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In terms of home value

Consider pool installation, maintenance costs

The average swimming pool costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to install, consumes approximately \$600 per season for maintainance and takes a great deal of time each week for vacuuming, cleaning and installation of chemicals.

Someone considering buying a home with a pool, or looking to have one installed, should be aware of the monetary costs and the time needed to keep the pool properly maintained, says Bob Ellison of Isles West Hot Tubs, who provides swimming pool

maintenance and repairs on Salt Spring Island.

Ellison suggests prospective swimming pool owners should be aware of costs before they install a pool, and that prospective home buyers know what to look for before purchasing a home with a pool.

There are three types of outdoor pools and each has areas to check before its condition can be determined, Ellison says.

The most familiar type of pool is concrete with rigid walls and was probably installed more than five years ago.

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The first thing to look for here, Ellison says, is settling around the pool edge, which could mean broken or cracked piping beneath it. Check for cracking in the pool walls, and look closly at the surrounding tiles. Tiles that have fallen off can indicate a long-term chemical imbalance, Ellison says.

Because water wants to stay chemically-balanced, it will go and leach minerals such as calcium — a component in concrete — should it have a chemical deficiency. Scale build-up or stains on the pool walls indicate an excessive amount of minerals in the water. Either way, long-term chemical inbalances are a result of poor pool maintenance.

A newer pool-type, also built into the ground, has a vinyl lining. Propsective home-buyers should look at the decking for the same indications as the other pool-type. Wrinkling or drooping in the liner does not necessarily indicate age, but again, could point to a chemical imbalance, Ellison says.

Vinyl is approximately 35 per cent water, and osmosis between the material and pool water will occur if the water balance is incorrect.

The third type of outdoor pool is installed above the ground; it is steel with a vinyl lining. On these pools, Ellison advises checking for corrosion at the base of the walls. The lining can suffer the same effects as an in-ground pool, but is easier to replace.

The equipment room must be viewed, regardless of the type of pool it serves. Ellison says that, in his experience, those who maintain a pool well will keep the equipment room neat and free of

empty chemical bottles and stains on the floor. Ellison suggests looking for "extras" in equipment, such as a wall brush and leaf skimmer, to help determine maintenance level.

Ellison also notes that older equipment is not necessarily a bad thing. Some of the older models were built with many extras and are of extremely high quality, he says. They should last a long time, if maintained properly.

Each of the above areas should be checked on an indoor swimming pool as well. Furthermore, Ellison says, one should check the structure the pool is in for excess condensation and good air flow. Look at the top corners for moisture; if the pool is below the house, it could mean rotting in the basement supports. Air flow is important to prevent moisture build-up — check vents, windows and doors.

Also look at drainage and where any water spilled from the pool is going.

Once a decision has been made to purchase a home with a pool, Ellison advises having a professional conduct a water and equipment test. Ellison's company performs this task free of charge. He says it is important to learn how to correctly maintain the pool. Often, home buyers accept what the previous owners tell them about maintenance.

"If the pool hasn't had a good background, the bad habits are just passed along." These bad habits, he notes, can lead to long-term major expenses and repair work.

A final step after taking on swimming pool ownership is the acquisition of insurance and adherence to local bylaws. Insurance should cover potential accidents, and local bylaws may stipulate additions such as fenc-

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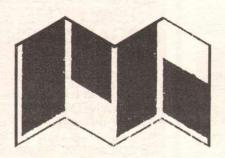
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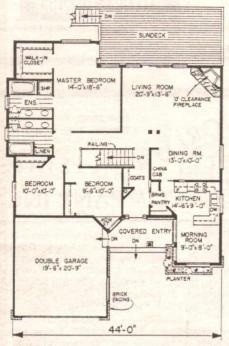
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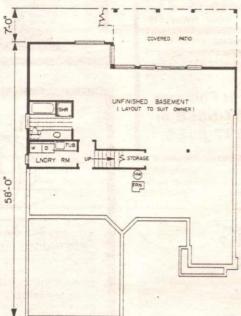
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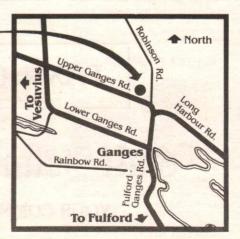
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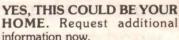


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If privacy and quiet are important to you, you will want to preview this spectacular, 30 acre waterfront property. Only the calling gulls and the frolicking seals break the silence of this sun-drenched, level, building site. This is Salt Spring's west side and visiting it is like stepping back in time 50 years, allowing you to walk miles of coastline without confronting a hydro pole, or fence, or physical barrier of any kind. With over 350 feet of shoreline and 3,000 feet of depth, this property offers a diverse topography, from arable pasture to moss-covered rocky knoll, to grassy level foreshore. This property is remote, but not isolated. \$139,000.

