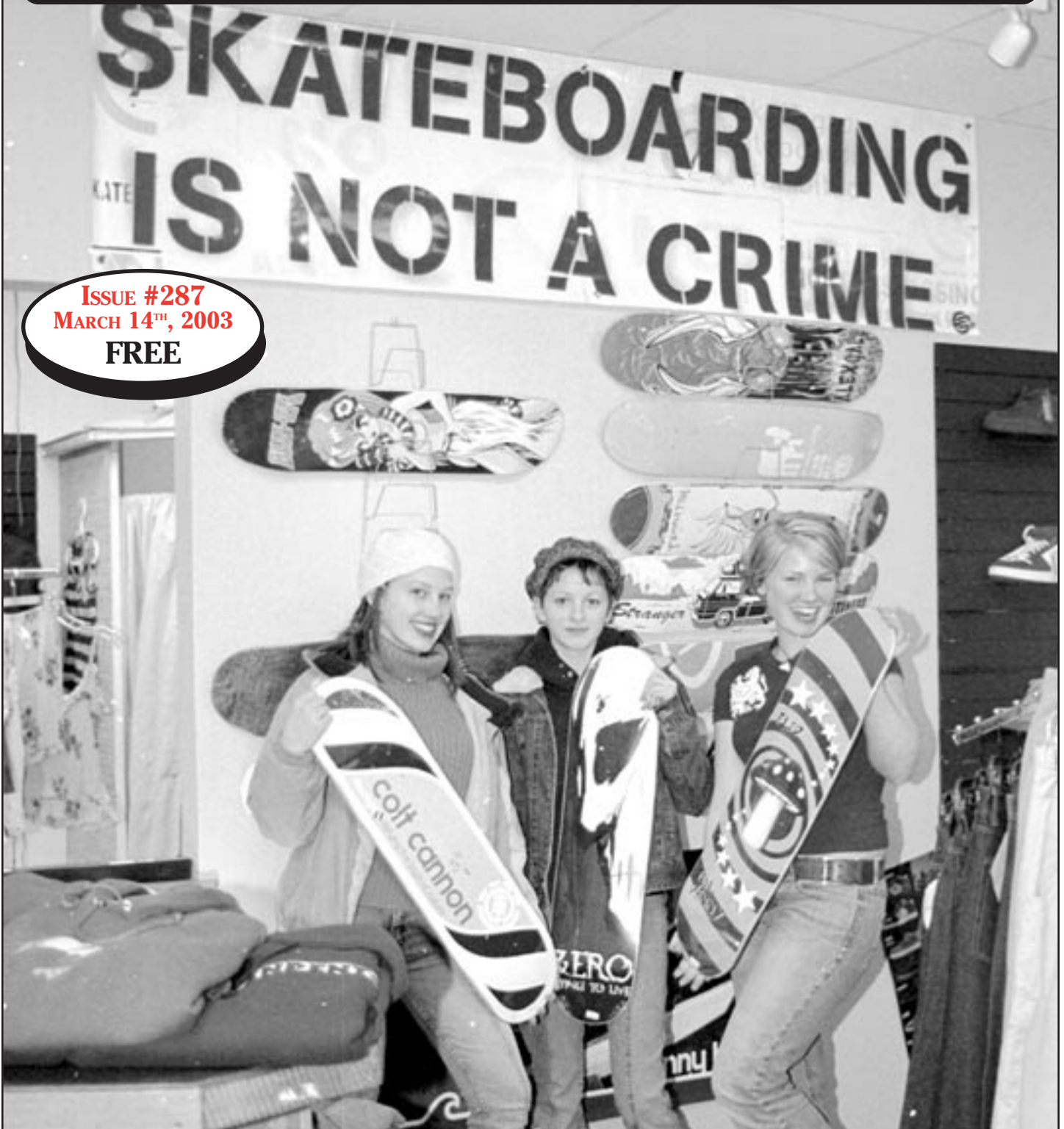


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the proposed bylaws:

Bylaw No. 2475 “Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 6”

Bylaw No. 2476 “Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 62”

WILL BE HELD AT: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quathiaski Cove, BC

ON: Thursday, March 27, 2003

COMMENCING AT: 6:45 p.m.

NOTE: This public hearing is a continuation of the public hearing adjourned February 27, 2003.

Bylaw No. 2475

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2475 is to amend the Quadra Island Official Community Plan to redesignate a portion of a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and District Lot 154, Sayward Land District, excluding that portion of DL154 East of a Line Running North-South from Topcliff Road to DL 183, following the 100' contour as shown on the adjacent map), from Rural to Recreation Commercial to allow for golf course use.

Bylaw No. 2476

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2476 is to amend the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw by rezoning a portion of a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and District Lot 154, Sayward Land District, excluding that portion of DL154 East of a Line Running North-South from Topcliff Road to DL 183, Following the 100' contour as shown on the adjacent map), from Rural-One to Recreation Commercial One to allow for golf course use.

A copy of the proposed Bylaws and related information may be inspected at www.rdcs.bc.ca or at the Regional District offices, 600 Comox Rd., Courtenay, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

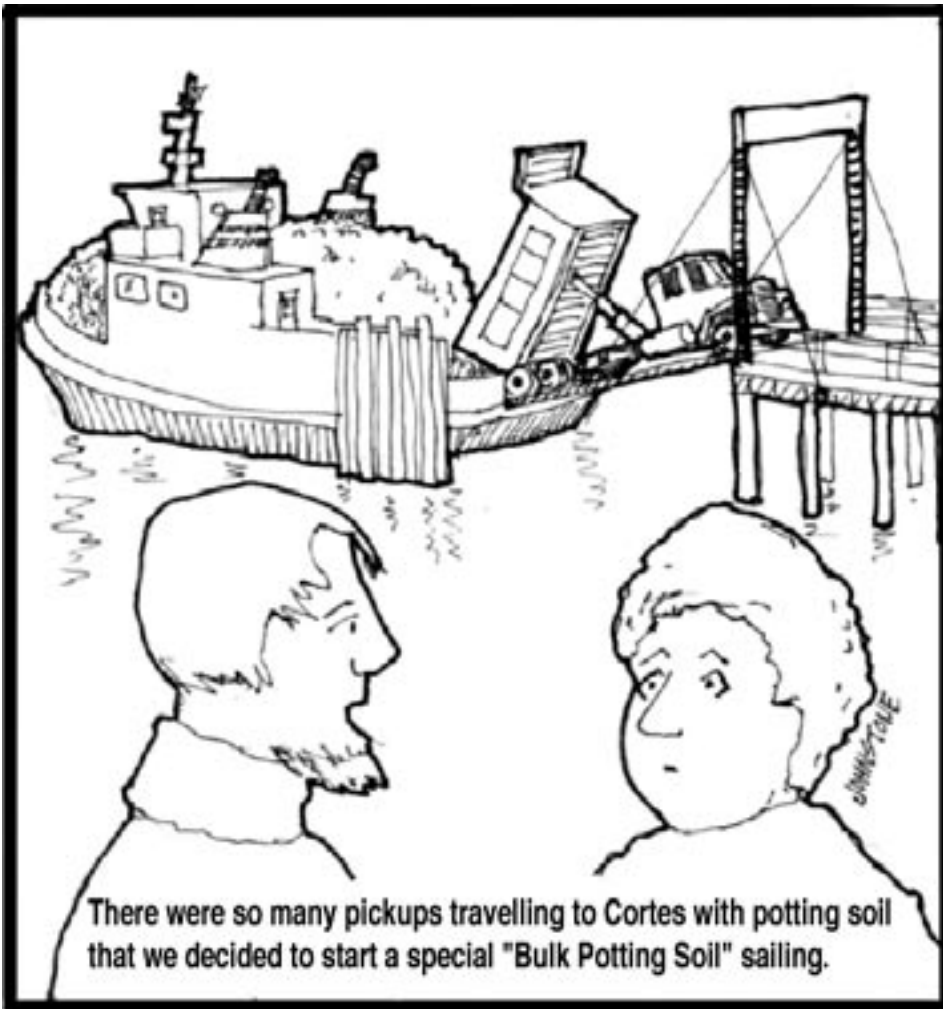
At the public hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained therein. **Please note that legal considerations prevent the Regional District from considering any representations made after the close of the public hearing.** All written submissions must be received by the Regional District prior to the public hearing or by the close of the public hearing.

