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GOLF COMES TO CORDOVA BAY

"This course is exactly what Victoria needs," says Laurie Carroll, Director of Golf for the soon-to-open Cordova Bay Golf Course. The full size, fully public facility, comparable in size to Colwood and Gorge Vale, was designed with the local senior population in mind. The 6500 yard course features easy walking on the flat from tee to tee along fairways defined by ever green plantings

Golf began in Cordova Bay in 1956, when Bill Mattick laid out the Par 3 course so he could play his favourite game at the same time that he was keeping an eye on his busy farm market. The present course encompasses the Mattick property and that of the adjacent Turner Farm.

Carroll, a native of Nanaimo, began his professional golf life 39 years ago this May at Victoria Golf Club, and has operated the Par 3 course and driving range here for the past 16 years.

To complement the community, the clubhouse and other buildings have been kept to a low profile. Over 1500 trees, including maples and dogwoods, have been planted. A laurel hedge screens the houses on Parker Avenue, and shrubs along the Lochside Trail hide the fence. A path extends from the end of the parking lot to connect with the trail, a buffer between the road and the golf course.

Traffic in the area is expected to show little change. Mr. Carroll suggests that although more people are on the large course, they remain for four hours, while players using the Par 3 course came and went with greater frequency. Driving range traffic should stay the same. An improved left-hand turn lane should give better access to the whole complex and the market.

The course, offering variety but not great difficulty, has attracted a great deal of interest already. Eager golfers were on hand at 7:00 a.m. on May 15 to try out the driving range. The full course will open to the public in early July, with an official official grand opening ceremony later in the summer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you weren't at the CBA Annual General Meeting this year, you missed a rare treat. Eric McMorran talked to us about the old days in Cordova Bay. He could have gone on for hours, and we could all have listened for hours. He is a true raconteur, he knows Cordova Bay, he loves it, and he communicates his enthusiasm to all of us.

We hope he'll come again next year.

The new Cordova Bay Association executive is as follows:

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PAT BAY HIGHWAY UPDATE, May 15, 1991

We ended our March report in The Cordovan by saying that the Highways Department appeared to be co-operative. A good many cars have flowed down the Pat Bay Highway since then.

The consultants' Open House took place on April 2 and 3 at the Royal Oak Inn. This was supposed to be solely an information meeting, to present the consultants' data to the public and to solicit information and opinion back from the public. To our astonishment, however, the consultants actually presented major recommendations, all of them adverse in terms of their impact on Cordova Bay.

- * Contrary to the original proposal, calling for four lanes and acquisition of land for two others to be used, only if needed, for high occupancy vehicles or public transit, the consultants recommended six lanes, for regular traffic, to be built as soon as the government will release the funds for it.
- * A second recommendation, which we believe is outside the mandate for the highway, was for the development of interchanges at Sayward and Haliburton within the next ten years. They didn't only recommend it, they're planning for it.
- * And on the west side of the highway they proposed either a frontage road from Tanner to Sayward, or - preferably - a diagonal road from a) Central Saanich Road to Sayward or b) from Keating Industrial Park area to enable industrial park traffic to come south. Either route comes out at Sayward Road, and would siphon commuter and industrial traffic en route to Gordon Head straight through Cordova Bay.

Deeply concerned by what we had heard, we wrote to the consultants, to the project director at the Ministry of Highways, and to Saanich Council. That letter was mailed more than a month ago. We have had no response from the consultants, and although, at the May 13 council meeting, the project director stated that he had answered our letter, his response did not reach us until May 15. Saanich Council, on the other hand, seems to have taken the whole issue surrounding the upgrading very much to heart. According to the municipal solicitor, the Department of Highways is responsible to no agency, and Saanich itself has no legal status in any debate. Nevertheless, Council is supporting the concept of a regional transportation study (and a regional land use study as well - unfortunately these are two separate studies rather than the single combined study they should be), and Mayor Coell has been instructed by Council to seek a meeting with the Minister of Highways to put forward local and municipal concerns before it is too late.

A meeting of the liaison committee was held on May 16. Mayor Coell represented Council at that meeting. The consultants reported on the results of the survey that was taken at the Open House. Overall, the concerns were rated as follows: #1 - safety; #2 - access; #3 - local roads; #4 - noise. Cordova Bay residents rated local roads as #1, but the consultants are operating on the overall results. Therefore it's very important, if you are concerned, you must take any and every opportunity to make your position clear.

