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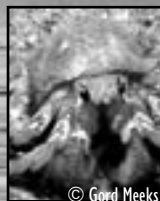
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**7 pm. Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**



# Island Calendar

- **Every Monday** -Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Wednesday** - Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre  
-Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **First Friday** -Open Stage 7:30 pm Yak Shack Heriot Bay
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-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Every 4th Sunday** - dinner & jazz Annie Siegel Trio 6-9 PM @HBI

**August 13th, Wednesday**

-Traditional Salmon Barbecue  
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**August 18th, Sunday**

-First Nations Cultural Demonstration  
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**August 19th, Tuesday**

-Traditional Salmon Barbecue  
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**August 24th, Sunday**

-Cortes Island Sandcastle Day  
9:00 am

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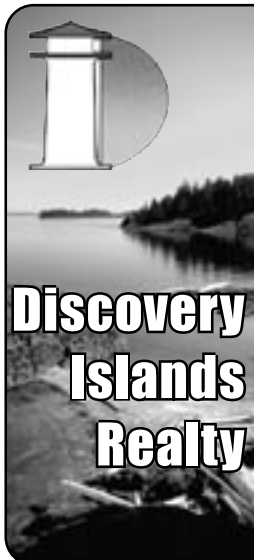
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Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$4 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, jugglers, musicians etc. are very welcome - this is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that **the Credit Union parking lot is for their customers only!** Farmers Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come join us to make the Market the best it can be. Information: Dalyce 285-3180, Pauline 285-2076, Linda 285-3952

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# News & Events

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Lots of prizes and many levels of instruction provided. Each camper will receive a basketball to keep as well as a camp T-shirt. If your child is contemplating registering in the Steve Nash Youth Basketball League in the fall, this camp will determine his or her placing on a team. There may be some special guests available during the week. Some members of the 1997 University of Victoria Vikings National Champs may make a surprise visit. They are not confirmed at the moment but we are hopeful.

Tuesdays, we will adjourn earlier for the ferry due to dangerous cargo at 4:00 P.M. We also have an opportunity to enjoy the community pool, so bring a towel.

## Quadra Island Quilters

June concluded our 2002-2003 season with another scrumptious potluck luncheon and a summer Bear Paws block to sew. Then happily, the weather provided a perfect backdrop for the Quilt and Garden Tour merging a symphony of colour and foliage.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Quilt Raffle. The draw was held Sat. July 5th 2003, at the Farmer's Market.

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## CR Gallery Exhibitions

The Campbell River Art Gallery now has two exhibition halls, thanks to recent renovations, allowing them to open these two shows at once. In the main gallery an exhibition titled "Women Enduring Freedom" features paintings by Mary Blaze and Barbara Bickel. In the new gallery Quadra Island artist Paul Bishop's exhibition, "Absolution" continues until September 30.

"Women Enduring Freedom" shows the work of three Vancouver artists with impressive academic credentials and career achievements. Their beautifully integrated exhibition is a response to global politics and war. Bickel's densely layered collages overlap Blaze's huge, boldly marked canvasses, to create a unified expression that inspires viewers with their energy and female perspectives. A video of Snowber's collaborative dance performance at the opening of the exhibition is shown continuously.

The Gallery's summer art instructor, Justin Wright, curated an exhibition of work by Paul Bishop of Quadra Island in the Gallery's new exhibition hall. Wright selected over 70 of Bishop's multi-layered collages for an exhibition titled "Absolution." "He's expressing something very directly and fearlessly with these images," says Wright. "When you see them you're experiencing his vulnerability on the subject and his strength to face it." Wright goes on to share a quote from writer Tom Robbins, which he says embodies the emotional perception of Bishop's images. "In the haunted house of life," wrote Robbins, "art is the only stair that doesn't creek."

"Women Enduring Freedom" continues at the Gallery until August 29. Paul Bishop's exhibition, "Absolution," continues until September 30. The Gallery is open Monday ! Saturday, 10 ! 5:00 p.m. Call 287-2261 for more information about these exhibitions or upcoming classes for children and young adults.

## Quadra Artists Take Home Awards

Ten regional artists were selected for awards in a recent exhibition at the Campbell River Art Gallery, co-hosted with the Community Arts Council. 110 people crowded into the Gallery on opening night, when awards were announced for work selected by two senior artists, Linda Perron of North Island College's art program and Sylvia Bews-Wright of Victoria.

