



PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Roger Stonebanks

Improved finances mean more service to the community

FOR THE first time in at least three years, the Cordova Bay Association operated in "the black" in 2005. The executive has wrestled into the ground an annual deficit that once reached \$2,000 and produced a modest surplus of \$499 in 2005. The improving finances will enable the CBA this year to turn more of its attention to supporting and initiating community activities.

The financial turnaround has been due to a number of measures that have increased revenue and decreased expenditure. We are especially pleased to see that our membership is climbing, through two consecutive membership drives, towards 300 (in February) from 130 two years ago. The benefit of increased membership is not just financial: more importantly, the more members we have, the more representative we are – and are seen to be – of the community.

Land use issues continue to absorb the greatest amount of your executive's attention. At our meetings in 2005 we received 15 presentations from property owners or their representatives involving 11 locations and 60 lots for

rezoning/Subdivision applications to Saanich. Council approved some of these applications and other applications are pending. A list of current rezoning/subdivision applications is maintained on the CBA website – www.cbasn.com and click on "Rezoning."

We continued to strive to maintain the integrity of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan and we were successful in doing so in 2005. We were heartened to read the statement during the municipal election by a majority of the present council that they will "ensure our community plans are respected." Mayor Frank Leonard confirmed this statement in his inaugural speech on December 5, 2005.

The year-end saw work well under way on 'streetscaping' Cordova Bay Road between Haliburton Road and Maxine Lane, a project budgeted at close to \$500,000. As this was written in February phase 1 of Cordova Bay Community Place opened in converted rooms in Cordova Bay elementary school. Phase 2 will be an addition to the building. The CBA

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played an active supporting role in both these projects.

The CBA staged a successful Cordova Bay Day/silent auction with entertainment at Mattick's and raised funds that, matched by Saanich, will provide park benches on Lochside Regional Trail where it joins Lochside Drive and Maplegrove Street and at Maxine Lane at the south end of the present streetscape project.

The Cordova Bay Day/silent auction will be repeated at Mattick's this year on Saturday June 10.

Our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cordova Bay United Church hall. Our guest speaker will be Silvia Exposito, the Saanich planner whose responsibilities include Cordova Bay. See the notice on the facing page. Please plan on attending.

Thanks to everyone who played a part in a successful 2005.

Record Kiwanis Christmas cake sales raise funds for local schools and college

THE CORDOVA Bay Kiwanis book awards program in four local schools and the club's bursaries at Claremont Secondary School and Camosun College are all funded from the sale of Kiwanis Christmas cakes.

The number of cakes sold in the 2005 festive season topped the 2004 total by 30 per cent and were completely out of stock by December 1, reports Edwin Hipsey.

The next project for the club will be involvement with the sixth annual Kiwanis/Cedar Hill Recreation Centre Antique Show and Sale on Friday, March 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Verbal appraisals of personal treasures can be arranged by appointment on Saturday at \$5.00 per item. Admission is \$3.00 with accompanied children aged 12 and under admitted free.

THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cordova Bay United Church Hall

813 Claremont Avenue

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2006

The Annual General Meeting will be preceded by a public session to which everyone is welcome. Attendance and voting at the subsequent AGM will be limited to members of the association in good standing. Memberships valid for 2006 will be available at the door for \$5 per person, or use the application form below.

Program

**7:30 p.m. — Guest Speaker Ms. Silvia Exposito,
Saanich municipal planner for Cordova Bay, speaking
on planning for our community.**

Followed by a question period.

**8:15 p.m. approximately — Refreshment and conversation
break followed by the Annual General Meeting
at 8:45 p.m. approximately.**

AGM Agenda

Call to order

Minutes of the 2005 AGM

President Roger Stonebank's report

Annual financial report

Election of six directors for a two-year term

(nominations may be made from the floor)

New business. Adjournment.

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First stage of Cordova Bay Road improvements nears completion

By Robin Dyke

AS YOU READ this, work should be close to completion on sidewalk and road improvements between Maxine Lane and Haliburton Road. We not only have gained a navigable walkway in this section, we now also have attractive rock retaining walls and a slight new curve in the road which adds some further interest and rural feel.

One additional bonus will be a bench at the Maxine bus stop, seating here being the result of an initiative taken by your Cordova Bay Association.

The work which began in the late fall was hampered by uncooperative wet weather and subsequent run off. Steve Holroyd, project manager, and the Saanich crews did their best to keep things moving, gaining back some advantage in mid February with drier conditions. They certainly deserve kudos for their good work.