At this meeting the consultants backpedalled on their proposal of a southbound diagonal road to service the industrial park. Yes, they do wish such a road to go through, but they claim it is only to serve the Tanner and Keating Ridge residents, and that they will "attempt to encourage industrial traffic to go north" - to go south, that is. In view of our own attempts to "encourage" gravel pit trucks to go anywhere but through Cordova Bay, we suspect that this is a distinction without a difference.

The consultants have produced a series of alternative road patterns: these are too complicated to deal with here. Please make sure to go to the next Open House - probably near the end of June - and examine them. Two of the alternatives include a frontage road for Cordova Bay. A third alternative proposes Santa Clara and Alderley as a "frontage" road. The Association does not find this alternative acceptable.

At the Open House they will be soliciting opinion. Be sure you're there! They'll rate the alternatives partly on the basis of what people say at that meeting. In about mid-July they'll have narrowed the alternatives down to one, and will bring it to a liaison meeting, explain the reasons for their choice and seek the committee's approval. At that point they'll take it to Council, and this will be the only opportunity for public debate! From there it will go to the Ministry of Highways for approval to go to preliminary design, and after that point the only changes will be for engineering purposes.

REMEMBERING EARLIER DAYS

In Cordova Bay

by G. Bruce McMorran

As the first of what may be a few pieces on days of my youth in Cordova Bay, I think it may be appropriate to recall my taking over the Victoria Daily Times paper route in September 1937. The Times was an afternoon paper, the Daily Colonist a morning paper.

I biked to the corner of Sayward Road and East Saanich Road (#17 Hwy) to pick up my papers, with my first customer being across from Cordova Bay School, my last at D'arcy Lane. Over this whole area I had only 13 customers. Most of the permanent residents in Cordova Bay at that time lived along Cordova Bay Road. The few side roads that there were contained mostly summer cottages.

During the summer months my route would increase to around 100 papers, as Cordova Bay was a very popular summer camping area at that time. I believe that when I turned the paper route over to someone else in 1941, population had increased and I was delivering approximately 50 papers daily over the same area.

Cordova Bay had a bus service during summer, but if you lived here permanently and had no transportation, the only way you could get to and from Victoria the rest of the year was to travel on the school bus with us children. The bus left us at Royal Oak, then travelled on to Victoria.

We are presently addressing streetscape and traffic flow through our community, so looking back, it is hard to realize the vast changes that have taken place since the 1930s . . .

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Claremont Dancers: Senior Dance Award for Best Performance by a Senior High School at the Greater Victoria Schools' Dance Festival was received by the Claremont Dancers.

Fine Arts Week: Thanks to students, teachers, parents and friends of Claremont for their support of the Second Festival of the Arts Week, April 29-May 4.

Exchange Student: Students and teachers are working to keep Russian exchange student Denis Suroegin at Claremont for another year. More host families are necessary. If you would be interested in this culturally enriching experience, please call Mr. Pringle or Mr. Martin at the school.

VOLUNTEER/S WANTED

If you enjoy office work (no computer experience necessary) and would like to assist a non-profit group that provides information for those with asthma and allergies, please call Marjorie at 658-5461.

THE KEY CLUB CLAREMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

After several months of planning in conjunction with the Citizenship Court of Canada, the Key Club sponsored a full Citizenship Court at Claremont Secondary School on April 16. The ceremony, which was conducted by Judge Kate Schellenberg, saw 84 candidates representing 24 countries become Canadian citizens. Assisting in the welcome for these new citizens were R.C.M.P. Constable Bonnie Harris, Mayor Murray Coell, John Brewin, M.P., Terry Huberts, M.L.A., Principal John Pringle, and the Claremont Senior Band.

Light refreshment with homemade cookies supplied by the Kiwanis ladies made for a pleasant ending to a memorable day.

Key Club members wish to extend their thanks to all who contributed to the success of this day.

PLANNING UPDATE

Centra Gas

Natural gas is coming to Greater Victoria, and over the past months we have been watching with considerable interest the Centra Gas process as it affects Cordova Bay.

Centra has proposed to install an intermediate pressure gas line through Cordova Bay to service the Sidney area. The idea is to run an 8" diameter steel pipe line, operating at 450 psi pressure, along Lochside Drive from Royal Oak Drive, northward to a line parallel with Tanner Road, and a 6" diameter pipeline from Royal Oak Drive northward to 4767 Cordova Bay Road, where they plan to develop a pressure reducing station.