"Selecting the work for awards from among 43 pieces was a challenge," said Bews-Wright, who went on to say how privileged she felt to have the opportunity to review the work. Bews-Wright and Perron spent the better part of a day looking at the paintings, photographs, prints and sculptures, comparing their impressions. They came with a list of nine pieces for special recognition.

Mayor Lynn Nash was joined by Counselors Morgan Ostler and Mary Ashley to present the awards to Liz Carter of Campbell River, who received an award of excellence for her powerful mixed media piece "Symbolic Identity," which comments upon the appropriation of Native imagery. "There are so many layers to this piece," said the jurors as the award was presented. "The formality and presentation are excellent."

Susan Barr of Campbell River also received an award of excellence for her luminous watercolour titled "Earl". "She captured personality in this painting," noted the jurors, "giving us the essence, or core as if caught in transition".

Awards of merit went to Angela Hanuse for her complex, mixed media piece "Circles of Conflict," and to Justin Wright for "Killer of the Cat Buddha," an acrylic on canvas.

Honorable mentions were given to Lesley Matthews for "Out of the Rain," created during the Gallery's garden tour last year; and to Carole Goodwin for "Summer Bouquet," to Mary Sharpe for "Slack Tide-MV Kingcome," Bob Sheridan for "The Jacket," and to Barbara Desmarais for her mixed media piece "Heron II."

In addition to the jurors' selections, visitors to the gallery were invited to cast a ballot for their favourite piece during the course of the Members' Exhibition. The piece that received the most votes was "Woods Buffalo" a detailed painting on a fungus by Lorna McRoberts. She was closely followed in the ballot box by Liz Carter for her installation piece "Symbolic Identity" and "The Burning Rose," an oil painting on burl wood created by Fred Marsters.

The Members' Show was sponsored by Campbell River Television and the Pier House Bed & Breakfast. The next exhibition, "Women Enduring Freedom," officially opens on July 31. The Gallery will be closed to the public July 21 to 25 for installation. For more information on these exhibitions or the current children's art classes at the Gallery call 287-2261.

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This Request for Expressions of Interest pertains to services that include identification of network design options and development of the business plan.

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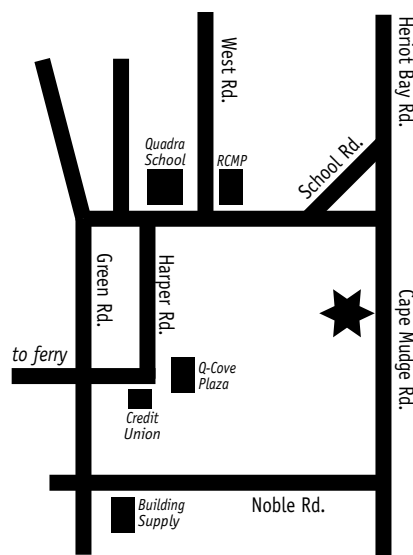
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**Next deadline Monday, August 11th 7pm**

## Cortes Sandcastle Day

The Cortes Island Seniors Building Society is holding a Sandcastle Building Contest, Sunday, August 24, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. at Smelt Bay, Cortes Island. Bring your own tools to work with. Only things found on the beach may be used as decorations on your creation. Let your imaginations soar.

Come one and all and play in the sand or sit on the shore. Enjoy the day.

Registration of teams begins at 9:00 am. \$2.00 per structure entry fee, structures for children under 13 free. New categories. Judging in early afternoon. Prizes follow.

Clubs, groups and organizations come out and build. There is a separate category for clubs and organizations. Compete for cash to donate to your organization.

Food booths will be restricted to one of a kind. If you intend to sell food, please pre-register with Carole at 935 6585.

Vendors Welcome.

## CR SPCA Fundraisers

The Campbell River branch of the SPCA held a very successful "Bath-a-thon" on July 12th, bathing 35 dogs (and 1 cat). One gentleman had intended to have his dogs washed, but as there was a bit of a wait, donated the money to have 2 shelter dogs bathed instead! It is the generosity of people like this that make the lives of the shelter animals better. We raised \$352 that was immediately spent on food purchases.

We're holding another "Bath-a-thon" on August 16th, from 10 am to 4 pm at the shelter. Come in and cool them off!

Dennis and Daphne Young and the Quadra Island Cat and Dog Club often hold fundraisers, and last month alone brought in over \$300 worth of food. Campbell River Door Services recently held a fishing derby, and \$900 was donated to the SPCA. Thank you all!