Maxine to Haliburton is the first small and safer step towards the eventually anticipated sidewalk running the length of Cordova Bay Road from Royal Oak to Mattick's Farm.

Each year's municipal budget is expected to bring us incrementally closer to a completed walkway. The Cordova Bay Road Sub-Committee's priority action plan recommendations which identified the road sections with the highest priority were endorsed by the Cordova Bay Association as well as the Mayor and Council.

Members of the sub-committee, ever vigilant, are currently in the process of meeting with Saanich regarding budgeting for the next priority section.

As always for further details and/or to comment you can contact sub-committee members Alison Battuello at 658-4762, Doug Beale at 658-4606, Wayne Christmas at 658-2290, Robin Dyke at 658-4815 or Don Johannessen at 658-8824.



Cordova Bay 55 Plus
Association

New community centre opens

By Daphne Chazottes

GREAT NEWS! We have moved into our new centre at Cordova Bay Community Place (Cordova Bay Elementary School), and most of our programs are now operating in that location. Our major events such as the Annual General Meeting and the bigger fund-raising events will still have to be held at larger venues, but we are very happy to occupy our own space for day-to-day activities and meetings.

We are still installing the furniture and equipment needed for the centre to function at its maximum potential. The purchase of furnishings has been possible through a generous grant from the Victoria Foundation's Ernest and Hazel Kay Fund for Seniors, and a donation from the Peninsula Co-op, in addition to our own fund-raising efforts. Sincere thanks to our two main contributors and to all who attended our fund-raisers, donating furniture and cash.

Our second annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 6, at McMorran's. Please call Rich McMorran at 658-5085 for more information and tickets.

The association also invites the wonderful and diverse community of Cordova Bay to join in a celebration of the arts at the new centre on the weekend of April 29 and 30. Visual artists, printmakers, photographers, jewelers, sculptors, carvers among others are invited to display their work for show and/or sale.

Proceeds from a silent auction of donated work will assist the ongoing task of furnishing our new rooms. For information please contact Rehona at 658-5040 or email rehona@jef.bc.ca.

The annual general meeting is on Tuesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. in McMorran's Lookout Room with refreshments and a guest speaker. Anyone willing to serve as a director should contact Connie McKenzie at 658-1415.



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The Jawl Family—100 years in Saanich

MOHAN JAWL remembers, as a child, watching the older East Indian men in Centennial Square who gathered daily to pass the hours sharing the stories of their lives. He remembers thinking it'd be nice to have a story to tell. While Mohan insists that the collective family story is more important than an individual one, there is no doubt that he does indeed have a story to tell.

For the Jawl family, the importance of the year 1906 has little to do with Saanich's incorporation as a municipality. 1906 is the start of the family's history in Canada. In the early 1900's, the lime quarry operating at the future Butchart Gardens recruited workers from communities in India. Mohan's grandfather made the journey to Vancouver Island, where he lived out by the quarry with other employees there.

Mohan's father moved to Canada in 1925, returning to India to bring his young wife over in 1930. The couple settled in Saanich where they raised their four sons: Karnel, Sohan, Robert and Mohan, and two daughters, Jeto and Puge (a third daughter passed away in childhood). As their family grew, the Jawls lived in homes on Harriet Road, Cloverdale and Douglas Street.

Growing up in Saanich, Mohan attended Tolmie School, S.J. Willis Junior Secondary School and Mount View School, where his six older siblings had been students before him. After school and during the summer holidays he worked for the family business, driving trucks or selling firewood. At the time Jawl Industries, formed in 1964, was primarily a building supply enterprise. The focus would change as the business flourished and expanded. In 1972, the head office of Jawl Industries and its Home Lumber and Building Supplies was at 470 Ardersier Road, in a building designed by Arthur Erickson, one of Canada's leading contemporary architects.

After high school Mohan attended Victoria college for two years before transferring to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver to complete a Bachelor of Commerce

degree. In 1968 he finished at the top of his graduating class and was awarded a coveted Commonwealth scholarship to further his studies overseas.

His trip to the United Kingdom was the first time Mohan had traveled outside British Columbia. He completed his degree at the London School of Economics, then faced the difficult decision of whether to return to Canada, or pursue a legal career in a new city. A sense of family duty brought him home and after clerking for two judges on the Supreme Court of Canada, Mohan took his place in the family business which had expanded during his years away.