The Directors from Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'G', 'H', 'I' and 'J' are appointed as delegates to the Public Hearing.

Enquiries should be directed to: Lisa Brinkman, Planner THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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Island Calendar

- **Every Monday**- Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Tuesday**- Juggle Club, Community Centre 4-6pm
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Noon Community Centre
- Blood Lab 8 am-9:30 Community Centre
- Jam with Moe, Landing Pub

- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
-Dance to Duffy & Friends 8pm-12am Legion (members & guests)

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday**-Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre

- **Every Saturday**- Roast Night Heriot Bay Inn Dining Room
-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)

- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am

- **1st Friday each month** - Open stage Yak Shak 7:30-10 pm

March 14th, Friday

- Friday Flicks - The Last Wedding Community Centre 7:30p.m.

March 15, Saturday

- Making Handmade Paper Community Centre 10 am -4:00
- SwingSonic Community Centre 8:00 pm

March 17, Monday

- Sierra Club Beach Clean-up Meeting Community Centre 7 pm

March 21, Friday

- Spring Fling Dance to Duffy & Friends Quadra Legion 9pm - 1am

March 28th, Friday

- Friday Flicks - Mostly Martha Community Centre 7:30p.m.

March 29, Saturday

- Ladies Day Retreat Quadra Island Bible Church 10am - 2pm Guest speaker, lunch & crafts. \$5 & Food Donation
- Flea 7 Craft Market Quadra Legion 10am to 2pm

March 31st, Monday

- Women's Action network, Amnesty International 7.30pm. Phone 285 2434 or 2272 for details and place

Island Calendar is a list of [on island events](#). Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar** and **News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Thank you.

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Paper Making

Join artist, Shirley McMahon Saturday March 15 10 am to 4:00 at the Quadra Community Centre and learn how to make paper. Call 285 2252 or email mcmahon_shirley@hotmail.com to register.

SPCA Penny Drive

Daphne Young is asking for Quadra Islanders to shake out those penny jars for needy animals under the care of the SPCA. Pennies (and other coins!) may be dropped off at the Discovery Islander office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd. If you can roll them all the better but loose is fine too. Thanks

Spring Fling

At the Legion. Dance to **Duffy & Friends. Friday, March 21st, 9pm** 'til 1am. Tickets \$5.00. A fundraiser for Quadra Children's Centre

Q.I. Conservancy A.G.M.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall, room 3, upstairs, back door.

On the Agenda: Annual report, Financial report, reports on Morte Lake, Conservation Covenants, present and future, the Mapping Project, Eagle Nests protection, Morte Lake and TimberWest, **more. Elections.**

Creative Kids

Quadra Children's Centre & Quadra Kids presents; A Watercolour Painting Exhibit at Explore Gallery. Show runs from March 19th - April 3rd

Calling All Chefs

Professional or otherwise. The search is on for people willing and able to prepare a single seafood dish for a large number of servings. We will supply your ingredients, so dust off those old family favourites and be part of the fun at the **Cortes Oyster Festival, May 17**. Cash prizes for top three dishes. Call Marcel 935-6681 for details.

Chamber of Commerce AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, March 25th at 7pm at the Quadra Community Centre. All members in good standing welcome to attend. Agenda items may be emailed to chamber@discoveryislands.ca or faxed to 285-2236 or brought to the meeting.

Bellydance Lessons

For another session we need a minimum of eight people pre-registered and pre-paid. Have fun and learn basic moves with low impact exercises. \$55/ten sessions \$6/session as drop in. Classes held at Quadra Community Centre Room 3 on Monday evenings at 7pm starting March 31st. To register call Sarah at 285-3425

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News & Events

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Last Flick of the Season!!

Mostly Martha March 28th, 7:30 Q. C.C.

Mostly Martha is a European love story set in the world of haute cuisine that will set the taste buds aflutter. At the core of the story is Martha, chef of a colourful gourmet restaurant in grey Hamburg, Germany, whose love of fine food and its exacting preparation leaves no room in her world for the love of life. So it is no accident that we first meet Martha (who is beautifully wrought on screen by handsome but haunted German actress Martina Gedeck) in her psychiatrist's office. The movie begins with the voice of Martha describing the different theories on how to cook pigeon, including the school that favours cooking the bird inside a pig's bladder to preserve its juices. Then we move to the various kinds of seasonal mushroom choices. As the image emerges, we see a woman lying on a sofa speaking to her therapist.

When her sister dies in a car crash, leaving daughter, Lina, in Martha's care, Martha's life takes a hairpin curve. Not only must she deal with her own tragic loss of a sister, and the adjustment to sharing her life with an obstinate and depressed youngster, but Lina hates Martha's cooking. To the rescue comes the Italian sous chef.

The lure of the South for the North (most recently seen in Italian for Beginners) is a recurrent theme in European cinema, and it finds a rich, physical expression here. Director Sandra Nettelbeck has crafted an engaging fantasy of flavours and emotions. This clever, funny and sometimes emotionally wrenching drama manages to combine an obsessive love of food with both family tragedy and romantic relief.

Arts Website Update.

The Quadra Arts Alliance is updating its website. For all artists who wish to be listed on the website please go to Hummingbird and fill out the registration form. For those already listed, please go to Hummingbird and verify that we have the most up to date information available. Please indicate which category/ies your work falls under.

Tibetan Monk Returns To Quadra

Geshe YongDong, a Tibetan monk since the age of 13, received training from both Buddhist and Bon teachers in Tibet and India. In 1992, at the age of 24, he gained a Geshe degree, the highest academic degree awarded in Tibetan Monastic Education.

We just had the privilege to hear Geshe YongDong for two very insightful teachings and we want to inform you that the dates for the next two sessions on the same topic have changed to Sunday March 30th & April 13th at The Inner Garden from 10 a.m. to noon.

Geshela will continue his course entitled: "A Tibetan Guide to Living and Dying." In Tibetan Buddhist practices, whether you have a positive or negative state of mind at the time of death, is considered to have a great effect on your re-birth. Tibetans also say, that if you know how to die, then you will know how to live fully, mindfully and with compassion.

