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Gus Oliveira, left, and Blake Gold set off on a practice paddle from Southey Point. The two are preparing for an epic fundraising kayak race in the Yukon.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust probes 'white-washing' claim

Group lodges complaint with Trust's Executive Committee

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A contingent of nine island residents has filed a formal complaint with the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust that accuses Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members of ignoring Trust policies, contravening their meeting procedure bylaw and trying to cover up the evidence.

"Public officials are unaccountable to the people they represent if they can, with impunity, publish a false record of how they conduct business," reads part of the complaint, dated May 25. "This is an abuse of the public trust."

The complaint stems from discussion of a development permit area application to allow construction of an ambulance station at 275 Park Dr. at the Jan. 14 LTC meeting.

Although trustee George Ehring excused himself from the LTC's main discussion of and vote on the matter based on his partner's ownership of an adjoining property, complainants allege he did so after violating two sections of the Community Charter.

In lieu of owning up to "an error in judgement made in good faith," the letter writers

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Locals on 'race to the midnight sun'

740-kilometre journey to raise funds for GISS athletics

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For some people, a simple birthday cake doesn't cut it.

For these individuals, a major milestone like turning 40 requires something more elaborate, preferably something that involves heaps of adrenaline, a healthy dose of pain and plenty to look forward to once the whole thing is over and done with.

A 740-kilometre multi-day paddle through some of the world's remotest territory is the perfect fit.

On June 29, a few weeks after Gus Oliveira's 40th birthday, he and fellow paddler Blake Gold,

46, will launch their 22-foot tandem sea kayak from a beach in Whitehorse and set out on the 13th annual Yukon River Quest.

"This race has always been on my bucket list and, since I'm quickly growing old, I figured I'd better get to my bucket list sooner rather than later," Gold said.

Gold and Oliveira, who compete as Team Golden Olivetree, will represent Salt Spring Island in the world's longest canoe/kayak race against 74 teams from 11 countries.

Helping them out along the way are David and Jennifer Barnes, a husband-and-wife support team that will ensure the paddlers have all they need to recuperate during a seven-hour break

near the race's halfway point.

"If I can get out of my boat and do nothing but eat and sleep before I get back in my boat, then that's where the best support staff did their job," Gold said. "It's like coaching a team. You can't play the game for them but you've got to get them ready."

With less than a month to go before the race begins, Barnes said he's quickly learning that organizing the logistics can be just as demanding as paddling down the river.

"I thought I was just cooking some stew and putting up a tent, but there's nobody to support

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NEWSBEAT

OPERATING ROOM

LMH surgery factions remain resolute

SOS postcard campaign going strong

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than one year after the operating room closure was first officially aired, opponents in the controversial decision to end surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital are still not budging any ground.

While the Vancouver Island Health Authority has shown no sign of wavering from the recommendation made by Grant Hollett in the Salt Spring Health Review of May 24, 2010, the ad hoc Save Our Surgery Committee has proved no less resolute in its commitment to reverse the order.

New evidence of VIHA's determination came with its long-awaited response to

the Capital Regional Hospital District board, which had asked the health authority last November to suspend any changes to the operating room or its equipment and to revisit community concerns. The CRHD had contributed funds toward the capital costs of renovating the operating room a few years earlier.

In a reply dated April 13, 2011 and presented at the May 11 meeting of the Capital Regional District Board, VIHA vice president Bill Boomer states the district's stance with absolute clarity.

"The decision to not continue surgical services at Lady Minto was made following extensive discussions with physicians both on and off the island. Based on clinical input that also considered historical surgical volumes, quality issues and patient safety, VIHA will not be rein-

stating a full surgical service, although . . . we are maintaining and increasing the number of endoscopies being performed."

Save Our Surgery chair Phyllis Bolton is not ready to surrender the fight, however.

"Anytime anyone writes to them about any facet of the operating room, they just refer to the review," she said of VIHA's strategy.

Along with the island's physicians, the health review and VIHA executives have repeatedly said the majority of stakeholders interviewed supported the hospital closure. But Bolton feels the time has come to reveal who the people interviewed actually were, because she knows of several stakeholder groups who are vocally unhappy about the idea.

CRD director Garth Hendren falls into that camp.

"I've just got to say it's just another nail in the destruction of our community," he said. "I just can't believe them. It speaks nothing to our community needs."

Bolton said a SOS postcard campaign shows wide community agreement with Hendren's dismay. The committee has collected close to 2,000 signatures opposing the surgery closure, which translates to about 25 per cent of the voting public.

Hendren suggested the next step might be to go beyond VIHA and even the new health minister (after a meeting with interim minister Kevin Falcon produced no results).

"Maybe we've got to take it up to see the premier — this is something that they're doing that's not supporting families," Hendren said in reference to Christy Clark's "families first" campaign.

Yukon kayak race to raise funds for GISS athletics

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the support," he said.

Given the opening sentences in the preamble of the race's official regulations, it's clear neither paddlers nor support team can plan on an easy-going paddling vacation in the land of the midnight sun.

"Teams should anticipate that they may spend many hours at a time out of sight of any other boat or living person," states the document. "Teams should be aware that however good they are at paddling, things can and do go wrong: damaged shoulders, wrists, hands, exhaustion, hypothermia, or just getting cold and tired."

"There will be tears," Barnes said.

Oliveira, a weekend-warrior with decades of outdoor experience, anticipates the trip's greatest challenge is going to be sitting in a kayak for so long and not being able to sleep — as if making it through the sleepless nights, contending with cramped conditions and dealing with wind, rain and hot sun don't pose enough of a challenge.

"There's a maximum of 72 hours and I've been saying, 'I think it's more difficult to do the race in 70 hours than in 40 hours because it's an extra 30 hours on the river,'" Gold said.

"Those people that come in last had it twice as hard because they were out there twice as long."

Team Golden Olivetree aims to complete the race in 50 hours and hopes to

be on the finish line ahead of at least one other tandem kayak team.

The team hopes its ocean paddling experience will give it an early edge while crossing the 60-kilometre length of Lake Laberge.

"It's given me the feeling that we can push ourselves beyond what our limits are and achieve," Gold said. "This is definitely a conceive, achieve and believe program."

To help inspire them along the way, the team seeks to fundraise at least \$10 for each of the race's 740 kilometres. All money raised will support the Gulf Islands Secondary School's athletics fund. Donations can be deposited into the Golden Olivetree's Yukon River Quest account at the Ganges branch of the CIBC.

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COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE

Islanders welcome agricultural crown jewel

Burgoyne Valley farm property lauded as ‘legacy piece’

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nearly 150 people gathered at the Salt Spring Island Farmers’ Institute on Sunday afternoon to formally celebrate the creation of something many islanders hope will rank among the community’s most valuable agriculture assets.

Thanks to an historic amenity rezoning application process that was negotiated between a private land owner, local government officials and members of the island’s agricultural community, 25 hectares (63 acres) of prime agricultural land will be farmed in perpetuity to benefit community agriculture and strengthen the island’s food security.

Marguerite Lee, a director of the Farmers Institute and president of the Farmland Trust, said she foresees the day when the property is used to offer everything from small vegetable plots for island families to leases of larger sections that could give young farmers an opportunity to begin farming.

Refreshments and delicious local food and coffee, accompanied by live music from Valdy and Gary Fjellgaard, gave the ceremony a downright festive feel.

If that jubilant atmosphere is any gauge of things to come for local agriculture, Lee said, she’s confident a stronger, healthier and more self-sufficient island will result.

“It’s the end of one chapter and the start of the next chapter,” she said.

The final green light to transfer 63 acres of Burgoyne Valley farmland from Victoria-based Three Point Properties Ltd. to the Farmers’ Institute came during a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in April.

The real estate development company offered the land in exchange for one additional density for a development at 203 Musgrave Rd. The transfer was made possible under amenity-zoning provisions of the Salt Spring Official Community Plan. Legalities and negotiations between the parties involved contributed to the delay.

“I’m delighted that the generous donation of prime agricultural land by Three Point Properties to the Salt Spring Farmers’ Institute has finally become a reality,” said George Ehring, one of three members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. “This gift has the potential to strengthen agriculture and build food security on the island. I congratulate both Three Point and the Salt Spring Island Farmers’ Institute for their work in making this happen.”

The subject property comprises part of the former Hughes farm property at 2172 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

“I tip my hat to both the Salt Spring Island Farmers’ Institute and our Islands Trust,” said Mark Wyatt, Three Point Properties’ project manager.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Three Point Properties Ltd. president Jack Julseth, Three Point project manager Mark Wyatt, Farmers’ Institute president Rick Vipond and Farmland Trust president Marguerite Lee listen as islands trustee George Ehring takes the podium. For more event photos, see the Driftwood’s Facebook page at facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood.

“There’s a lot more that we managed to take away than any dollar figure.”

MARK WYATT
Three Point Properties Ltd.

“As we were essentially navigating uncharted territory, you can imagine the large amount of time and work that went into this project.”

Although the application process took an “exceedingly long time” and didn’t result in any outstanding net financial gain, Wyatt said, that’s “what it had to be.”

“We’re in the business of building communities,” he said. “There’s a lot more that we managed to take away than any dollar figure.”

He called the farmland property a legacy piece that everyone involved can be proud to have created.

The Salt Spring Farmland Trust Society was formed in 2009 to “reverse the island’s eroding farm base and provide oppor-

tunities for young, educated farmers.” The group’s board of directors comprises members of the Farmers’ Institute, Island Natural Growers and the public at large.

According to Tony Threlfall, vice president of the Farmers Institute, the Farmland Trust’s top priority will be to ensure the property meets the group’s mandate.

“We’ve been working on this for five years. A lot of work to see it through to the end, but it’s really just the beginning,” he said after news of the deal was confirmed in May.

Establishing a group to maintain and manage community agriculture assets is among recommendations outlined in the 2008 Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan. Preliminary work on other recommendations such as construction of a mobile abattoir, composting facility and a food processing facility is underway.

Lee said the Farmers Institute will transfer the property to the Farmland Trust Society upon completion of due diligence.

Suggestions, questions and support for the project can be sent to 380 Stark Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1P6.

News briefs

Rally to stop smart meters

People opposing BC Hydro’s smart meter program will be gathering in protest at noon today (June 1) at the provincial legislature in Victoria.

The rally comes as two NDP MLAs, John Horgan and Sue Hammell, present the B.C. Legislative Assembly with petitions from people all over B.C. protesting the program’s cost, lack of debate and oversight as well as health, security and safety concerns, explains

Salt Spring participant Linda Floyd.

“We have a window of time before installations begin,” said Floyd. “Let’s use this time to make our voices heard and let Rich Coleman and Christy Clark know that we will remember, come election time, if they ignore our right to a democratic process.”

Salt Springers are invited to bring their posters and their friends.

ALS Tag Days

Islanders should be on the look-out for ALS Flower Days volunteers this Friday

and Saturday.

The annual fundraiser to combat amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (or Lou Gehrig’s Disease) will see 20 local volunteers, led by organizer Rita Dods, canvassing around town with their baskets of blue flowers, which are given in exchange for a donation.

Time to sign-up for Big Bike ride

Community teams and individuals are invited to take seats on the Heart and

Stroke Big Bike, which will be cruising through Ganges on June 23.

As a great way to team build and showcase support, the Big Bike travels across Canada from April to September, making its way along high-profile routes through more than 200 communities in nine provinces. The Big Bike is eight feet across at the wheels and 30 feet long.

Seats are filling up quickly on the bicycle built for 30, according to Jeremy Love-day, Victoria’s Community Development Coordinator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

“Last year, Salt Spring participants raised \$16,800. This year we are hoping to increase that goal to \$20,000,” he said.

That target is the island’s part in a wider goal of \$1.6 million in B.C. this year.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, a volunteer-based health charity, aims to eliminate heart disease and stroke through the advancement of research and promotion of healthy living.

To register a team or support the fundraising goals of existing community teams by making a donation, go to www.bigbike.ca.

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SD64

North Van school joins GI district

Opens door to future partnerships

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A North Vancouver alternative school is leaving its administrative umbrella to join the Gulf Islands school district for an almost unprecedented event in B.C.

A joint announcement by school districts 64 and 44 states the 40-year-old Windsor House program, hosting around 130 students from K-12, will become part of the islands district as of July 1.

In April 2010, the North Vancouver Board of Education decided to consolidate five separate alternate programs, including the Windsor House Program, into one called the Community Learning Program. School founder Helen Hughes and the parent community strongly felt that Windsor House's unique school identity would not withstand consolidation with programs based on other philosophies, and proposed the administrative move instead.

It was a welcome idea to Gulf Islands superintendent Jeff Hopkins, who observed that Windsor House is similar in size to many of SD64's existing schools, but for North Vancouver was too small to continue supporting. As well, the school's pedagogical and philosophical underpinnings fit well with the modern ideals of "21st Century Learning."

Windsor House is based on a co-constructive approach, where individual learning programs are worked out between each student together with parents and teachers. This is something the district is already looking at incorporating more into its programs.

"We know that a co-constructive curriculum is a very big part of 21st-Century Learning, [where] there's lots of ways for students to show they have reached the level of competency they need," Hopkins said.

"So far this school system has been very limited in the ways that students have been permitted to show that."

Hopkins added that although Gulf Islands schools are starting to explore the options, "this Windsor House school is already quite a ways down the road — and we have a lot to learn from them."

The practical details of moving the school between districts are still being worked out, but Hopkins said SD64 will be fiscally responsible for the school, will supervise its teachers and staff and apply its policies. Contract transitions between different unions are being worked on, as well as how to include elected trustees from different geographical bases.

The district will also be looking for another physical base for the school. It will rent the current space at William Lucas Centre from SD44 for the 2011/12 school year, and after that a move to East Vancouver may be in the works. Windsor House students live all over the Lower Mainland and may have to travel less with such an arrangement.

While the situation of switching school districts is extremely unusual, Hopkins said it opens the opportunity for future partnerships.

"Schools that are feeling threatened by being too small or not aligning philosophically with their district could look for another umbrella to be under. I think if that does happen it could be very interesting for B.C."



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

STONE DONATION: Damien Barstead, left, and Randy Lavigne take a break from doing stone work at Peace Park. The two are using stone donated to the Japanese Garden Society by the Salt Spring Rotary Club.

ROADWORK

Salt Spring roads slated for resurfacing this month

Projects run through
June 24

The provincial government has announced a contract worth over \$1.6 million has been awarded to BA Blacktop Ltd. to resurface roads on Salt Spring Island.

"Keeping families safe is a top priority for our government and investing in these improvements on Salt Spring Island goes a long way in doing just that," North Saanich and the Islands MLA Murray Coell is quoted in the news release.