But the BIG fundraiser this year is the 2nd Annual Mutt Strut on September 7th. We're hoping this year's event will "sniff" out a lot of participants, as it'll be a province-wide walkathon, with most branches in BC joining in. It will take place at Nunns Creek Park where registration begins at 9:00 am. The walk starts at 10 am and takes about an hour, and will be immediately followed by a salmon BBQ.

The rest of the day includes a competition for People & Pet Look-A-Likes, Best Costume, Best Trick and more. SPCA T-shirts will be awarded to those who raise pledges of \$150 and over, while an SPCA sweatshirt will go to those who manage to bring in \$500 and over.

Pledge sheets are now available at the shelter. Volunteers are always needed, please call us at 286-6131 if you can lend a hand.

## Gallery Show in Support of Mental Health at Grasshopper

On Sunday, August 3rd from 1-4pm and continuing till Aug 31st, Grasshopper Gallery on Quadra Island invites the public inside the private world of Courtenay resident Laurie Bartlett through a retrospective of her creative work entitled "BiPolar and Art". The show spans 27 years of Laurie's creative expression, including drawings and paintings under the tutelage of Sybil Andrews. The body of the exhibit is very recent (3 ñ 4 years old) and illustrates her journey with BiPolar Disorder. Laurie's visions move from a refined and emotive view of people and landscape to the subjective dissection of the world through her altered vision. The impact of her work is immediate and visceral.

The National Mental Health Association defines BiPolar Disorder as "an illness involving one or more episodes of serious mania and depression." The illness causes a person's mood to swing from excessively "high" and/or irritable to sad and hopeless, with periods of a normal mood in between. Sometimes symptoms of mania and depression are present at the same time. These episodes of mood changes can also be accompanied by psychosis and or delusions.

The paintings of Laurie Bartlett define BiPolar Disorder as brokenness, both within the self and in relationships with family and friends. They convey loneliness and isolation; wretchedness, confusion and loss of control. Yet their very existence bespeaks the artist's fierce commitment to create and communicate. They give the viewer an understanding of this artist's experience with her disease and an understanding of our individual and collective experience of brokenness and isolation within society.

Richard Calver, owner of Grasshopper Gallery is very excited to be showing Laurie Bartlett's work. "Real art," he says, "works for survival. Its not just pretty pictures in a studio." Laurie's work makes a strong example of art as a "survival suit." Grasshopper Gallery opened this spring displaying the work of local artists and Calver's own work, but this is his first major show. The gallery is at 748 West Road on Quadra Island - next to the police station and a short walk from the ferry. This is a non-profit exhibition, and commissions from paintings sold will be donated to the Eureka Club in Courtenay, a Mental Health support group. The opening reception is August 3rd 1 ñ 4 pm and all are welcome.



# Area J Regional Director's Report

Since this is by far, the hottest day of the year, my report will be as short as possible...

A few items I want to bring to your attention. First of all, I have just received notice from Richard Gregory of B.C. Packers (now owned by Weston Foods) that there will be major work and demolition going on in

Quathiaski Cove in the very near future. The B.C. Packers site and the Petro Canada facility near the water will all be removed, cleaned up and "remediated" as necessary. The only building that will be retained is the net loft and a portion of the water side deck. All else will be gone.

The schedule is as follows:

Starting Sept. 1st.... Set up work and safety procedures - 1 day.... Remove any hazardous materials identified - 1 week... set up containment boom - 1 day.... Dismantle and salvage buildings, structures and decks - 6 weeks.... Dismantle and remove remaining works and piles from a barge - 2 weeks..... and last of all, demobilization... The tank farm up on the side hill and the distribution centre are also to be removed at the same time.

This will be a major change to the waterfront of Q. Cove. It is being done as preparation to sell all of the properties. There is no deal to purchase with any one party at this time. All of the sale issues will be dealt with after the removal and cleanup. All of the work will take place during daylight hours and be done to strict environmental guidelines. I thought you should know about this right away so it would not come as a surprise.

Next, I have talked with Telus again this week and they are still on track and on time with the installation of ADSL high speed internet for Quadra Island. I will keep you informed as things progress. We are still looking at late fall.

I have been in discussions again with the Mayor of Campbell River over the bus issue for the 7:05 am ferry and for the 8:00 am ferry also. He has taken it to council again on our behalf and the following is the result. Originally we were told by their staff that it would cost \$4500.00 for the one run in the morning to take kids to the schools up Dogwood. This was to be covered by the fares for approx. 30 riders. Then it became \$4500.00 PLUS the \$4500.00 from the fare box. Of course I said no to this. Too expensive (\$9000.00 for a one way trip one time a day!)