Centra first requested "approval in principle" from Saanich Council on March 4 - without providing details, alternative routes or public input. Between that date and May 6 the proposal came forward twice more, staff at Saanich was required to bring forward more detailed reports, and Centra held a public information meeting. It was a bewildering process, little real information emerged, and concerned parties - which included the Cordova Bay Association, the Saanich Trails Sub-committee, the residents of the home next to the proposed reducing station, and a number of other Cordova Bay residents - were not reassured. Obviously Saanich Council was not reassured either: by now, it has refused the "approval in principle" three times.

The major concern, of course, revolves around running the pipeline through an established residential community and along a regional trail alignment, and whether it is good judgement to run a pipeline through an area known for its land slippage and which seismologists pinpoint as in particular danger in case of earthquake.

Queries as to why Centra doesn't run the line alongside the Pat Bay Highway elicit conflicting responses - one Centra spokesman saying that that is the logical route for it, another saying the opposite, a third saying that Highways doesn't want it along the Pat Bay Highway. As Planning Committee chairman Tony Pugh pointed out, Cordova Bay doesn't want it either.

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will have been another Centra Gas Open House. We are told by the Vice President, Operations that "new alternatives have been developed that Centra Gas believes meet public concerns." We look forward to it.

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June 2: 10 a.m. Appreciation Sunday for Youth Leaders at our weekly Church Service.

Summer Camping at George Pringle Memorial Camp on beautiful Shawnigan Lake. Camp forms and more information available from our Church Office.

LETTER CODE	CAMP NAME	CAMP STARTS DAY, DATE, TIME	CAMP ENDS DAY, DATE, TIME	GRADE CAMPER HAS COMPLETED IN JUNE '91	COST OF CAMP	
					Adult	Child
A	Family Number 1	Fri. June 28th, 7 pm	Mon. July 1st, 1 pm	all ages welcome	\$49	\$31
B	Junior Co-Ed	Mon. July 1st, 3 pm	Sat. July 6th, 11 am	2, 3, 4, 5	\$130	
C	Senior Co-Ed	Sat. July 6th, 2 pm	Sat. July 13th, 11 am	8, 9, 10	\$182	
D	Intermediate Co-Ed 1	Sat. July 13th, 2 pm	Sat. July 20th, 11 am	5, 6, 7	\$182	
E	Intermediate Girls	Sat. July 20th, 2 pm	Sat. July 27th, 11 am	5, 6, 7, 8	\$182	
F	Junior Girls	Sun. July 28th, 3 pm	Fri. Aug. 2nd, 11 am	2, 3, 4	\$130	
G	Family Camp 2	Fri. Aug. 2nd, 7 pm	Mon. Aug. 5th, 1 pm	all ages welcome	\$42	\$31
H	Junior Boys	Mon. Aug. 5th, 3 pm	Sat. Aug. 10th, 11 am	2, 3, 4	\$130	
I	Music Camp	Sat. Aug. 10th, 2 pm	Sat. Aug. 17th, 4 pm	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	\$182	
J	Intermediate Co-Ed 2	Sun. Aug. 18th, 2 pm	Sun. Aug. 25th, 11 am	5, 6, 7	\$182	
K	Single Parent	Mon. Aug. 26th, 7 pm	Thurs. Aug. 29, 1 pm	all ages welcome	\$45.	\$25
L	Youth Young Adult	Fri. Aug. 30th, 7 pm	Mon. Sept. 2nd, 2 pm	11, 12, Grads, S.A.L.T.	\$79	

OPEN HOUSE

CORDOVA BAY ROAD STREETScape PROJECT

Thursday, June 6

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Arni Fullerton, the consultant, has brought out the draft plan for the enhancement of the Cordova Bay Streetscape. He believes that Cordova Bay could be "one of the world's more beautiful villages on the sea."

It's a long-term plan that, if approved, will only be completed in the 21st century. It includes gateways to the village, and the redesign of Cordova Bay Road to beautify it as a scenic drive without widening the roadway surface, and so that traffic is slowed down at least to the posted 40 kmph speed zone so it "respects the residential pedestrian character, the access to and vista of the sea, and, above all, the safety and environmental quality of the village."

A 60-year land acquisition plan would see waterfront properties south of McMorran's Seaview, and an area to the north of the restaurant purchased as parkland, but by means of a very innovative system already pioneered in B.C. in West Vancouver, which ensures that no pressure at all is placed on homeowners, and in fact which offers definite and long-term benefits for anyone who chooses to take advantage of them.

It has been suggested that the McMorran family be approached with a request to donate the lot immediately south of the present beach access (next to their restaurant) as a Waterfall Park access to the beach. The water source would be the spring water creek immediately west of this beach access (presently being voided into a storm drain under Cordova Bay Road). This park would then be developed by the District and called McMorran Park.