Approximately 15 kilometres of side roads are being resurfaced during the project, which began

May 30 and is scheduled to end by June 24.

Some of the areas being resurfaced are approximately two km on Beddis Road near the intersection with Fulford-Ganges, 1.5 km on Collins Road near Mount Erskine, 2.8 km on North End Road, one km on Price Road and one km on Beaver Point Road.

Other areas include sections of Sunset Drive, Fulford-Ganges Road, Creekside Drive, Langs Road and other smaller streets.

No work will occur during long weekends, and traffic delays are expected to be less than 15 minutes at one time.

BA Blacktop Ltd. is a North Vancouver-based company.

Resolution of LTC complaint could take weeks

COMPLAINT

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accuse all three members of Salt Spring's LTC of concealing the truth by providing a "very selective report of the actual events" in minutes of the Jan. 14 meeting.

According to the letter, those minutes omit several comments and a question Ehring made before excusing himself from the discussion.

"On April 7, the LTC adopted minutes for a regular meeting held on Jan. 14. The minutes are a materially false account of events at the meeting," the authors state. "The same provincial laws that authorize the LTC to conduct the public's business also provide procedural safeguards.

"The LTC flouted these safeguards on Jan. 14. They ignored Trust policy and contravened their own meeting procedure bylaw by delaying adoption of the minutes for

three months. Finally they whitewashed the official record on April 7."

The seven-page complaint, which includes a relevant transcript of the LTC meeting in question, is signed by Susan Cunningham, Arlene Dashwood, Jean Elder, Peter Lake, Mark Lucich, Brandi MacKinnon, John Macpherson, Shelley Nitikman and Patsy Siemens.

The group's missive asks the Executive Committee to confirm facts as stated in the complaint, investigate further as it deems necessary and consider eight recommendations.

The latter include a suspension of the Salt Spring LTC's work plan "until this complaint is resolved and, if necessary, new trustees are seated," and the removal of Ehring, chair Sheila Malcolmson and trustee Christine Torgimson from "all positions and offices to which they have

been elected or appointed, including Trust Council committees and the Islands Trust Fund Board."

When asked for his take on the matter, Ehring said he won't comment while the Executive Committee's review of the complaint is in process.

Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer, acknowledged the Trust has received the letter and intends to follow its usual protocol.

According to standard procedures, any action at the Executive Committee level must be preceded by discussion of the complaint at the LTC level, she said.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Salt Spring's LTC passed a Resolution Without Meeting to forward the complaint to the Executive Committee.

Though the Executive Committee won't meet until June 14, Adams said, Trust staffers may

have an opportunity to investigate the matter beforehand.

The procedural pas de deux means it could take several weeks before the complaint is resolved.

Adams said any decision to suspend the work of a local Trust committee or remove elected officials from office is beyond its powers.

"Once people elect representatives, the Executive Committee can't remove them," she said. "The Executive Committee can review the circumstances and will deal with it to the extent that we will be able to."

Should the complainants remain unsatisfied with the handling of their concerns, Adams said, they can seek a remedy through the courts or through the office of the provincial ombudsman.

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B.C. FERRIES

Legislation supports ferry act review

Interim price cap still too much, says FACC

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Provincial legislation passed last week amended the Coastal Ferry Act to support a system review and includes an interim price cap of 4.15 per cent on all routes for 2012-13.

That's good news for passengers on the Gulf Islands and other minor routes, who were told by B.C. Ferries to expect an annual increase of 8.23 per cent beginning next year.

However, members of the islands' Ferry Advisory Committees feel the review and the smaller fare increase don't address the issue of the government's failure to provide adequate financial support for the system.

"We applaud the fact that

for the first time a minister has echoed the consistent call to address both affordability and sustainability, and that the commissioner will review this difficult balancing act," said Tony Law, the FAC chair for Hornby-Denman.

"But it isn't enough to stop the damage to communities, ferry users or the ferry service itself."

As a press release by the FAC chairs points out, the smaller fare increase is nevertheless another jump on top of a long line of previous fare hikes.

"The partial rollback won't feel like relief when people board a ferry this summer," the release states.

"Ferries will cost 17 per cent more than they did last summer — what with the end of a fuel rebate, the addition of a fuel surcharge, and the annual fare increase that took effect

last month."

The FAC chairs are concerned that ferry fares are already too high for coastal residents, and that goods and services on the islands are also seeing rising costs as a result of the fare increases.

At the same time, since the ferry company structure changed in 2003, customers have been expected to take on the costs of a system that some argue is comparable to the highways interior communities rely on — and receive without paying extra.

"We seem to have forgotten that ferries have long been recognized as an economic engine; their boost to the economy is no longer factored into the financial equation of costs and benefits, as it is in other jurisdictions," said Salt Spring Island FAC chair Harold Swirenga.

"We may now be at the point that savings in public ferry funding are offset by lost tax revenue, a false economy. And this raises a question: Why is coastal ferry service different from other forms of essential transportation in B.C., in which government invests more readily?"

Instead of just reducing the fare increase for the rest of the Performance Term Three, the FACC is recommending the government freeze fares during the term's final three years. It's also asking the B.C. Ferry Commission to "consider the role of government as part of its review of the affordability and sustainability of ferry service," which so far has not been named in the review's terms of reference.

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TAXATION

Opponents dismiss B.C.'s HST version 2.0

Two weeks until mail-in referendum begins

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An outspoken HST opponent isn't impressed with the provincial government's newly revised version of the controversial tax.

"I don't think much of it," said Dawn Luker, the owner of a small book and stationary shop on Robinson Road, after considering what many have dubbed HST version 2.0.

"It's buying us back with our own money.

"I think it's dreadful."

The "fresh look" HST, as revealed on May 25 by finance minister Kevin Falcon, includes a promise to lower the tax from the current 12 to 11 per cent on July 1, 2012 and by another percentage point on July 1, 2014.

The government has also pledged to give families \$175 per child and offer \$175 to every senior with a family income of up to \$40,000.

Lost tax revenue will be recovered by increasing corporate income tax from 10 to 12 per cent at the beginning of 2012 and postponing a small business tax reduction that had been

planned for spring of 2012.

Falcon noted the changes are a result of a public consultation process that sought the opinions from more than 275,000 people across the province.

He called the changes part of the BC Liberals' "bold, responsive and balanced plan."

The minister said a motion to revise the HST will be voted on in the legislature this week. Should the vote pass, he added, proposed changes would only take effect if a majority of voters approved it in next month's HST mail-in-ballot referendum.

All referendum voting packages will have

been mailed to each registered voter in B.C. by June 24 (unless a postal strike delays the whole process).

Voters will be asked if they favour extinguishing the HST and reinstating the Provincial Sales Tax and Goods and Services Tax.

Luker was among thousands of volunteers across B.C. who spent much of last summer collecting more than 700,000 signatures from British Columbians opposed to the tax.

The petition's success forced the government to hold a referendum on the matter.

She admits much of the initial enthusiasm may have waned, but

said she hopes talk of the new HST will spawn citizens' opposition.

"I was concerned that many people lost interest through attrition," she said. "They may have picked at the scab by doing this."

More information about the referendum is available from Elections BC on the web at www.elections.bc.ca or by calling 1-800-661-8683.

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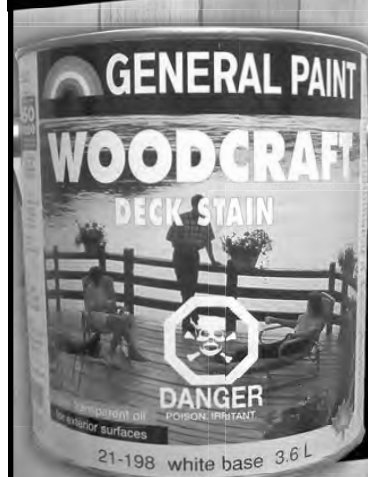


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NEWSBEAT

POSTAL STRIKE

Clock ticks down to strike notice deadline

Last-minute settlement hoped for

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bargainers on both sides of the table are hoping to reach a deal before strike notice issued by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers goes into effect Thursday night.

CUPW made a final settlement offer to Canada Post on Monday, May 30 and issued the 72-hour strike notice at the same time.

If a settlement is not reached before then, CUPW intends to act on its option to strike beginning at 11:59

p.m. Thursday night.

"Striking is our only real bargaining lever with Canada Post and we have concluded that we must give notice that we are willing to use our legal right to strike to get a decent contract that meets the needs of our members and preserves public postal service," CUPW national president Denis Lemelin said in a statement released Monday.

Canada Post officials say that CUPW is out of touch with the company's modern challenges, which include a 17 per cent decline in letter mail since 2006 and a \$3.2-billion pension deficit.

"To address these chal-

lenges we have proposed a competitive and comprehensive pay and benefits package for employees hired in the future.

The offer put forward for new employees will still make Canada Post an attractive place to work," the company stated in its May 30 response.

CanadaPost's offer includes annual wage increases leading to a top rate of \$26 per hour for both new and existing employees, pension benefits and job security.

If the strike goes ahead, Ganges postmistress Deb Topping said, the Ganges and Fulford postal offices will

stay open but offer limited services such as selling packing materials, processing change of address requests and providing moneygrams. No mail will be accepted.

"If there is a work disruption, mail and parcels will not be delivered," confirmed Anick Losier, Canada Post's director of media relations. "However, contingency plans are in place to ensure the safety of any items that remain in the mail stream during a work disruption.

"There are also plans to ensure Canada Post returns to normal operations as quickly as possible following any work disruption."

PARKS AND REC

PARC to monitor declining pool revenues

Commissioners consider dog walker's lament

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Concerns are surfacing after Parks and Recreation Commission members reported an 11 per cent drop in pool revenues compared to this time last year.

"Program revenues are down, perhaps not significantly, but noticeably," said Stanley Shapiro, a commissioner who serves as PARC's treasurer, on Monday eve-

ning.

"It's a little too early to get alarmed, but perhaps it's something to pay attention to."

Kees Ruurs, PARC's general manager, said the numbers have encouraged staff to consider areas where cutbacks can be made if the trend continues.

"We are keeping a close eye on this," Ruurs said.

He said one possible explanation for the drop is a decline in the number of school groups that used the pool during the spring.

Only now, he added, are school programs beginning to

use the Rainbow Road facility in significant numbers.

Program revenue is reported to have dropped to an average of \$16,000 per month for the past six months.

That's down from an \$18,000 average for the first six months of 2010.

In other PARC news, PARC members have asked staff to prepare a report on an island dog owner's request to amend a bylaw that prohibits dogs from Portlock Park.

Becca Dekker said the Capital Regional District's decision to enforce its bylaw has left her and her pet without a suitable alternative.

She asks that commissioners consider changing the bylaw to permit the walking of dogs at the Portlock Park track between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Commissioners agreed to prepare a response in time for their next regular public meeting on June 27.

The CRD began to enforce its no-dogs policy after receiving several complaints from park users about dog owners who neglect to clean up after their pets.

PARC chair Gregg Dow said the decision has resulted in a considerable improvement at Centennial Park.

ECONOMY

Island commission gears up for economic strategy

Ganges Harbour plan first step

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Economic Development Commission is concluding its initial fact-finding phase and will prepare action plans

soon, according to CRD electoral area director Garth Hendren.

"Our job is to find jobs and work for people on the island," Hendren explained.

"I think all of the commission members have a basic interest in making the community a better place."

Since their first meeting in January of this year, commission members have been reviewing the island's official community plan, as well as literature on economic development and statistics on local

residency, population and income.

"So they're beginning to crunch in — they're getting a little closer to what they're going to do," Hendren said.

Hendren said a master plan for Ganges Harbour will likely be the first area of focus. The commission is working on the strategy now and will soon be ready to "go shopping for money."

Federal sources could be the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which is responsible for the area up to the high

water mark, and Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Community stakeholders have also been invited to give their input, including the Islands Trust, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

Another idea that's come up is establishing a passenger vessel to ferry people between the Gulf Islands in the summer, without having to bring their cars. Hendren said the idea would be to connect other islanders with

Salt Spring's services. Although tourism could also get a boost, he said, that's not the commission's highest priority.

The commission was established by Hendren last year with \$35,000 in annual funding.

The public is welcome to attend its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information about the group, contact Hendren at his office at 250-538-0009.

PARC

PARC hosts June 8 rec open house

Future of parks and rec facilities in focus

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parks and Recreation Commission members encourage Salt Springers with an interest in the future of the island's recreational facilities to attend an open-house at the Rainbow Road Pool on Wednesday at June 8 between 4 and 7 p.m.

The event will give participants a chance to review and comment on the Salt Spring Island park system and Rainbow Road community park master plans.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and Capital Regional District have dedicated several months to collect and compile

results from surveys and events as part of the master plan process. PARC's most recent survey highlighted diverse views about what facility should be added to the site of the Rainbow Road Pool property.

The dominant suggestion from the survey's 154 respondents is a community garden.

"The proposed community gardens appealed to approximately twice as many respondents (as a BMX track), including some under 20-year-olds and some over 60-year-olds," read a report presented at Monday evening's monthly PARC meeting.

When it comes to parks on an island-wide level, suggestions included construction of more soccer and baseball fields, a fully-stocked fishing pond, another

off-leash dog park, an all-weather playing field and more canoe and kayak launch points.

PARC manager Kees Ruurs said the event will feature maps of the island to help identify what parts of the island need more recreation facilities.

Garth Hendren, Salt Spring's CRD director, said the CRD master plan component of Wednesday's event will feature plans to link the island with a regional cycling trail network on Vancouver Island.

"The take within this 10-year strategic plan is to look at those trails and fold them into some bigger design," he said.

Ideally he'd like to see government funds for the creation of paths between each of the island's three ferry terminals and the Ganges core.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

WATER WALK:

Students from Fernwood Elementary School take part in their annual Water Walk, setting out on foot from the school and trekking to St. Mary Lake. Once at the lake, they filled up with water and made the trip back. The event serves as a fundraiser for wells in India.

ST. MARY LAKE

Aerators undergo spring tune up

No sign of relief for Highland residents

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Island Waterworks District's general manager expects work on the aerators used in St. Mary Lake will wrap up before the end of the week.

Drivers travelling along North End Road during the past two weeks will have noticed plenty of action at the lake's northeastern section as divers ready the machines for the summer season.

Trevor Hutton said divers

have been brought in to deal with an unforeseen issue that involves the units' insulation and compressors.

He said use of a gasoline-powered vessel is required to comply with requirements in place to ensure the divers' safety.

The vessel's use, Hutton said, is not anticipated to have any negative effect on the lake's water quality.

"It's all good," he said.

Hutton said aerators will be activated when repairs are complete.

