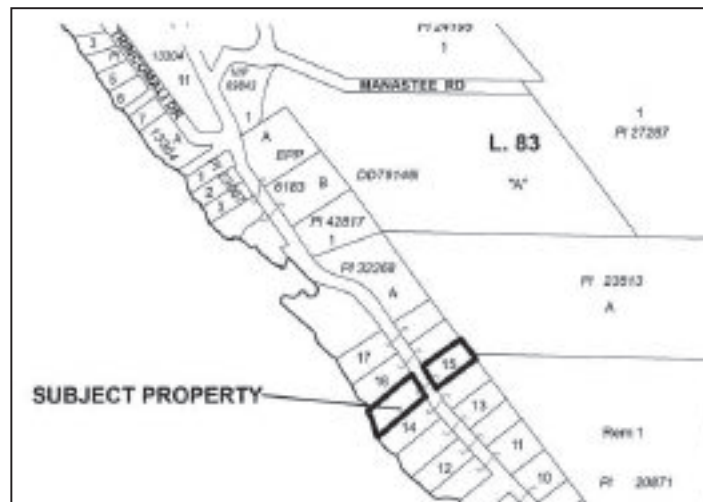
Islands Trust

NOTICE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE GL-TUP-2016.4

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to Lot 15, District Lot 83, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan 21831 (PID: 003-349-161), 18865 Porlier Pass Road.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit a "commercial vacation rental" in the main dwelling unit on the subject property. The establishment of the temporary use would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing **May 20, 2016** and up to and including **June 3, 2016**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1) (a) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing **May 20, 2016**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Kim Stockdill, A/Planner 2 at (250) 405-5194, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before **4:30 p.m., June 3, 2016**. The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **12:30 p.m., June 6, 2016**, at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
Deputy Secretary

OPINION



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2015 BCYCNA Awards
Gold - Environmental Writing (Elizabeth Nolan & Sean McIntyre) | Bronze - General Excellence

EDITORIAL

Spring fever

The Victoria Day long weekend has come to be well known as the moment when a perfect storm of tourist events converge on Salt Spring.

A flotilla takes to the seas for the Round Salt Spring sailing race and soccer fields erupt with Challenge Cup action. Visitors' parked cars line the streets of Ganges. Sailing waits at island ferry terminals become the norm.

Even a relatively busy spring season, with fine travelling weather, plenty of entertainment and a sizzling hot real estate market wasn't enough to foreshadow the "May Long" onslaught this year. It's as though the rest of the world showed up on the island for a few days to ring the great gong and signal the start of the crazy season.

Many islanders make a point to avoid the village core at times like these. Other use stronger language to describe the rush, yet most agree that tourism plays a central role in the island's economy. Given the role of tourism,

THE ISSUE:

Island tourism

WE SAY:

Turning the corner

it's great to see signs that visitors are overlooking the lure of neighbouring destinations and higher transportation costs to come and check us out.

The optimistic outlook is partly fuelled by a sagging Canadian dollar, but also from efforts of local government commissions, the Chamber of Commerce and countless local business folks who've hustled not only to keep Salt Spring on the map but to make it shine.

Now that we're getting people's attention, let's keep building on efforts to spread things out a bit. Visitor Information Centre numbers from 2013 suggests 46 per cent of visitors come to the island for a single-day visit. Those are people who aren't eating dinner in local restaurants, catching an evening performance at ArtSpring or checking into a local bed and breakfast.

The long weekend Friday and Sunday markets piloted by the Capital Regional District in 2015 may not have been deemed successful, but the idea could have used more rigorous marketing. We saw that with the coordinated promotional efforts undertaken for the inaugural February Festival this year.

For an island where tourism provides the bread and butter for so many, it's worth every effort we can make to avoid swinging the island between feast and famine.



VIEWPOINT by Jane Horsburgh

Anti-playing field logic questioned

This is a response to Sharon Bronstein's May 18 In Depth appeal on behalf of Brinkworthy residents whose lifestyle would be impacted by the "CRD-proposed ball fields that would abut their properties."

Only eight of the 137 homes in Brinkworthy back on to the proposed playing fields. The remaining 129 homes would not hear the noise of children playing baseball on a summer evening, since they are at right angles to the proposed field, or far enough away not to hear.

"Brinkworthy, the most densely populated neighbourhood in all of Salt Spring." Really? Each of the 137 homes is surrounded by its own garden. The same cannot be said for Kingfisher, Roscommon or Grace Point Square.

"We love our view to the open field." Only one house in all of Brinkworthy's 137 homes has a view of the open field proposed for playing fields. I know. I lived in it for 11 years. The other seven homes that abut the field are screened by mature trees. Perhaps the person who made that comment was confusing that field behind Brinkworthy with the Hydro tower field that separates Brinkworthy homes from the main road.

"Beer leagues are rowdy and it scares us." Really? Thirteen-year-olds playing baseball and adults playing recreational soccer? We are not talking here about 60,000 chanting fans in a soccer stadium. And a PARC playing field would not have a liquor licence.

"The only road for cars and buses is outside their doors." The road to the proposed playing field would not go through the private property that is 135 Brinkworthy Rd. with its various roads for the 137 homes. No large bus or car would be "outside their doors." The road affected would be the public road leading off the main road up to 135 Brinkworthy and beyond. There are five other homes on that road and I understand Ms. Bronstein lives in one of them.

"Brinkworthy residents will be forced to see their road widened." The present public road is narrow, has ditches on each side and no

shoulders. Widening it would actually make it far safer for the occasional wheelchair and walker that does travel along this road to the main road.

"They should not be forced to live with a mosquito-producing pond adjacent to their homes to provide water to the public bathrooms." There is no pond now, and in the 11 years I lived next to the back field, no mosquitoes either. Brinkworthy is on town water, so the water pipes could be extended as needed, or a well could be dug.

"There is almost no farming land like this one." If the Brinkworthy field in question is such good farming land, why isn't it already being used for that purpose? To my certain knowledge, it has lain unused for at least 20 years.

And if the land behind Brinkworthy is to be used for farming, the seven or so acres that are currently bush and trees would have to be cleared; the same as for playing fields with the caveat that PARC would very likely not clear those seven acres at once, but incrementally as money became available.

"Islands Trust owes it to the community to insist on a real effort to find alternatives." PARC has been actively trying for at least seven years to find playing field land but each time was stymied either by NIMBY neighbours, or the land was too steep, too small or otherwise unsuitable.

And finally, "negotiated compromises do not resolve disputes of values." And here I thought all successful negotiations were just that, a compromise in which the interested parties each give up something they value in order to reach a solution.

We value the health and well-being of our children and our adults. They need playing fields so the teenage baseball players can play on a regulation sized field at home, rather than being forced to travel to Chemainus for their "home" games.

The writer is a former PARC member.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

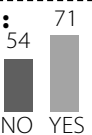
Should sandwich boards be banned in Ganges?

Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you satisfied with Trudeau's first six months?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We're trying to learn a lot, rather than saying we've got it all figured out and this is the plan."

MIKE HOEBL, RE: GALIANO ISLAND BUS PILOT PROJECT

SALT SPRING SAYS

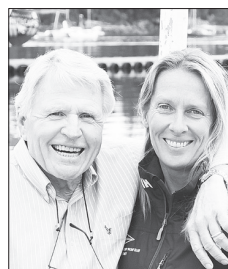
We asked:
What should people do to ensure safe boating in local waters?



GREG MIDDLETON
Know how much you don't know and how potentially dangerous the water is, and know how to use your marine radio.



CAROLYN WALKNER
Boating should be the same as driving a car: no alcohol and paying attention.



ROB & RUTH PETERS
We've seen a lot of accidents. People are often driving without lights in the dark and parents have children in dinghies without life jackets.



KELLY BURK
Don't drink, wear your safety equipment and observe the inner harbour speed limit.



JAMES WOOD
Make sure to have a life jacket and a signalling device.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Sky not falling

Full disclosure: to my knowledge, I have not fathered a child. I don't care one fig for baseball and, with some trepidation, I too am approaching old age.

That said, I am compelled to voice my support for the plan to establish a baseball field on Brinkworthy Road.

True, the proposed site is on ALR land, so let's not build an iron foundry or a hydroelectric dam there. Let's build a zero-impact ball field because maybe someday we might want to grow food for humans on that piece of land.

Let's acknowledge that site

planning must start at the intersection of Brinkworthy and Lower Ganges roads, and that traffic safety issues will be the first priority.

There are far greater threats to our future than children playing baseball. I would much rather see my (hypothetical) child playing baseball outdoors in the sunshine than sitting isolated in front of a video screen.

The sky is not falling. For those of you who are afraid, please calm yourselves and consider whether it's fair to ask that your limitations become your community's limitations.

**CHRIS DIXON,
MANSELL ROAD**

How would incorporation help drought?

What problem(s) is incorporation supposed to solve or simplify?

Please pardon my naiveté about what might be obvious to most, but I find it difficult to figure out how incorporation would provide an adequate fix for problems within our current system.

The incorporation study website provides this glimmer, "There is community concern in how Salt

Spring Island is governed, including how decisions are made and how services are provided and funded," which is vague.

I am concerned the governance studies and the referendum distract us from tackling more important political challenges, like the severe drought and our increased risk of wildfires.