In 1973, Jawl Industries had purchased Cordova Bay Golf Course and the surrounding area—400 acres south of Mattick's farm—which included Lochside Park. With the work of dedicated volunteers the park became an important part of the community where soccer and baseball leagues play and walkers enjoy the Lochside Regional Trail. After years of leasing the park to Saanich for \$1 per annum, the Jawls donated the land to the municipality. The family purchased the Sayward Gravel Pit, which they developed into a sunny nine-hole golf course called The Ridge that opened in June, 1999. Attractive houses, condominiums and open space fill out the property—quite a transformation from 10 years before.

Saanich isn't the only community to benefit from Mohan's passion for making better use of public space. He chairs the Downtown Victoria Community Alliance which raises money and develops ideas towards creating a safer and cleaner downtown. At conferences held in November, 2003 and March, 2004 members of the community met with experts from around the world to put forth their vision for downtown in 2020.

"Having had the conference and getting people energized and organized was timely," he said, "because Victoria is still a wonderful place to live."

That goes for Saanich too. Looking out

the windows in Mohan's comfortable office at the Cordova Bay Golf course, the grass is green and neatly trimmed. The residents and golfers strolling towards the course or their nearby homes look relaxed, enjoying the mild summer weather. Who would want to be anywhere else? he muses. There's a lady who resides on the third floor of the building behind him, he says, who could live anywhere and in whatever style she desires. She chooses Saanich. Mohan agrees with that decision.

"I could never conceive of moving from here," he says. "I love it."

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Saanich launches art contest for Commonwealth Place addition

FEELING artistic? Then you may be interested in Saanich's \$9,912 competition to provide public art for the new fitness and youth activity centres at Saanich Commonwealth Place.

The jury appointed by the municipality is looking for works of art that should address "the broad theme of 'west coast' and should be in harmony with existing art work and colours used in the facility" as well as recognizing the centre as an international recreational facility.

The municipality sets aside one percent of the budget for public art designed to enhance public spaces. Although the \$9,912 budget for this project includes all expenses, consideration may be given to providing artists with assistance with site preparation work.

The submission deadline for the first phase of the competition is March 17. Full details are available on the municipal website www.saanich.ca or from the municipal hall.

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By Dr. Lance Setterfield

SKIN CANCER is currently the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada. It can be divided into two forms.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common form, the least likely to spread but can be very destructive locally if not diagnosed and treated early. Risk factors are directly related to sun exposure, but also to genetics, fair skin and chronic dermatitis.

Location and appearance are a nodule with broken blood vessels, sometimes a central ulceration or scab surrounded by a pearly border. It is most commonly found on the face, ears and arms.

Squamous cell carcinoma is most often seen in the elderly, commonly on the lower lip. It is less common than basal cell cancer, is the most easily treated, but is more likely to spread. Risk factors are sun-damaged skin (actinic keratosis), immuno-compromised patients, old scars, burns and frostbite.

Location and appearance is a flesh-coloured to pink scaly, rough warty surface on sun-exposed areas, especially the shins in women.

Malignant melanoma, while the least common skin cancer, is the most lethal and spreads to other parts of the body. Early detection and treatment is *imperative*. British Columbia has the highest rate in Canada. Risk factors are an intermittent, rather than chronic, sun exposure, genetics (two first-degree relatives affected carries five times greater risk), high-fat diet, caffeine, tobacco, vitamin D deficiency, exposure to coal tars, cutting oils, arsenic or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

(Editor's note: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are found in the air of coking, coal tar and asphalt plants and smokehouses, in cigarette smoke, wood smoke, vehicle exhausts and agricultural burn smoke. They are also present in grilled or charred meats, and in cereals, flour, bread, vegetables, fruits, meats and processed or pickled foods that have become contaminated.)

Location and appearance of malignant melanoma are the upper back in men, and the back and legs in women. Changes in the shape and colour of pigmented lesions are important early signs. Ulceration and bleeding are late signs. Obvious warning signs include lesions with asymmetry, irregular borders, colour variation, hair growth, a diameter greater than a pencil eraser, elevation, itchiness and bleeding. Pigmented lesions on the soles and palms and under the nails should always be checked.

All patients with significant risk factors should undergo periodic skin examinations. *Ulcers that don't heal must be biopsied to rule out malignancy.*

Dr. Setterfield's topic in the June issue of *The Cordovan* will be "Sunscreen for Dummies."

Cordova Bay Day auction pays for park benches


FUNDS raised at last year's silent auction on Cordova Bay Day and from the sale of copies of Anne Pearson's book on the history of the area went to purchasing and installing park benches at strategic points in our community.