The aerators are started when warmer summer weather results in decreased oxygen

levels in the lake's lower levels. By delivering oxygen-rich water to the lake bottom, the machines improve water quality and prevent algal blooms.

Aerators are not effective during colder months because a relatively uniform lake temperature ensures a more even distribution of oxygen.

Hutton said it's very unlikely that turning the aerators on earlier in the year would have had any impact on the four-month water advisory that's affected residents of the Highland drinking water system.

"Very little has changed since the last update," according to a May 27 advisory

update released by the Capital Regional District. "Blue-green algae still flourish and produce microcystin toxins in St. Mary Lake."

Stewart Irwin, a CRD water quality expert, confirmed that samples of chlorinated water taken from the Highland area contained detectable levels of microcystin toxins, albeit at a lower concentration than in St. Mary Lake and well below the 1.5 micrograms per litre Canadian water guidelines. Officials still have no idea when the advisory will be lifted for residents of the approximately 250 affected properties.

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EDITORIAL

A future for farming

The past few years have been ripe with talk about the importance of boosting agricultural activity and local food security in B.C.

On Salt Spring there's been much more than talk going on to help this crucial cause. On Sunday, the community celebrated a huge milestone — the donation of 25 hectares (63 acres) of prime farmland from Three Point Properties Ltd. to the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute. The institute will subsequently pass it to a new body called the Salt Spring Island Farm-land Trust Society.

The move, facilitated by transfer of a single density to Musgrave Road property owned by Three Point Properties Ltd. through the local Trust committee, will ensure the land — part of the former Hughes farm at 2172 Fulford-Ganges

THE ISSUE:

Three Point Properties transfer

WE SAY:

Co-operation reaping great results

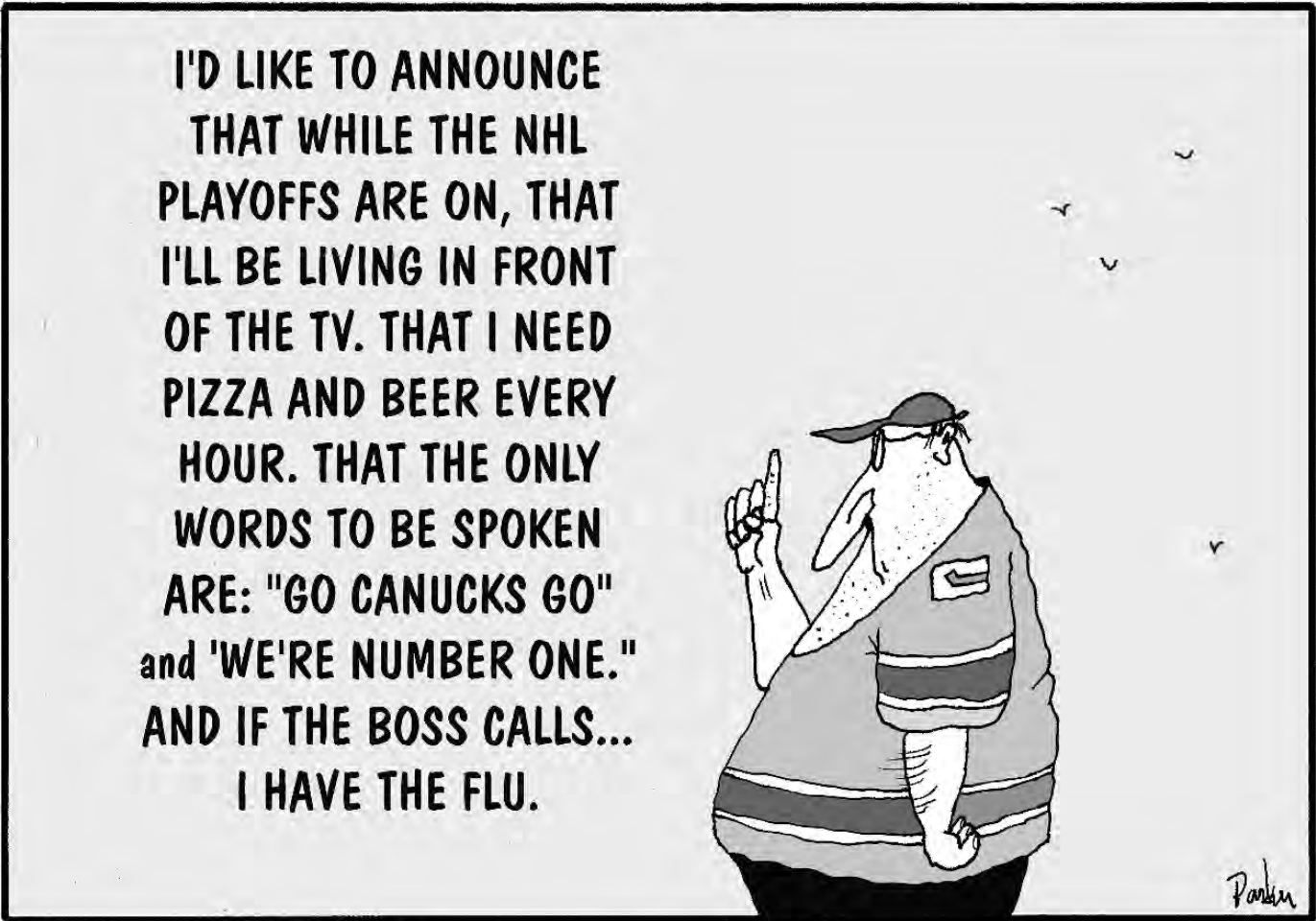
Rd. — will produce food for overall community benefit in perpetuity. Data from the Salt Spring Island Area Farm Plan of 2006 points out the need to get land into the hands of those with the passion and ability to do something productive with it. At that point farmland was selling for more than \$60,000

per acre, pushing it out of reach of many people, while the average farmer's age was 55. Sixty-five per cent of farms less than four hectares (10 acres) in size were not being farmed.

One of the key recommendations of the Area Farm Plan was to establish a community farmland trust to preserve farmland for future generations and provide affordable land to future farmers. The trust would be tasked with acquiring and managing farmland, arranging and managing lease agreements and ensuring that properties are managed in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. That goal has been triumphantly met.

Building agricultural infrastructure is another plan recommendation that is seeing positive movement, with efforts to acquire a mobile abattoir, a community composting facility, and a centre for refrigeration, processing and food preparation — all involving partnerships and co-operation between private property owners and businesspeople, local government and non-profit agricultural groups to varying degrees.

The Three Point/Farmers' Institute deal was the real ground-breaker, though, and will hopefully provide guidance and inspiration for much more local agricultural activity to come.



Ecosystem health an economic issue

BY GEORGE EHRLING

Over the May long weekend, I had the opportunity to go on a marine nature tour with Ian Gidney of Gulf Islands Safaris. As much as I really wanted to push thoughts of the Trust out of my mind and enjoy watching the orcas, sea lions, seals, eagles and other wildlife, the concept of the need to protect the riparian areas that support the marine environment kept interrupting me.

Riding in Ian's zodiac and looking at what's around you, you can't help but feel that we live in a beautiful, special place. We say this so often that I think we lose sight of it. Special place, yeah, yeah. Sure.

Five years ago now, the province told local governments that they couldn't issue permits to private landowners for development in areas along streams ("riparian" areas) unless an environmental professional assesses the proposal and provides development guidelines. The province wants to protect fish habitat. I think protecting fish habitat is a good idea.

But it isn't just for the fish.

Protecting riparian areas also has the benefit of providing some protection for our drinking water supplies. By helping prevent sediment from washing into streams, it will also reduce unwanted and excessive nutrients from washing into the lakes. It will help prevent the dangerous algae blooms that now plague St. Mary Lake, as an example.

We at the Trust are frequently told we should promote tourism and enhance the economy. Anyone take a walk down to the dock lately and see all the boats owned by commercial fishermen? Anyone think about all the recreational boaters who come here, not only because "it's a beautiful place" but because they also go fishing? Anyone think that tourists might be dissuaded

VIEWPOINT

... it's the right thing to do, for many reasons

....

from visiting our island if they read that they can't drink the water?

Protecting complex and fragile riparian ecosystems enhances the economy as well as our environment — not to mention our own health.

One of the things that the province was saying to landowners when they brought in the Riparian Areas Regulation was: try to plan your development more than 30 metres from a stream. It's a very sensible idea. Not that you can't develop there if you have to, but the easiest, simplest way to avoid regulation and expense is to try not to disturb that 30-metre buffer. If you can't, you call in a professional and get some advice.

Now I fully realize that my little letter isn't going to have much of an impact on the people who are waving the flag of "property rights." That's okay. They're certainly entitled to their opinions. In fact, you can bet that there will be letters next week with the predictable denunciations, denials and assertions that they want to protect the environment. Fine. I know they're coming, and you can judge their merit for yourself.

But I also know that the Trust is required to implement the Riparian Areas Regulation, and we will, just as dozens and dozens of other local governments have already done. We're trying to craft a bylaw that will respond to the concerns of homeowners and reduce delays, red tape and expense as much as possible.

As I said, this is a special place, and we like to think we're special. But we're not so special that we can ignore a regulation brought in by provincial legislation. On top of that, it's the right thing to do, for many reasons. Look around.

The writer is a Salt Spring trustee on the local Trust committee.

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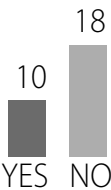
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We asked: If you could add anything to Rainbow Road rec facilities, what would it be?



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Market endorsed

I would like to correct the impression left in last week's Tuesday Market article ("Vendors: big hopes for Tuesday markets").

The restaurants have fully endorsed our Island Natural Growers Tuesday market move.

We are very grateful to Bruce's Kitchen, Salt Spring Noodle Box, Arigado Sushi, The Market Place Cafe, Del Vecchio Pasta Fresca, Pomodoro's Pizza, as well as The Local, Harlan's Chocolates and TJ Beans for their support for ING's Tuesday market move to Centennial Park.

When the market group met last fall to decide about the shift to Centennial Park,

we agreed that we would all move, or should permission not be granted for all, we would not move. This involved terminating operations in the meadow.

We agreed on the new times (3 to 7 p.m.) by majority vote. Our change of time was twofold — taking into consideration the impact on lunch traffic to our restaurants in the new location, and the idea to create a later market to enliven the downtown, with music and the festive atmosphere that markets provide, to draw people to town later in the day.

Brigitte Gonzalez decided on her own to contravene our agreement and reopen the meadow market.

Farmers will be welcoming our customers to Centennial Park in June when

the weather provides. Look for our sandwich boards to remind you.

SUE EARLE,
ISLAND NATURAL GROWERS

No legal validity to bylaw

I am writing to express my opinion of the Islands Trust proposed Bylaw 449. I do so with the benefit of nearly 50 years of practice in the courts of our country before I retired to Salt Spring Island more than four years ago.

In my view, the fact that the bylaw fails to identify the location or locations of riparian areas on the island is fatal to its legal validity.

This is so because the bylaw fails to meet the

express "purposes" of the governing Riparian Areas Regulation. Unless the bylaw complies with the requirements of the regulation it cannot enjoy the force of law.

The purposes of the regulation are found in Section 2. It provides that these purposes are to "establish directives to protect riparian areas from development."

The question is, how can this be done unless the areas in question are located and identified in the directive or directives?

This is evident from the reason given in the regulation for the directive — viz "so that the areas can provide natural features, functions and conditions that support fish life processes."

How is this objective to be

achieved if "the areas" are not located and identified?

In the result, the Islands Trust simply does not have the authority to make a bylaw (i.e. directive) that does not specify the location and identity of the riparian areas to be protected from development.

It is clear, on the face of it, that proposed Bylaw 449 completely fails to locate and identify the riparian areas to be protected from development and which would therefore require a permit.

To the contrary, 60 per cent of the island is sought to be subject to a permit requirement without any reasonable basis for claiming that this huge area is, in its entirety, one requiring "protection from development."

The idea that the population of such an immense territory is to be subject to a permit requirement in the absence of a determination of the parts that actually require protection is analogous to a form of governance that was embraced by the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland. The Queen put it this way:

"No, no!" said the Queen. "Sentence first — verdict afterwards."

"Stuff and nonsense!" said Alice loudly. "The idea of having the sentence first!"

"Off with her head!" the Queen shouted at the top of her voice.

Nobody moved.

JACK GILES, QC,
SALT SPRING

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Bedbugs the latest scourge of the world and SSI

If it isn't tsunamis it's earthquakes. If it isn't hurricanes it's tornadoes. Floods and wildfires. Drug wars and civil wars. Exploding watermelons and roadside bombs. Smart meters and cell phone towers.

Being God's chosen people, we Salt Springers have dodged the vagaries of weather and manmade butchery, at least to this point . . . but wait! There's more.

First there was West Nile virus, spreading via that Great North icon, the mosquito. And then it was the killer bees, making their way north, ferociously attacking hapless gardeners. Deer ticks carrying ghastly Lyme disease have made their way into British Columbia. And now, coming to a theatre near you (quite literally) look forward to Cimex lectularius — the stalwart bedbug. They're smart. They're bloodthirsty. They're on Salt Spring Island.

Let's talk morphology. Bedbugs are very small. Think about the queen's head on a dime. They travel quickly for their size, streaking across a hotel room carpet at about a metre a minute. During the day, they hide — really, really well. They find the creases of mattresses, the tufted pleats, between the mattress and the boxspring, in the bedside telephone, the alarm clock, in books and headboards.

At night (their favourite time is between 3 and 4 a.m.) they come out for a meal. Bedbugs like to dine every seven days, but like fleas, they can go without for up to a year. Bedbugs hone in by carbon dioxide and body heat. But not too much heat. They don't like to hang out in your hair or on your body like lice would do. They prefer to

stay nestled in your clothes — so you won't feel them crawling around your skin. As you sleep cozy under the eiderdown, they will drive their spiky nose into your skin, secrete a mild anesthetic to take away the sting and have their way with you.

They are extremely hard to kill, particularly since DDT was taken off the shelves some 40 years ago. Before 1972, DDT was used to kill anything crawling. Very effective stuff — unfortunately, it's carcinogenic. Details, details. Since then, a combination of less effective fumigation products and heat is the weapon of choice. The magic number is 47 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes.

In the past, bedbugs were certainly annoying, but at worst, were thought to leave nothing more than an itchy bump. There is new evidence emerging that these little darlings may be hosting a nasty little superbug called staphylococcus aureus (MRSA,) highly resistant to antibiotics and deadly. MRSA kills 19,000 Americans a year. Disturbingly, these MRSA bedbugs were found in Vancouver's east side, a mere 60 kilometres from our blessed isle.