ON THE GOLF COURSE!



QUIET WILDWOOD LOCATION — This large, comfortable, well-maintained family home is in a quiet neighbourhood backing onto the Golf Course, and yet within walking distance of schools, shopping and other Ganges activities. The front yard landscaping is Japanese-style and requires virtually no maintenance. The backyard is lawn, blending into the Golf Course. With a full basement, this home promises lots of storage space and room to spread out. The house is from the 30s with leaded glass windows and coved ceiling, but totally renovated to offer all the conveniences of a modern day home. \$109,000.

BEAVER POINT ROAD OCEAN-VIEW ACREAGES

- LOTS FROM 1½ TO 8 ACRES
- QUIET PASTORAL AREA
- HYDRO TO ALL PARCELS

- BUILDING SCHEME PROTECTION
- PRICED FROM \$34,900 to \$79,000
- SUBDIVISION NEARING COMPLETION



A CATHEDRAL OF 1st GROWTH TIMBER — PRIVATE, PEACEFUL LAKEFRONT —

The sandy swimming beach is only one of the features of this seven acre lakefront property. The driveway winds through a cathedral of stately first growth fir, terminating at the level open lakefront building site, next to trout spawning Blackburn Creek. Cusheon Lake is popular with local sports fishermen for its population of mature trout and is ideal for canoeing or small sailboats. This is absolutely the last unspoiled, large waterfront available on Cusheon Lake and with a 50-acre greenbelt area directly adjacent to it, offers absolute privacy and seclusion. \$119,000.



CALLING ALL GARDENERS

This 3/4 ocean view property contains fruit and nut trees, grapes, flower gardens, and a huge assortment of shrubs. The 2 bdrm. view house is complemented by a garage, workshop, woodshed, root cellar and greenhouse and is beautifully landscaped. Convenient location, close to village.







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MARVELLOUS MARACAIBO



Step out of your private garden and enjoy the benefits of membership in an exceptional development. Over 300 acres of common land to explore with a network of trails leading to quiet beaches and viewpoints. Tie your boat up at the marina, play tennis or just relax while your children swim in a warm lagoon. You can enjoy expansive sea views, or a soak in the hot tub in this most intriguing highbank waterfront home. Offers to \$185,000 mls. Let's go see it today!

WATERFRONT



That's exciting and still undeveloped! The exposure is superb and the views are uncompromised. Quietness and privacy can truly be enjoyed on this 3 acre property. Asking \$198,000 mls.

For more information on these or other fine waterfront properties, please call HENRI at 537-5577 or 537-4273.

WEST COAST CONTEMPORARY



Well planned for low maintenance and well built for energy efficiency. This 6 yr. old home facing south provides 3 BRs & den, 2 full bathrooms, over 1800 sq. ft. Lots of sundeck. Ready to move in. \$97,500 mls.

BED & BREAKFAST?



At the end of a circular driveway in a lovely landscaped setting sits this home of 4700 sq. ft. including this home of 4700 sq. ft. including a self-contained 2 bdrm. & den suite of 1400 sq. ft. The six bedrooms with interconnecting bathrooms, huge lounge/dining area, separate kitchen plus two bedsitting rooms and a cottage attached by a breeze-way lend itself perfectly to a R & R or special itself perfectly to a B & B or special needs home. Zoning is CCF. Furnished and equipped for \$229,000 mls.

OCEANVIEW PERFECT RETIREMENT HOME



Exquisite 2 BR, home in beautiful condition. Very tastefully decorated. Nothing to do but move in and enjoy! \$77,500 mls.

PRICE REDUCTION!



You'll look a long time to find a property as well kept as this. 2200 sq. ft., 3 bdrms., 2 bathrms., HUGE country kitchen, double garage with loft, greenhouse. Beautiful grounds. Panoramic pastoral farm view from back deck. Now \$119,900 mls.

FAMILY HOME OR DOUBLE REVENUE



A deluxe lakeview family home or easily convert the lower level to S/C suite. Triple garage/workshop, paved driveway, on popular Woodland Dr. \$99,900 mls.

LOTS FOR YOUR \$\$\$s

\$23,900 - .60 acre, s. exp., piped water, vendor terms \$24,000 - 2.02 ac., s.e. exp., Mt. Baker view, well, hydro \$25,000 - .73 ac. lakeview, hydro,

piped water \$29,900 -.87 ac., potential, oceanview, piped water, hydro,

adj. lot available \$29,900 - .92 ac. potential oceanview, piped water, hydro,

adj. lot available.

SUNSET DRIVE VIEW LOT offering all the best, S.W. exposure, magnificent controlled oceanview, easy access, piped water system. Build your dream home in a prestigious residential area. \$79,900 mls.