The classes are open to all. There is a suggested donation of \$10. for each class. The "suggested donation" is just exactly what it says. The teachings are by donation, based on whatever you feel comfortable and able to donate. The suggested figure is for those who are able but not sure how much is appropriate or a reasonable amount for a two-hour teaching. Anyone, who wishes to attend teachings but is unable to donate anything, is urged to attend and donate a silent prayer for all beings. All the money goes to Geshe YongDong. It is traditional to give a donation to the teacher after receiving teachings. This act of gratitude and generosity supports the teacher in continuing to devote his time and energies to the Dharma. Geshe YongDong has no other means of support, this is how he is trying to make his living and build a Teaching/Meditation Centre in the Comox Valley. He also supports monks, nuns and children in three different monasteries in Tibet, Nepal and India.

Please contact Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323.

Juggleclub

Every Tuesday - Juggleclub all welcome
Community Center 4:00-6:00pm. Oct. thru June.

Preschool Garage Sale

Quadra Preschool is having a garage sale as a fundraiser at the end of March with the focus being on children's toys, clothes, books, videos etc. in good condition. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Preschool Tues. or Thurs. mornings or contact Cindy Bukach (285-2307) or Cheryl Jordan (285-3689). Thank you for your support!

Seven Coastal Artists at Campbell River Art Gallery

An exhibition of seven diverse artists, each with their own distinctive voice and style, opens at Campbell River Art Gallery on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Join guest curator Gordon James and the artists for the opening of "Passages" and a collaborative arts performance.

This select group of established coastal artists share a sense of artistic journey. For Denman Island artist, Jane Fawkes, her "Journey of Inanna" series is a visual narrative of voyage of change, executed in 33 watercolour and ink drawings. Victoria printmaker Victoria Edgar presents monoprints from her deeply personal series "The Buckram Bride;" while Tracy Kobus (of Courtenay) presents "landscapes" that explore a personal mythology, giving shape to her dreams, desires and fears. Bits of rope collected on Victoria beaches are bound into a skin of crocheted netting in Dale Robert's large sculpture "Quoiled Boundary." Tina Farmilo of Mayne Island reflects on her youthful urban experiences in her series, "Apocryphal City." Cortes Island painter Kristen Scholfield-Sweet departs from her realistic landscapes to a personal vision; and Victoria artist Anne Vaasjo's large scale paintings embody her deepening appreciation of the salmon cycles and survival, in the face of human intervention.

You will enjoy the depth and range of work presented by these seven exceptional artists - and you may experience your own transformation in the process. "Passages" continues until April 25 at the CR Art Gallery, Tyee Plaza. Call 287-2261 for more info about this show or upcoming classes, Pen and Ink with Sandra Lamb, April 5 - 26; Watercolour with Doris Ritchie, April 1 - 24; and Open Studio with Richard Calver, Tues evenings Feb - April.

SwingSoniq



Mark your calendar for March 15, 8:00 pm because Quadra Community Centre will be swinging! **SwingSoniq**, a vibrant, acoustic trio of remarkable musical talents, will celebrate the music of yesteryear with their own version of contemporary jazz-swing. SwingSoniq blends the gypsy-Django style of Hot-Club swing with country and blues, and bumps it up with a jazzy edge.

Band founder Greg Leskiw, on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, is a Canadian musical legend in his own right. Replacing Randy Bachman in the "Guess Who" in the seventies, he shared in the glory years along with Burton Cummings, receiving gold and platinum albums and Juno awards. He has continued successfully in the music business as a performer, songwriter, and producer, reaching a period of renewal and refocus in the mid-90s, when he decided to pursue his old dream of performing swing-jazz.

SwingSoniq's performance on Quadra promises to be a fun, exhilarating ride with the old and new masters. Advance tickets are available at Page 11 Books in Campbell River, Hummingbird Office Supply in Quathiaski Cove, and Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay for \$12. Tickets at the door are available for \$15. Sponsored by Quadra Island Recreation Cultural Events.

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St. Patrick's Day Seniors and Veterans Tea.

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Quadra School Of Philosophy

Everyone is invited to an open discussion on "THE PATHS TO PERSONAL HAPPINESS." Come share what makes you blue and what brings lasting happiness to your life. By sharing our collective wisdom, our little secrets on how we have found personal happiness, we perform a wonderful service to our community. There will be no speaker at this event, just a sharing circle. We will pass a Quadra Rock around. People can remain silent or voice their views on this all important subject. Absolutely no censorship! All ideas are welcome from love to money to wisdom to ethics to community to nature, sex and prozac. 7:30 p.m. at the Inner Garden on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

Quadra Island Slo-Pitch League:

We will be holding our annual general meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to all existing league teams and to anyone interested in registering a new team.

If you just want to learn more about the Quadra Island Slo-Pitch League, please feel free to come to the meeting. Call Tucker at 285-2166 if you have any questions.

Pilates- Mat Work Classes

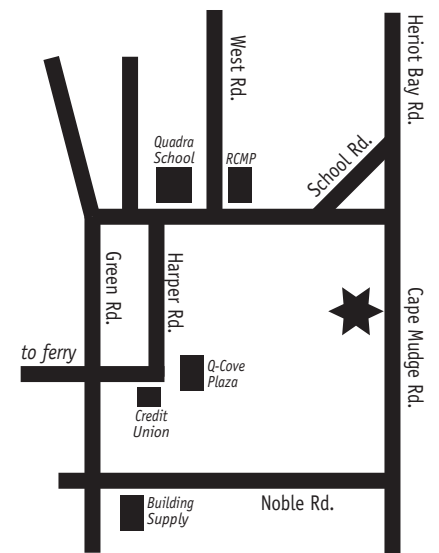
What is 'Pilates'? Pilates is primarily a yoga-based, low impact body alignment technique that was developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 1900s. Its primary focus is to strengthen your entire body using your muscle groups simultaneously instead of in isolation. It also releases and strengthens constricted muscles thus increasing flexibility. Pilates can bring you better awareness of your own postural alignment and where it needs to be corrected or strengthened. This class will be an introductory to the basic mat work postures and sequences along with some basic muscular anatomy. Everyone welcome, Starting Friday March 29th 9:30 to 10:30 am \$35 for 6 classes. For more info call Sunday Dennis 285-2633.

Have an item to submit?



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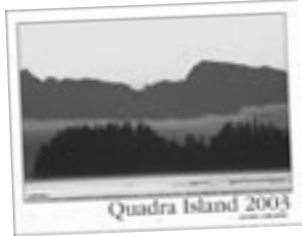
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One important thing to remember is that 50% of the population of Iraq is under age 15. Public opinion in Europe, Canada, Turkey, the Middle East, Russia, China, Australia, Mexico and even in the U.S. is opposed to this coming slaughter of innocents.

This is not a quick in and out war like Afganistan. According to the San Francisco Chronicle news story, "The Bush administration plans to take complete, unilateral control of a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq, with an interim administration headed by a yet-to-be named American civilian." General Tommy Franks would maintain complete military control of the occupied Iraq.

Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman told congress last week that "it might be two years before Iraqis regained administrative control of their country." Maj. General Barry McCaffrey says, "My own view is that it will take five years..." (Chronicle, Feb. 21, 2003, p. A11)

20 million are expected for the worldwide demonstrations on Saturday, March 15. Quadra Action for Peace asks you to join us at the Quadra Community Centre at 11 a.m. for a sharing Peace Circle. We will then drive to the 1 p.m. ferry and walk on for a Peace March to our Federal M.P. John Duncan's office at 590B 11 Ave. in Campbell River. The Comox Valley Peace Group and Quadra Action for Peace met with Mr. Duncan on Tuesday, March 4th. When asked if he supported the U.S./British invasion plans, Mr. Duncan said, "very much so." This is a pro-war M.P. who needs to hear from his constituents.