Beyond the physical threat, there is the psychological damage. Merely knowing that these things are lurking on the planet can trigger what the shrinks have christened delusional parasitosis, where you actually feel nonexistent bugs crawling on your body, causing all sorts of grief, particu-



Peter Vincent

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larly insomnia. You become afraid to fall asleep.

Let's not forget the very real hell you travel through if you and your stuff has been infested with bed bugs. Unfortunate sods harbouring an infestation have been called modern-day lepers. Eradicating these beasts from a building is incredibly expensive, consequently, landlords want nothing to do with a renter that has been "bedbugged" in the past. No kids. No pets. No bedbugs. A woman in Colorado was turned away from a hospital because she had bedbug bites on her arm.

Bedbugs have reached epidemic proportions, with New York being the epicentre and fanning out across the continent. There are now web sites such as bedbugregistry.com where you can check if the hotel you are planning to use or an apartment you are planning to rent has had any reports of bedbug infestation. Vancouver lights up like a Christmas tree at this website.

Let's review. Bedbugs are small, stealthy, feed on human blood, are extremely hard to kill, may well harbour deadly superbugs, and are everywhere, including Salt Spring. Karen Cross of Gulf Islands Pest Control Services tells me that she has treated between 10 and 20 cases here so far. We are not immune.

What's a poor boy to do? As Karen says, "You have to be proactive." If you are staying in a hotel, put your suitcase in the bathtub (bedbugs don't do well on slippery surfaces). Pull back each layer of bedding. Look

for tiny black pellets. These are your classic bedbug droppings. Look in the creases, between the mattress and the boxspring, in the chairs, behind pictures, everywhere. I mean everywhere.

Don't toss your clothes on hotel room floors. Wear clothes that are washable and seal them in plastic until you can launder them in hot water. Some go as far as taping their suitcases shut. All this is likely pointless, because the cleaning staff travel from one room to another and may have easily picked up bedbug hitchhikers from the room down the hall.

Oh, and avoid public places — you know, theatres, libraries, laundromats, sporting events, concerts, restaurants, coffee shops, shoe stores, all stores, planes, trains and taxis. (Two British Airways jets were recently taken out of service for bedbug fumigation) Avoid thrift stores like the plague. Used furniture and mattresses? Are you serious?

If you do find a bedbug in your home, not to worry. Incinerate everything that will burn. Throw out your mattress (cut it open with a knife so that nobody will be tempted to liberate it from the landfill.) Anything that you refuse to burn or toss out goes in plastic tupperware containers sealed with packing tape for a year. Wash all your clothes in very hot water or dry clean. Tell no one. I repeat, tell no one. See? That wasn't too bad now, was it?

Excuse me, I have to go now. I think I feel something crawling on my arm.

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OPINION

Public policy

Again, in last week's letters, a concerned reader is spreading unsubstantiated information in a well-meaning attempt to convince people that smart meters are dangerous ("Crazy smart meter plan"). Commendably, the writer has included traceable references to the sources referred to.

The quoted authority is a self-published report by an ad-hoc group identified as "BioInitiative Working Group of renowned scientists and public health policy experts." The last seven words are not actually part of the group's name, but have presumably been added by the writer.

Let it be known that this report contains anecdotal "evidence" and opinions only, does not describe reproducible experimental evidence and does not conform to the minimum standard for legitimacy for any purportedly scientific document in that it is not peer reviewed. Further, it has been roundly criticized, by the following, among others: Health Council of the Netherlands; Australian Centre for Radiofrequency Bioeffects Research (ACRBR); European Commission's EMF-NET; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Committee on Man and Radiation (COMAR); German Federal Office for Radiation Protection; French Agency for Environmental and Occupational Health Safety.

Some of the comments made by these agencies: (The report . . .) " . . . is not an objective and balanced reflection of the current state of scientific knowledge;" " . . . does not provide an analysis that is rigorous-enough to raise doubts about the scientific consensus;" " . . . contains clear scientific shortcomings;" " . . . is tinged with conflicts of interest . . . ;"

The letter then refers to a European Environmental Agency's position paper on the Precautionary Principle as applied to radiation. The references in this document are limited to ionizing radiation such as that emitted by radioactive substances and X-ray devices which is quite

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different from non-ionizing radio frequency emissions.

Public policy decisions should be based on verifiable information.

HAROLD BROCHMANN,
SALT SPRING

Insulting ferry plan

The discontinuance of a printed comprehensive BC Ferries schedule is one more insult to the ridership.

Offered as a way to save money (estimates of \$200,000), which won't be passed along as cheaper fares, there will be limited printed copies of regionalized schedules available as of June 1. Apparently BC Ferries thinks everyone has internet access or is patient enough to withstand long waits on the telephone for route information.

What consideration was given to printing the usual comprehensive schedule by other cost-saving means? Cheaper paper? I would be willing to pay a dollar for a printed schedule dispensed from a machine on ships or at ports. What about sub-contracting to a private business to print schedules inside tourist advertising brochures?

One point of logic given was that schedules were often outdated or incorrect by the time they were printed. But why is this? What does it say about reliability of any schedule and how often do we have to check the internet to be sure there has not been a schedule change?

I believe this whole switch will backfire, especially in regard to tourists who don't always bring their laptops with them. The old schedule was a vehicle for tourists to dream and plan an extension of their vacation to other areas of the Gulf Islands and beyond. How will tourists in this area be able to obtain printed schedules for other areas of service if they are not on the boats?

Lastly, the communication on this change has been terrible. I can't find anything on the online site and have seen nothing on-board the ferry. In fact the still- not-out-dated

schedules were removed weeks ago from the Skeena and at the Swartz Bay office without any explanation. It was only by asking an employee that I even heard of this.

DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD

Rusty Trusty runs aground

Re "Islands Trust dismisses Booth's 'RARguments,'" May 18 Driftwood, the schooner Rusty Trusty lies aground in some Salt Spring, unnamed, uncharted and unmapped ditch. The ship mishap happened while sailing the infamous RAR expedition to establish the rule of the Trust on the waves, the ripples and the shore-weeds of the ditches of Salt Spring and on us, the inhabitants of the island.

Linda Adams, bureaucratic captain of the "Rusty Trusty," sought to refloat her. Finding herself lacking wind, she went to her new first mate David Marlor, who blew aplenty, we are told. Captain Adams deflected the Marlor-inflated buoyancy bag on to us, seeking to uplift support for the RAR expedition. But she would not let us see what Marlor blew into that bag, for fear that letting it out would deflate the bag. Instead, she described for us what Marlor blew into that bag. That is how Adams put it:

"The Islands Trust's director of local planning, David Marlor, has carefully reviewed Mr. Booth's opinion indicating that no further work is required to comply with the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation . . . Mr. Marlor does not believe Salt Spring's current bylaws comply with the Riparian Areas Regulation or that Mr. Booth's arguments are supported by provincial legislation."

PR-brilliant, wouldn't you say, mate? To begin with, she vets it with the authority of a captain's command; then, it is not her view, it is only "advice she received," or it would be if called to account for it; then it is

"Mr. Booth's opinion indicating . . ." versus the detached learned professional "director of local planning, David Marlor, [who] has carefully reviewed Mr. Booth's opinion," blah, blah, blah.

It would have been proper for the Trust to publish Marlor's "careful review" and trust us to interpret it for ourselves. Slice open that bag for us to see for ourselves what Marlor stuffed it with — because this is a democracy.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

Skateboarding shock

On Friday, May 27 at about 7:10 p.m. I was driving towards Ganges along an 80 km/hour zone on Long Harbour Road at the end of a rain shower when a nasty situation developed.

I suddenly saw two young adult guys on skateboards zooming downhill towards Long Harbour from the right, just ahead. We were about to collide. I braked wildly and tried to steer my car away from human bodies. The tires crunched over a skateboard. I jumped out of my car and saw that both skateboarders were alive and well.

Because I am not a parent, it didn't occur to me to immediately deliver a lecture about skateboarding without helmets and down hilly roads. Instead, I hugged the skateboarder whose life had been most in danger. He said they hadn't been able to stop on the wet road, and added that if anything had happened to him it would have been "okay" because it would have been his fault. I assured him it would not have been okay. They declined a lift and I drove on.

Please show this letter to any teenaged skateboarder you know. If I were to injure someone in a skateboarding accident (or any other kind of accident), that person's family and friends could well be devastated, and I might be scarred for life.

Maybe the skateboarder could handle it, but I'm a sensitive Salt Springer who values all life. Please don't do that to me.

CHERYL COHEN,
SALT SPRING

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Salt Spring’s New Watercourse Regulations

BC’s Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) was enacted by the province in July 2004. It requires local governments, including those within Islands Trust, to protect fish-bearing habitat. The Ministry of the Environment has told us we must include riparian area protection in our planning bylaws and permits. The question is not, “Will we comply with provincial regulations?” The question is: “How?”

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has responded by proposing bylaw 449. This integrates the province’s Riparian Areas Regulation with our existing Development Permit Area 4, which includes the island’s major lakes, streams and wetlands. As a result of protecting fish-bearing streams, the bylaw also helps protect our drinking water lakes. Bylaw 449 complements the thousands of volunteer hours islanders have devoted to restoring Salt Spring’s fish-bearing streams and to protecting our drinking water lakes.

This new bylaw has raised concerns about balancing the need for environmental management with the needs of landowners. This notice is meant to broaden the community’s understanding of the bylaw’s intent and scope. Further notices will follow, looking at implementation and the bylaw consideration process.

So what are riparian areas?

Riparian areas border on streams, lakes and wetlands that link water to land. The blend of

streambed, water, trees, shrubs and grasses directly provides and influences fish habitat.

Why protect them?

Riparian areas provide fish habitat and safeguard water quality. Protecting them provides benefits for landowners and the community:

- better surface and ground water quality
- lower flood hazards
- healthy fish habitat
- higher aesthetic values

What are Development Permit Areas?

Development Permit Areas (DPAs) are a flexible planning tool used by local governments throughout BC to guide development in situations that call for special protection. DPAs do not restrict uses or density. They simply ensure that development follows certain guidelines and respects each site’s unique character.

How will the new DPA 4 work?

The bylaw will, with a few exceptions, increase the amount of land within DPA 4 from a width of 10 metres to 30 metres adjacent to those streams, lakes and wetlands that provide or lead to fish-supporting habitat.

Under the province’s Riparian Areas Regulation, new residential, commercial and industrial development can still take place within the 30 metres, as long as the landowner hires a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) to provide a scientific assessment of the proposed activities. A QEP may be a professional biologist,

geoscientist, forester or agrologist. Their report will:

- assess habitat and any potential impacts to habitat
- develop mitigation or enhancement measures if necessary
- establish which areas can be developed

What activities will require a Development Permit or QEP Report?

- constructing buildings and structures
- creating non-structural impervious or semi-impervious surfaces (e.g. parking lots, patios)
- removing, altering, disrupting or destroying vegetation
- disturbing soils
- developing new services (e.g. roads)

What activities will not require a Development Permit or QEP Report?

- any development outside the 30 metre setback
- routine lawn maintenance (including mowing, pruning, planting)
- existing permanent structures, roads and other development
- structural repair and renovations that do not change a building’s footprint
- developments that have already been approved but not yet built

The new DP area also **does not apply** to existing homes, garages or other structures, or to existing gardens — even if they are within 30 metres of a stream.

OPINION



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
BOOT DRIVE: From left, firefighter Rob Grossman, Hilary Boyes, Martina Gyor, Amy Lucas, Kristen Reilly and firefighter Dale Lundy gather around the Salt Spring Fire-Rescue fundraising boot in the department’s annual drive.

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Shredded invitations

I read with interest the letter Ruth Tarasoff wrote in the May 25 Driftwood (“Reducing hospital a cop-out”).

She very clearly outlines the concerns of many Salt Spring residents. I agree with the issues and I am also concerned about the future of our hospital. She asks if anyone is listening. I also wonder if anyone is listening.

A few weeks ago I received my invitation to not attend the Phantom Ball.

I remembered back to the first time I got my invitation to the ball. I remember thinking what a clever, innovative fundraising idea. I am sure I smiled as I wrote out the cheque that year. The funds were to go towards upgrading our operating room at Lady Minto.

Little did I realize that it would become a phantom operating room.

The invitation this year states that some of the funds will go towards expanding the laboratory facility. I have been to the lab and can see that an upgrade is needed and would benefit islanders. For the sake of the people who work so hard there I would like to donate.

I wonder, however, if it would just become a phantom lab to stand beside the phantom operating room. Maybe this year some of the funds raised could be used to hire phantom doctors to take the place of the excellent real doctors who have gone or will soon be leaving the island in frustration.

This year when I opened my invitation my feelings had changed.

It was no longer a clever, innovative fundraiser. To me personally it was a sad, sick joke. I quickly put the invitation in the shredder.

I later learned that my best friend had also shredded her invitation.

I guess the only hope I can offer Ruth Tarasoff is that perhaps VIHA and the powers that be will listen to the sound of the shredders.

LILLIAN MACK,
FULFORD

Dog walking

What a pleasure it was to join fellow dog lovers in the Walk for Guide Dogs in Portlock Park on Sunday. Strangely enough there were no CRD paddy-wagons there to cart off the “no dogs in the park” offenders.

I am sure more than a few folks found it ironic to read the conflicting articles in last week’s Driftwood — a final warning given to a lady for walking her dog in the park (with a comment that there can be no exceptions) and a few pages later an invitation to come and walk your dog in the very same park.

In reading the bylaw, we find many references to how your dog, horse or other animal is to behave and be controlled, and the article being cited on the “no dogs” signs mentions that these animals are not permitted in certain areas of parks that are signed.

An example would be a sign asking that no dogs enter the tennis enclosure or the ball diamond. That is the clear intention in the bylaw — it does not say that entire parks are off-limits. Otherwise it would not be necessary to mention the maximum length of leash required, etc.

The CRD website repeatedly says that dogs are welcome in CRD parks. I spoke to the person in charge at the CRD about this and was enlightened to hear that the only park on Salt Spring under their control was the Mill Farm Regional Park. The others fall under the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. So I think we

should let PARC know how we feel. Dogs are welcome in most luxury hotels and fine hardware stores (aka Mouat’s). They are welcome in Butchart Gardens, and parks all over Vancouver Island. In fact, a little research will show that the most common use for parks is for dog-walking.

Sure, put up a sign asking that dogs be leashed and that owners pick up after their pets. We know this rule can be reversed. Look at Cy Hampson Park on Lochside Drive, just south of Sidney. A “no dogs” sign went up, people complained and it was reversed.

If PARC members would bother to take a look, they will see people at this park walking dogs and virtually no one without a dog. As a matter of fact, they have now added an “off-leash area” on the other side of Lochside Drive.