At the Nov. 23, 2015 incorporation study open house at Fulford Hall, I asked the Urban Systems consultant whether either of the two governance systems in question is better than the other at deal-

ing with drought and he said, "No, they are equally capable of governing to address drought."

It is great that the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and Salt Spring Watershed Protection Authority are actively reviewing the Salt Spring Island Water Conservation and Demand Management Plan.

Meanwhile, nebulous governance questions appear to consume more oxygen than the frequent Stage-4 drought conditions.

**IAN PEACE,
RAINBOW ROAD**

Perspective appreciated

I would like to thank Tom Toynbee, Sr. for his wonderful bit of history of the Manson Road/Kanaka dock right of way ("Disputed site history recalled," May 11 Driftwood).

I think that gives us all a little bit of perspective of something that has become so political.

Most of the credit for this wonderful little bit of public space goes to Mouat's.

**GREG MIDDLETON,
SALT SPRING**

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Bring back the water and sail the Sea House

Trying to follow the latest developments in the recent dispute over the Tree House Café's practice of serving food and drinks to patrons sitting at tables in the adjacent laneway has caused what few functioning brain cells I have left to throw up their axons in surrender.

Just in case you've been late getting back to the island from your winter getaway in Melaque and are puzzled by the acrid controversy, here's a little background information that will probably confuse you even more.

For the last 15 years the funky and popular Tree House Café in Ganges has been serving overflow customers at tables that are not actually on the premises but in "Manson laneway," a narrow corridor under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island. Somehow, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are also involved in this dispute, and I wouldn't be surprised if Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks have got their foot in the squabble as well.

Two years ago, HASSI (or HASSL as some Tree House supporters are beginning to refer to the Harbour Authority representatives) sent a letter to Mark and Terena LeCorre, owners of the much beloved café, requesting them to cease and desist serving alcoholic beverages to tables along the laneway. Not wishing to be unfair to HASSI, we must remember that this is a group of well-intentioned volunteers who for years have acted upon their mandate to ensure the safety and well-being of Ganges Harbour. To them, the positioning of the tables in the laneway and the waiting on the tables by the café servers

could compromise rescue operations in the event of a harbour emergency.

Valdy once described Salt Spring as an argument surrounded by water and the analogy is particularly meaningful in this case. Much like the age-old boardwalk quagmire, it seems inconceivable that it could take so long for the opposing factions to reach a compromise that all parties can live with.

Remember, however, that this is Salt Spring. Since the aforementioned letter from HASSI, there have been at least two mediation meetings, consultations with elected officials of the CRD and Islands Trust, and a petition of support for the Tree House (which garnered 1,300 signatures in the first 24 hours, and then 2,534 by the time it was closed) calling for the preservation of "our social and economic harmony." Just recently, there has been an "occupy the Tree House" night of protest where over 100 musicians and cohorts staged a "sing-in" in the contested laneway to demonstrate their solidarity with the café owners. Organizers vow to continue this practice every Monday night until the dispute is resolved.

In the meantime, the café has had to cut back its operations. Threatened by the prospect of not being able to place tables in the laneway during the summer tourist season, the long-standing tradition of consecutive live music performances under the summer stars has had to be somewhat curtailed. Some have called the resulting silence a har-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

bour disaster.

Is there a way out of this cesspool of inaction? To solve this complex a problem, we have to get creative. Let's let our imagination run wild. First of all, let's remind ourselves that the disputed laneway used to be under water.

Most of the entire area that is now the Thrifty parking lot (including the now iconic Centennial Park) was created by backfilling Ganges Harbour in the middle of the last century to create more commercial space in the downtown core. Why not restore the property to its original condition?

That's right. We dredge the harbour and remove the landfill so that the murky waters of Ganges Harbour come lapping up to the tourist bureau building again. Of course, this means that if you want to do some shopping at the Saturday Market or the Tuesday Farmers' Market, you'll have to make sure you're dressed in scuba gear. But that's a problem for another day. Let's get back to the issue at hand.

What happens to the Tree House? Easy. We float it on pontoons. Call it the "Sea House" Café. Fly the Jolly Roger flag from its mast and turn it into the real pirate enterprise that some people are accusing it of being right now. Can you say "Aaargh"?

Okay, let's push the pirate ship scenario a little bit further. Anchored in the harbour in precisely the same spot now occupied by the Tree House, Captain Mark "Rotten to" LeCorre orders his crew of ne'er-do-wells to

perpetrate raiding forays onshore. Of course these motley pirates bring with them a sordid variety of grog and hootch, which they exchange with the shore-bound villagers for precious loot in the form of loonies and toonies. And if the locals acquire a taste for some couscous smothered in a tomato-eggplant sauce, this too can be accommodated in the ship's galley deep within the bowels of the Sea House.

As for the Tree House tradition of providing 111 consecutive evenings of live musical entertainment for the island, villagers will have to be content with hearing endless renditions of "Yo ho ho and a Bottle of Rum" being sung poorly yet energetically by a throng of drunken sailors aboard the Sea House.

For those of us with a keen interest in history, this may serve as a reminder of a time almost 150 years ago when the HMS Ganges (hence the name of our illustrious village) commanded by Captain John Fulford (yes, to whom Fulford Harbour owes its name) ploughed these waters and occasionally lobbed cannonballs ashore in a show of "gunboat diplomacy" to remind the inhabitants on these islands of the British military might. You may say that the actions of the Sea House pirate café would be a display of "gumboot diplomacy."

Nobody asked me, but if enough good people put their heads to it, it seems inevitable that a solution can be found and the tradition of 111 nights of "Music Under the Stars" can continue to light up the island. For the doubters out there, I have one word for you: Aaargh!



Looking for a dynamic volunteer experience? Curious about the Stewards in Training Program? Come join us at the Salt Spring Conservancy Office at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve Friday June 3rd from 2-4. Chat with current volunteers, try out some activities and enjoy some tasty refreshments. EVERYONE WELCOME. Please RSVP.

The Salt Spring Conservancy's "Stewards in Training" program provides a day of hands-on nature-based learning for students from kindergarten to Grade 8. It is a lovely way to share knowledge and help nurture the environmental stewards of the future. No experience working with children necessary. Lots of training provided.

RSVP Charlotte at CABowman@telus.net

Laneway campaign support welcomed

We express much appreciation and gratitude to everyone in our community who came together in unity again this week on Monday evening for the next Not-So-Silent Nights in support of the Tree House Café.

Our ongoing efforts in support of a permanent resolution to the Tree House laneway issue are having a positive impact in helping to reinstate the 111+ consecutive nights of Music Under the Stars program for 2017.

We are grateful for all of your continuing emails, letters and phone calls to Peter

Grove and George Grams of the Islands Trust, Wayne McIntyre of the CRD, our MLA Gary Holman and our MP Elizabeth May, all of whom have expressed their appreciation for your encouragement to enable them to permanently resolve the ongoing Tree House Café laneway issue by transferring the Manson Road laneway to the CRD.

Thanks also to supportive Salt Spring business owners such as Jill and Duart of Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery for printing and donating 400 Tree House Café postcards to send to our representatives.

This week we received yet another outpouring of generosity from our community-minded restaurant owners, including Dale of Moby's, John and Tim of TJ Beans, and everybody at Embe Bakery. These folks and their staff very kindly offered food and coffee to our rally, free of charge.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued support. We'll see you in the laneway again next Monday from 6 to 8 p.m.

KY FOX,
FOR THE MANY FRIENDS OF THE
TREE HOUSE CAFÉ

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Hosted by Elizabeth May
with Panelists Dr. Eoin Finn, a retired scientist and
Andrew Nikiforuk, author of Slick Water

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Holly no friend on the islands

Born in Devon, my memories are of Christmas pudding garnished with a sprig of holly, but here, 8,000 miles away on the West Coast of Canada where English holly is classified as a noxious, invasive weed, at home our choice of garnish has shifted to the native Oregon grape and, of course, extra brandy sauce.

On the King County, Wash. website under "noxious weeds" there is considerable information, including how holly was introduced in 1928 by the wife of lumber baron Alexander McEwen, who envisioned Washington as the "Holly State," presumably to replace the untidy old-growth forests her husband's company was logging at great speed, and it is estimated that 30,000 children cultivated and planted English holly in Seattle and King County parks over the next 10 years. It rapidly spread south to northern California and north to B.C. Research shows it has a strong, negative effect on native plant species and has the potential to become the dominant understory tree of the Pacific Northwest forests.

We have a four-acre property on Morrison Marsh on

Denman Island and I have removed thousands of English holly, ranging from single, tap-rooted stems pulled by hand to 12-inch-diameter behemoths that grow 40-feet high into multi-stemmed dense thickets.

It grows in sun or shade, in well-drained soil, particularly riparian forests, and spreads by suckering, layering and by its berries being eaten by certain birds. The cut stumps will sucker readily, so instead of using Roundup, I chainsaw or lop at ground level and am experimenting with covering with forest duff to reduce photosynthesis, and also methods of composting the trees. I will use these observations to help remove the thousands of holly in nearby Morrison Marsh Nature Reserve this fall.

But fear not, folks, apart from the challenging work required to remove all introduced noxious species, private property rights and our anthropocentric society where human and economic needs always trump nature will ensure that Old Country invasives are here to stay.