More peace news can be found in your mail box, with the first issue of "Peace News", published by Quadra Action for Peace. Also, call 385-3323 or 285-2562.

The Day After War Starts

Two events will occur the Day After the War starts. When Baghdad is being leveled by 3,000 bombs and missiles as the Americans plan to do in the first 48 hours, the Quadra Action for Peace will be holding a peace vigil at our pro-war, pro-U.S. Federal M.P. John Duncan's office at 590B 11th Ave in Campbell River. Please come after work at 4 p.m. Secondly, we will be having a community circle to share our grief and sorrow at the Inner Garden at 7:30 p.m. The Day After. The only proper response to war is grief. In the middle of tragedy, let the healing begin. In the middle of tragedy, may the peace actions continue.

Learn to Sail with Quadra Sailblazers

It will soon be time to think of summer activities - and you may have been wondering what it would be like to sail a small boat in this wonderful island paradise where we live! Now is your chance to learn dinghy sailing, by registering for the RecBoats 03 course offered by Quadra Recreation Society through Quadra Sailblazers Club. The Club started in 1997, and offers this course each year for adults and from age 10 up! No experience necessary - you will learn everything you need to sail your dinghy. Yes! by joining Sailblazers you become a part owner of the boats to sail throughout the year. We expect this year the boats will be at a convenient dockside location in Drew Harbour during the summer.

Registration for RecBoats 03 will be held on Sunday, March 30, 1:30 pm at Quadra Community Centre. Fees for the course are \$45.00, and \$30.00 each for additional family members. Membership fee for Sailblazers is \$45.00 per family for the first time and \$30.00 if the family is renewing its membership. Instructors are Frank and Shirley Wallace (phone 285-2297) with assistance from other Club members. Students and members are required to provide their own approved personal flotation device with whistle attached. If you are new to this scene, we will explain these requirements at registration. If you are considering trying this great recreational sport by taking the course, please call ahead to book your place as numbers are limited (or if you haven't reached us come to the registration).

The first instruction session will follow the registration on March 30 so allow 2.5 hours. The course sessions are planned for Sunday afternoons, continuing until May Day, when you can enter the May Day dinghy race. There will be at least one session on shore before you go out on the water, depending on the weather. All class sailing will be in Drew Harbour. On successful completion of the course, you can sail any time, although many members tend to get together on Sunday afternoons.

So come join us and learn this great sport! Call us to book your place in the course: 285-2297.

Aloha Party!!!

Come join the community in extending a Big Thank You to Dr. Angela Burns, Ken Burns, Jesse and Riley. They'll sail from our shore in May. Please join in a potluck send off with a Potluck Music Session to follow. April 5, 2003 @6pm in the Community Center . (no gifts please)

For information contact Linda Elias @ 285-2878 or Gretchen Peters @285-3529 and for musical contributions please contact Diana Mckerracher @ 285-3204

Beach Clean-up Organization

Come to Sierra Quadra's next meeting (March 17, 7pm QCC) and help organize the 6th annual beach clean-up and Earth Day celebration. Everyone is welcome. This year's cleanup will take place on April 26 or 27 but we need your energy and ideas on March 17 to make this event even more fun, successful and effective.

Each year the cleanup has removed two large dump trucks full of refuse recovered from our beaches. Some of this garbage is just unsightly but much is harmful to sea and bird life. While we encourage everyone to remove garbage from the beaches at all times of the year Sierra Quadra is only able to transport it to the dump in Campbell River on our beach cleanup weekend. At other times we feel that any garbage collected is best dealt with by including it in your household pickup or by taking it to an official landfill site.

Watch for Beach Clean-up details in following Islander issues or phone Ken at 2580 for info.

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Flea & Craft Market

Join us for a Flea and Craft market March 29, 2003 from 10 am to 2 pm. Concession open serving hot dogs, muffins, donuts, juice and tea and coffee.

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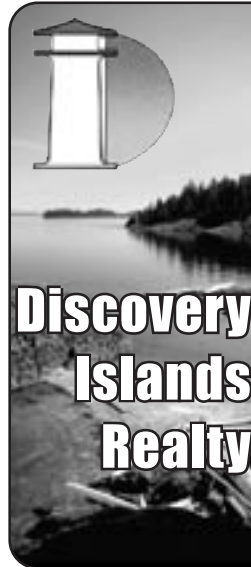
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Island Forum

Sir,

Since a covenant that “adequately safeguards” the wellbeing of the neighbourhood is being talked about as a condition to rezone a property for a Golf course, it may be helpful to clarify what covenants are, and what covenant holders like Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society (QICSS) can, cannot or will not do.

QICSS was created to buy and to look after the Morte Lake property, which then became a tax-exempt property. QICSS has all the “duties and privileges” of a designated charity. One “privilege” or ability is that it has been designated to hold covenants (see below).

Covenants, or as they are more often called, restrictive covenants, specify what present and future owners of a property can or cannot do. Covenants are registered against the Title of the Land, so if the property changes hands the new owners continue to be bound by the covenant, and the terms of the covenant remain enforceable. Covenants can be changed, but only with the agreement of the owner and all the covenant holders. They are strong but somewhat flexible legal documents.

It is important to understand and bear in mind that it is the owners of the property who write the covenant and the owners can write it as they want to write it.

There are many reasons why an owner of a property may place a covenant on the property. Often the owner loves what he/she has and wants to preserve it for future generations, even if the value of the land is slightly reduced by the covenant. Or it may be that a community wishes to purchase and maintain a farm, significant site, forest, beautiful landscape, right of access, wetland or whatever, and placing a covenant on it is a useful tool. Lately a different motive has emerged to seek covenants. Owners trying to rezone and thereby change the use and the value of their properties are asked to give back value to the community or a covenant is drawn up to impose conditions or limits on the use of the rezoned property. The

Quadra Links Ltd. Golf Course rezoning application is the latter type. As part of the rezoning application The Quadra Links Ltd. offers a covenant.

Ideally the proponents should make a clear proposal, seek input from those who may be affected and publish a well-defined and enforceable proposal. If the community agrees to the terms and the language of the Covenant, it is ready to be placed on the property.

Again, a willing owner writes the covenant. The next step for the owner is to find a covenant holder who is able and willing to accept the responsibility of supervising and enforcing the terms of the covenant. The federal government, a province or territory, a municipality, or an approved environmental charity may hold covenants. Most covenants to date are held by nature conservation charities, such as local land trusts and provincial or national conservation groups.

In order to be approved, an environmental charity must:

- have registered charity status with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and must maintain this status from year to year,
- include in its purposes “the conservation and protection of Canada’s environmental heritage” or some similar statement of intent acceptable to the federal Minister of the Environment or a designated authority, and,
- apply to Environment Canada for approval.

Environment Canada has a list of more than 135 approved environmental charities across Canada.

Simple covenants require yearly visits and checks. Supervising covenants that are more complicated can be more arduous. Non-compliance is corrected by polite asking for change, seeking arbitration or if necessary by going to court. Thus, once the covenant is accepted and is registered against the title of the property, it is the covenant holders who see to it that the terms are fulfilled. For continuity and correct

function two covenant holders are needed. A local group is better suited to monitor a nearby property, but a national or municipal body can help in any dispute resolution.