The mayor understood and I suggested that they should consider going beyond their staff advice and make a political decision of good will towards Quadra and he agreed that that is what would happen. In the mean time the staff upped the ante to \$7000.00 PLUS the \$4500.00 from the fare box. So, Council made their political decision

to reduce the staff recommendation to \$4500.00 from \$7000.00 plus the \$4500.00 from the fare box!!! So it is now up to \$11,500.00 total.

Now, I must say that the Mayor was trying to cooperate and do the right thing. However, in the end, I think it came out to where we started the negotiation that I already said was too much money. So, I have agreed to ask you, the public, what you think. **So, what do you think??? Is \$9000.00 For a one way trip at 7:05 am once a day worth it to you the taxpayer?. Please let me know by email only so I can forward your comments to Campbell River.**

On the issue of the 8:00 am ferry not getting in with quite enough time to make the bus at the depot in Tyee Plaza, he has agreed to look into moving the schedule a few minutes to try and accommodate the passengers for that run. Some of the kids can make it now on a flat out sprint, but the rest of us would be left behind if the schedule stays the same. So, I am pleased to have the cooperation of the Mayor and this is a very positive step in the relationship with Campbell River, which you know was not that great under the last Mayor. I'll keep you informed. Hopefully we will be able to have a bus by Sept.!

I am going to try and start having a table at the Farmer's Market so that people will have an opportunity to meet and talk with me in person and pick up RDCS documents if needed. I will try to make it every Saturday for a couple of hours but this will be subject to change when there are meetings and other commitments. So, look for "The Director is In" sign.... (and, like Lucy in "Peanuts", there will be a 5 cent charge for therapy! kidding, of course)....

I have gotten a great kick out of some of the incredible misconceptions I have heard out there this summer... a sample: "Well, you get your own private spot on the ferry so you don't have to worry about the Cortes priority on the 9 am sailing, right?"...WRONG... I am now going on the 7 am or 8 am ferry to make sure I make my meetings in Courtenay on Mondays and I don't get special treatment. Next: "Well, you get a great pension doing what you do as the local government representative, right?"... VERY WRONG.... no pension, no benefits, nothing beyond the annual pay, meeting pay and incurred expenses... Just thought I'd better clear those up while fresh in my mind... keep those rumours flowing... great entertainment!

The new by-law for the Island is available now and on the web site: [www.rdc.bc.ca](http://www.rdc.bc.ca) Meetings will be held on Sept. 18 and 20... More to follow on this in a future article...

Get out and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts!

- Jim Abram, Director, Area J

## BC Ferries Service Notice

### Cortes Check-In Policy

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by Steven Halliday

**A**t this time of year, with the long days of sunshine and very little rain, my thoughts always turn to the same thing – water. Especially this year, which the UN has declared to be the International Year of Fresh Water. That which is the most abundant resource on earth is also its most precious – there are no substitutes for water. Unfortunately, 97% of the water on our planet is seawater. 2% of the remainder exists as ice or snow, leaving 1% available for consumption. Believe it or not, according to a survey published in the July 19<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Economist*, that 1% is sufficient to serve the needs of the planet. But only if handled properly, something which is not occurring at this time. Two important issues must be addressed in order to try to best use the water we possess – getting water from those who have it to those who need it, and secondly to ensure that it properly used once delivered.

Though this may come as a surprise to some, water extracted from the well on your property is not actually yours. In British Columbia, unless specifically excluded, water is included in the undersurface rights of your land to which ownership remains with the Crown. While there are instances where private ownership of water does occur, as a rule groundwater cannot be owned. *The Economist* argues that this is indeed the way it should be. “Water, the stuff of life, ought to be the most precious of all gifts. Yet throughout history, and especially the past century, it has been ill-governed and, above all, colossally underpriced”. Many disagree, arguing that since it falls from the sky it is wrong to sell or make a profit on water, and it is noted that this argument comes mainly from those areas that are relatively awash in the stuff, such as Canada. Presently, almost half the world’s population has poor access to usually impure water – the UN aims to better this by 50% by the year 2015. Additionally, ever prevalent inadequate sanitation leads to illness, with 60% of the world’s illness related to poor water quality.