The draft recommends that the beach be considered as a major District Natural Park and be provided with the necessary maintenance and supervision to ensure that it is clean, safe, properly serviced and policed.

It suggests that alternate uses be evaluated for the gravel pits, and that the evaluation should include a thorough cost-benefit analysis of the alternatives, including the real benefit and cost of the gravel operations to the District of Saanich.

It recommends that new commercial development be confined to lands fronting on Doumac, which should be developed as a village main street, and that the centre of the village should be landscaped fully in a natural way and making use of the local species which provide colour and greenery all year round.

It recommends that the lands acquired north of the Seaview Restaurant be used to give the village centre a "front yard" on the sea.

Cordova Bay Road should include both a partial central boulevard in strategic locations and a boulevard and major pedestrian promenade on the west side. Overhead wires should be put underground, and lighting should be scaled to a pedestrian level. The plan locates pedestrian cross walks, and proposes bus shelters of a "ramada" design.

It includes a proposal for redevelopment of the shopping centre, with the majority of the space residential, reinforced with village-level commercial and flexible space to accommodate medial and other professions.

For details and more information, come out to the Open House and look at the plans themselves.

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, June 6, 3 - 9 p.m. McMorran's Seaview Ballroom

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The key points of the plan include *maintaining the majority of the park in a natural state *prohibit expansion of existing special interest group facilities or development of new special interest facilities, *acquire additional land for both parks *improve water quality *undertake a waterfowl study *regulate power boats and waterskiing *phase out float planes *improve trail quality *upgrade recreational facilities at Hamsterly, Beaver, Eage and waterski beaches, and *provide for additional public input through advisory groups.

For further information, contact Capital Regional District Parks Department at 490 Atkins Avenue, V9B 9Z9.

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CORDOVA BAY ROAD CROSSING

Michael Slanina (a school parent) is eager to address some concerns about the crosswalk at Cordova Bay Road and Fenn Avenue. Our student crossing guards are to be commended for their work as the Saanich Police have rated them as excellent. But they are only present a total of one hour a day. As our community grows and traffic increases, parents will have to press for safe access to the school. If you would like to talk to Michael about this issue or take an active role in resolving this issue, please call 658-8101.

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5TH TSARTLIP CUBS & BEAVERS

On Earth Day the Cubs and Beavers participated in a region-wide cleanup by picking up garbage in Cordova Bay. On the Victoria Day weekend both groups held camps at Camp Bernard, a great conclusion to the year's activities.

Cubs and Beavers will resume in September--watch for REGISTRATION DATES.

We would like to revive Scouts in Cordova Bay for boys 11 to 14. Anyone interested in becoming involved, please contact Don Lister, Akela, 658-1101.

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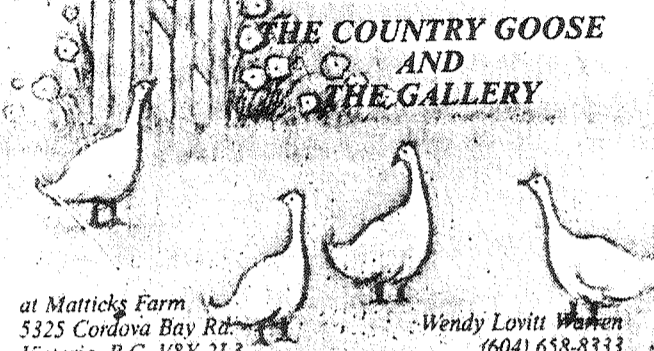
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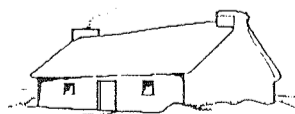
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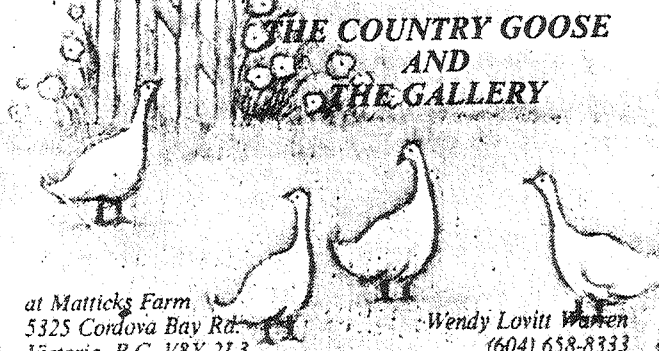
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