Charities like QICSS are dependent on the financial support of their communities (QICSS is gratefully accept any donations! & will issue tax receipts). Money available is limited, so disputes with the owner’s lawyers over the meaning of terms etc. are unsupportable. Therefore, to be acceptable and enforceable the terms of the covenant must be clear, precise and unambiguous. It must avoid expressions like “to the extent practicable” and “minimize impacts”.

The terms of the covenant may state the desired result, rather than the method. For example: “this quantity of water can be taken from the aquifer and no more”, “to ensure that only XY% of the water used comes from the aquifer ZX size of facilities will be built to collect and retain the surface water and all wells will be metered”, OR “restrictions apply to that area outlined in red on map in Appendix XY” or something like that.

QICSS is a neutral body so if asked, it can agree or not agree to become a covenant holder for the proposed covenant. To avoid frustration, when writing a covenant, it is best to work with the intended covenant holders or a national body, as they are familiar with that type of work and the relevant laws.

There are books and templates available. (The Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, 204-338 Lower Ganges Road Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3 {Tel: 250-538-0112} www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca, is a good site to look up.)

I believe that the incomplete Draft text that was produced by The Quadra Links Ltd. at the February 27th 2003 Public Hearing would fall short of an “adequately safeguarding” covenant.

Yours truly,
Dr G M Barabás

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If you would like to see an alternative point of view represented...submit something yourself.

Next deadline 7pm Monday, March 24th 2003

Dear Fellow Residents of Quadra Island:

The We Wai Kai First Nation, on behalf of its citizens, owns and operates the Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge on lands identified by the Federal Government of Canada as IR No. 10. Cape Mudge Resort Ltd. (Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge) has been in operation since June 1991 and has successfully operated the Lodge for more than 12 years.

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We are now in the process of commencing an expansion project that will create further employment in our increasingly important tourism sector of the economy. This sector has sustained strong growth in the past and is displaying the prospects of continued growth and demand for aboriginal tourism and the cultural products we offer for years to come.

Our expansion project initially includes the addition of twelve fully serviced Recreational Vehicle sites to be located next to our beachfront Wharf House. This development would allow Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge to expand the services presently offered to include the Recreational Vehicle traveler looking for a full service beachfront destination on the west side of Quadra Island. The existing amenities, services and activities offered at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge would be available to these RV Park guests.

This letter is for informational purposes and gives us the opportunity to let you know that we would be pleased to accommodate you, your family and your friends at our new RV Park. The project is expected to be underway in April and be complete by May 15, 2003.

If you have any questions or would like any rate or availability information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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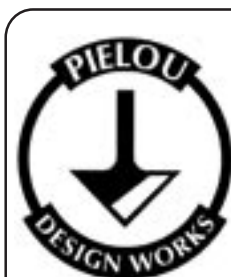
Dear Islanders

I am writing this in support of naturopathic medicine, a much-needed alternative to orthodox medicine. Apparently, Health Minister Colin Hansen will be formalizing a scope document in the coming months that will severely limit the ability of Naturopathic Physicians to provide primary health care and give patients in BC no choices in their medical care.

This scoping document may disallow naturopaths from performing physical exams, doing naturopathic manipulation, using diagnostic equipment and prescribing natural therapeutics. Naturopaths are asking the BC government to pass the law that will give them the ability to make referrals, order lab work, X-rays and other diagnostic testing, prescribe therapies and medications to their patients, as well as enable them to do all of the other functions they have been doing for the last 45 years.

Naturopathic doctors are licenced to diagnose and treat all medical conditions, so where is the pressure coming from to restrict their abilities to treat patients? Naturopathic doctors are of great benefit in preventative medicine, emphasizing diet improvement, healthy lifestyle changes and approaches that recognize the importance of a healthy body, mind and spirit. We need both types of medicine, and naturopaths should be integrated into a medical system that stresses wellness. If you have an opinion on this subject, letters should be directed to Premier Gordon Campbell (handwritten letters carry more weight), with copies to Rod Visser, MLA; Colin Hansen, BC Minister of Health Services; and Anne McLellan, (Federal) Minister of Health.

Sincerely,
Janis Mclean



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Streetlights One More Time

Dear Editor,

On March 5, Area J Director Jim Abram gave a short presentation on the streetlights at the Quadra Seniors meeting. A number of issues were clarified, and the membership wishes to thank Mr. Abram for his time and effort. In response, the Quadra Seniors wish to express their support of keeping the existing lights in the Cove area for the safety of all concerned.

Nieke Visser
Secretary, BCOAPO, #91

Spare Those Trees

About logging the last remaining trees on the strip before the Cemetery fence. Isn't it enough that Raven Lumber has desecrated the area, without the Board actually voting to have the remaining trees cut down?

My husband is buried in the cemetery; and a place is reserved there for me, too. You might say that we hold property in the cemetery, having paid for this space. This place has deep meaning for us, and for our children; and because of our island friends who are buried there.

I love those big trees that stand along the cemetery fence. They give the whole place dignity and elegance. If they blow down it will be because of the clear-cutting that took place all around them. If the trees are cut down, it will be over the objection of all of us who have an emotional concern with the cemetery.

We are grateful to the volunteers who have served the Cemetery Committee for so many years, and so well; but we ask you to reconsider your decision to cut down those grand trees.

Joy Inglis

The Value of Being Helpful!

Dear Editor,

In the month of January, dozens of people, between Courtenay and Campbell River made a significant difference in one person's life!

Business staff and owners were truly sincere, helpful and patient with one of our Culture and English as a Second Language students back in January. Satoshi commented many times, that the helpfulness from Island shopkeepers and staff was unexpected and so, unfamiliar to his daily life in Japan. These staff were true, Community and Canadian Ambassadors!

Satoshi, was in our region for almost 2 months. In that time, he was learning conversational English, under real conditions. While visiting local businesses, he was seriously involved in a research project, which dealt with heat recovery from wood stoves and subsequent heat storage. He and 40 other engineering employees, living across Canada, were part of a 6 month Adventure Learning program financed by Yazaki Corporation, Japan.

In all cases, Island staff gave of their valuable time. In some cases, no immediate dollar return was put into every store. I can report, however, that this one English as a Second Language student, in 2 months did directly deposit in excess of 5,000\$ into the local economy. We know from experience, that thanks to your hospitality, openness, and encouragement, Satoshi will pass onto his friends and business associates that Comox - Campbell River is worthy of future investments, either in a business opportunity or supporting Tourism!

Thank you, very much!
Rod Burns, B.Ed, CPHI



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Area J Regional Director's Report

The recent deposit of 4 inches of snow on the ground has stopped my outdoor endeavours, so I thought I would come in and fill you in on recent Regional District events.

As most of you are well aware, the Public Hearing for the proposed golf course rezoning by Quadra Links took place on Feb. 27th. It was attended by 200-plus interested parties. Due to the lengthy speakers list, the Hearing had to be adjourned at the end of the evening until March 27th at which time we will pick up where we left off and try very hard to finish up at that time. I have been reading the hundreds of submissions that had been submitted by the close of the hearing and I am sure there will be more in this month. This is one of the more significant hearings to take place in quite awhile. The main issues seem to revolve around protection of existing water quality and quantity, use of fertilizers and/or pesticides, economic development, provision of green space and recreational opportunity. I am sure that we will hear much more on these and other issues at the continuation of the hearing. Hope to see you all there.