Walking a dog is recreation!

PETER GRANT AND
GINGER THE DOG,
SALT SPRING

Minute mess

The people we elect are given the power to set and implement their own agendas. Until the next election, their authority is quite broad. It is not absolute though.

We entrust our governments with power, but they remain subject to long-established and well-grounded rules to ensure fairness and due process. It galls us all when the government breaks the rules: when it hides information, when it misleads us and when it doesn’t play things straight. We expect basic rules to be followed. By all. In the recent federal election, Saanich-Gulf Islands did its part to send that message to Ottawa. Now it’s time to focus closer to home.

At its April regular meeting, the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee unanimously adopted minutes for a meeting it had held on Jan.

14. These minutes had been delayed for three months, with minutes from later meetings adopted out of order, in violation of the LTC’s own meeting procedures bylaw.

Most seriously, the January minutes materially misrepresent what happened on one item of business.

The minutes state that trustee Ehring reported a possible conflict, that the applicant answered a question, that the meeting recessed and reconvened, and that trustee Ehring excused himself from the meeting. Provincial law is clear on this issue: an elected official with a conflict must not participate in a discussion or attempt to influence a decision.

The adopted minutes omit that, before excusing himself, Mr. Ehring spoke to the application being considered and commented that his partner, the owner of a neighbouring property, approved of it. The minutes omit that Mr. Ehring asked the question the applicant answered. The minutes also omit why and when Mr. Ehring left the meeting, both of which are strict requirements of provincial law.

So today we filed a formal complaint with the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust. The complaint is not about Mr. Ehring’s conduct in January. That deserves a close look, so we ask the Executive Committee to consider the matter, but we realize it could have been an innocent mistake.

The complaint is really about the cover-up by the LTC. About a year ago, Sheila Malcolmson, the off-island appointed chair of the LTC, wrote in the Driftwood, “Minutes are the official recording of the LTC’s proceedings, and are absolutely the right place to record what was decided and why.” We agree.

The law, the rules, and simple common decency require that minutes be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of a public

body. The LTC should have recorded what actually happened in January, and might have said it was a good faith error. Instead they made a deliberate choice to whitewash the record, misleading the public who elected them. They falsified official history.

Do rules apply to everybody? Are elected officials accountable to the people?

We heard how the electorate in Saanich-Gulf Islands answered these questions. Let’s hear what the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust thinks.
SUSAN CUNNINGHAM, ARLENE DASHWOOD, JEAN ELDER, PETER LAKE, MARK LUCICH, BRANDI MACKINNON, JOHN MACPHERSON, SHELLEY NITIKMAN, PATSY SIEMENS,
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OPINION

Water systems need new management plan

BY CHRIS DIXON

John Rowlandson’s cry for help (“How on earth can Fulford residents afford their water?” Driftwood, May 25) rings a bell for me. An alarm bell.

I am the chair of the Cedar Lane Water Commission. Cedar Lane is one of several local water districts recently taken over by the CRD.

I write this article not as a CRD commissioner, but as a 24-year resident of Salt Spring Island who is facing the prospect of moving somewhere else because I can’t keep up with the rising costs of living here.

My water bill used to average seven dollars a month and now it is \$150. My property taxes have doubled since I moved to Mansell Road. All this since the CRD took over our water system.

As I age I am less physically capable nor emotionally able to push hard enough to earn more money each year. I’m having trouble keeping pace with the rising costs of membership.

The best hope for staying in the com-

munity I have invested most of my working life in is to reduce, where possible, the number of non-productive people who are living out of my pocket.

Many of the CRD upgrade projects on local water systems have been unsatisfactory for the sorts of reasons Rowlandson outlines in his essay.

The CRD has harvested millions of dollars in federal and provincial grants—funds intended for upgrading the safety and security of small local water systems.

The element John has missed in his commentary lives and thrives on the other side of this fat government coin.

The CRD is a unique and distant culture; office buildings filled with fresh-faced graduates sitting in front of computer screens and having meetings. Fleets of shiny new vehicles driven by more graduates armed with clipboards and report forms.

In this culture there is no mandate to deliver value for investment, nor is there any internal

mechanism to challenge the process when it fails.

There’s only one rule; whatever they deliver — whether it is appropriate and successful or whether it is a complete and utter failure, massively behind schedule and catastrophically over budget — must be accepted and paid for by the district.

As a small example, in our system a \$20,000 job cost us \$44,000. It doesn’t work the way we were told it would work, and the benefits we were told to expect have not materialized, but we must pay for it because that’s the way the CRD works.

Our initial upgrade project had a budget of \$475,000. Presently in our second one-year grant term extension, we still have the funds to complete some aspects of the original proposal, but the CRD has recently informed us that our water mains “have reached the end of their useful life” and they suggest we’ll need to find another half million to replace them.

This is a terrifying bit of news considering that

we have only 40 households to share the cost.

It’s doubly terrifying given our experience — the CRD history of poor estimating, poor oversight, and a general lack of competence which could easily turn a half-million 2010 dollars into a much larger figure in the distant future.

Such is life when you’re dancing with a beast that is utterly unaccountable.

I believe there is one way to deliver ourselves and all other Salt Spring water districts out of this trap.

It will not fix the CRD but it just might fix the leaks, both financial and hydraulic. I want a divorce. I think if we’re stupid enough to continue in this abusive relationship — then, and only then, will we deserve what we get.

I think we should manage our own water systems on Salt Spring. Many other communities manage their water delivery without the burden of CRD interference.

I think we should inventory our local

resources and identify ways that home-grown contractors and services can support and operate our water systems.

The thing the CRD does best is get grant money, and today those grants are generally conditional on the CRD running the water district.

It would be challenging to amalgamate our various water systems into one legal entity because of the differences in size, physical and financial condition, location, and water sources of the districts. We would need to form a Salt Spring body big enough to be recognized by grantors, insurers and banks — a body big enough to enact bylaws and to levy taxes.

This is real self-government I’m talking about.

It would be a big job to line up the pieces, but the alternative — the endlessly expensive and incompetent CRD model is not sustainable. My advice to the folks in Fulford is to look at other options.

The writer is a Mansell Road resident.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Bake stand taken from outside gate at 729 Lower Ganges Rd. on Friday afternoon between 3:30 and 4 p.m. It was tied with a large rope to the gatepost and a “do not take” sign on it. Did anyone see it being removed by two men and a truck? Have you seen it? Please bring it back! Salt Spring is becoming a community where everything needs to be locked or cemented in place. Unfortunate! P. McDonald

Roses

Continuous Light Sanctuary board members give sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone for their continued enthusiasm and support during the past several years and in the years to come. May you always be guided by your truth.

Pink roses for the three wonderful young people — Emily, Terrin and Jacob — who rescued our Pinkee up on Channel Ridge. Gracias, amigas. Joanie

Roses to Gordon Heisch and his crew for building us a fine new house. We love living in it and they should all be very proud of their work!

A plethora of deliciously fragrant bright yellow roses to Country Grocer and Paul Large for supplying such fantastic and heartening snacks for our lengthy Advanced Placement English Literature Exam. It made all the difference! And an abundance of gloriously scented and rainbow-coloured roses to Peggy Williams for mothering us through the stress and panic, and sharing such delightful intelligence. And to Ray Colleran for helping to prepare us with his enthusiastic and passionate teaching. You guys rock! Melanie, Ellen, Malcolm, Kelly, Frieda & MJ

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DANCE REVIEW

Energy, creativity, commitment, hard work mark GLSS dance night

Multi-cultural inspirations and dramatic pieces presented

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Once again the youth of Salt Spring dazzled and amazed at two Gulf Islands Secondary School dance performances, showcasing their energy, creativity and heartfelt commitment to the arts.

At last Wednesday night’s show, dance teacher extraordinaire Sonia Langer explained that she taught two classes this term — one for beginners and one for more advanced dancers. Choreographing almost all of the evening’s pieces, these dancers worked in groups or individually, creating memorable numbers that spanned a variety of dance styles, ranging from hip-hop to swing to West African grooves.

Opening the evening on the ArtSpring stage was a group piece entitled For Japan, choreographed by Langer and danced by the B-block class. Featuring stunning blue costumes and flowing movements that spoke of waves rolling on the shore, the piece was both evocative and slightly sad, a moving tribute to the people of Japan.

Neon Black, with choreography and dancing by Naeco Palm, Brenna McIntyre, Star Caliva and Iminah Amal-Hill, was intriguing albeit slightly creepy, with the dancers sporting spooky masks and suitably detached movements.

Bollywood was loads of fun and props should be given to Kyla Lam for choreographing this high-energy, expressive number. I must admit it was refreshing to see the dancers finding inspiration in other cultures and dance styles.

Choreographed by Sophia Lynn, Battu was another piece that gave the evening a multi-cultural flavour, featuring music by Angelique Kidjo and joyful West African movements. Uptown Girls, choreographed by Lani Bas-



GISPA dancers perform in Heart Beat, choreographed by the dancers and teacher Sonia Langer.

... these dancers worked in groups or individually, creating memorable numbers that spanned a variety of dance styles . . .

com, was a highlight of the night, partly because it included both male and female dancers (a rarity at these shows). With the guys in authentic 1950s’ “Greaser” apparel and the gals in poodle skirts and high ponytails, this number included some incredible lifts, fancy partnering and more than a little stage theatrics.

Two major standouts were the pieces danced by international students Yefim Pastrana Ramirez and Alejandra Zelada Munoz (both hailing from Mexico). A very sexy Bachata framed by intense red lighting showcased the fast footwork and swaying hips typical of this Dominican style of dance. And Caliente

was exactly that, featuring intricate partnering and some cool lifts and spins accompanied by fantastic Latin rhythms. It was obvious these two young dancers were filled with the joy of dance and the spontaneous rounds of applause from the packed house proved the audience shared this joy.

Trust Me, choreographed by Kenya Ellis-Ireland, was another stellar piece that showcased thoughtful choreography and lovely movement, and Heart Beat, choreographed by both the GISPA dancers and Langer, included cool pulsing music, intense lighting and breath-like motions that made the piece especially dramatic.

After intermission we were treated to the slightly tribal He Lives in You, choreographed by Abby Rothwell and danced by Rothwell, Aisha Balint, Vera Gzil, Ruby Barnard, Aina Yasue and Bascom. These young women, fully committed to every move, made great use of the stage, displaying graceful bird-like movements, open body positions and excellent balance.

I could have watched Barnard and Yasue dance all night

after Sea of Love; highly technical and very skilled, these two dancers have great flexibility and extension and this sweet little number showcased movements that were perfectly finished from fingertips to toes.

In The Sequel, Stephanie Simpson and Deena Whitcutt served up a serious dose of sass and hard-hitting hip-hop choreography. Dabbling in pop n’ lock, krump and other pop dance styles, they stayed in the pocket of the rhythm throughout the piece and, incredibly, weren’t even winded! Whitcutt returned for Freeze, another memorable (and funny) hip-hop number danced side by side with her sister Nadeen.

Black and White, choreographed and danced by Farley Cannon, Trevor Walker and Konstantin Rau was another crowd favourite. Boasting some of Michael Jackson’s signature moves (including a hat toss into the crowd) and even some break dancing, the kickin’ footwork and constant motion kept the audience cheering until the end.

And Jitterbug, danced by Bascom, Zach Corley, Sierra Lundy and Kevin Abbott was an

all-out blast; this swing number included some crazy lifts, dips, flips and spins and with in-sync standing back-tucks, this was definitely performance at its best!

As with all GLSS dance shows, I am amazed at the number of students they can pack onstage, without anybody losing an eye . . . or a toe. Langer and her students should truly be proud; these kids are a true example of what can be accomplished when you combine energy, creativity, commitment and a lot of hard work.

In my opinion they most definitely deserved their standing ovation.

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the inside story on Spa by Lenice

newly renovated day spa

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to valued former clients and newcomers alike. Lenice is a qualified esthetician and massage therapist, along with her niece Sara, who both graduated from Blanche McDonald College, Lenice in 2007 and Sara in 2009. Both Lenice and Sara have relaxed, cheerful dispositions, and along with Cori McGowan, a registered RMT, and Staci Ware, a qualified body piercer, clients will find themselves in good hands.

Originally from Sweden, Lenice moved to Canada at the age of 16, and, like many of us, has worked in numerous other professions before choosing the field of esthetics, in which she feels her true nature can finally be shared. Lenice and her daughter relocated to Salt Spring from Vancouver four years ago after Lenice completed her esthetic and massage training, and have called Salt Spring home ever since.



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FOOT-STOMPING SOUND: Valdy and Gary Fjellgaard pump up the sound during a Sunday celebration at the Farmers' Institute for transfer of a 63-acre Fulford property to the SSI Farmers' Institute by Three Point Motors.

FUNDRAISER

Garden event benefits Seeds for Malawi

Women of Note to perform

Members of Seeds for Malawi are inviting the public to attend a fundraising luncheon that will take place in a beautiful seaside garden on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Delicious culinary treats will include local ingredients and vegetarian choices, while the Salt Spring choir Women of Note performs garden songs at 185 Rourke Rd.

There will be gate prizes and plants for sale, plus garden-related items, such as funky garden ornaments and ceramic containers.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Stitches and Salt Spring Books, as well as from Lynda Crawford (250-538-0014), Elna Gravelle (250-653-9379), Juliette Laing (250-537-9542) or Susan Evans (250-653-4311).

All proceeds will go to the Seeds for Malawi project to support food security and education in Africa.

ARTS SCHOOL

Momentum gathers for arts school idea

Community support is strong

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the steering committee for an arts school initiative on Salt Spring are taking a deep breath after completing several busy weeks of discussion with specific groups and the wider community.

The closing public conversation, held in mid-May, confirmed that the idea has considerable traction, although the form it may take is still to be discovered.

Committee member Seth Berkowitz said there has been no significant leaning toward any of three potentials models, which include: a distributed grassroots model using existing studios and workshops; a core program using existing teaching facilities and the construction of a major, dedicated school.

"The committee is trying to go into the next phase with a completely open mind," Berkowitz said, explaining its job is to research community needs without advancing any particular agenda.

"If the participants had any leaning, it would be to start slow, start small — but not necessarily limit yourself to that model."

Berkowitz said the community has appreciated the committee's effort to be objective and transparent, including the posting of all documents and even flip chart notes on its website (which can be viewed at www.ssac-artschool.ca).

The next step is for the committee to agree on a framework of criteria on which to make its recommendation as to whether the Salt Spring Arts Council should pursue the initiative.

Berkowitz said the good turnout from the

community at meetings and active participation in its Facebook discussion demonstrate a strong willingness for the idea to proceed in some form.

