

THE CORDOVAN

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This Year

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Association will take place in Claremont Secondary School Lunchroom at
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

The next issue of The Cordovan will give all the details. However, the Nominating Committee has already been formed, and is headed by Don Pearson, 658-8076. If you know of someone who would make a good director, or if you would like to stand for election yourself, please get in touch with him.

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CORDOVA BAY DULL AND BORING IN WINTER?

Depends on how you look at it. Or whether you look or not. Perhaps it is dull if you are inside looking out instead of out enjoying it. All it takes is good walking shoes.

Do you look glumly at a wintry sea and think nothing's out there? If there's nothing, wait a minute. Please don't say it's only ducks and sea-gulls. Really take a look. Binoculars help.

Ducks. Well, those white ones looking as if a paint brush with black paint has been drawn across them are buffleheads. And those dark ones by rocks and eddies looking as if someone had placed a stencil over them and carefully filled in the spaces with bold streaks and spots of white, like clowns, are aptly named harlequins. Further out, the blackish ones with white nape, bloppy orange-red bill and habit of stretching their necks are surf scoters. The small long-necked ones swimming and diving along with them are not their young, but horned grebes.

Before you pass off the large familiar group of dabblers as "only mallards," look closer: there may be strangers among them, the male with a bald streak - widgeons. Loons and mergansers lend a majestic presence to the ever-changing picture. The cormorant with its comic antics amuses us all year round. But with the exception of the mallards, all the above are here only in winter. You may think the male mallard has gone his way come spring, but no, it is only that lush green head that will have disappeared, and if it weren't for his bill being different colour, he would be indistinguishable from the females.

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DULL AND BORING? (continued)

Don't dismiss people eyeing gulls as weirdos. Gulls are among the most difficult to identify. Some people even think the ones with the dirty coveralls are females. They are not, they are young ones. Gulls take four years to mature. A diminutive pair of gulls floating by on a small log may be Bonaparte's with a dark spot beside the eye. If you are really observant and lucky, you may see a dark gull with red bill, the Heermann's.

Quick! There goes the sea lion - a triangular blob followed by a curving flash - vigorously pursuing its course southwards. (Why do I only see him going in that direction??) And what a spectacular show Cordova Bay had in mid-September with three breaching killer whales!

Incredible to see a robin in January? They are here all winter. The annual bird count on one of the most foul days of the year, the Saturday before Christmas, recorded 931 robins in the Cordova Bay/Broadmead area.

A few people actually have hummingbirds all year. Not the rufous that delights us in summer, but Anna's which reverses human behaviour by forsaking sunny California to winter in Victoria. If you keep up your feeder, he can be encouraged to hang around.

Did you know skylarks were heard on Parker until only a few years ago? There are places in North America where no bird song is heard.

In two weeks at the end of January, I saw 30 different species of birds without stirring from our house on the waterfront (we have lots of shrubs, deciduous and fir trees and stretches of open lawn - also two feeders). Goodness knows how many I missed. Waste of time? Debatable. I could have been off on a wild goose chase after some of those perpetual sales.

Myrtle Dyer (not an expert, just fascinated)

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CORDOVA BAY WALKERS

We had a report planned for this issue, telling how well the walks are going, but we're short of space and will have to save it for the next.

This is the March schedule:

- March 9 - Thetis Lake
- March 16 - Island View Beach, and back to the Hot Luck Lunch at the United Church Hall
- March 23 - East Sooke Park, our long walk, arriving back here at 3 or 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and something to drink.
- March 30 - Wesley Reservoir. Bring a snack for the top of the hill, where we'll plan our next month's itinerary.

For all walks, we meet at 9:30 a.m. at the shopping plaza. If you don't have a car, you can get a lift there. **RAIN OR SHINE!**

For information, call Florence Guest at 658-8359 or Lorraine Spence at 658-5750.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Come to the
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March 16 12 noon to 2 p.m.

United Church Hall
5166 Cordova Bay Road

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THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
is coming up!

Beginning in March and over the next couple of months, neighbours will be calling on you for 1983 memberships - \$2.00 per person

PLEASE RENEW

If you can help by selling memberships, please call Roger Vale 658-5301.