The Regional District budget process is proceeding nicely and will be adopted with many amendments at the Board meeting at the end of the month. We were anticipating a fairly large shift in the tax burden to the electoral areas due to the reallocation of many of the costs of doing business being moved from the Municipal base to the Rural base. This included the issues around the need to move to a new office in Courtenay. I have been able to significantly reduce the impact of that shift in taxation by working with staff to make cuts wherever we possibly could so that any tax increase that might be necessary would be as minimal as possible. So far it is working out very well and the final numbers will be available to us later this month. As for any Provincial increases to taxation, I cannot say what that might look like since that is totally up to them and will only be known when we all get our tax bills. Please remember to look at the three areas on your bill separately: The School Tax (Provincial); the Rural Tax (Provincial); the Local Government taxes at the bottom of the sheet... that is the one that we have some control over..... More on this as we get more info.

The one area of the Budget that was very pleasing this year was the area of Solid Waste Management (land fills, recycling, education, etc.). We embarked on a region wide solid waste plan, at provincial govt. direction, about 6 years ago with the goal of reducing the amount of waste that goes into land fills by 50% by the year 2002. We have done that

through all of the programs that the regional district has put in place but we have also met the other goal of the plan : to move the burden of paying for solid waste away from the general taxpayer and make it wholly user pay. This year marks the first year of achieving that goal and means that there will be no tax requisition at all in the Regional District. All programs will be run by the fees collected from users and we still have, by far, the lowest tipping fees at the regional district land fills on all of Vancouver Island. Our staff have done a great job of making this happen.

Last but not least, the Quathiaski Cove streetlight issue has been resolved. I won't go into the details of explaining the whole history at this time as I already did that two issues ago. Please refer to that article for the background. The main news is that the people that have been bearing the tax burden for the streetlights that we all use and benefit from will no longer be expected to cover those costs. The residents within the street lighting district will see zero taxation on their tax bills this year (which was as high as \$160.00 per year in the past!) for streetlights. The cost of running the lights will now be paid by a parcel tax of \$2.95 per year for all of us. We all receive the same service and it made no sense whatsoever to charge for that service based on how much your house and property were worth (assessment). The antiquated system that was in place since 1971 meant that one person might be paying \$50.00 per year while the next door neighbour would be paying \$160.00 per year for exactly the same service. This has now been rectified. Due to the impasse that has occurred on resolving this issue over the past four years I was encouraged by the Regional District to use the provision in the Local Government act that allows for the Director of an electoral area to give consent to the provision of a service if it is in the public interest. This means that all property owners will pay the \$2.95 per year that I spoke of in all of Area J. On the surface this may seem unfair to someone living on an outer island that doesn't use the Cove lighting. However, on closer examination, you would find that all residents of Area J benefit from taxes collected mainly from Quadra residents and if you look at this as a "federation" expense, it all works out in the end. There will be no taxation whatsoever on this year's bill due to the fact that this item went forward after the closing date for establishing the parcel tax roll, which allows for the placing of the tax on each of those properties. So, what will happen is there will be no tax this year, but it will be doubled next year only, to make up for the deficit (\$5.90 in 2004 only). The issue of

proliferation of lights all over the island is not an issue, since the only amount of money that will be set aside for lights will be the required amount to run the 26 lights that now exist. No new lights will be installed, since there is no money to pay for them to BC Hydro. I really appreciate all of the supportive feedback that I got after my last article on this issue. All of the major groups on the island replied in favour of my getting on with the job of making the decision on your behalf. This is not something I took lightly, even though it was only a matter of under \$4,000.00 per year. I did not feel that the island would support taking out the lights in the most highly traveled area of the island (this was the only other option). Once again, thanks you for your support in making this decision.

Just one more thing... I have been working with Telus behind the scenes for the past few months on a plan to bring ADSL high speed internet service to Quadra Island. I was referred some time ago by the province to comment on an underwater line that Telus wanted to put from Quadra to Cortes as a back up phone line. It would run from Open Bay to Cortes. While I was looking into this I had to ask the question about what type of line they were planning. It turned out it was fibre optic cable. Hmmmm... if they are taking fibre optic to Cortes it would need to be brought to Quadra at some point in the west. I searched a little further and found that it was coming across the island at Gowlland Harbour Road and then up West Road. So... if that is the case, why not put a line from that point to the Telus office on Heriot Bay Road and provide Quadra with ADSL service that we need so badly??? This is where the serious discussions began and it is all but settled that they will provide service to us sometime after June 1st. I am still working on the business case letter that must go to them to verify the need for the service. The planners at Telus have it all scheduled in at this time. So wish me luck and I will keep you informed on the progress. I am sure that Telus will want to make an announcement at the time of commencement. They have been really good to deal with so far and I hope the relationship will continue to be productive.

I think that is about it for this issue... As usual, if you need to contact me, please call 285-3355 from 8am to 7pm Monday through Friday, or leave a message after hours or on the weekend. I will get back to you as soon as I can. You can also fax me at 285-3533 or email me at abramfam@oberon.ark.com anytime.

Happy Spring !!!! (coming soon!)

Jim Abram, Director, Area J

Quadra Links Update

It would appear from the reaction of over 200 people who attended the public hearing on rezoning meeting on Feb. 27, that there is strong majority support for the golf course on Quadra Island albeit some concerns still linger on water issues.

Quadra Links directors and supporters have been working hard at addressing those issues. Work over the last 12 months which included a number of consultants and local community members has resulted in developing firm commitments to not allow degradation of water quality and depletion of well water on neighbouring wells.

Voluntary covenants have been recommended by Quadra Links which put in place specific action to be taken by the owners of the golf course now and in the future. For the first time ever on Quadra, a property owner will be testing water flowing from their property on a regular basis and take corrective action if there is any indication of a problem.

Also, the owner of the golf course must provide a record of the water table in their deep wells and not allow depletion of that water. This is also a first for Quadra Island. It should be noted that the official community plan (OCP) for Quadra calls for an inventory of ground water to be initiated by the Regional District with the Ministry of Environment. The information provided by the golf course can contribute to that data base.

Reference has been made to "Audubon International" in write-ups, meetings and at the public hearing. Quadra Links has not done the best job in explaining what that's all about. During the summer of 2002 Quadra Links was seeking information and help for management plans and guidance focused toward developing a golf course on Quadra that was as natural as it could be and environmentally responsible.

A conservation organization, Audubon International, and its Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary System was brought to the attention of Quadra Links. The directors of Quadra Links researched this organization and found it to be a very respected organization which not only helped with development of environmentally responsible golf courses but included schools, parks and even homeowners back yards.

They bring to the table proven management principles for water conservation; wet land protection criteria; water course protection and enhancement; and proper cultural programs for turf management aimed toward minimizing dependence on fertilizers and chemical pest control. Quadra Links was pleased to find that the European Golf Association Ecology Unit was so inspired by the Audubon International programs that they modelled their own program, Committed to Green, after the Audubon program in 1997.

As mentioned previously, Quadra Links has joined the Audubon International program and has their publication, A Guide To Environmental Stewardship on the Golf Course at the ready.