RICK LAING,
WILKIE WAY

Notice to the Public

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 30, 2016
4:30 pm to 7 pm
Harbour House Hotel

Meetings are open to the public.

For more information, please contact:

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Land shortage for farming is real

BY ELIZABETH WHITE

Salt Spring's farm organizations — the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance, the Farmers' Institute, Island Natural Growers and the Salt Spring Agricultural Advisory Committee — have all expressed opposition to the proposed playing fields at 181 Brinkworthy Rd.

This parcel of six hectares (15 acres) is in the Agricultural Land Reserve and zoned A1, meaning first-class agricultural land. The agricultural capability, based on the provincial soils classification, is Class 2 with improvement. There is no Class 1 land on Salt Spring, so this is as good as it gets. Six hectares of relatively level first-class agricultural land, with good water, unshaded by mountains and not in a frost pocket is a rarity.

Does Salt Spring have a surplus of good agricultural land? In 2006, the Ministry of Agriculture prepared a land-use inventory report for Salt Spring detailing the status of our farmland. This information is now 10 years out of date. Since then, more land has been excluded from the ALR or assigned for non-farm use, and land previously unused has been brought under cultivation. The inventory also does not identify land excluded from the ALR between 2006 and the original 1973 designation. The inventory therefore overstates the land currently available for farming and does not attempt to quantify the loss of farmland over time. Of the 2,920 ha of Salt Spring land in the ALR (in 2006), one third is not available for farming, and many of the ALR parcels are very small.

In 2006, 44 per cent of the land farmed on Salt Spring was not in the ALR. This does not mean that there is a surplus of good agricultural land outside the ALR. Much of the non-ALR land is permanent pasture used for sheep and not suitable for other types of farming. Some livestock farmers are no longer able to source sufficient hay on island, so have to import hay at considerable expense. The Salt Spring Farmland Trust has leased all its available land at the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm to young

farmers and is seeking donations of more land. Common sense tells us that flat land is at a premium on Salt Spring. All this suggests that we already have a shortage of good agricultural land, not a surplus.

What are the non-farm land uses in the ALR? Some of the land is forested and steeply sloped, or marshland, or otherwise unsuitable for farming. BC Parks owns much of Salt Spring's larger parcels of prime ALR land, including 63 ha of old hayfields in Burgoyne Bay which are no longer available. Other land uses in the ALR include roads, schools, industry, housing and the swimming pool. We are witnessing an irreplaceable loss of agricultural land at a time when agricultural activities are rebounding. The importance of agriculture for the island's economic, cultural and environmental sustainability has increased significantly over the last 20 years and the trend continues.

It has been said that in an emergency, playing fields can be converted back to agriculture. Technically this may be true, but politically it would not be doable, nor desirable. Anyway, we are not anticipating a WWII-type short-term emergency but a gradual decrease in the availability of imported foods over the next 30 and more years (due to extreme weather events), accompanied by increased local demand due to growth in population.

While the need for more playing fields is not in question, their location at 181 Brinkworthy Rd. would be very unfortunate from an agricultural perspective. Please let us respect the ALR and find an alternative site that is either unavailable or unsuitable for agriculture, or at least has been identified for future playing fields in our official community plan.

An online petition opposing the Brinkworthy site is available by searching for "brinkworthy" at www.ipetitions.com.

The writer is a board member of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance.

SAFE BOATING WEEK

Volunteers provide lifeline for boaters in local waters

New recruit applications welcomed

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Nic Futter joined Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue's Station 25, he admits to being unable to tell his port from his starboard. Aside from some time spent in speed boats over the years, Futter didn't know very much about being out on the water.

Fast forward five years and Futter has sailed on to become station leader of Salt Spring's RCMSAR unit. The experience has brought him up to speed on navigation skills, boat handling, rescue techniques, leadership and first aid training.

"When I joined I had almost no boating experience, but it was definitely the right fit," he said. "It's a very rewarding group to be in."

As the group launches its annual recruitment drive, Futter said new recruits still don't require extensive marine knowledge, only a desire to serve the community and work as part of a team.

Salt Spring RCMSAR responded to 32 call-outs in 2015. The group



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL ZOLOB

RCMSAR Station 25 volunteers respond to an incident involving a float plane in Maple Bay last year.

totalled 117 training exercises and members amassed about 35,000 volunteer hours of on-call duty. Calls can range from aiding vessels that have run out of fuel to participating alongside other agencies to assist in the search and recovery of vessels in distress.

"The most common thing we hear is 'I just bought this,'" Futter said.

Call-outs to assist people who aren't familiar with their vessels or

local waters top annual call-out lists. Many people are unfamiliar with their vessels and basic navigation techniques, oversights that make boaters likely candidates for careless mistakes.

Setting a high safety standard

The RCMSAR mandate, besides search and rescue duties, includes promotion of boating safety. At Station 25 this includes pleasure craft

safety checks, the junior program at Gulf Islands Secondary School and boating safety awareness at participating elementary schools.

Boating safety checks are conducted every spring at the Maple Bay Yacht Club and the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. They are intended to prepare the owners of pleasure craft for the summer season of on-the-water cruising, as violations of mandatory equipment regulations can result in fines.

"We are not an enforcement agency," explains Andrew Ross Collins, spokesperson for RCMSAR Station 25. "We just want vessels to be in good order so that operators, their guests and crew can enjoy the water safely."

The boating safety awareness program is offered to students in Grade 3 or 4 and presents them with basic water safety such as life jackets, recognizing and giving distress signals, information needed on the radio if they are in distress, and location awareness.

How to get involved

Futter said potential recruits need to meet three criteria prior to being asked for an interview. RCMSAR

members must not be colour blind, need to live within 15 minutes of the Station 25 base in Vesuvius and pass a mandatory criminal record check.

Following an interview and orientation stage, members undertake basic training that ensures they won't become liabilities when they head out on the water.

"They need to check off 18 little boxes that cover things like basic knot tying, survival in cold water and safety equipment," Futter said.

Once they've reached the basic crew level, members can undertake further safety and first aid training, and participate in call-outs with the team's 22 certified members.

Futter said prospective members need only pay for their Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (available online for approximately \$35) and come equipped with their own safety goggles and gloves. Everything else, from thermal underlayers to helmets and survival suits, is covered by the team.

For those who think active search and rescue may not be for them, the group also needs boating safety volunteers.

Visit www.rcmsar25.com for more information.



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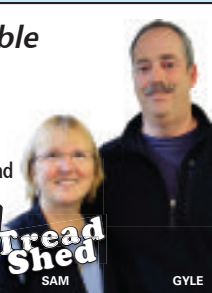
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Karen Cross

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PCS Pest Control Services owner Karen Cross has proved that putting an entrepreneurial spirit together with a much-needed community service is the key to forging a successful island business.

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"It's an extraordinary business to be in. There is a new challenge every day."

"It's an extraordinary business to be in," Karen agrees. "We're never doing the same thing twice. It's always changing."

Karen went into business in 1990 after noticing a need in the community. She started by getting her dispenser's certificate while working and then

moved on to her structural certificate and starting PCS, becoming one of only two women working in the industry.

Karen has been a member of the BC Structural Pest Management Association for over 20 years. She and her team stay abreast of the latest developments and technology, giving her team expert knowledge of pest habitats and treatment techniques. She is a Level 1 Thermographer qualified to do infrared camera inspections. PCS employs two full time technicians, Dave French and James Wood.

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Historic business plays central role in our community

Women key players in providing customer service excellence

Mouat's Trading has maintained a central presence in Salt Spring's business community for over 100 years, and women have been an important component of its success from the get-go.

'I like to focus on merchandising and making the toy department as inviting as possible,' says Sazjo.

Carol Wootton has worked in many of the store's departments since starting work in 2003. She's happy to have made housewares her mainstay in recent years, but also doesn't mind the rougher work.

"When I came here, I noticed all the happy people having a great time at work and applied," Carol recalls. "Wendy, the manager at the time, hired me for hardware because I was looking for a challenge. I took many courses and learned so much — I have

five brothers that are all handymen and was cut out for the job!"

Carol's favourite parts of working at Mouat's are the clientele and her co-workers.

"We get along famously," she says. She also loves the store's gourmet food products and at this time of year, the BBQ accessories and seasonings, sauces and treats.

Michelle Kay is a familiar friendly face at the store's pet department, where she's been working for six years. She applied because she wanted to work at Mouat's in particular, and she hasn't been disappointed. Along with the energy, Michelle enjoys getting products for people who need them, trying to get the best price for them and making people happy.

Gloria del Rosario started in the paint department 10 years ago because she was looking for a part time job where she could use her do-it-yourself talents. It was a perfect fit.

"I help a lot of people do and learn things — it's like



Women have been an important part of Mouat's ever since the store opened in 1907.

"I'm a teacher," Gloria says. "From mudding walls and prepping, or how to paint, I can help with anything. I can always advise customers on which products to use for what — and not to buy something they don't need!"

Gloria most often recommends the Beauti-Tone Designer Series line of paint, which she says is the best there is and can only be found at Home Hardware.

Sazjo Stone started working at Home Hardware about 4 years ago and she really enjoys being part of a community store. Her big project as of late has been giving the toy department some re-direction, with a focus on toys that enhance children's imagination and discovery.