"My personal feeling is regardless of what the committee decides, there will be a very strong movement toward an arts school. There is such strong momentum now that even if the committee decides not to recommend it, someone else

will take it on," he said.

The committee will make its recommendation this September.

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MUSIC EDUCATION



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Gulf Islands Secondary School music students — many of whom took part in a recent trip to Cuba — perform for residents at Meadowbrook. The GISS music show runs tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow night at ArtSpring.

A Cuba music intensive

Lessons learned way beyond the classroom

BY SUSAN LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

High school music director Bruce Smith's exuberance for Cuba — its culture, people, music and dance — makes it tough to keep him on track as he chats about the recent trip he and 18 choir students took there.

The 10-day trip, which involved several performance exchanges, workshops and an eye-opening immersion in Cuban culture, marks the third time Smith has taken Gulf Islands Secondary School music students to Cuba.

"When I step off the plane . . . I feel as though I am part of Cuba and it never leaves me," Smith says, as our conversation dances between the recent trip, Cuban history, past and present Cuban politics and his over-riding appreciation for the humility and talent of the Cuban people.

The experience, Smith stresses, was about so much more than the official itinerary, with life-altering lessons that go far beyond the realm of a classroom.

However, the itinerary itself reads like a manifesto for baptism in Cuban sound. The students, who practised choral pieces for months before the late-April trip, took part in six performance exchanges, among them three Cuban schools and a professional choir. They also participated in music and dance workshops and attended several shows.

Add this to history tours, travel between Havana, Cienfuegos and Varadero, lunch at an orphanage, beach time, salsa lessons and sight-seeing, and

you have a jam-packed, well-rounded trip.

But it was the stories amid the travelogue that so impressed Smith, who said one of the highlights for him was "watching the students realize how incredibly humble and beautiful the Cuban people are."

Some of the students, he added, really "got it." They saw that they "have everything" — wealth, technology and access — but they lack musical discipline and patience.

"They suddenly saw themselves as so entitled . . . so spoiled rotten," he said. "Musically, we are like the wealthy children [to the Cubans] . . . we have everything, so why aren't we better?"

The Cubans, on the other hand, "all have the music," Smith says, recalling how stunned they were at a jazz club in Havana to stumble across "the best piano player I've ever seen in my life . . . you couldn't see his hands they were moving so fast . . . they were just a blur."

The trip also included "dropping off" several suitcases full of donated goods — quietly and "without fanfare."

One of these stops included the national ballet, located in an awe-inspiring, "Hogwarts-like" building with a staircase made of marble. Here, they left a massive collection of ballet shoes donated by Toes and Taps in Victoria. They also left small donations, collected on Salt Spring, with the principals of each of the schools they visited.

But probably the biggest highlight for Smith was the three hours spent at an orphanage in Cienfuegos. Typically, Canadian groups visiting an orphanage give a concert and then leave. But Smith wanted to do "some-

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food, but we sat down

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BRUCE SMITH
GISS music director

thing real," so they decided to make a spaghetti lunch for 45.

While some of the GISS students cooked (in the tiny, 15x15 square-foot kitchen), others sat and played with the children — a novel experience for the orphans, they discovered, because "no one had ever played with them before."

The GISS students bought an over-abundance of food at a nearby market — leaving behind extra garlic, buckets of ice cream and even a china dishware set.

"Not only did we fix the food, but we sat down and ate with them — we shared a common thing. It was so pure, so beautiful."

Back on Salt Spring, several of the Cuba trip students moved straight into rehearsal for the Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts (GISPA) show, held shortly afterwards, and are now getting set for this week's GISS music shows, which run tonight (Wednesday) and tomorrow night at ArtSpring, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

No doubt, a little bit of Cuba will shine through the those 18 students, who each brought home some life lessons and a whole lot of music.

ART EXHIBITS

Florence Roberge artwork returns

Queensland trip provides fresh inspiration

An exhibition of a new series of large oil paintings by Salt Spring artist Florence Roberge is showing at ArtSpring from June 1 to 30.

Many islanders will recall Roberge's striking Tuscan Harvest series shown at ArtSpring two years ago and the painting

from it which graced the cover of the ArtSpring brochure for 2009-10.

The genesis of the new body of work was an extended visit to central Queensland, Australia in 2009.

"The piercing quality of the light in Australia was a huge professional challenge for me," said Roberge.

She says she found her muse in the acres of lotus and lily ponds at Kabi, an organic orchard and wildlife reserve nearby.

Visitors to the show will be able to see many of the small paintings made on site and at least one of her unusual sketchbooks as well as the rich oil paintings of Kabi ponds.

Roberge is exclusively represented on Salt Spring by Gallery 8.

Some other selected new works will also be on show at the gallery in Grace Point Square as part of a group show from June 17 to July 10.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FUNDRAISER

Treasure Fair goes 'extraordinaire'

Annual auction event July 14-16

Since its beginning in 2001, the ArtSpring Treasure Fair has been a highlight of midsummer on Salt Spring Island.

It has always been a major fundraising event for ArtSpring, but the Treasure Fair also provides a venue for community members to donate goods and services and buy a treasure or score a bargain.

Year after year hundreds of volunteers contribute their time on various committees to make the fair happen: acquisitions, display, publicity, data collection, volunteer organization and production of the live and silent auctions. Organizers say the coordination of multiple skills and hands-on physical labour produce an exciting, entertaining event and a boost for the local arts centre.

Work is well under-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, April Wright, Nighean Anderson and Gwen McDonald show off some of the Treasure Fair items.

wayforthe2011 edition, dubbed the ArtSpring Treasure Faire Extraordinaire. This year's collection of treasure

items is growing fast. There is a Maui condo vacation up for grabs as well as a Mount Washington holiday, origi-

nal artwork from Jerry Davidson, Franklin Mint plates and a brass bed. A treasure trove of crystal, silver, tools, small appliances and furniture awaits bidding with more items arriving every day.

People who have goods or services that might be suitable for either the silent or live auctions or even for cash n' carry should call Nighean Anderson at 250-931-0931, who will accept donations and arrange for pick-up. Anyone who would like to contribute in some other way can call event chairman Judy Nurse at 250-537-2293.

Silent auctions will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from July 14 to 16 plus 6 to 7:15 p.m. (the close of bidding) on Saturday evening. The live auction takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday evening.

The Cash 'n' Carry Room will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

GISS THEATRE

Masterful comedy with Imaginary Invalid

GISS takes on Molière June 7, 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Senior acting students at Gulf Islands Secondary's 2nd Story Theatre have chosen to take a lighter approach for their end of semester play with The Imaginary Invalid by Molière.

The play was the last one ever written by Molière, the French actor and playwright who first established himself as a master of comedy in the 17th century and has stayed on top ever since. GISS students have proved eager emissaries of his work in the past: Hotel Historia, a student-written survey of theatre history produced in January 2009, contained Molière elements that were some of the best highlights of the piece.

This time around the students are taking on an entire play at the suggestion of theatre teacher Jason Donaldson — but completely by their own choice, as classmates Josh Bedford, Matt Beaver and Paisley Conrad explained during a recent visit to the Driftwood.

"Mr. Donaldson always says he will be the second most excited person in the room," Beaver said, noting that the students are expected to take the reins in their own hands to bring their plays to life. That includes creating the sets, costumes, stage manage-

ment and publicity.

"It's very student influenced — it's a process as much as a product," Bedford added.

Taking on material first performed during the time of Louis XIV may have seemed a tad foreign at first to the modern students, but they found they connected easily with their characters and situations once they started putting life into them.

The plot line revolves around Argon (played by Bedford), a hypochondriac with an enema dependency who is constantly manipulated by those around him.

"Surrounded by power-hungry doctors, deceitful notaries and a devious wife, this neurotic invalid undergoes a journey to find those who truly care for him," a press release states.

Guiding Argon in his troubles is his devoted maid, played by Dorah Prieto.

His daughter Angelique (Conrad, last seen as a stepsister in Ash Girl) is a hopeless romantic, but he hopes to marry her off to Beaver's young doctor in training, described as "a typical upper class boogey."

"He's very stupid, to the point of being unable to pick his nose without small directions, and completely unable to do anything romantic at all," Beaver said of his character.

As can be expected with a French farce, there are considerable misunderstandings and

deceptions, and what is said is generally not what is meant.

"There's a lot of context and subtext, a lot of implications within each line," Conrad noted.

"The implications are what makes the humour," Bedford continued.

"There's a lot of dramatic irony — when one character says something the other person often doesn't get it, but the audience does."

The young cast is aware that high school productions tend to delve into the ever-present teenage angst, and the actors seem quite delighted to be serving up something light and frothy instead.

"There won't be as much dark eye makeup — there will be mascara, but it won't be running with tears, unless they're tears of laughter," Beaver said.

Bedford, who was one of the "sins" in Ash Girl and will be appearing in his third play this year, said: "It's nice to get away from the dark. It's going to be really funny — above all it's going to be hilarious."

"It's going to be a beautiful play," Conrad promised. "You're going to sit there and say, 'This is what theatre is.'"

"That's what we aim for anyway," said Beaver.

The play runs Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. at the ArtSpring Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and available through the ArtSpring box office.

DANCE

Academy dancers, guests prepare for extravaganza

Two separate shows on tap at ArtSpring

The Salt Spring Arts Academy has two dance shows lined up for the ArtSpring stage this weekend.

On Saturday night at 8 p.m., the senior academy ballet and hip hop students will be joined

by academy teachers Naomi Jason and Kristen Lewis and special guests from the local dance community.

Guests include tango dancers Keith Beldam and Mana Nakata, aerial artists Lewis and Amber Tuttle, GISS dancers and a few surprise guests.

Jason has been working on a solo with vocal artist Cleo Made-

laine and Lewis has created Pieces of Paradise, a 10-minute solo of dance and song.

Sunday's afternoon matinee show, beginning at 2 p.m., is the whole school recital with students aged from preschoolers to teens.

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Wed.

June 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music. Year-end show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Richard Cross. Harbour House Hotel. 9 to 11 p.m. (After the hockey game.)
Music & Munch. Doris and Simon Rook piano recital at All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.
Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.
Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Vaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiends. At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Special Olympics AGM. At Choices. 7 p.m.

Thurs.

June 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Music. Year-end show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Chamigos. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Simone & The Soul Intentions. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.
Lloyd English & Friends. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Monthly public meeting at the Lions Hall. 10:30 a.m., with town hall session at noon.
Walk With Your Doc. Patients of Drs. Jan MacPhail, Bobby Crichton, Paula Ryan, Manya Sadouski and Holly Slakov are invited to join them for a walk at Portlock Park. 2 to 4 p.m.
Bingo. At Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month. 7 p.m., with early bird games at 6:30.

Fri.

June 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simone & The Soul Intentions. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.
KC Kelly. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Billie Woods. Tree House Cafe. 7-10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Ticking Oceans. Multi-media presentation by David Denning at Community Gospel Chapel hall. 7 p.m.
Bakers' Open Garden. Iris, rhodos, peonies and more at 185 Furness Rd. 250-653-4430
Kids' Express. First of four weekly workshops on emotions for kids aged 5 to 8. At Celtic Place Studio, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info/register: 250-931-8762 or healingplace@shaw.ca.

Sat.

June 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Battle of the Best. Come out and vote for your favourite musician on Salt Spring. At the Local, 7:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Arts Academy. Dance show with senior students, teachers and guests. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Skyla J. & The Vibes. Funk band at Moby's.
Lloyd English & Friends. Harbour House Hotel. 9 to 11 p.m. (After the hockey game.)
Mike Demers. Live at Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Planet Music. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Seeds for Malawi Fundraiser. Luncheon, music and plant/garden sale. 185 Rourke Rd. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Ocean's Day Walk. With David Denning. Call the SSI Conservancy to register: 538-0318.

Sat.

June 4

ACTIVITIES

An Introduction to Positive Psychology. What does science find makes human beings lastingly happy? A Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group event with psychologist Trina Holt at the Farmers' Institute. 1:30 p.m.
Animal Communication Workshop. With Stephanie McColl. Beaver Point Hall. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 250-386-2807.
Writing the Sacred. Two psalm-writing, poem-making workshops. St. Mark's Anglican Church. 9:30 a.m. to noon; 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-2171.

Sun.

June 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Arts Academy. Year-end dance recital at ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
Paul Mowbray. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Homeopathy for Children. First day of four-Sunday course at Arbutus Therapy Centre. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Register: 250-537-4728.

Mon.

June 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gene Grooms. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Restorative Yoga Getaway. First day of three-day event. Info: Harbour House Hotel, 250-537-5571.

Tues.

June 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Imaginary Invalid. Moliere play by GISS Second Story Theatre at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Stage with David Jacquest. At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Wed.

June 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Imaginary Invalid. Moliere play by GISS Second Story Theatre at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Simone Lamers & Mike. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Velvet Band. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.
Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.



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CINEMA

Limitless — An action adventure of the mind, about a writer (Bradley Cooper) whose life changes when he finds a secret pill that makes you smarter. Suddenly, he's also sexier and richer — and in danger. A stylish thriller with a bonus performance by Robert De Niro as a shadowy businessman.

EXHIBITIONS

- Gallery 8** presents the **Trilogy Exhibition**, with work by **Pat Bennett, Bly Kaye** and **Dennice Stambuck**. At the gallery in **Grace Point Square** until June 12.
- Starfish Gallery** is featuring work by local artist **Susan Haigh** and Saskatchewan-based artist **Beverley Chicoine** until June 4.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by **Dr. José Bustillo**, with half proceeds of sales benefiting the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Show runs daily to June 15, Mon. to Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.
- Pegasus Gallery** is exhibiting **Diana Dean** landscapes: oil on paper and pastel drawings.
- Kabi Ponds** art exhibit of large oil paintings of lily and lotus ponds in the **ArtSpring** lobby through June.
- Danica Lundy** shows paintings at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- Roger Donnelly** shows his paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.

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People & Community



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LOBSTER-LICIOUS: From left, Vincent Theriault, Patricia Theriault-Marrek and Fernando and Tami Dos Santos serve up lobster at the second annual Lobsterfest held Sunday at Meaden Hall.

PLANTS

Herb lore and products at new nursery

Family visits welcome to Stark Road farm

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring has gained a new source of living plants and herbal products with the grand opening of Stark Natural Herbs Farm.

Located at 160 Stark Road, just past the North End Road juncture, the farm is a new business venture for a longtime islander, Celle Rikwerda and her husband Colter Barclay. The large farmhouse is actually an addition to the house Rikwerda grew up in — which she inherited, along with a deep understanding of herbal wisdom, from her mother.