But as mentioned earlier, there isn’t a shortage of the stuff, but most of it is

# The Stuff of Life

inaccessible. And even when water is transported in large-scale, over 50% of piped water is lost through leakage. However, most wastage occurs at the end-use stage. Remarkably, world-wide use of water has actually dropped in the last 2 decades. This is due largely to improvements in how we use our water. In the 1930’s it took 200 tonnes of water to make a ton of steel – today the figure is 20 tons. The largest domestic use of water – toilets – has seen technological improvements that reduced the flushed amount from 6 gallons to 1.6 gallons on new models. Of course the vast majority of water consumption is in the developed nations. There is a huge disparity in consumption rates, with the USA averaging almost 1,700 cubic meters per person/per year, comparing very poorly to Britain’s average of only 201. By the way, Canada has nothing to be proud of, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> highest with 1,431 cubic meters.

The biggest culprit in the waste of water is agriculture, which consumes almost 50% of the water used in developed countries, to a whopping 81% in developing nations. In the USA, there are some absurd uses of water. Growing rice in Texas and sugar in Florida (both heavily subsidised industries) uses enormous amounts of water, while at the same time causing economic grief in countries naturally suited to such crops. “Indeed, half of California’s water is now used for crops that are better suited to a wet environment than to a semi-desert”, says *The Economist*. In Saudi Arabia, they are using a vast amount of their very limited groundwater (or pricy desalinated water) to grow wheat! Using 1,000 tonnes of water to grow 1 ton of wheat, it is estimated the cost of the wheat is 100 times the world price. Surely it would make much more sense to grow wheat, rice, sugar and other water intensive crops where it is appropriate and import the products, rather than waste water to create false economies. By contrast, Australia recognised the problem decades ago, being the driest inhabited continent on earth. To start with, they made it clear to everyone that the Crown owns the water, and landowners are only granted access or user rights. This set a proper market economy for the water, and as a result the country now has 100% water metering, charging by volume consumed and not just access. *The Economist* comments “Water, as a public good, should be a responsibility of government; its allocation to users should

be made a contractual entitlement that is both temporary and tradable.” Further, “A sensible start would be to get farmers to see water as something that has to be paid for. Price can encourage more efficient use of water, such as the use of drip irrigation.” Such methods achieve 95% efficiency of water use, versus 60% with flood irrigation. Unfortunately, less than 1% of irrigation systems employ this method.

“Water is a local issue, best dealt with by local communities”. In the case of the Discovery Islands, we have little local control or regulation of household water use. At my home, we are on a communal well, servicing some 8 households. Conservation is not enforced but is dependent on each user’s common sense. In a sense, all Islanders are on a communal well, all tapping into a limited source. We are very fortunate indeed to be blessed with a clean and relatively dependable source of water, but the pressure on that resource is growing fast. Sure, we can drill more wells, but we are tapping a finite resource that can only support a demand equivalent to its rate of replenishment. This may be problematic – it is raining far less now than in the past. Wasteful big city water-use habits have no place on the Islands – our common resource is insufficient to meet such profligate waste. The majority of Island residents are keenly aware of this reality, and are parsimonious users. Collecting rainwater for garden use, sparse watering of gardens and practising household economies in water use are standard practise for many Islanders. Many have learned the hard way that their source of water is not infinite, while others are motivated by poor water flow at the best of times. The point is, we all need to do our part to conserve what we have.

My parents lived on Mayne Island for about 24 years, and they too were on a communal well. I well remember the verbal admonishments to conserve precious water, as well as the sketch in the bathroom of two stick figures in the tub with the caption “Save water – share a shower”. But mostly, I remember the crude but effective rule of the house: “If it’s yellow, let it mellow. If it’s brown, flush it down”. Toilet etiquette – Island style. “God provided the water, but not the pipes” says an executive of the world’s biggest water company, Suez, to which I would add “nor a common appreciation of its worth”. But we’re learning...slowly.



# Island Forum

Mr. Rory Annette, District Manager  
Ministry of Forests  
Campbell River Office

Dear Mr. Annette

Re: Buttle Lake Resources, Woodlot 1898,  
Authorization to amend cut plan, June 12,  
2003

This letter is in follow-up to a phone call, which I had with one of your staff, Mr. Graham, who was authorized to speak on behalf of Mr. Darcy Jule, P. Ag., RPF, addressing an issue of authorization to amend the cut plans for Woodlot 1898.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Buttle Lake Resources contacted your office, requesting authorization to amend their woodlot 1898 cut plan. The letter from the MOF office, by Mr. Jule, June 12, 2003, authorized Buttle Resources to commence hauling road building equipment and logs, as of July 1, 2003. A condition of the amendment "*BLR must notify local individuals that had shown interest in your original commitment*"

I did receive a letter, dated June 19<sup>th</sup>, through the mail, though not received until June 25. We do not get next day, door to door delivery! I called Mr. Jule on the 27<sup>th</sup> and left a phone message with Nigel Ross of Buttle Lake Resources, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Graham responded, after my 2<sup>nd</sup> call to MOF office, in early July - much appreciated!. As of the writing of this note I have received NO follow up communications (phone, fax, ??) from N. Ross / Buttle Resources.