Sazjo notes there are lots of nice wooden toys coming in and that the

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Kathleen worked as a property manager in the Lower Mainland for a number of years, which gave her the experience needed to run her own company. Connor Property Management is licensed to provide residential, commercial and strata property management. An

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When Kathleen is off the job she enjoys long hikes with her dog, gardening, boating and woodworking. Recently she began learning how to play the ukulele.



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Linda Koroscil

Visitors to the store often impressed by the quality products.

Love My Kitchen keeps it fresh

Love My Kitchen has been bringing high-quality kitchen products to Salt Spring for 25 years, after Linda Koroscil and Elsa Fraser decided to go into business in 1991.

Linda had spent seven years cooking at the

Though small in scale, the shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient way.

Vesuvius Inn, where she became famous for her Mexican cuisine, ribs and cheesecake — but

she was exhausted by the experience.

"I was turning into a dragon lady; everybody needs a change," she observes.

Love My Kitchen has proved to be just place to keep things fresh offering all the latest in kitchen gadgets. Visitors to the store often impressed to hear really great music on the sound system while they scope out the quality, durable, long-lasting products from Europe and Canada Love My Kitchen is known for. Though small in scale, the shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient way.

"If you can't find it,

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Merchants' Mews - Women @ Work

Merchants' Mews complex anchors homegrown island businesses

Salt Spring women working in homegrown industries have found an excellent place for putting out exemplary products and services at Merchants' Mews, with businesses such as Hart and Stone jewelry design, Jana's Bake Shop, Monsoon Coast Exotic World Spices and Wilco Construction all run from that location.

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Emily McPhee creates and hand-makes her entire Hart and Stone line in-house at Merchants' Mews. Her jewelry is inspired by nature and features minimalist designs and geometric cuts. Necklaces, earring, rings and bracelets are made with sterling silver, 14K gold fill, solid gold and semi-precious stones.

"More and more people are leaning towards buying handmade," Emily says. "And I think there's something special

about buying straight from the maker."

Jana Roerick's baked goods have become an institution on Salt Spring; locals have sought out small-batch baking at several island locations. Sharing her passion for quality baking is one reason that Jana started her business, along with the knowledge that good memories are often attached to good food.

"Customer service is so important," Jana says. "The audience may be 'captive,' but there are always alternatives. Treat your people well."

Monsoon Coast is another local culinary institution. Founded 20 years ago, it has been run to great success by Andrea LeBorgne for the past eight. Her line of 20 different spice blends brings world flavours to the North American palate, with something for everyone — from mild and aromatic to warm and spicy.



Merchants' Mews is home to a variety of businesses including professional offices, food producers and artists' studios.

"We make every batch by hand using quality ingredients. Our spice blends are second to none," Andrea says.

Sharon and Chental Wilson are the office managers who keep the business side of Wilco Construction running smoothly through their accounting and management backgrounds. The family run business was founded by their husbands Ian and Trevor who have been top name island contractors for 25 years.

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Fiona Foster

Fiona Foster, Account Manager for Driftwood Gulf Islands Media.

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Fiona Foster, an Account Manager for Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, is a woman who has been in business for 32 years. From running one-stylist hair salons to marketing new businesses she has felt the need to create and be in control of her own destiny.

Her life has taken her as far north as Fort McMurray and down to the borders of Mexico, for both work and pleasure. Always drawn back to Salt Spring, Foster enjoys the community and lifestyle of the island.

As an Account Manager, Foster handles a large account base and assists her customers with increasing their own clients.

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Canada. Please call me to get all the details on this study and other information that will help you increase sales," said Foster.

This research was funded by Canadian Heritage, and explores people's engagement with printed community newspapers in Canada. It found that community newspapers are by far the favourite source of local information. Time spent with a community newspaper is virtually unchanged compared to two years ago, and the predominant reason for reading printed community newspapers is for local information.

When it comes to purchasing attitudes, newspapers were found to be most useful for general information, price comparisons and deciding which make of vehicle to buy. In all stages of the path-to-purchase, newspapers and their sites were found to be most influential.

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Access Care Management has supported the Canadian Cancer Society since 2006 and has helped build a school in Larabanga, Ghana.

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Joan Johnson with Sophie



Joan and Brian Johnson have made their dreams come true by opening Whiskers Pet Store.

New store fuels healthy pets

Joan and Brian Johnson have traded 30+ years on the Sunshine Coast for the chance to make their dreams come true on Salt Spring, opening their brand new shop Whiskers Pet Store just last week.

Whiskers Pet Store offers high-quality nutritional pet foods, raw foods, toys and supplies.

The Johnsons' life has taken a 180-degree turn since finding out a space was available in March.

"We have searched for a great location for over two years and found it here in Ganges at the

old Sears location," says Joan, who worked at a pet store in Sechelt for four years and called it her "happy place."

Whiskers Pet Store offers high-quality nutritional pet foods, raw foods, toys and supplies for dogs, cats, birds and small pets. Plans for down the road include a pet grooming area and short-term pet sitting services.

The Johnsons love the Ganges area, the island's music scene, the beautiful surroundings and the welcoming atmosphere. And in just a short time open, they've already come to appreciate Salt Spring's healthy lifestyle, which

includes people who are looking for the best options for their pets.

"Dreams come true: I fell in love with Salt Spring when we visited three years ago," Joan says. "The chance to have our business come together at the same time as a move to the island will truly make this a happy place indeed."



EDUCATION

Local group boosts boating knowledge

Salt Spring's Canadian Power and sail squadron marks 42 years

BY DIANE LUGSDIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

North American Safe Boating Awareness Week 2016 runs May 21-28, with the Victoria Day long weekend being the traditional boating season start.

Since 1992, the Canadian Safe Boating Council has striven to remind boaters before they head out on the water of five key points (see sidebar on the right of this page).

Yet for longer, the Salt Spring arm of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron has worked hard to ensure that local boaters are prepared and equipped. Coincident with Safe Boating Week, the local chapter hosts its AGM on May 26 (4 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club clubhouse) to reflect on the past year's achievements (130 local course graduates), plan for the next and celebrate 42 years of serving Salt Spring boaters.



Salt Spring Canadian Power and Sail Squadron course instructors are, from left, Dave Howell, Michael Clark, Dennis Fortin, Brian Keir and John Lugsdin.

This past year was particularly busy with five different courses conducted, and some updated programs, such as radar and weather. Students were looking to both qualify as knowledgeable boaters and to upgrade their skills. Motivating our volunteer instructors and executive is the reality that if these courses did not run on Salt Spring, the cost for students to attend off-island would be prohibitive for many.

On Salt Spring, our climate blesses us with a nev-

er-ending boating season and an inspiring yet complex boating environment. As a result, we have a truly accomplished group of volunteer instructors sharing their wealth of experience.

This year students were grateful to instructors such as Dennis Fortin with 24,000 hours as a commercial pilot to the weather course; Tom McKeachie and Brian Keir, both long-time teachers of the mandatory marine radio course (local kayakers included); and Dave Howell, whose 37-year Canadian

Coast Guard career provided many anecdotes to spice up the radar curriculum. None of this would happen without the dedication of the local CPS executive, especially training officer Michael Clark, who together with commander John Lugsdin brings decades of sailing experience and enthusiasm to the Boating Basics programs.

Collaborating on the "informed boating" agenda, the sailing club provides classroom space plus co-hosted a series of informative presentations about favourite anchorages, both local and up our majestic coast. The local Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue crew also collaborates, bringing students and instructors to the courses.

So, greetings are extended to all Salt Spring Island boaters for yet another rewarding season on the water. Let's continue to work together to make every voyage a "safety aware" trip.

Contact membership officer Laura Dafoe at 250-537-8804 for information on how to participate.



Safety First!

The Canadian Safe Boating Council elaborates on its traditional Safe Boating Week tips:

1. Wear your lifejacket or PFD because it can only save you if you wear it. Eighty per cent of boating-related fatalities involve persons who weren't wearing their flotation device.
2. Don't drink and boat. Save your favourite alcoholic beverage for when you return to shore. Impaired boating is a contributing factor in 40 per cent of boating-related fatalities.
3. Take a boating course. The more you know, the safer you'll be and you'll also enjoy your outings more.
4. Be prepared, both you and your vessel. Make sure that you have checked the weather, told someone where you're going, when you'll be back and who to call if you're late. Make sure that your boat is mechanically sound and that you have a full tank of gas.
5. Understand the risks of cold-water Immersion. Dress for the water temperature rather than the air temperature and make sure you have a way to get back into your boat if you fall overboard and you're alone.

Boating-related fatalities continue to decline year over year, but statistics provided by the Lifesaving Society report that the numbers hit 102 across Canada in 2015. Together, we can work to drastically reduce these incidents by always wearing a lifejacket or PFD, never drinking and boating, and not taking part in risky behaviours while on the water.

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ART REVIEW

London's rich art scene informs side-by-side shows

Photo exhibits at Fault Line Projects and Gallery 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The intersection of art, fashion and music that exploded out of London starting in the early 1960s was a powerful catalyst for yet more creativity. It inspired the youth culture both indigenous to that city and beyond, attracting people from far-off provincial outposts to pack up and head to the source.