Rikwerda and Barclay’s generous spirits are immediately evident at the farm, where four children, five dogs and a mini horse named Hazel are in residence. They also keep a number of heritage poultry breeds and waterfowl, miniature goats and a pig.

The family’s love of animals meets with Rikwerda’s extensive knowledge of plants to make this farm business a growing passion. As a child Rikwerda grew up with her mother’s herbal remedies, and never



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Celle Rikwerda and her son Nicky Child.

needed to see a doctor until she was 12. She is now herself a registered herbal consultant and chartered herbalist.

Rikwerda put her herbal knowledge to early use in a line of skin care and cosmetic products she created and sold at the Saturday market and which will now be available at the farm. Her top-selling Goat Milk Lotion comes in eight different scents, including cream-sicle, acai berry, pomegranate and cranberry — all made without chemicals and naturally preserved. A new line of face products she is working with uses acai and goji berry. Other popular products include shower gel, liquid soap, roobo-is herbal face scrub and face cream, and a herbal makeup

remover.

By expanding her practice to cultivating living herbs in the nursery, Rikwerda is in the position to share with customers everything from how to grow culinary and medicinal plants to how to use them in teas, cosmetics and medicines. She can even offer consultations on how to plan a customized herb garden.

“There’s something about gardening with herbs that’s always interested me,” Rikwerda said. “Everyone thinks they’re just weeds, but they’re not.”

Helping conserve these special plants is also a motivating factor in creating the nursery. Rikwerda notes that a craze for “wildcrafting” has caused

to collect food and raise awareness for the food bank at a time when donations tend to be lower. Salt Spring’s food bank relies almost entirely on donations all year round.

A Global Awareness news release stated that more than 500 items were collected for the food bank during the event, with Salt Spring Elementary gathering the most items and points for the most needed foods.

Global Awareness members encourage the community to join in by dropping off non-perishable food items in the collection boxes at Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer, or by bringing donations directly to the food bank at the Salt Spring Island Community Services building.

For more information, contact food bank coordinator Gloria McEachern at 250-537-9971, extension 237.

WORKSHOP

Animal communicator hosts one-day workshop

Pre-registration advised

What are your animal friends really trying to tell you?

Have you ever wondered why certain behaviours occur and what you can do about them?

Is your pet happy or is there a hidden ailment somewhere?

Stephanie McColl, an animal communicator, is coming to Salt Spring on June 4 to give a day-long workshop exploring how to bridge the gap between people and their pets, creating better understanding of how behavioural and health issues begin, how animals

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* **Let's Do Brunch:** Tuesday, 9:30am - 12:30pm

* **Food Bank:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 4pm

* **The Wall:** Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, open Thurs. & Sun. 6:30-9:30 pm. Information: ahasenfratz@gmail.com or 250-537-8970

* **Recycle Depot:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 250-537-1200.

* **Seniors Wellness Programs:** Call Sharon Glover at 250-537-4607.

* **Emergency Mental Health Services:** Available 4 pm to midnight at Lady Minto Hospital. Call 250-538-4840

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of September (and the first and third Wednesday of subsequent months) at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door), 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com

GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church. 7 p.m. Info: claudia2@shaw.ca.

every WEDNESDAY

OLD TIMERS CAFE open stage for all ages at Fulford Hall OAP Room. 7 to 11 p.m. Info: Helga or Michael, 250-653-9856.

LEGION BRIDGE at the Legion. 6:45 p.m. Info: Peter Robinson, 250-537-9631.

ZUMBA FITNESS — Latin-inspired, easy to follow dance fitness party. Wear comfortable sneakers. Sidedoor Studio (Top floor of Elements Home Design.) 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. \$12 drop-in. Punch card available. Info: Najma Romeiro: 250-526-0221.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

SLOW FLOW yoga class (for tired bodies) with Dorothy Price at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:45 to 6 p.m.

SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES are suitable for all fitness levels and can help you reclaim a comfortable relaxed body at any age. Gentle, effective exercises that help reduce pain, stress and sore muscles. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 p.m. Info/register at smartsomatics@shaw.ca, or call 250-537-2056.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

SUNRISE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:30 a.m.

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Heather Martin at The Gatehouse, Stowell Lake Farm, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Newcomers welcome. No experience necessary.

FITNESS FOR THE FUN OF IT (formerly Bodyball). If you are wanting to receive benefits from a low-impact aerobic exercise program, and interact with dynamic, energetic women, please join us at All Saints from 9 to 10:15. For more info contact Minzie Anderson 250-537-4004.

PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE. Fernwood Elementary. 10 a.m. to noon until June 15. Join us for song, rhyme and snack time.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call 250-537-5681 for studio location and more info.

NIA fitness dance class with Shelley Lawson at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints church. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beginner class from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-1871.

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

every WEDNESDAY

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

UBUNTU Community Song Circle at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 190 Reynolds Rd. 5 to 6:30 p.m. All ages, all voices welcome, \$10. Children free. Barb Slater leads people in chants and rounds from many traditions.

LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane. 9 to 10:30 a.m. www.gangesyogastudio.com

SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

BEGINNERS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

HIP HOP for adults. With Naomi Jason at Mahon Hall. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. <http://naomijason.com>

THURSDAY

BINGO at Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

every THURSDAY

SUNRISE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:30 a.m.

FAMILY FITNESS is a stroller walk and fitness program for families with children aged 0 to 6. At Portlock Park. 10 a.m. to noon. A Family Place program.

ALL LEVELS FLOW YOGA with Kristen at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Still Point Studio. 7 to 8 p.m.

SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets every Thursday at Central Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne Cunningham at 250-537-5356.

STAY & PLAY DROP IN at Family Place, 120 Park Drive., noon to 3 p.m. Drop-in program for families with children ages 0 to 6. Soup and snacks provided.

SMARTSOMATICS CLASSES. See Wednesday listing.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Info: 250-537-1871.

ZUMBA GOLD with Najma at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2 to 3 p.m. The lower-impact, easy to follow Latin-inspired dance fitness party keeps the boomers in the groove of life.

THE ART OF ASHA with Rudy at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

KINDERGYM runs every Monday and Thursday (except on school holidays) for kids aged 0 to 4 and their parents. Community Gospel Chapel. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$2 per family. Coffee & tea supplied.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

every THURSDAY

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 8 to 10 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: s HYPERLINK "mailto:blake@telus.net" blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

DOWN-TEMPO DANCE TEMPLE with Naomi Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio on the last Friday of each month. 7 to 9 p.m.

every FRIDAY

YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

ROLLERBLADING at Fulford Hall for all ages. 7:30 to 9 p.m. UNTIL May 13th only.

SUNRISE YOGA with Jenny at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:30 a.m.

YOGA LEVEL 2 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS. See Wednesday listing.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

FITNESS FOR THE FUN OF IT (formerly Bodyball). All Saints. 9 to 10:15 a.m. See Wednesday listing for more info.

RUGG HUGGERS Baby and Parent Drop-In group. Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Road. 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or anna@bonesforever.com

TANGO PRACTICA at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Keith, 250-537-1544.

STAY & PLAY drop-in at Family Place, 120 Park Drive., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

every SATURDAY

LEGION BRIDGE at the Legion. 12:30 p.m. Info: Nancy Stout, 250-537-5376.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints. 11 a.m. to noon. Info: 250-537-1871.

PILATES CLASSES with Diana Bell at 210 Cedar Lane. All levels class at 9:30 a.m. More info: 250-537-5965. \$10 drop-in. Bring your own mat.

ALL LEVELS FLOW YOGA with Kristen at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

DAD 'N' ME Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 8:30 to 10 a.m. Time for dads and their kids to meet, eat and play together.

every SUNDAY

TAI CHI CHEN & YANG STYLES. All levels class at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Osman, 250-537-5667.

every SUNDAY

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 7 to 9 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.

KARMA KLASS yoga at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free.

MONDAY

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees meeting runs on the third Monday of each month at Ganges fire hall, 7: 30 p.m.

SALT SPRING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Portlock Park Portable, 7 p.m. The commission's Parks Planning Committee meets on the second Monday — although actual meeting dates are subject to change. Info: PARC, 250-537-4448.

every MONDAY

ZUMBA FITNESS. See Wednesday listing.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio next to the Harbour House. 9 to 10:30 a.m. www.gangesyogastudio.com

SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

SADHANA/MEDITATION with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

BEGINNERS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 6 to 7 p.m.

CHILDREN'S YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

ALL LEVELS FLOW YOGA with Kristen at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

UBUNTU Community Song Circle with Barb Slater at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

DANCE TEMPLE at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5. All ages welcome. Call Naomi at 250-653-9498 for info.

RUG HUGGERS parent and baby drop-in at Family Place, 120 Park Drive., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop in for parents and caregivers of children under 18 months.

FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Drop-in \$5.

FITNESS FOR THE FUN OF IT (formerly Bodyball). All Saints. 9 to 10:15 a.m. See Wednesday listing for more info.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 7 p.m. sharp at the Salt Spring Seniors Centre. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

PLAY READING GROUP meets every Monday at Salt Spring Seniors Services Centre. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

every MONDAY

TAI CHI CHEN STYLE. At Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Harbour House Hotel, Crofton Room. 7 p.m. Members of the public welcome.

KINDERGYM — See Thursday listing.

BONES FOR LIFE CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Road. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or HYPERLINK "mailto:anna@bonesforever.com" anna@bonesforever.com.

SALT SPRING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS meet every Monday at All Saints Church hall. Basic class 6 to 7 p.m.; mixed class 7 to 8 p.m.; intermediate class 8 to 9 p.m. No previous experience required. Info: Mary Davidson, 250-653-4357.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-1871.

TUESDAY

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

SSI COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

every TUESDAY

SENIORS BOWLING at Kings Lane Recreation. 1 p.m. Info: June Webb, 250-537-5094.

LEGION CRIB at the Legion. 7:30 p.m. Info: Ken Robinson, 250-537-1267.

KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

TAOIST TAI CHI. Weekly class at All Saints church. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Robert Prince at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8 p.m.

CARDIO KICKBOXING with Lola Braimoh at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

STAY & PLAY DROP IN. See Thursday listing.

TAI CHI PRACTICE SESSIONS: Push hands, Dance of equality, Chen 56, Water style at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.


TAI CHI YANG style all levels class including beginners. at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

BEGINNERS' YOGA with Kristen at Ganges Yoga Studio, 154 Kings Lane, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



SPARKED: Sophia Lynn, left, and Isabella Carlyle read tarot cards and palms at Sparkfest, a SWOVA fundraiser held Saturday at the Farmers’ Institute.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Locals invited to ‘walk with your doc’

Initiative promotes physical activity

Salt Spring physicians are hoping to extend the benefits of May 10’s Move for Health Day by walking with their patients tomorrow (June 2).
Walk With Your Doc is an initiative of the British Columbia Medical Association and led by Dr. Ron Wilson, chair of the Athletics and Recreation Committee of the BCMA’s Council on Health Promotion.
Last year, 52 doctors in 34 communities across the province helped patients and members of their communities become more aware of health and fitness

by hosting the first ever Walk With Your Doc event.
Information from BCMA states that physical inactivity is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease in particular, but the benefits of physical activity are many. Next to not smoking, it is the most important thing one can do for optimal health, Wilson said. Just 30 minutes of walking daily makes a difference.
“I am hoping this walk will motivate our whole island population to be active by demonstrating a free, accessible form of activity that can be fun for a solo walker or those participating in a group,” said Dr. Jan MacPhail, a family doctor on Salt Spring.
“Regular physical activity is

beneficial for everyone and has a direct influence not only on improving current physical and mental health, but also helps prevent a number of future health problems.”
Patients of Drs. MacPhail, Bobby Crichton, Paula Ryan, Manya Sadouski and Holly Slavkov are invited to join them for a walk on June 2, 4 p.m. at Portlock Park.
They may sign up formally by calling the offices of their individual physicians. Pedometers will be given free to patients who sign up and then show up to walk (supplies permitting).
Patients of Dr. David Beaver were invited to walk with him on May 26.

NATURE

Naturalist helps celebrate Oceans Day

Future of ocean waters explored

Local marine biologist and filmmaker David Denning will present a new installment of his “state of the oceans” multimedia shows this Friday, June 3.
The presentation at the Community Gospel Chapel starts at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by the Salt Spring Conservancy in celebration of Oceans Day.
Oceans Day shows in previous years explored the secret or hidden life of local shores, and their biodiversity in a global context.
This year’s topic is: Ticking Oceans — A Naturalist Looks at

Local Ocean Waters and What’s In Their Future.
Relying on his dramatic collection of marine life photographs and some unusual video footage, Denning will survey local marine habitats and the amazing animals that live there. He will also introduce viewers to living examples of difficult-to-see animals.
Organizers promise, “This will be a great chance to get up close and personal with some of the most important micro-life surrounding our island, to peek into the private lives of shore animals, to observe what makes ocean ecosystems tick and to explore the implica-

tions of changing climate and human endeavors along our coast.”
The talk will provide an up-to-date background to several key issues in local ocean waters, from sea level rise, to ocean dead zones, to the subtle threat of ocean acidification.
For those who would like to submerge themselves in shoreline explorations, Denning will also lead a three-hour beach walk on Saturday, June 4 starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$15, and is a benefit for the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.
Sign up at the conservancy office or call 250-538-0318 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

HEALTH

Happiness talk on track for this Saturday

Trina Holt psychology talk ready to roll

Salt Spring’s Prostate Cancer Support Group is hoping to be “third time lucky” with a positive psychology event set for Saturday, June 4.
The Introduction to Positive Psychology talk by Trina Holt was snowed out last November and cancelled again in January, but will run on Saturday in the Farmers’ Institute meeting room beginning at 1:30 p.m.
“Yes, there have been a few obstacles, but this topic is really different from the normal focus

of our meetings so we are glad to have psychologist Trina Holt come to speak to us at last,” said group facilitator Chris Rieder.
“We are usually absorbed in dealing with prostate cancer at an immediate, physical level, but this time we will be looking at making the most of the life we are saving; thinking not only about living longer but, maybe, living better too.”
Rieder says Holt is a skilled and experienced practitioner of a branch of psychology which, rather than looking for what is wrong with people, looks for the things that are right, then tries to cultivate them. It is a scientific,

empirical study of what produces lasting happiness, well-being and satisfaction in human beings.
“At the very least, this should be a very thought-provoking talk,” Rieder said. “We encourage anyone at all interested to join us. The message here applies to anyone, not just cancer patients. After all, you don’t have to be dealing with a serious physical challenge to realize that life is precious and happiness is sweet.”
Admission is free, although a small donation to help with expenses would be appreciated. A light refreshment will be served.