This letter is to soundly protest the process of decision making, the resulting letter of authorization, sent out by Mr. Jule, June 12, 2003. the short time frame which impacted parties have to respond! As well, this letter, is to protest that the authorization fails to address 2 key points, which we put in place at the beginning of the woodlot application.

The offending MOF - letter by Mr. Jule, was written with NO consultation with concerned individuals / groups, to solicit information. A phone call, early in June, to discuss the desired amendment request could have been very beneficial, rather than fanning the flames of discontent!

As per my phone call with Mr. Graham of July 2<sup>nd</sup>:

a) That MOF / Campbell River office has not shown leadership nor built good community relations, through making a decision without consultation with other known stake holders.

b) Mr. Ross, has the opinion that "When the larger picture is looked at, whether Buttle Lake Resources hauls in July and August, most likely does not make a big impact on the Village Bay Lake Road use."

The authorization fails to address that KNOWN and DOCUMENTED CONCERNS for PUBLIC SAFETY, for all persons traveling Village Bay Road, July and August. Contrary to N. Ross' viewpoint moving heavy equipment and logging trucks, without due precautions is a MAJOR concern!.

As a reminder, concern for road safety is heightened with the immense increase in tourism traffic: hundreds of individual and families visiting Village Bay Lakes Provincial Park, for hiking trails and beaches, in addition to the 2 tourism and accommodation operations, 80 cabins on Village Bay Lake, 25 year round residential properties and homes, between Bold Point and Open Bay. 3 Kayak companies transport up to 10 guests plus hauling their equipment along the road, to various destinations.

We would ask of MOF, Mr. Jule, Mr. Graham and of Buttle Lake Resources, how familiar they are with the frequency of accidents and near misses along Village Bay Road - accidents which simply involve

forestry operators, working in a mixed use community! Sadly, living here, we know of too many horror stories, which could have been prevented!

The Quadra Community Plan, the Quadra Safety Council, previous hauling agreements with woodlot and private operators all identify and comply with Pilot Cars for logging trucks, over-width flat bed trucks carrying equipment.

c) Point #2: The authorization fails to address concerns for Forest Fires in the area. It may be in MOF Small Forestry policy to have suppression systems in place. From a few years of experiences, we are not confident that Buttle Resources is aware that if his Quadra woodlot burns, along with it could very well be a number of nearby residential properties at Open Bay.

Sincerely,

Rod Burns, B.Ed, CPHI

## Dear Editor

On Monday, June 23/03 I went into the Campbell River Hospital to have a knee operation. Having no idea what ferry we would be catching home we arrived at 4:15pm for the 4:30pm ferry. There were already overloads and it was a very hot, sunny day. We asked the booth lady if we could please get on the ferry due to my situation. I was obviously in pain and needed to go home to bed. The booth lady said she would have to ask the Captain. She asked my name, came back to the little window and said we couldn't get on. What kind of heartless Captain would say no to a 15 year resident of Quadra Island who just had an operation? Are the tourists more important than someone obviously in pain? Why did they ask for my name?

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Thank you all so much.

Jeanne & Roy Jones

## Campfire Ban

BC Forest Service Coastal Fire Centre issued a complete campfire ban effective midnight July 31st, 2003. The use of open fires for cooking, warmth and ceremonial purposes is not allowed in areas covered by the Coastal fire Centre which includes the Discovery islands and all of Vancouver Island.

This campfire ban does not apply to areas regulated by local government burning bylaws. For more information about local bylaws please contact the local authorities before lighting a fire.

To date there have been 113 forest fires in the Coastal Fire District this year.

If you see a wildfire please report it immediately at 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on most cellular phones.

## On the lighter side from our sooper snooper

### Rezone This!

By Vanya Shopp

Now that almost all the trees have been logged from South Quadra, an offshore consortium, Sheik Rattel & Raoul, have applied to rezone South Quadra From RU1 to FU2 in order to allow for camel racing.

"Camels need long stretches of sand and South Quadra is now perfect for such an endeavour." There is an unconfirmed report that the two vice presidents apparently heard about the opportunity when they shared a room for one night in Hawaii with the premier. When asked what it would take to get the rezoning approved, Sheik Rattel snarled something about it costing more than a new deck.