The reverberations of that fertile period are still being felt today, as evident in two new photo shows on Grace Point Square: David Wisdom is the inaugural feature artist at the new Fault Line Projects space, while Gillean Proctor has a solo show at Gallery 8.

Fault Line Projects is the creation of new Salt Spring resident Nigel Harrison and his partner Amy Jones. Harrison has worked in the contemporary art world for decades, beginning in London and then as a partner in the Catriona Jeffries Gallery in Vancouver. Harrison and Jones hope to offer a flexible and diverse art experience within the commercial space at Fault Line Projects that includes exhibitions, workshops, speakers and even publishing.

Fault Line Project's show London Belongs to Me features early photographs by Wisdom, who gained national fame as a CBC radio host. Before that he was a musician and an artist connected with some of today's best-known Canadian photographers. He visited London in 1968 as a guest of Ginger Baker from the band Cream, and returned in 1970, living in shared space with Vancouver photographers Ian Wallace and Jeff Wall and their families. While doing odd jobs like document delivery boy, he was capturing a city at a turning point.

"I remember how I felt when I was taking these photos. I felt like I had something; I felt like I was finding my vision and this is how I would use photography for the rest of my life," Wisdom said.

Street scenes reflecting London's fashion and art movements are interposed with brick terrace housing, 19th-century shop



National Tri Cone guitar c. 1929. Photo by Gillean Proctor.

fronts and figures who are the last vestiges of the past, such as an organ grinder and "Prince Gypsy Lee" and his caravan.

"That was what attracted me, taking photos, is every age that London had gone through was still there," Wisdom said.

Unusual for art photography of the time, Wisdom shot on colour film. The result is that today's viewers get a sense of the overlapping decades in the aging architecture, plus the delights of contemporary flare such as a young woman in a shocking green and purple outfit. A scene of a Portobello Road record shop is full of local flavour with its Motown window display and cool guys lounging outside.

In addition to the photos on the wall, viewers can take home a collection of 25 of Wisdom's images, which Fault Line Projects printed as a set of postcards. Not all the images are the same as those on exhibit, since Wisdom selected some from the period that he thought worked best as postcards.

Next door at Gallery 8, photographer Gillean Proctor is sharing Great Guitars, a collection of work that owes some influence to nearly the same time and place. Proctor was a teenager living in London in the early 1960s, and he too was greatly inspired by what was happening there. Those feelings were stirred up again when an acquaintance showed Proctor an amazing collection of hundreds of vintage guitars that were hidden away in a basement room.

"It just knocked me out. It was sort of like discovering Tutankhamun's tomb," Proctor said. "I think the other thing that interested me about the collection was they kind of chronicled the times of the '60s and the enormous changes in art and fashion, which was quite exciting and turbulent. So it really stirred up nostalgia in me."

Proctor is known for his bold graphic images, but in bringing these guitars to light, he wanted to avoid the look of a commercial catalogue. He therefore worked with each instrument individually to capture it at an angle that speaks both to its design and its place in history. As well, Proctor built in backgrounds of barely visible text and design elements related to each guitar. The "ghosting" creates a soft and slightly mysterious backdrop for the super-crisp and well-lit instruments.

Detailed tags help viewers understand the history associated with each instrument and why it was important as well as beautiful. Standouts from the collection include a 1975 Gibson with an ebony black finish. Proctor photographed it at a low angle over the instrument's body so that it fills the frame, appearing like a landscape of glossy rises and valleys with the bridge cutting through the scene on the diagonal, like train tracks.

When it came to a silver National Tri Cone guitar from 1929, Proctor wisely chose an approach straight from above to capture all the beautiful embellishments etched into



Portobello Road Organ Grinder, London W11. Photo by David Wisdom.

the metal and the inherent design components. The stylized designs are echoed in larger size in the background ghosting, while National is spelled out in curving text under the straight neck, balancing the negative space and paying homage to the historic brand at the same time.

A Home-Orme guitar-shaped mandolin from 1897 was also shot from above, but posed over a beautiful etched leather case. The instrument also has fine decoration in mother of pearl and contrasts an ornamented ebony headstock with a curved panel beneath the sound hole.

Great Guitars runs at Gallery 8 through June 3. London Belongs to Me at Fault Lines Projects is ongoing to June 30.

Salt Spring Clown Festival* Presents:
 Bad Bad Bunny Theatre Company

In the Blue of Evening
 May 27th & 28th at 8:00 pm
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MUSIC & MUNCH

Holiday celebrated at recital

Fond farewell to Judy Sims

On June 1 at Music and Munch, Salt Spring will celebrate the life and music of the iconic jazz singer "Lady Day" Billie Holiday for the third time.

But this event will be extra special, as the island bids farewell to its Lady of Song, Judy Sims, who is featured in the performance.

Sims is well known within the jazz community on the island. For more than 10 years she and her band Sweetwater have delighted audiences at various events and venues. She has brought her dusky alto voice and unique styling to a host of favourite jazz classics, once sung by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone and Ms. Holiday. Sims has now decided to leave the island and move back to the southwest U.S., to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

For the concert, Sims has chosen some of

her favourite Billie songs, including God Bless the Child, A Fine Romance and I Can't Give You Anything But Love. Her friend and admirer Hannah Brown will try to balance the nostalgia of these love songs by singing a couple of Billie's legendary blues. Accompanying Sims and Brown will be some very fine musicians, including past members of Sweetwater: John Moore, tenor sax; Frank Huether, piano; Alan Wardroper, bass; Jim Shultz, guitar; and Bruce Cameron on drums.

The free performance begins at the usual 12:10 p.m. to be followed by an optional delectable light lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers.

After 20 years of regular Wednesday noon-hour Music and Munch offerings, the Billie Holiday show brings the program to an end.

A final all-day concert will occur on Wednesday, June 8. See next week's Driftwood for more details.

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what's on this week



Wed. May 25

ACTIVITIES

Transition Salt Spring AGM. Annual general meeting at Portlock Park portable. 10 a.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. Open at the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Film Screening of Solace: Wisdom of the Dying. From Camille Adair's intimate experiences with people facing the end of their lives. Part of SS Hospice's End of the Reel film series. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
New Work - Artists' Talk. Artists Anna Gustafson, Paul Burke and Sophia Burke will talk about their new work and creative process at the Duthie Gallery. 7:30 p.m.
SSI Garden Club. With guest speaker Bill Terry, author of *The Carefree Garden: Letting Nature Play Her Part*. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
Poker. Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m.
SongJam. On hiatus this week.

Thur. May 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

May-3-Way. Geoff Berner, Carolyn Mark and Kris Demeanor in concert at the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.
Sparkfest. With performers Marta of e.s.l., Billie Woods and Julia Beattie, Trinity Forbes and The Wild Romantics. Barb's Bakery & Bistro. 7 p.m. Plus silent auction. A fundraiser for the Pass It On program.
Open Mic. With Ross & Dave at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
The Racket. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Midsummer Night's Dream. Acting 11/12's original take on Shakespeare comedy. In the GISS courtyard. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

United Church Meadow Landscaping Work Party. Parishioners host a public work party in the United Church Meadow between 9 a.m. and noon.
SSI Canadian Power and Sail Squadron AGM. Annual general meeting at the SSI Sailing Club clubhouse. 4 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
Book Launch: Medical Man by Helen Webster. Set against the backdrop of powerful events in Canadian and world history, *Medical Man* includes real-life medical stories of Dr. T. Robert Ross. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 5 p.m.

Fri. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Midsummer Night's Dream. Acting 11/12's original take on Shakespeare comedy. In the GISS courtyard. 7:30 p.m.
In the Blue of Evening. A clowning presentation by Amelia Van Brunt of Bad, Bad Bunny theatre company from San Francisco. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.



Country Honk. Live music at The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.

Julia Beattie & Billie Woods. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Patsy Cline Tribute. Live music at the Legion. 8 p.m.
Sam Weber Band. Indie rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday listing.
Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Annual fundraiser based from Centennial Park.
Storytime at the Library. Combines stories, songs and interactive activities. Suitable for children 3 to 6 years old. Every Friday at Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

Sat. May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Brothers. Every Saturday at The Local. 3 to 6 p.m.
Organ Dedication and Recital. Celebration of newly refurbished organ at All Saints By-the-Sea, with Don Conley at the console. 7 p.m.
Lovers Touch. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
In the Blue of Evening. A clowning presentation by Amelia Van Brunt of Bad, Bad Bunny theatre company. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
She Stole My Beer. Acclaimed Vancouver band performs at The Legion. 8 p.m.
Interchill Records Evening with DJ Michael Red. DJ music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Proportional Representation With Gary Holman. Discussion of alternate voting system options with guest speaker Saanich North and the Islands NDP MLA Gary Holman. SS Library Program Room. 5 p.m.
Toddler Time at the Library. Thirty minutes of stories, rhymes and simple activities best suited for children aged 3 and under. Every Saturday at Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Turning Straw Into Gold: The Art of Self-editing. Lorraine Gane leads a workshop for writers, editors, artists and anyone seeking to improve their writing. SS Public Library. Info/register: lorrainegane@shaw.ca; 250-537-5294 or www.lorrainegane.com

Sun. May 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

1st Annual West Coast Django & Jazz Matinee. An afternoon of world-class gypsy jazz and jazz music featuring Oliver Gannon, Cory Pesaturo, Quinn Bachand and Brishen. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.
Harry Warner & Friends. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Native American Flute Playing Workshop. Beginners Flute Playing Workshop. Flutes provided. Stowell Lake Farm. 1 p.m. Info: rommyflutes@shaw.ca; 250-749-6563

Mon. May 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Scott Cook House Concert. With Shari Rae on stand-up bass at Stowell Lake Farm. Doors at 7 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting. Public meeting with BC Ferries officials and the SSIFAC. Harbour House Hotel. 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Tue. May 31

ACTIVITIES

Improv Theatre Workshop. The Salt Spring Improv Workshop meets every Tuesday night at the high school (Room N208) for fun and silly improv games. Everyone age 15 and up is welcome. No experience necessary. GISS. 7 p.m.