WORKSHOP

Homeopathy for the growing child

A new course covering the essentials of homeopathy is being offered for people with children or contemplating children by local mother and professional homeopath Karin Beviere.
Taking place over the month of June, the four, two-hour class demonstrate how homeopathy can support childhood development from a holistic perspective.
It also aims to empower parents to understand and use this “gentle and effective” form of natural medicine for common ailments, such as teething, colic, fever and sleeplessness.
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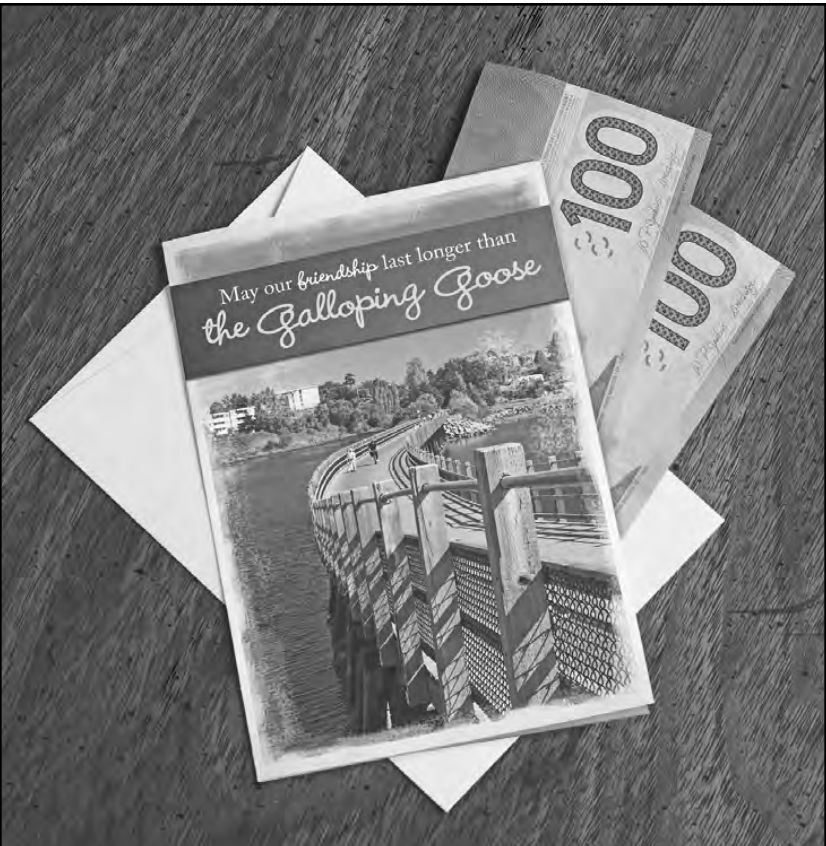
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GOLF

Golfers sink fundraising success at annual tourney



Carolyn Flam tees off at the Choices charity golf tournament as teammate Gord Hollingsworth looks on.

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Clear skies offer ‘fabulous’ day

Organizers of the sixth annual charity golf tournament at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club call this year’s event a soaring success. “Everything went fabulous,” said Don Nemeth, the club’s assistant manager. “It was nothing but smiles all day long and we had a very nice group of people.” Forty-four people on 11 foursomes raised \$2,100 as part of Saturday’s fundraiser. Proceeds from the tournament will help Choices continue to offer recreational activities for developmen-

tally challenged adults on Salt Spring. Saturday morning’s cold and damp weather made way for sunny skies as golfers teed off for the nine-hole Texas scramble event. “Somebody was looking out for us,” Nemeth said. An all-islander team comprising Tom Pursell, Don Nemeth, Kevin Powers and Zak Cutshall finished the day in first spot with a combined score of six under par. Brian Watson nailed the men’s KP and Cutshall earned the honour for the tournament’s longest drive. On the ladies’ side, Salene Prefontaine landed closest to the pin while Keisha Valcourt blasted the longest drive.

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DRAGON BOAT Dragons kick off summer season with Super Sprints

Paddlers compete in mixed recreational

A rather soggy spring training came to a close last Saturday as the Spirit Point Dragons kicked off their summer paddling season at the 7th Annual Victoria Gorge Super Sprints. The Salt Spring team, sponsored by Country Grocer, Harbours End Marine and Moby’s, joined 31 teams from Vancouver Island at the one-day festival, competing in the Mixed Recre-

ational Division. Paddling for Spirit Point were Sabine Georgy, Marit McBride, Shari MacDonald, Scout Upex, Robyn Huntley, Janice Shields, Andrea Smith, Randy Bateman, Wendy Eggertson, Carmelle Labelle, Stephanie Maskell, Ann Marie Davidson, Donna Cochran, Barry Green, Tracey Cornwall, Dan Gellein, Nova Elson, Sam Parker and Lynda Brown. Steersman Tom McKeachie provided a steady hand at the stern and coach Mary Rowles called the race from

the drum-seat forward. Illness, injury and the pending birth of a first grandchild kept many veteran paddlers from being in the boat, and Spirit Point sent special thanks to those who generously filled the empty benches: Judy Willet, who got off the boat from her Cowichan team and jumped into Spirit Point’s to paddle with them in the first race; the Island Breast Stroker who graciously joined in for the second; and Bob Howe, who gamely jumped in on the third.

In its first heat, Spirit Point finished second at 1:25:07, behind overall festival winner Gorging Dragons (1:07), and out in front of Team Phoenix (1:26:51). Spirit Point dominated the second race with a time of 1:19:88, squeezing out the Sunshine Dragons (1:21:12). The third and final race saw Spirit Point post a time of 1:15:46, closing the gap on winners Paddlers of the Fifth Moon (1:14:05), a team that raced five to seven seconds ahead of them in their earlier heats and just behind sec-

ond-place competitor VCKC United/Lightning (1:14:60). Finishing out the day with third place in White Division A, at the top of the recreational category, Spirit Point put on such a strong showing that the team would have placed second in the Red Final B, the next class up — a great start to the season. Spirit Point’s next competition is at the end of June in Nanaimo. The club is always open to new paddlers: contact maryrowles19@hotmail.com.

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TRACK AND FIELD GISS athletes set for B.C. track finals

Three qualify for provincial championships

Three students from Gulf Islands Secondary School are preparing to compete in the provincial B.C. high school track and field championships in Burnaby this weekend. Kevan Brown, Grace Morgan and Gunnar Rasmussen qualified for the finals after posting stellar results at the Vancouver Island Track and Field Championships earlier this month.

YOGA

Upcoming yoga retreat relieves chronic pain

At Salt Spring Centre June 9 to 12

Yoga therapist Neil Pearson will be at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga June 9 to 12 for a retreat created specifically for people with chronic pain conditions. Participants will be guided to find a path towards less pain,

increased ability and improved quality of life. “This retreat offers the opportunity to learn and practice safe effective techniques that complement traditional western medicine interventions — in a beautiful peaceful setting,” said Pearson. Pearson is a physiotherapist, certified yoga therapist and clinical assistant professor at UBC. He

said coach Karen Brown. “For first timers they did really well to qualify for the islands. The competition is quite tough.” Brown said many athletes performed well but fell short of placing within the top-three finishers in their respective sports. Clara and Jed Phillips still have a chance to qualify based on their overall times and await a decision ahead of this weekend’s event. Jasmine Cooper, Clara Phillips, Hannah James and Eliza Moat posted a solid fifth-place finish in the 4X100-metre relay.



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SPORTS & RECREATION

BASEBALL

Salt Spring Blues nab tourney cup

Kids are island’s first Forrest baseball champions

A group of nine and 10-year-old Salt Spring kids achieved a first in the island’s 80-year history of organized baseball by taking home a tournament cup.

While the Vancouver Canucks were closing in on a berth in the Stanley Cup finals, the Salt Spring Blues went one better by winning the prestigious David Forrest Memorial Baseball Tournament in Ladysmith, where eight teams battled for three days from May 21 to 23.

Salt Spring opened with a tie versus Ladysmith A’s before rattling off four nail-biting, heart-stopping one-run victories to reach the finals. The final game was close for the first four innings until Salt Spring overwhelmed their opponents with an offensive barrage and steady defence.

According to team coach Don Nemeth, the win is a testament to the hard work put in by the players, coaches and volunteers of the Salt Spring Minor Baseball Association.

In addition to claiming the championship trophy, Salt Spring was also named Most Sportsmanlike Team by the umpires and tournament committee. This award is particularly prized by the team behind the Blues: the families, friends and fans who travelled to support the squad.

“The Blues consistently displayed true sportsmanship and poise under pressure,” said Nemeth.

Members of the championship team are Benjamin Ableman, Jayden Byron, Ty Davies, Ryland Donaldson, Graham Faulkner, Spencer Godlonton, Seb Harris, Nathan Lavalee, Will Nemeth, Finn Penney, Nico Reindl, Matty Schure, Brennan Shaver, Jackson Sweet and Max Temmel.

SSMBA acknowledges Branch #92 of the Royal Canadian Legion and all the other sponsors for “stepping up to the plate.”

See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com in the Sports section for a team photo accompanying this story, and the Driftwood’s Facebook page for more photos.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

FINE PITCHING FORM: Salt Spring Pee Wee pitcher Austin Archer winds up and throws the ball at the Portlock Park baseball diamond. Baseball for all ages has started up on Salt Spring.

HIKING

Trail and Nature Club sets spring season

Strawberry festival a special event before summer break

Nature

Several summer trips are planned. As the club pauses for the summer, please watch the SSTNC email list, or phone Teresa 250-538-0978 for more information.

Trips include Tugwell Creek Bee Farm and Meadery, Sooke Potholes, Sidney Spit and The Summer Sky (astronomy), and an invitation to the opening of Fate of the Forest at the Whatcom Museum of Art, Bellingham.

Strawberry Fest

On June 21, the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club finishes the season with the annual Strawberry Festival.

Meet at noon in the lower picnic area of Ruckle Park to enjoy a scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! There will be a short general meeting following, which includes a motion to change part of the bylaws dealing with the role of the past president.

Hikers

June 7: Kees Visser leads a strenuous hike on Mount Sullivan with some steep sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne

Bay parking lot at 10 a.m.

June 14: Mary Hof leads a moderately strenuous hike with great views on Mount Peden, starting from the Sooke Potholes near Sooke on Vancouver Island. Carpool from Portlock Park at 7:30 a.m. to catch the 8:05 a.m. ferry to Crofton.

Meet the leader at the Cobble Hill rest area at 9 a.m. before continuing on to Sooke. Depending on the time of day, hikers may choose to dine in Cowichan Bay before catching the ferry back to Salt Spring.

June 21: Janice Dickie will lead a short “group choice” hike in Ruckle Park prior to the annual Strawberry Fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the parking lot outside Ruckle Park gate at 10:10 am.

Walkers

June 7: Brian and Marjie Radford will lead us on a different walk to Mount Maxwell. We will come to nice views but will not go all the way up the mountain. Leave ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at Armand Way cul-de-sac at 10:15 a.m.

June 14: Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk to Nanaimo, up the Millstone River, through Bowen Park onto Buttertubs Marsh. Part of the walk is through city roads. It is mostly flat with no steep sections. Lunch can be in a waterfront pub or on the trail (let’s

take a vote). Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 a.m. to carpool on the 9:10 a.m. ferry.

June 21: See you at Ruckle Park for the Strawberry festival.

Ramblers

June 7: Mystery Walk. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 14: Ramble around Scott Point led by the Hardings. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 21: Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. or the far parking lot at Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m. There will be a short ramble in the park prior to the fest.

New Members

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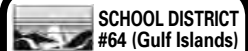
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Island Women Against Violence (IWAV) is seeking an Executive Director

IWAV is a non-profit society providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by violence and abuse.

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This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

A busy time attending to many fronts is a current theme for you. Your desires are peaking and you must make extra efforts to match your energy levels to them. Revolutionary change is sweeping through your world especially in your perceptions and thought processes. Balance risk with commitment now and you stand to win big time!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Jupiter entering your sign will activate your ambitions in a big way. You probably already have a momentum and now it will increase noticeably. You are determined to cover a lot of ground. You are in the mood to act quickly and strongly and on more than one front! Stimulating new streams of income or making key investments is likely.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The New Moon in your sign will activate new initiatives. Yet, to feel secure, you may have to confront inner fears and/or reach within to access your core, center, essence.... The urge to communicate your thoughts and feelings will be extra strong. Expect new levels of energy and enthusiasm to achieve a deeper sense of security.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

Change has and continues to sweep through your world. Your personal, professional and public spheres are all subject to the shifts. In addition to new interests, expressions and status you may also reconnect with old friends and possibly loves. At deeper levels, facing fears to access inner gifts and latent talents remains a central theme.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Connecting with friends new and old is now in focus. Gatherings with special interest groups are likely. Stimulating your network for both personal and professional satisfaction is on your mind. Gathering tools and techniques for practical and professional advancement is part of the plot. Improving skills and relations now will bring rewards soon.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Changes in your career and public standing will be activated with this Solar Eclipse. These will have an effect on your home and family life as well. There are some very favourable influences at play, yet adjusting to the shifts will at least require your close attention. Pushing through and beyond inner and outer resistance patterns may prove necessary.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

Re-evaluating what you believe and why and how these are affecting your decision making process is now in focus. You may feel pushed and pulled from within and without. Getting clear sometimes begins with knowing what you don't want and need. Following a path with heart requires that you tune-in to what feels meaningful, purposeful and realistic.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Who has what you want and need? Reaching out to a variety of key people, resources and angles of approach is likely. Be willing to try new things now; the old ways will probably not work or prove satisfying anymore anyway. Your willingness to explore new territory as a means of securing a more solid foundation is ideal. Taking extra special care of your health is on the rise.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Seeds of change are being sowed in your relationships. You may feel challenged to give more and work harder than you would like. Returns coming in now may be quite mixed. Your willingness to explore new territory as a means of securing a more solid foundation is ideal. Taking extra special care of your health is on the rise.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

The ground may seem and even be much less solid than it was not so long ago. At best, you are seeing through and beyond and even rising above previous self-concepts. At worst you feel adrift in unfamiliar waters. Your sense of self and your home and family are changing. Creating a new sense of security requires that you move with the changing currents.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

You are now in a creative and playful cycle. Your focus may be very much on your home. Creating beauty there may require some renovations or additions. Yet taking a lead to play more and work less is also likely. An increase in your financial flow will bring confidence now and vice versa. Be willing to experiment with new modes of self expression.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)


Cozying up close to home will feel extra satisfying now. This may prove especially true if you have somebody special to share quality time with. Even a good book or run of movies or quality time spent with family could do the trick. Changes are brewing on the home front so rest and enjoy the slower pace for now and as you can.



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