"You need one of three things in order to sell to the international tourist market, novelty, money or sex," said Sheik Rattel. "Camel racing has two of the three. It's a guaranteed success." I asked them if they were disturbed by some of the neigh sayers in the south end. Raoul said that there were only two main issues: the smell, and the problems associated with gambling. The first issue he

went on to say is a nonissue. Environmentalists only complain when they're not getting a piece of the action. Once the money starts rolling in they'll find that camel dung smells like money. As far as the second issue goes he says it's just a matter of the vocal left using a campaign of disinformation. There are some people on the fringe of sanity who think trees should be replanted but what kind of turn around are we talking there? 200 years? Hey, maybe the softwood dispute will be over then but still you put in camel racing and the money starts rolling in tomorrow.

"Gamblers are no different than you or me. Life's a gamble, that's what makes it fun. The only difference is that some people like to do a little gambling in a controlled, safe environment. People have been gambling on horses even before there was money. There are caves in France where Neolithic man painted pictures of horse races. Let me say right now that we are a family oriented business. You don't just get the track but you get the hotel and the Princess Diana theme park as well."

"There are always people who are against progress," added the Sheik. "People were against civil rights, women's rights, unions... whatever. When it comes right down to it, if the people of Quadra wanted forests and not deserts why did they cut down all their trees?"

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## Coast Mountain Expeditions

by Tanya Storr

When Ralph and Lannie Keller arrived in Evans Bay on Read Island in 1979, they had very little experience in construction or marine mechanics. These were skills they had to quickly acquire, however, to handle the challenges of creating a homestead and business in a remote location.

"We definitely jumped in with both feet and very little idea of what we were doing," chuckled Lannie, as she looked back on the early days.

After building themselves a house with the help of family members, Ralph and Lannie constructed Coast Mountain Lodge. An impressive three-storey structure on the edge of Evans Bay, the lodge is built from lumber they milled on the property.

Friends introduced them to sea kayaking in 1982, and within five years they were offering guided tours. Coast Mountain Expeditions was one of the first eight sea kayaking companies in BC and the first to offer tours in the Discovery Islands.

In the beginning, their touring business consisted of half a dozen kayaks, three of them made by Ralph.

"We made sure we had enough kayaks for the number of people who signed up for each trip. I was ecstatic if we had three people scheduled," Ralph recalled.

Communicating with guests was a challenge at first. The Kellers used their mailbox, had friends take phone messages, and finally got an autotel and then a cell phone.

Since launching their web site in 1996,



Lannie Keller kayaking out front of Discovery Islands Lodge

photo: Tanya Storr

business has increased steadily. Coast Mountain Expeditions now has a fleet of 45 kayaks and employs five guides in the busy summer season.

Lannie and Ralph's children, Emily (19) and Albert (15), are very involved in the family business. Emily has helped prepare food for the trips since she was old enough to mix butter and sugar, and is now an integral part of the kitchen end of the operation. Albert helps with trip preparation and assists during some trips.

During the past two years, the Keller family has put considerable effort into refurbishing and renovating their newest acquisition, Discovery Islands Lodge. Located at the end of Surge Narrows Road

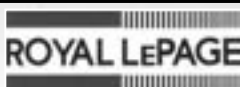
on Quadra, the lodge is a former fish farm building constructed in Norwegian peak-roofed style.

Since signing a 10-year government lease for the site, the Kellers have completed a huge amount of work on the building, driveway, and dock with the help of several local businesses. They opened the lodge in May 2003.

Lannie and Ralph invited me to join a group on a recent day trip from Discovery Islands Lodge. On arrival, we toured the greatly improved facility. Some of the highlights are the locally milled fir panelling, large new picture windows, and high ceilings.



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Discovery Islands Lodge has overnight accommodation for 18 people. Breakfast is provided and guests have use of the communal kitchen for other meals. The large common area on the upper floor is a great place to unwind while enjoying the stunning views of Whiterock Passage and the islands of Surge Narrows Marine Park.

"Discovery Islands Lodge is going to greatly expand our season," Ralph noted. "This is one of the few places in the world where you can kayak in the middle of winter."

Visiting either of the Keller family's lodges today, you would never know they were once inexperienced at living in the bush.