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Wed. June 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Billie Holiday Tribute. Final Music & Munch recital featuring Judy Sims and musical friends, and a farewell to Judy, who is leaving Salt Spring Island. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m. Followed by an optional lunch.
Rae Spoon with E.S.L. and LAL. Triple bill of live musical acts. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.
Film Screening of In the Parlor: The Final Goodbye. Heidi Boucher, the film's producer, presents a touching film looking at home deaths. In the Parlor presents families in search of a more personal and fulfilling way to say goodbye by taking an active role in caring for relatives who have died. Part of SS Hospice's End of the Reel film series. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
SongJam. Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub at 8 p.m.

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 Thu, Feb 25 Youth Book Club ...
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Event Calendar - Salt Spring Tourism
 www.saltspingtourism.com/event-calendar
 Jan 19, 21-15 - SALT SPRING ISLAND EVENT CALENDAR. Whatever is happening on Salt Spring, you will find it here! ... Anna Halbach and Luis Anjojo of Salt Spring's Annual Art Collectives have created Paradise Lost?

Events | ArtSpring
 saltsping.com/events/2016/
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ArtSpring - Salt Spring's Centre for the Arts
 saltsping.ca/
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CINEMA

- A Hologram for the King** — Starring Tom Hanks. A businessman sent to Saudi Arabia to close the deal of a lifetime fights local customs and bureaucracy, eventually finding help from a wise-cracking taxi driver and a beautiful Saudi doctor.
- National Theatre Live: Hangmen** — Harry is something of a local celebrity. But what's the second-best hangman in England to do on the day they've abolished hanging? Cub reporters and pub regulars are dying to know. The Royal Court Theatre production of the hit comedy by Martin McDonagh runs Thursday, May 26 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at the cinema from 6 to 7 p.m., Friday to Tuesday.

EXHIBITIONS

- Duthie Gallery** presents *New Work*, featuring three artists from one family showing together for the first time: *Anna Gustafson, Paul Burke* and *Sofia Burke*. The artists will talk about their work and creative process at the Duthie Gallery on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. The show called 'new work' opened May 21 and continues till June 30 at the gallery at 125 Churchill Road.

- Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square presents *Great Guitars*, an exhibition of photographs by **Gillean Proctor**, running daily through June 3.
- David Wisdom** presents *London Belongs To Me*, photographs and more, at the new **Fault Line Projects** exhibition space at 3106 Grace Point Square, continuing through June.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents *Uncover Inuit Art - Art and Artefacts* from the 19th century to the 21st century through June 26.
- Rasma Bertz** shows *Colour of Honey*, an exhibition of photos featuring bees and other pollinators, at Fernwood Road Cafe through June 13.
- Contemplations on Nature and Spirit**, mandala and abstract paintings by **Dara Clayden**, is in the **library program room** throughout the month of May.
- Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** shows **Susan Haigh's** acrylic and oil paintings of wildflowers through May. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-ish.
- The Mardi Mob Collective** presents *Island Faces* — Portraits from Life in the **ArtSpring lobby** areas in the month of May.
- Salt Spring Gallery** artists have work hanging in **Island Savings**.
- Megan Manning** has photographs at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe** in May.
- SOLID** shows African art by **Louise Adele**.

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ROCK MUSIC

She Stole My Beer plays the Legion

Island connections lead to rare tour stop

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Veteran Vancouver rock band She Stole My Beer will play a one-off concert on Salt Spring this Saturday, May 28, paying tribute to a community to which several bandmates have strong ties.

Singer-songwriter Tom Taylor explains: "I spend a lot of time on Salt Spring, and the band recorded our album Mule at our place in the '90s, so we all have a connection with the island. My wife was raised on Salt Spring. Her family has a lot of history dating back to the late 1800s, so there's a lot of fondness on our end."

Taylor's family has owned an old farm in the Burgoyne Valley since 1970. His wife Sarah is the granddaughter of none other than Hart Bradley, and Lang Road was named after her great-great-grandfather John Charles Lang. The Langs owned Fernwood Farm in the early 1900s. Bandmate Dean Waisman has also had a place on the island for years and spends a lot of time there.

Saturday night's show at the Legion is a special kind of homecoming, then, for



Tom Taylor of She Stole My Beer. Taylor and his band are at the Legion this Saturday night.

a band that originated on Vancouver's north shore and surged to popularity in the 1990s.

"Like many great bands, She Stole My Beer is tough to hang a label on," press material says. "Two albums, a touring period, and a rude awakening to the realities of the music business have all come and gone, but the live shows live on with just enough

infrequency to keep their devoted fan base coming back in droves."

The band unofficially lists influences like Lynard Skynyrd, Neil Young and John Prine. "The result is a live show made up of a mix of covers and originals with a repertoire large enough that they have never been accused of ever having done the same show twice. While the studio days are gone and the gigs are restricted by personal schedules and the band rarely wanders far from its base in the Lower Mainland, they still pack 'em in and never struggle to find a venue to take on a guaranteed sell out."

She Stole My Beer retains a strong fan base in Whistler, reflecting the population of a flourishing town that doesn't quite want to let go of a lost era when a gig from the band was a fairly regular event.

"The crowd you see today still brings the same energy, but they likely scrambled to find a babysitter to make it out to the show, while in the old days all they needed was a safe place to lock up their bike and a little help scrounging up the \$10 to get in. It's a huge credit to both the showmanship and the music itself that a SSMB gig is still an event that gets the town buzzing."

The show starts at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available through Eventbrite.

LIVE THEATRE

Actors merge Beatles and Shakespeare

A Midsummer Night's Dream runs at GISS on May 26 and 27

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mixed-up young lovers frolicking in a magical forest and a bunch of tradesmen who are would-be actors: It kind of sounds like Salt Spring, doesn't it?

Those are also some of the elements of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, making it an ideal candidate among the bard's long list of creations to stage on-island. This year's Acting 11/12 class at Gulf Islands Secondary School has decided to take up the challenge, adding their always unique perspective to the classic during two shows in the GISS courtyard on Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Led by acting teacher Jason Donaldson, students are promising "a magical mystery tour through Titania and Oberon's enchanting faerie kingdom filled with star-crossed lovers, hard-working mechanicals, pompous royals and a mule who thinks he's the star of the show." Their take is an exciting mix of historic and more contemporary compositions, with a soundtrack by The Beatles inspiring an update of the setting from classical Greece to a 1970s-era garden party.

Acting student Charlie Beaver started this line of experimentation by playing around with one of the best (and wackiest) Beatles tunes ever, I am the Walrus. His classmates were immediately enthused and the '70s plan quickly formulated.

"The Beatles process started a very swift, organic and startling process of decision-making at a point when lots of decisions were being made [about the direction of the play]," Beaver explained.

Dealing as it does with thwarted love, issues of power and control and quite a bit of slapstick humour, the play's themes apply quite naturally to the modern teen. Taking on Shakespeare's language and concepts have been an admitted challenge, but a rewarding one for those involved.

Students have also enjoyed putting their own stamp on the material, especially exploring their adopted time period. Most of the costumes are vintage pieces from the '70s sourced from thrift stores and family members' closets because, as they note, it's hard to find contemporary-made corduroy flares and velour track suits.

Student Maja Nordine advises people to not come with a preconceived idea of what to expect in a Shakespeare play.

"I think that even though some of the story lines are elevated and mature, we've adapted it to experiences in our own lives and approach it with energy and youth. It's going to be magical," she said.

CLOWNING ARTS

Dementia explored through clowning arts

Fools excited to present Van Brunt

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An award-winning actress and comedian from San Francisco will present her one-woman show on Salt Spring this weekend, with two performances of In The Blue Of Evening at ArtSpring on May 27 and 28.

Amelia Van Brunt asks the question, "Who are we without our memories?" in her hilarious

and heartbreaking piece, which chronicles a battle with dementia using the arts of clown, Commedia dell'Arte, surrealism and grotesque physical theatre.

Salt Spring's Bob Twaites and the Festival of Fools was fortunate to entice Van Brunt to the ArtSpring stage by way of a weeklong appearance with the Intrepid Theatre and Uno Festival in Victoria, whose producers graciously permitted her to extend her stay.

Van Brunt is a professional actor, creator, clown, dancer, fire spinner and burlesque per-

former, and artistic director of the theatre company Bad, Bad Bunny. In The Blue Of Evening, the culmination of an artist residency with the San Francisco Circus Center, is Van Brunt's solo exploration of memory, life and death, loneliness and the elements.