Thanks to a matching grant from the municipality, two benches costing \$1,133 each will provide rest and relaxation for passersby at the south end of the Cordova Bay Road streetscape improvements by the bus stop by Maxine Lane and in McMinn Park where the Lochside Regional Trail joins Maplegrove Street and Lochside Drive.

The successful silent auction in 2005 is being repeated this year on Saturday, June 10, in the courtyard of Mattick's Farm. See page XX for the announcement.

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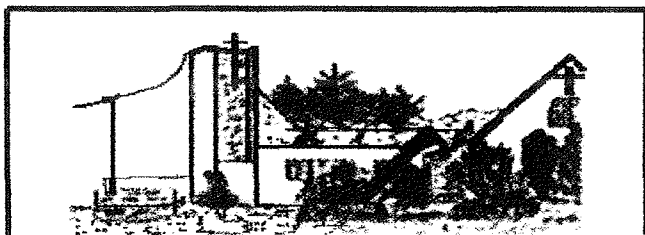
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Renovation proposed as interim plan for aging Cordova Bay plaza

THE GOOD NEWS is that the Cordova Bay Plaza is going to get a renovation. The bad news is that the new shopping centre approved by Saanich council in 1999 after a great deal of public input is unlikely to be built in the near future because of the underground hydrocarbon (gasoline) pollution and a resulting lawsuit and counter-suit.

The plaza owners met the executive of the Cordova Bay Association on February 9. They outlined their plans — still in the early stages — to spruce up the centre and its grounds. The CBA executive expressed community concerns about the present state of the plaza and suggested measures to improve it.

The plaza facelift will require approval by Saanich council so there will be an opportunity for the public to make its views known once plans are finalized. In addition, comments can always be sent to the CBA which undertakes to forward them to the plaza on your behalf.

The plaza is planning a facelift to the front of the present building. One proposal, to which the executive responded favourably, was for a gable-and-beam façade creating a "village" aspect. The plaza is considering adding a fenced garden centre, similar to ones at Home Depot at University Heights shopping centre and at Royal Oak shopping centre, at the back. The executive approved provided the dirt surface was paved to end dust caused by traffic.

The CBA also supported the plaza's suggestion that Scotia Bank consider moving to the present building from the temporary trailer in the parking lot. The trailer has been allowed by Saanich council through a series of temporary permits. The current permit will expire on October 6 this year. When the matter was last before council in the summer of 2004 there was some public opposition to the continued use of the trailer and one councillor stated this should be the last time the permit was issued.

The CBA executive drew the present (mid-February) state of the grounds to the attention of the plaza owners and asked, among other things, that litter be picked up regularly, that the blackberry bushes at the rear be clear-cut and attention be given to the landscaping at the front between the Cordova Bay Road sidewalk and the parking lot.

It is now clear that no early resolution is likely to the lawsuit by Shell Canada, owner of the former Payless gasoline station at the southeast corner of Doumac Avenue and Cordova Bay Road, against present and former owners of the lot in the northeast corner of Doumac Avenue and Cordova Bay Road. This property, now cleared and part of the plaza parking lot, once was a Chevron gasoline station and later a car repair shop.

Shell is remediating a gasoline leak that occurred when its site was a gas station. The CBA has been advised that parties to the lawsuit and counter-suit are preparing for "examination for discovery", a pre-trial hearing. It is expected to be several years before the case reaches BC Supreme Court and a judge decides issues involving liability and source(s) of the underground pollution. Even then, detected pollution in the area will still need to be cleaned up.

Although in 1999 Saanich council approved issuing a development permit for a new shopping centre, this was conditional on the Ministry of the Environment issuing a certificate confirming that the site pollution had been cleaned up. This has not occurred because of the continued underground pollution.

Canadian Cancer Society seeks fund-raising campaign volunteers

"SHARE your time and give back to our community" is the theme of the Canadian Cancer Society's appeal for volunteers to assist in this year's door-to-door fund raising campaign by donating three or four hours of their time in April. Training is provided. For more information contact Chantal O'Brien at 414-4251 or by email at cobrien@bccancer.ca

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Soccer club launches major fund-raising scheme to fund Lochside Park artificial turf



By Frank Leversedge

FOR THE BEST five months of the year the Lochside Park soccer fields are closed for re-seeding and re-growth. For another month in December-January they are closed to recuperate. Throughout the season there are unplanned closures due to poor field conditions, which mean cancelled practices and games. This happens every year.