Both Discovery Islands Lodge and Coast Mountain Lodge are far from the power supply grid. Nevertheless, with the help of solar, wind, and small-scale hydroelectric power systems, the Kellers have succeeded in creating very comfortable backcountry accommodations in beautiful surroundings. An impressive 99% of their power comes from non-fossil fuel renewable energy sources.

Guests returning from Coast Mountain trips rave about both the wilderness paddling experience and the delicious home cooked food. Much of the fresh produce used in their hearty meals comes from Lannie's abundant garden on their Read Island homestead.

Fortunately for us, we had the opportunity to experience Coast Mountain food firsthand, while dining on a generous lunch around Discovery Lodge's huge cedar slab table. Fortified for paddling, our group of nine trooped down to the dock.

Our guides for the day were Ralph and Lannie. Emily and Albert Keller, Lisa Nagy, Carlos Paramio, Paul Murphy, Discovery Islands Lodge manager Angel Tehennepe, and myself made up the group.

Ralph gave us some paddling tips in our pre-trip safety and skills session. "Technique in kayaking, like anything else, is very important. Visualize the face of a clock. A good stroke starts at 1:30, ends at 3:30 and is out of the water by 4," he instructed.



Lannie & Ralph Keller at Discovery Islands Lodge  
photo: Tanya Storr

As we paddled into a viewscape dominated by the peak of Mount Dougie Dowler, we enjoyed a good workout, battling a persistent northwesterly head wind. Kayaking through the islands of Surge Narrows Marine Park, we explored tidal passages inaccessible to larger vessels.

The memorable afternoon was enhanced by the views of red sea urchins and other marine life in the crystal clear water beneath our hulls. On the cliffs of Maurelle Island northeast of Antonio Point, Ralph pointed out some ancient pictographs.

After the day trip, I spent the night on Read Island with the Keller family. While soaking up the relaxed ambiance of Coast Mountain Lodge, I asked Ralph and Lannie what they most enjoy about taking people on kayaking tours.

"Travelling in the wilderness develops confidence, humility, and respect for the environment and the other people you're travelling with," said Ralph. "For many people it's a life changing experience. It's neat to be a part of that."

For Lannie, the most satisfying aspect is sharing the natural high that visitors experience when they go on the trips. "Being with them when they're so happy is a real treat," she said.

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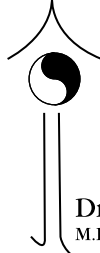
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	1605	13.1	4.0
	1955	11.8	3.6
10	0145	13.1	4.0
SU	1005	2.0	0.6
	1645	13.5	4.1
	2200	11.5	3.5
11	0245	13.1	4.0
MO	1050	2.0	0.6
	1720	13.5	4.1
	2250	11.2	3.4
12	0340	13.1	4.0
TU	1130	2.3	0.7
	1755	13.5	4.1
	2340	10.8	3.3
13	0425	12.8	3.9
WE	1205	3.0	0.9
	1830	13.5	4.1

TIMES ARE STANDARD TIME

# HERIOT BAY STORE

**Check out** our Parking Lot Event this  
Saturday August 2nd including:

**Fundraiser BBQ for the  
Quadra Children's Centre**  
Hot Dogs, Pop, Chips for \$2.50

**Specials For August 3-9 While Supplies Last**

## GROCERY

**Soft & Pure  
Bathroom  
Tissue** **\$5.99**  
24 Rolls

**Pringles  
Potato Chips** **\$1.59**  
145-170g

**Island Farms  
Ice Cream** **\$4.99**  
41 Pail

**Bacardi  
Frozen  
Drink Mixes** **99¢**  
250ml

**Kelloggs  
Fun Pack  
Cereal** **\$2.99**  
250g

**OceanSpray  
100%  
Cranberry Juices** **\$3.69**  
1.89L

## PRODUCE

**Okanagan  
Field  
Tomatoes** **\$1.29**  
lb  
\$2.84/kg

**Okanagan  
Green  
Peppers** **\$1.29**  
lb  
\$2.84/kg

**Okanagan  
Onions** **69¢**  
lb  
\$1.52/kg

**B.C. Hothouse  
Long English  
Cucumber** **99¢**  
each

## DELI

**Nalley's  
Chip Dips** **\$1.99**  
225g

**Genoa  
Salami** **\$1.69**  
100g

## MEAT

**Boneless  
Blade  
Steak** **\$2.99**  
lb  
\$6.59/kg

**Chicken  
Legs  
Backs Attached** **99¢**  
lb  
\$2.18/kg

**Sliced  
Bulk  
Bacon** **\$3.99**  
lb  
\$8.80/kg



**Open Every Day Until 8pm**