"Alone in her home, we meet a woman named Mona, who is fighting to hold onto her memories and very existence against the forces threatening to wash it all away," press material explains. But as the clowning part of her resume suggests,

Van Brunt's treatment is not completely serious. Reviewers have described a "stunning and fantastical epic journey whisking us from a living room to the high seas" that is "equal parts hilarious and touching."

Van Brunt and her partner Ross Travis will give a workshop for GISPA students while they're on Salt Spring, as well as a public workshop limited to 12 participants. For information on how to register, see the Facebook page called In the Blue of Evening: Two Nights Only.

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SENIORS

New board takes helm at seniors centre

Garden area takes shape

All new board members of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society were elected by acclamation at the AGM on April 29.

The new board consists of president Jean Elder, vice president Peter Steager, secretary Lois Sprague, treasurer Carolyn Evans, and directors at large Nic Kokas, Elizabeth Dow, Peter Haase and Shellyse Szakacs. They received a hearty welcome from the members present.

The outgoing board members thanked all the volunteers for their ongoing support and especially thanked those retiring from their volunteer positions: Betty Ball from her reception position and Joan and Alan Dennis from their lunch coordinator's position. These are very valuable volunteers who will be missed greatly!

The outgoing board was also thanked and volunteers David Counts and Brenda Stevens will be hard to replace.

In the garden

The front garden at the centre at 379 Lower Ganges Rd. is beginning to take shape. Anyone who really wants to make a difference to the street scene across from Country Grocer is welcome to join the gardening volunteers.

We also welcome native plants from anyone's garden to add to our easy-care patch.

SENIORS CENTRE NEWS

Just leave a message at the centre or email saltspring seniors@shaw.ca.

Choral notes

Conductor Shirley Bunyan received flowers of thanks from the Lost Chords at the last practice of the season.

During the past year, this award-winning seniors choir performed at Meadowbrook, Heritage Place, Braehaven and Extended Care, and joined the children at Fulford School in a morning of song in March. They're always looking for new members, especially those lusty bases. Choir starts again in September.

Farewell to Anna

We are very sad to hear that our hard-working Anna Newall will be leaving Seniors, and Salt Spring. After a well-deserved holiday, she will be moving to Nanaimo.

She has been a faithful volunteer at the centre, collecting, counting, detailing and delivering our



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Anna Newall behind the reception desk at Salt Spring Seniors. The much-valued volunteer will be missed as she moves to Nanaimo.

funds to the bank every week. And she is always so cheerful.

We wish her good luck in her new home.

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Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 10-11 am

Highland Fernwood Local Service Commission

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 1-2 pm

Malview Sewer Commission

Tuesday June 14, 2016 from 2-3 pm

Fulford Water Service Commission

Thursday, June 16, 2016, from 1-2 pm

Liquid Waste Service

Thursday, June 16, 2016, from 2-3 pm

Cedar Lane Water Service Commission

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 10-11am

Beddis Water Service Commission

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 11-12 pm

Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 1-2 pm

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??

We are seeking volunteers for terms which begin on January 1, 2017.

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Nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meetings as shown above for two year terms beginning in January 2017.

Contact 250.537.4448 for more information or email: saltspring@crd.bc.ca

HEALTH CARE

Funds aid health-assistant training

Islanders can get certified closer to home

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring will reap some of the benefit of a provincial government decision to allocate more than \$500,000 to train 56 health professionals in under-served areas.

"The health sector is one of B.C.'s largest and fastest-growing areas, and this targeted investment to train health-care assistants and mental health and addictions workers will help us meet the current and future health-care needs of British Columbians," said Health Minister Terry Lake in a statement that accompanied the May 18 funding announcement. "Training more health-care professionals is good news."

Among the 56 new student oppor-

tunities are 12 spots in a health-care assistant program on Salt Spring. The full-time program will last seven months and begins in October. The province is contributing \$155,000 for the seats.

The funding gives islanders who want to become health-care assistants a chance to complete their training through Camosun College without having to travel to Victoria. Graduates will get the skills needed to work as front-line caregivers for the elderly and the disabled in the community or in care-facility settings.

"This funding is exciting news that allows Camosun College to accept even more students and prepare them for rewarding and satisfying careers in health-related fields," said Cynthia Smith, dean of Camosun College's School of Health and Human Services.

The announcement follows a grant application and online survey created earlier this year to assess local demand for the program. The campaign was led by Maggie Allison, manager of career development and community initiatives with School District 64.

Allison said about 40 people responded to the needs survey. The decision to move ahead with 12 seats is based on how many positions are needed for graduates on the island.

"It's going to happen," she said. "It's seven months and [without this program] people who want to train need to leave their families. You can't commute, you really have to live in Victoria."

More information about the class is available by following the links at camosun.ca.health or contacting Allison at mallison@sd64.bc.ca.

ENVIRONMENT

Sailing club flies Clean Marine flag

Environmental practices honoured

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club is the first boating facility in the southern Gulf Islands to be recognized for its commitment to environmentally sustainable operations through the Georgia Strait Alliance's award-winning Clean Marine BC program.

Clean Marine BC is a voluntary eco-certification program that demonstrates a commitment to environmental best practices by yacht clubs, marinas, harbour

authorities, and boatyards that reduce and/or eliminate contaminants from entering area waters.

"We are a cooperative sailing organization, and our membership values not only fostering and promoting interest in cruising and sailing, but encouraging the responsible management and use of our waters," said Eric van Soeren, past commodore of the sailing club, in a press release. "The CMBC program helps guide the club in how to continually improve our operations."

SSISC's eco-rating follows a successful site verification. A flagraising ceremony was held at the club on May 1.

EDUCATION

Fernwood kids spend time with elders

Reading and singing at Greenwoods part of Grade 3-4 class activities

BY ROMAN WELLINGTON
GRADE 4 STUDENT
FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fernwood's Grade 3 and 4 class has been visiting Greenwoods residents throughout the school year.

The students spend the day in town swimming and having lunch in the park before ending the day with a visit to the elderly care home.

Nicky, the recreation organizer at Greenwoods, always meets us at the front door and leads us to the residents lounge where the elders hang out.

Our visits to the care home are often to read with the elders, or sing along with them while local piano player Murray Shoobraid plays along. Murray is a really good piano player.

We also play word games with the residents and have a lot of laughs.

Before we leave, Nicky thanks us for coming by giving us all cookies and juice.

The residents seem so cheerful when we visit!



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Fernwood student Caleb Grange reads with Greenwoods resident Nora Gibson.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

June outings end season

Club takes a break for summer

Prevost Island Excursion

The de Burghs and family are looking forward to hosting us on Prevost Island on June 14.

Pre-registration is required. This activity is open to SSTNC members only. Please assemble at the sea-plane dock at 9:45 a.m., lunch and water in hand, for a 10 a.m. departure. Return will be at about 2 p.m.

For more information about this trip, see the June 14 events page at www.saltspringtnc.ca or contact John Heddle at jheddle@yorku.ca.

Strawberry Festival

The 2015-2016 hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival on June 21 in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Hikers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.

Hikers

June 7: Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry oak meadows. Some sections will be steep. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign. Drivers be aware that Mountain Road is a single-lane, winding dirt road with potholes.

June 14: Join the excursion to Prevost Island.

June 21: The Hikers are organizing the Strawberry Festival. If you can be part of the team,

please let Jean know. Join the Walkers if you wish some pre-lunch exercise.

Walkers

June 7: Harry Burton leads us on a south-end walk of the old Monk property, once a farm extending from King Road to the water at the bottom of Stevens Road. We will visit the Grandmother Tree and have lunch at Hachy's Cove. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet the leader at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.

June 14: Join the excursion to Prevost Island.

June 21: There will be a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the lower picnic area at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.

Ramblers

June 7: Ramble with Sterling and Maureen on Duck Creek. Bring a lunch. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

June 14: Join the excursion to Prevost Island

June 21: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to Ruckle Park. We will ramble in the park before the Strawberry Festival. Bring a lunch.

Membership

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Linda Quiring (president) at 250-537-5116, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

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More information: www.saltspringtnc.ca.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Adoption of Bylaw 4100, Amendment to Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw

The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw 4100, Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2016, at its meeting of Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in the Board Room at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC.

The purpose of the bylaw is to increase the tipping fee at the Hartland landfill, effective January 2, 2017, for the following:

- kitchen scraps to \$120 per tonne
- out-of-region asbestos containing materials to \$500 per tonne
- out-of-region contaminated gypsum board or wallboard to \$500 per tonne.

To address worker and customer health and safety, definitions for Asbestos Containing Material and Vermiculite Insulation have been added, and the definition of Surface Coating Waste has been expanded.

A copy of the bylaw may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, from the date of this Notice until June 8, 2016, at the locations listed below:

- Public Notice Posting Place, Main Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- Hartland Landfill Administration Offices, Hartland Avenue, Victoria
- the CRD website, www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/solidwastehartlandla/index.htm. Select Bylaw 4100 from the list of bylaws.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Jupiter and Mercury are now direct and Mars, Saturn, and Pluto remain retrograde. These three heavy hitters digging in and deeply are perpetuating the pull away from straight and forward. This is ever the case with planets in retrograde producing complex psychological currents.