During the next two weeks, March 10 to 21, Quadra Links will be working with the department of planning of the Regional District on the covenants, hopefully available on their web site by the 17th of March.

For clarification, everyone should be mindful that covenants are voluntary commitments made by property owners which are attached to the land title. They are not a legal requirement for rezoning. Also, covenants do not require more than two signatures, i.e. two parties, to be legally binding.

Submitted by Keith Remfert

Dear Editor;

First I would like to congratulate Nicola for her great poem in the DIS last edition but I think there is another matter I think that needs to be talked more about here.

This war, if there is to be a war, is going to be fought about oil and in particular the State's and the international community's ability to get oil at a price they can afford. If Bush, it seems to me, is so adamant about this access, perhaps it is because North American consumers and the North American economy, and other countries with similar oil interests have pushed him to do it. I think it's time we take a serious look at our consumption of oil because until our personal patterns change, the pattern of aggression to control oil markets is not going to either. It seems to me that as much as anything else this war will be fought about North American consumer habits and indeed, consumer habits everywhere. I personally can't think of a more pronounced show of solidarity than to see people all over the world hang up their car keys for a day or two unless it's absolutely essential to drive, to car pool far more than they do, ride a bike, walk, and cut back on the number of toys they have that use oil and goods that use oil in their production. If we are not prepared to do that, if we are not prepared to change our habits and the high status with which we regard toys that use oil, then really what we're saying is that we support the war. I think changing this situation requires changing the way we as individuals operate.

I'd be really interested to hear other people's opinions on this.

Sincerely,
Nancy Vail

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Father Knows Best

by Steven Halliday

As I write this column, the world is living with an unofficial deadline imposed on Iraq by the USA and the UK, calling upon them to demonstrably disarm by March 17 or face invasion at any time thereafter. The USA/UK team are busy arm-twisting (or, in some cases outright *bribing* poorer nations) at the UN in an attempt to line up the support of the Security Council for immediate action. G.W. Bush has virtually thrown down the gauntlet, using his “with us or against us” rhetoric to threaten the UN with “irrelevance” for failure to support him in his program of regime change. There is no question that the situation is deadly serious, and will have long term consequences no matter which way events unfold. There is no doubt that there is strong and qualified opposition to a pre-emptive strike upon Iraq, for several reasons, most notably that it will result in thousands (at minimum) of needless deaths, and will also establish a very dangerous precedent. Time is very short, and many people are very unsure of what to believe. Loyalties are being questioned, and friendships torn asunder. This is definitely a low spot in history.

I have always had a fascination with all things military, starting at a very young age when I started working at the Port Moody Gun Club as a trap-boy, working my way up to Assistant Range Warden (unofficially, of course—I wasn’t even a teenager yet!) where I was responsible for the safety on the rifle range. I became very familiar and proficient with firearms, and learned a great deal of history because of the stories behind the huge collection of weapons owned by the Range Warden, my surrogate grandfather. The Vietnam “conflict” was underway, and I recall watching Walter Cronkite nightly, with incredible images of massive firepower unleashed against “Victor Charlie”. After graduating from high school, I was uncertain of what I wanted to do in life, but one thing I did know for certain - running a tank sure looked like fun! Fortunately for me

(and the safety of Canada), I failed to make the grade to enter the Armed Services. Not that they didn’t want me—trust me, in 1976 the army was ecstatic to have a high school graduate volunteer. But I was 15 pounds underweight for my height, and I was not willing to follow their dietary recommendations to gain entry. Then, as today, gorging myself on pounds and pounds of red meat, potatoes and pasta was not a viable alternative. So having failed to experience the military firsthand, I have pursued a study of all things military, which continues to this day. In fact, given a choice I would have pursued studies in military history, emulating one of my favourite experts on the subject, London-based Canadian author and commentator Gwynne Dyer. But from where does this fascination spring?

My father volunteered for the Canadian Army Service Corps in March 1944 at the age of 18 years. He was shipped to England in August 1944, received some additional training, and then embarked for Europe as a Dispatch Rider with the Canadian Scottish Regiment. He returned home in May of 1946, and was honourably discharged from the army. He was an active member of the Legion thereafter, and was very proud of his service. My dad didn’t like to talk about the war, and I was well disciplined enough not to push the issue. We shared a love of war movies (and westerns), and Dad was a wealth of information on the tools and techniques of World War II. But ask him a direct question (“Did you shoot anyone, Dad?”) and the subject would quickly be changed. He was an enthusiastic shutterbug while in Europe, and my mother still has the photo albums documenting the faces of his compatriots at war, as well as the incredible devastation visited upon large parts of Europe. I particularly remember his photos of Dresden, the victim of a massive bombing campaign that resulted in an actual firestorm, which flattened the ancient city and killed thousands upon thousands of people, mostly civilian. It was a horrible event, and the British Air Command has since been heavily criticised for the unwarranted scale of destruction. The USA is presently planning a similar tactic for the opening days of war in Iraq. Called “Shock and Awe”, the plan is to

launch several thousand smart bombs and cruise missiles into Baghdad, creating shock and awe amongst the populace and hopefully leading to quick capitulation. This awesome display will undoubtedly create more than shock and awe – whether or not it is judged successful it will create a hatred that will be visceral and multigenerational, and will be a focus for calls of revenge against the source of the destruction. It’s a hell of a way to get “the people” to welcome their liberators, and I certainly wouldn’t want to be a young American soldier entering the area after such an attack.

Lately, the name Halliday is largely synonymous with “anti-war”. Dennis Halliday was an Asst. Secretary General of the UN. He served as UN Humanitarian Co-ordinator in Iraq, but in 1998 he quit the posting and his 34-year UN career in protest over the conditions that were being forced upon Iraq under UN auspices. He is a well-known and passionate critic of the present push for war. Fred Halliday is Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and a columnist for the *The Guardian* newspaper. He also is a strong opponent of the war as presently envisaged by Bush and Blair. But us Halliday’s aren’t all doves. I recently read about Lewis Stratford Tollemance Halliday, VC, KCB, who, as a 30 year old Captain in the Royal Marines saved the British Legation in Beijing (then known as Peking) from being overrun by Chinese Boxers during the 1900 rebellion in China. Severely wounded in the action, he was awarded the Victoria Cross (Britain’s highest military honour) and retired after serving in World War I as a Lieutenant General.

The impetus for this column came from a thought I had the other day – what would my Dad think about the present situation? I’m saddened that I can’t ask him, as he passed away 3 years ago. But having known him for 42 years I think I know the answer. He, like me, would have absorbed as much information as possible (he would have loved the Internet) and would have thought deep and hard about his opinion.

He, like me, would have discussed the issue with everyone he could, in order to gain more knowledge. But in the end, he, like me, would not support this war. This is not a just war, one in which 18 year old boys willingly join up to serve their country. Nope, C.J. Halliday would have not endorsed this one. Which makes it all the easier for his son to do the same – an attack without specific UN endorsement and participation is not a just war. It would be a slaughter.

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Imagine

Darlene Booth RNC

I seldom watch the news and I rarely listen to the radio. The airwaves constantly bombard us with too much negativity and nerve grating static. Personally, I find it far too disruptive to my inner balance. It is comparable to that feeling you get, deep down in your inner core, when someone slowly and deliberately drags fingernails over a blackboard. It always leaves me feeling somewhat rattled and even violated in a subtle, nondescript way.