While our fields have been closed for much of the time between December 3, 2005 to February 5, 2006 the new artificial turf field at the Gorge soccer club has not closed since it opened in October. Not surprisingly, conversion to artificial turf is seen as an increasing solution in providing year-round facilities and broader community use. The Cordova Bay, Gordon Head and Lakehill soccer clubs are actively planning to convert to artificial turf. The Cordova Bay project is known as FELPS—Field Enhancement Lochside Park Soccer.

Conversion is costly, but not expensive! Reasoned estimates suggest a capital cost for both fields at \$1.6 million, or \$840,00 for one field with a life span of over 10 years. With most of the cost raised by user groups, the soccer club has a daunting challenge. Fundraising will operate through the 38 teams in the club, each with a FELPS liaison to optimize performance. A fund-raising handbook is being given to all members.

To be successful, fund raising will need to include seven main sources:

Government funding, including infra-structural and municipal grants, etc.

Non-Government agencies, such as foundations and commercial fund competitions.

Soccer Club community, involving past and present members of the club and their extended families, as well as the community at large. Our recent bottle drive is an excellent example, raising what must be a record amount for such an event due to community-wide support.

Discount funding, consisting of dis-

counts on professional services, materials and consumer purchases. Two much-appreciated examples include the Thrifty Foods Smile Cards, which give FELPS a five percent discount on all purchases using the Smile Cards, and the Peninsula Co-op's gift certificates, which return two percent on purchases.

Sponsors and patrons, both of whom give cash donations. FELPS sponsors are businesses while a FELPS patron is an individual, family or non-business group. By giving FELPS a generous cash donation in addition to discounts, Peninsula Co-op became a FELPS sponsor. For an agreed amount there can be Naming Sponsors and Naming patrons, whereby a whole field or part field can be named for a sponsor or patron.

User partnerships would occur where groups planning to use the fields would pay an "up front" access fee.

Interest-free loans are possible from Saanich municipality, depending on the circumstances, to ensure successful completion of the project while retaining partnership cost-sharing agreements.

Although cash donations are critical for such a project, there is considerable scope for "donations in kind." These non-cash donations are products and services that are converted to a cash value through a FELPS activity. They include refundables from bottle drives, items donated for garage sales, raffles and auctions, and labour and materials provided by volunteers.

Incentives. FELPS fund raising is energized by three major incentives: community endowment, tax credits and the FELPS Wall.

FELPS, and therefore the Cordova Bay community, will be eligible for various endowments in the form of government grants, non-government agency awards, and donations from sponsors and patrons. These are cash gifts enhancing the community which, for the most part, would not be possible without such a project.

Tax credits will result from the partnership between FELPS and the municipality, making donations to FELPS eligible for these credits. The first \$200 donation would earn a tax credit of 22 percent, while anything over \$200 would earn 43 percent. Therefore a donation of \$500 would earn \$44 on the first \$200 and \$129 on the next \$300 for a total return of \$173. The income to FELPS would be \$500 but the cost to the donor would be \$327. Receipts for tax credits would be issued by Saanich Municipality through FELPS.

FELPS Wall is a mechanism for FELPS fund raising that forms the centerpiece for donor appreciation and recognition. It will consist of two large side-by-side computer-generated soccer fields, one for each of the proposed artificial turf fields. Each "soccer field" will be divided into 10,000 equal-size pieces of turf. Each piece will cost \$50, for a total value of \$500,000 per field, the approximate cost of the artificial turf on an actual field. The larger the donation, in multiples of \$50, the more pieces of contiguous turf purchased by a donor, the more prominent a donor will appear on the wall. A \$50 turf will measure 5 cm x 2 cm so a \$200 donation would create a piece of turf measuring 5 cm x 8 cm, or 10 cm x 4 cm, depending on the donor's preference.

The names of the donors, whether a person, family, team, business or organization, will be inscribed on the computer turf. The result will be a mosaic of varying sized piece of green, donor-named turf, hopefully covering both fields. FELPS fund raising will therefore actually and symbolically be driven by "turfing the fields."

The justification for FELPS is self-evident and the benefits to the community are immense. So we invite you to be part of the legacy. From sharing ideas, volunteering your expertise, to becoming a sponsor or patron, to recruiting others, to enrolling in the Smile Card program or donating refundables, auction items and materials, we invite you to participate.

Frank Leversedge chairs FELPS, and can be reached at 658-5964 or by email at flevers@shaw.ca or felps@shaw.ca.