Mars re-entering Scorpio by retrograde on May 27th is especially noteworthy. Positively, Mars co-rules Scorpio along with Pluto so at least it is in a placement of honor and thus of relative harmony. Yet it remains that retrograde planets produce degrees of inertia. The way to work with the energy is to go with it, not against. This includes inner action but which may be satisfied with resolving long-standing issues or revisiting unfinished business and so on. Cleaning, clearing and completing remain keywords.

Meanwhile, Jupiter and Saturn formed the second of two exact square aspects on May 26th with the first occurring on March 23rd under the dimmed light of the eclipsed Moon on March 23rd. It should not come as a big surprise that such aspects coincide with the economic slowdown. But this too will pass and we are already now on the rebound.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You have entered a complex cycle. On one hand you want to be extra focused, yet you also want to attend to a variety of areas and, all the while you, you feel stressed because you want to get more done than you can in the given time frame. Lowering your expectations and increasing your patience will help.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) You are back in the game. Either due to a hiatus and/or to a series of distractions your usual rhythm was disrupted. It may take a while to get back fully yet the rebound has begun. Consequently, your confidence levels are also on the rise. Deep changes continue to rumble within, yet they have become the new norm anyway.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) As emerging from a fog you can see the sun and sky again. Now everything appears vivid and colorful and you want to experience the full spectrum. Happy to yield the spotlight to others these days you are happy to go unnoticed. However, you may not have as easy a time letting go of control. Surrender to the flow.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Your sights are set on the future. Yet, you are happy to reflect for a while before you commit. This focus will actually deepen before it ends. Take your time to read, learn and get the facts. Relax into the realization that, while you will soon, it is not yet time to take big deliberate action.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Who do you know who can pull for you? This is one of those times when you may need to reach out for stored favors. However, be careful not to become needy and lean on others, not too much anyway. On the other hand, the time is right to open new doors. Meanwhile, you probably have work to do close to home and within as well.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Increased professional focus and activity are likely now. It includes fortifying foundations subject to new visions of possibility. This includes the acquisition of new knowledge and tools. Circumstances are demanding that you take matters into your own hands more fully. This is one of those times when it is your destiny to make your own luck.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Social and cultural

interests and activities are gaining your attention. Yet, research and investigation remain necessary. You may want to achieve more than usual now so you will have to manage your time effectively. Your ambitions may exceed your drive. Having full faith in the flow may be a bit harder these days, but you can do it.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) There is nothing wrong with wanting both this and that. The real problem is when each one is at opposite ends of the spectrum. You can have both but probably just one at a time. The next decision is which to go for first. Also, one may reveal the higher road and the other less so. So, it is work now and play later or the reverse?

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) New interests and opportunities on relationship fronts are coming to your attention. Fun and frolic are good possibilities if you engage. Yet your thoughts are immersed in work and critical analysis. Also, you may be dealing with other issues preventing you from feeling light and spontaneous enough to engage. Then again, you could use the break.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Many new thoughts are dancing in your mind. As satisfying as that may be, you would like to introduce some order and structure. Freestyle moves have their time and place, but sometimes a bit of formality can prove quite satisfying. Moving from thought to action is the other issue but it all begins with the first step.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) You have entered a creative and playful cycle. There remains work to do including organizing your affairs. The biggest hurdle is getting clear on your needs and responsibilities. Returns are coming in and you do have reason to feel confident. Yet change is in the air and is its own source of stress. Be here now and play anyway.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) If you could you would hover close to home this month. Can you? Perhaps with some strategic planning, you could do just that. Making constructive use of your time all the while is the other side of the deal. Either way, you want freedom. Time is the main factor. It is not about getting away. The irony is that freedom requires discipline. Do you have homework to do?

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SAILING

Round-island competitors in dock before midnight

Mischief wins Sharp Trophy

BY PETE MCGOVERN
RSS RACE CHAIR

The Victoria Day long weekend brought the local sailing fraternity together for the annual Round Salt Spring race hosted by the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

Ninety-nine boats from all across the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island made the start after the usual last-minute withdrawals.

Participants woke all too early, after an evening of carousing at the Friday night lamb BBQ, and were greeted with overcast skies and hardly a breath of wind. By the time the skippers meeting arrived and the decision on direction was to be made, a slight breeze had developed down the harbour and a clockwise direction was announced.

Start number one was



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Will-o'-The Wisp heads down Trincomali Channel in solid winds during Saturday's race. The Victoria vessel finished second on corrected time among 99 Round Salt Spring entrants.

scheduled for 10 a.m., with six other increasingly fast, divisional starts to follow. With the skippers and race committee all set up for a downwind spinnaker start, the wind suddenly shifted 180 degrees and start one took off on time, as a beat in to wind, with the tail end of

an ebb tide aiding progress out of the harbour.

As boats headed south, winds got lighter and by Beaver Point the ebb turned to a flood, making progress around the bottom of the island a challenge. Thankfully, the predicted weather

front finally arrived around 1 p.m. and the south-east wind picked up to 10 knots and the fleet was carried around Cape Keppel for a spinnaker run into Samsun Narrows on the flooding tide. By 3 p.m. the fast boats were popping out of the narrows, heading north to

Southey Point under steady winds and by the tide change at 6 p.m. almost all boats had made it through the narrows. The few that didn't called it a day and headed home.

By 4 p.m. the big boats, Valkyrie and Westerly, had rounded Southey Point and were beating down Trincomali Channel in blustery 15 to 20-knot winds. The rest of the fleet followed over the next few hours with many boats overpowered and forced to reef mainsails to maintain control in the uncomfortable choppy water.

Winds continued to build and after seeing bursts of 20 to 25 knot winds at Nose Point, Gavin Brackett's Valkyrie screamed down Ganges Harbour under spinnaker to finish at 5:49 p.m., closely followed by Stuart Dahlgren's Westerly.

Over the next four hours most of the rest of the fleet crossed the finish line and by 10:30 p.m. only one boat was still out there. The intrepid

Effervescence 1 finally finished at 11:44 p.m., after experiencing wind gusts of up to 50 knots. Amazingly, for the first time in many years and maybe for only the third time in 43 years of the race, all competing boats finished before midnight.

After an unexpected full night's sleep, skippers and crew enjoyed a pancake breakfast provided by the Salt Spring Lions Club as they waited for the results to be tallied. The overall winner on corrected time and winner of the Marshall Sharp Trophy was Mischief, a Melges 32, skippered by ex-Olympian Eric Jespersen from Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, followed by Will-o'-The Wisp from Royal Victoria Yacht Club and Jack-rabbit from Victoria in third.

Winner of the Doug Thomas Trophy for fastest Salt Spring Sailing Club boat was Electra, skippered by Roger Kibble, competing in his 38th Round Salt Spring Race.

SOCCER

Islanders celebrate May tourney

Young AFC Gauntlet team wins men's division

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new format boded well for Salt Spring teams and the beer garden at this weekend's annual Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament.

"We decided to do it as a two-day tourney this year, which I think was a hit," said Jordon Morrison.

He said the decision to shorten what used to be a three-day event was meant to boost spectatorship at Sunday's final and give participants a chance to make their way home at a more leisurely pace on Monday.

Players on Salt Spring's AFC Gauntlet certainly can't complain. The young men ousted the Sons of Pitches by a 1-0 score in a fast-paced and skilled matchup of the two Salt Spring rivals.

The consolation final saw Invicta beat Comox.

Gremio and Salt Spring FC were the two other local teams in this weekend's contest.

"Gnome Hunters had been an early favourite for the final with their elaborate preparations at their Salt Spring training centre and spa on Ganges Hill," reported local soccer correspondent Fraser Hope. "They had all the first-class amenities that big clubs can provide — adequate tent space and a personalized 'Johnny-on-the-Spot' — but were ousted by the surprise team of the tournament, AFC Gauntlet."

Hamish Walde scored the winning goal in the first half of the final. Gianni Shourounis held the fort in net against the Sons of Pitches onslaught and received kudos as the match MVP.

"Despite a valiant effort by the Sons of Pitches to equalize, the Gauntlet ran out worthy

winners at the final whistle," wrote Hope in a post-game report. "Many of the soccer fans in the crowd expressed their opinion that this had been the best game they had witnessed on Salt Spring. The skill level on both sides, the tactical awareness of the Gauntlet, the passion of the Sons, all contributed to a spectacle worthy of a final."

Salt Spring's pair of women's division contenders, Chaos and the Flashbacks, were both eliminated from the finals on penalty kicks as Chicks with Balls went on to beat the Comox Revolution 3-0 in the final.

Hope credited the spectacular level of play to the continued efforts of local trainers such as technical directors Josip Bratanovic and Sue Spencer, many coaches from the senior men's and women's ranks, and Robert Rustad's FAST academy.

"[They] must be congratulated on developing winners," he said.

The 17 teams registered for this year's event represented a significant drop from previous years. Morrison called for greater community and business support to increase the number of participants for the tourney, since it has a broad economic impact across the whole island.

He said organizers could also use some help to continue the tradition, especially when it comes to setting up the grounds and clean-up duties.

"We are definitely going to need some new blood to step up in the next few years if we want to keep going," he said. "It's getting to be a lot for the select few who show up when it matters each year."

He extended a special thanks to Karen Brown, Grandma Tweddle and Fraser Hope for helping out during the weekend.

A full recap provided by correspondent Fraser Hope is available in the sports section of www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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