But this has not always been the case. Not so long ago, I was an official news junkie. I could not get enough of the stuff. I had to have my fix. I would turn on the tube to find out what state of affairs our world was in today and I was never disappointed. Oddly enough, their always seemed to be some sort of world crisis. No shortage of headlines, scandals or freak acts of God to report. It really did not matter what day it was or what hour of the day I tuned in. I could always find something to anguish about. I was hooked.

Gradually my dim light bulb of awareness started to burn a wee bit brighter and I began to see a problem with this kind of addiction. It dawned on me that if I always plugged my mind into the negative energies, I would always be attracting negative energies or at the very least, blocking any positive energy that may be available at the time. There I was - always dwelling on the sad state of current affairs, distracted and preoccupied with tragedy and disruption, where was the joy in living? Where was the love? Where was the sanity in our little world? I even wrote this rather gloomy poem that I will share with you now.

Evening News

Why is everything so crazy? Has the whole world gone insane?

We've got brutal wars, senseless deaths, famine, drought and acid rain.

We have child abusers, sex offenders, AIDS and so much more...

There's unemployment, hunger and homeless people by the score.

Our children walk the streets in fear - should a stranger lurk ahead...

And everyday the headlines herald more tragedy and dread.

What has happened to society to make us all so cruel?

Why has it become to commonplace to pack a gun to school?

Hey people! If you hear me, please don't turn and walk away...

We have to get a grip on life and we have to start today.

We can start within our families and teach our children well...

Nurture them and love them. Listen to the stories they will tell.

It may not be a perfect world but we have to play our part...

And every child upon this planet deserves a carefree heart.

I would sooner read a Stephen King than watch the evening news...

At least I'd have a nightmare that I could put down if I choose.

So I did just that. I stopped watching the news and started pondering more positive thoughts. I started to see that we were just pawns in the propaganda game. That the media, in a sense, had total control over the minds of the major majority of the world population! The "news" was constantly feeding us a diet of fear and negativity. I craved a less toxic diet!

Don't get me wrong. I am not an ostrich either. What I have learned is that the important issues will filter through my news block whether I consciously seek them out or not. This impending war is a prime example. You cannot just bury your head in the sand and hope something this big just goes away. But at the same time, I refuse to buy into the fear that Armageddon is just around the next corner.

What if everyone started tuning into positive thinking? What if we ALL quit buying into the fear factor? If we ALL opened up our hearts to see that the healing power of love can vanquish almost any obstacle in our path? Just imagine a world with this kind of vibration.

In the immortal words of John Lennon..."Imagine ALL the people, living life in peace..."

That is my vision for the world. Won't you join me?

Namaste.

Business Profile

Edge Board Shop

by Tanya Storr

For a slice of vibrant youth culture on Quadra, check out Edge Board Shop. From skateboard supplies to surfer style tank tops, Amanda Turner's store offers a wide variety of items for the young and young at heart.

Originally located in the Upper Realm, Edge Board Shop recently moved into a larger space in the Cove Center next to Quadra Island Video. The move was necessary to accommodate Amanda's growing stock. Edge Board Shop's grand re-opening was held on March 1.

When I walked into Edge Board Shop's new premises last Saturday, I was immediately struck by the store's colourful array of clothing and gear. T-shirts, skateboard 'decks', and decals emblazoned with innovative designs give the space a lively energy.

Amanda affirmed that art is an important element of skateboarding culture.

"Art plays a definite role," she said, pointing out that 'tagging', or creating original graffiti, is an integral part of the skateboarding scene. Skateboard parks are like giant cement canvases for graffiti artists.

Amanda painted one wall of her store with a brick motif, and Quadra artist Pete Pulford, whose designs can be seen at the Quadra skateboard park, tagged it for her.

Posters depicting skateboarders and snowboarders performing breathtaking stunts decorate the other walls. A large poster placed above the rack of decks proclaims "Skateboarding is Not a Crime".

Amanda, at age 18, may well be the youngest shopkeeper I've ever met. Her youth is an advantage, as she can easily relate to her customers and knows what they are looking for.

Edge Board Shop evolved from Amanda's first store, Something Cheeky, which carried youth and women's fashions. She opened Something Cheeky when she was 17, with help from her sister Emily. When homeschooling demands curtailed Emily's involvement, Amanda, who also did her



Edge Board Shop proprietor Amanda Turner with some of the store wares. Photo: Tanya Storr

schooling at home, carried on alone.

"I've always been interested in clothes and fashion, and thought it would be fun to open a store for the summer. That's all I thought it would be, but it has grown from there," she told me.

Amanda enjoys snowboarding and has family members and friends who are into skateboarding. She opened Edge Board Shop on October 8, 2002, the same day the Cortes skateboard park opened.

When asked how she came up with the idea to start a skate shop, Amanda said she saw a growing need for one on Quadra. With the new skateboard park on Cortes, there is a greater demand than ever on the islands for gear and accessories.

"There are a lot of skateboarders on Quadra and Cortes. Before I opened my shop, skateboarders from Cortes had to travel a full day to go to town and back to pick up skate stuff. Many kids come over from Campbell River to use our park, and their whole day was ruined if they broke a king pin," she stated.

Just then a customer came in who needed some new gear. While he and Amanda discussed the technical merits of the different kinds of wheels she keeps in stock, I browsed through the Edge's selection of clothing, shoes, and backpacks.

Skateboard clothing is designed for comfort and ease of movement. From baggy

pants to warm hoodies to thick-soled shoes, the clothes are both stylish and durable.

In the girls' section, Amanda has leaned towards a surfer theme. Tops, short skirts, and pants are arranged around the space, complemented by a rattan "surf hut" change room in the corner.

Moments after the happy customer left with his new wheels, two more came in. Kyra Foort and Katie Fedosenko were shopping in Amanda's new location for the first time, and both were excited about the layout and clothing.

"This is so cool. It's so much bigger than the last store," said Kyra, as she eyed a t-shirt with an elephant design produced by an artists' network.

"I want one of everything. This stuff is great!" enthused Katie.

Amanda has been able to expand her product line since she moved her shop. She picked up some new name brands at the recent Sports Show in Vancouver.

One of her additions is a selection of daypacks, including some designed to carry a skateboard or snowboard. Next fall Amanda hopes to start carrying some snowboarding gear.

When asked who her main customers are, Amanda grinned broadly and replied, "Parents!" She quickly qualified this, however, by saying that she has a diverse clientele, including elementary kids, teens, and adults.

"So many elementary kids on the islands are really excited about skateboarding. It's great to have their energy around, as well as the more seasoned skaters," Amanda observed.

Although skateboarding is largely practiced by guys, some girls are getting into the sport too.

"There are a few girls on the islands who are definitely up and coming," noted Amanda.

A naturally outgoing person, Amanda said what she really loves about running Edge Board Shop is talking to her customers.

"I've lived here my whole life and I love the friendliness of the people on the islands," she stated.

The response to Edge Board Shop from the community has been extremely positive, Amanda reports.

"Everyone has been so supportive. I couldn't have done this without the help of my family, friends, and customers."

Edge Board Shop is open weekdays from 12-6 and Saturdays from 10-6. The store is closed Sundays. For more information, drop by the store in the Cove Centre or call 285-3388.



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