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MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION

COTTAGE IN THE WOODS

At an affordable price, this 2

bdrm. cedar home is situated

on a private; natural lot on the

\$57,000

SOUTH ISLAND ACREAGE



\$69,900 MLS. - Almost 5 acres with fenced pasture land, building site with distant ocean views, lovely sunny location. A rare findl **COUNTRY ESTATE?**

YES, AND ONLY \$120,000 mls.



Situated on 1.30 ac, with pond, overlooking pastoral scene. House is of unique design over 2000 sq. ft. featuring large (23' x 19') living room with high ceiling, 3 BRs and many other features. For more info. or appointment to view, call: SANTY G. FUOCO - 537-2773.

BUILDING LOT 1 ACRE

\$25,000 MLS. - This treed lot has some trees felled in preparation for a building site. On Maxwell water system. Close to village on Cranberry off Fulford-Ganges Rd.

OCEANFRONT "GEM" SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE \$175,000 MLS.



Located on over 11/2 acre. Views to Sansum Narrows in Vesuvius, over 130' frontage, walkway to oceanfront, mooring buoy, oceanside deck, winch & slipway for small boat. Cottage: well built with 1 BR. plus stair accessed loft, fireplace and super large entertainment deck. So peaceful and quiet, must be seen to be appreciated.

QUARRY DR., SPECTACULAR OCEANFRONT PROPERTY



1.31 acre lot with SW exposure looking down Sansum Narrows. Community water, cable, hydro, new listing. \$95,000 MLS.

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REVENUE TOO!



On this sunny, level, arable 1/2 acre with over 14 fruit & nut trees, mature landscaping, many rhodos, bulbs and shrubs. Backing on the 4th hole, you could keep your golf cart at home! This 2 BR. home features self-contained in-law suite (or rec room) and is beautifully cared for. \$112,000.

MAKE A REAL DEAL!

On this 1/2 acre view lot priced at \$18,900. Motivated owner wishes to buy elsewhere.



\$85,000 - This cosy cottage on 10 private acres enjoys superior views & paved access. Live in the cottage & build your DREAM HOME here

VESUVIUS RANCHER



3 BR. home on nearly an acre of sunny, level, arable property with mini-orchard. Close to tennis, Portlock Park and swimming. \$69,500.

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THETIS ISLAND BED & **BREAKFAST OPPORTUNITY**



Just a few steps away from the Govt. dock & ferry landing and a beautiful SW facing beach, is this large 5 BR. home ideally suited for a B & B. There's a full master BR suite on the main floor (including a den), 4 BRs up with space for more. All on an easy care SW facing 1/2 acre lot with an easement access to protected moorage in Telegraph Harbour. \$79,000 mls.

PRIVATE, SUNNY ACREAGE

This attractive 3.36 ac. parcel slopes up from the road to a very private building site at the back of the property. A driveway is roughed in to the home site which has an excellent southern exposure and distant sea views.

WATERFRONT FARM AND/ OR RETREAT ON 3 TITLES



Wonderful private weekend retreat hidden away at the edge of over 1100' of tidal waterfront. Over 14 acres in total plus a year-round stream and a caretaker's cottage. Offers great hobby farm potential. 3 separate titles (9.37 acres of fields, 3.27 acres with houses, 1.73 acres of trees). \$170,000 mls

PENDER ISLAND RETREAT

This immaculate 2 BR. plus den home has great privacy in its treed setting which backs onto a park. The large sunroom is an excellent place to relax after a workout on the badminton court or puttering in the greenhouse. \$58,500 mls.

SECRET ISLAND — WHERE EVERY LOT IS ON THE OCEAN!

Just minutes from all services in Ganges on Salt Spring, and close to Otter Bay on Pender, Montague Harbour on Galiano and Village Bay on Mayne. Secret Island offers superb views, sheltered moorage, community dock and water system.

GLENTHORNE PASSAGE



CAPTAINS PASSAGE

1. LOT 5: .23 acre, + 225' frontage, substantial 3 BR. cabin overlooking private beach \$59,000

private beach
2. LOT 12: .26 acre, + 110' frontage, level lowbank lot backing on \$35,000

4. LOT 22, 24, 25: .85 acre, +290' frontage, being offered as a package. Lot

22 has a dock \$/5,000 5. LOT 33: .23 acre, +118' frontage, foundations for cabin started, boat haul \$25,500 6. LOT 35: .19 acre, + 150' frontage, low bank building site, with excellent

dock potential \$31,000
7. LOT 37: .17 acre, + 100' frontage, level lot, nicely treed with sweeping views \$35,000

For more information on these and many other Gulf Island listings, call: **DAVID DUKE — 653-4538**

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