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ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS 8 - 18

The Cordova Bay Softball Association
is having a
SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

at

LOCHSIDE PARK

Saturday March 5 and Sunday March 6

1 to 3 p.m. - \$20 registration fee

If this notice is too late, phone Val Cunningham 652-3010. Any uniforms tucked away from last year??? Phone Val.

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CORDOVA BAY CO-OP PRE-SCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for the 3-year-old class, to be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning in September. For information, please call

Pat 658-5027

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GARAGE SALE

St. David By-the-Sea Anglican Church
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Thursday: Junior Teens 7:00 p.m.

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ECUMENICAL POT LUCK SUPPER

arranged by the Local Council of Churches
Wednesday March 9 6:00 p.m.

First United Church, Balmoral & Quadra

Speaker: Wes Maltsaid, Provincial Director of
CUSO: "Central America Today"

Music selections by Salvation Army Band and
perhaps Pearson College students choir

No Admission Charge

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From the Social Justice Committee
Sacred Heart Church

The Human Race not the Arms Race will be the message on Nuclear Awareness Day, April 24, in Victoria. You are invited to join the March and Rally which will begin Sunday afternoon at 12:30 in Centennial Square.

The Greater Victoria Disarmament Group holds monthly general meetings. Call 658-5605.

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ANGLICANS IN MISSION

Friday evenings - 7:30 p.m. at St. David's
March 4 - Mavis Gillies - "Project North"
March 11 - Mavis Lydon - "Church in the
Phillipines"
March 18 - Neil Jones - "Mission Work in
Kenya"

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St. David By-the-Sea
Anglican Church

BAZAAR AND HOME BAKING TABLE

Hillside Mall Friday April 15

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Cordova Bay United Church

Friday March 4 1:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

Babysitting provided for pre-schoolers

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NEWSPAPER COLLECTION DRIVE

Cordova Bay United Church

APRIL 23

Please bring papers to the church before 9 a.m. that day.

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MATTICK'S FARM DEVELOPMENT

The nostalgic days when Victoria and area residents used to flock to Mattick's for weekend outings may very soon be realized once more. Owners of the property are presently making plans and final preparations for a \$50,000 face-lift to up-grade the present facility and surrounding area.

Besides Adrienne's plans to include an "on premise" bakery and to expand to approximately 30 outdoor tables, owners of Mattick's are presently negotiating to include a mini-golf and family recreation area. A well-groomed and maintained picnic area as well as a park in natural surroundings is slated for development in the very near future.

Immediate plans are to pave the parking lot in front of Mattick's as soon as weather permits. Area residents will be pleased to know that all of the above undertaking will be at the expense of the developers.

Lorraine Spence

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ST. DAVID BY THE SEA ANGLICAN CHURCH

On April 2 at 7:30 p.m. The Right Reverend Hywel Jones, Bishop of this Diocese, will conduct a confirmation service for candidates from St. David's, St. Barnabas', St. John's Colwood and St. Saviour's Vic West. A fellowship hour will follow.

April 3 (Easter Day) 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

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CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

March 27 - Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Drama

April 3 - Sunrise Service on top of Mount Doug.
7:00 a.m.

Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Service - 10:00 a.m.

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The next CORDOVAN will be coming out about the 15th of April. Please get your copy in to us by April 5.

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RE: Recreational (Indoor)
Facility for our
Community.

Mar 1, '83

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would welcome your opinion and your participation at a public meeting to be held at Claremont Senior Secondary School, 4980 Wesley Street, Victoria, B.C. at 7:00 PM , March 8, 1983.

We wish to open to discussion the severe shortage of adequate, indoor, recreational facilities for Cordova Bay residents, what can be done to provide for such facilities and how to go about it.

We want as much input and commentary as possible as regards; who would make use of such a facility, for example:

- Youth of our Community -
- Groups (drama, craft, or other) -
- Sports Organizations -
- Senior Citizens -
- Service Organizations and volunteers -

Such things as meeting rooms, gymnasium, and other special premises may be contemplated by some or all of you.

We need your commentary, your questions, and most importantly your concern. Would you like to see a truly functional recreation center for our community?

Please join us for coffee and cooperation! There's no telling what we can accomplish together. Let's talk about it.....

CORDOVA BAY RECREATION CENTER