Oh deer! They're eating the garden

YOU LOVE the sight of deer. Anywhere but in your garden. Yet depending on where you live in Cordova Bay it's difficult to keep them away. Since we live in suburbia, deer populations are difficult to control. Hunting is not allowed and there are no natural predators. But there are several ideas to help protect your flowers, shrubs and herbs from marauding deer. While they seem to eat almost anything, they do not like thorny plants.

Garden stores have a variety of deer repellent sprays with varying degrees of effectiveness. They need to be applied regularly and re-applied after significant rain. They tend to be expensive and should be used on plants and shrubs but not on vegetables or fruit trees.

Fences are fairly effective but are not practical for many locations, such as flower beds along the house. They need to be several feet high since deer have no problem jumping over a standard chain-link fence. They have been seen to clear a six-foot fence in a standing jump. Deer will avoid double fencing, spaced three to four feet apart. They are afraid of getting trapped and will move on to other pastures.

Having tried many alternatives, some gardeners swear by baby powder, sprinkled lightly over the leaves. This washes off in even light rain and must be replaced. Cordova Bay's deer seem to have little fear of humans, but one theory is that deer basically regard us as predators so human hair spread around the garden will keep them away. Hair salons and barbers would be good sources of supply.

Nobody seems to know where this idea came from but Irish Spring soap with its distinctive odor hung near plants and shrubs has also been claimed to work. So have fabric softener sheets fastened to stakes round the garden.

Some of the plants deer are not supposed to eat are: Astilbe, Coneflower, Coreopsis, Crocus, Daffodils, Dahlia, Foxglove, Gloriosa daisy, Grape hyacinth, Larkspur, Lavender, Lupins, Mariposa lilies, Moss pink, Poppies and Thyme. Problem is, deer don't read these lists.

Personal kits will provide comfort in an emergency

WHILE THE Cordova Bay Association continues the task of stocking the community's first emergency supply container located at Cordova Bay United Church, here's a list of essential items that every family should have at hand in case of a natural disaster such as an earthquake.

Basic equipment consists of a small fuel-driven stove, stored properly according to the manufacturer's directions. Added to this are waterproof matches, plastic garbage bags, duct tape, paper towels, disposable plates and glasses, knives, forks, spoons, a manual can-opener and a bottle opener.

All these items should be placed in a portable container and kept in an accessible place.

Food and water supplies should be able to meet a family's needs for at least three days. The following items should be checked regularly, the canned food rotated and the water replaced every year:

At least four litres of bottled water per person, per day. Canned food such as soups, stews, beans, pasta, meat, poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables. Energy bars and dried foods. Honey, peanut butter, nuts, syrup, jams, salt and pepper, sugar, instant coffee and tea.

A survival kit should include the items above, plus one or two flashlights and spare batteries, a crank- or battery-operated radio, candles and matches or a lighter, a whistle in case you need to attract attention, toiletries (including toilet paper!), spare eyeglasses and other personal items, a first aid kit and a supply of any prescription drugs used by members of the family.

Also in the kit should be a spare set of keys for house and car, money including small change for telephones, copies of important documents such as passports and personal papers, winter clothing, boots, blankets and sleeping bags.

All family members should have their own survival kit and another bag could be devoted to equipment and larger quantities for the whole family.



Adventurous activities mark remarkable year for local group

THE FIFTH Tsartlip Venturers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have enjoyed a remarkable year of growth and activity since September.

Venturers: Working toward Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for youth, members last summer completed the West Coast Trail and a trek into the Olympic Mountains. Since then, and under the direction of assistant advisor Al Waters, the 10 Venturers aged 14 to 18 have received extensive scuba diving training with three members now fully ticketed and the others just about there. They now are focused on First Responder first aid training with the Saanich Fire Department and along with skiing and various community activities intend to complete the Bowron Lake circuit this summer.

Scouts: Nine boys are developing a troop of traditional scouting with a highly varied schedule of outdoor skills, community service and explorations. Camping and Horne Lake caving in the fall, serving breakfasts downtown in December, skiing in January, winter camping in March, river rafting in the spring and visiting the U.S. for a week in July are just a few of the past and future program highlights.

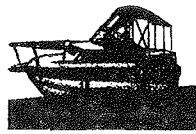
Scotland: Fifth Tsartlip is again sponsoring an overseas trip for 11 Senior Scouts and Venturers leaving July 1st for 36 days. Featured is a tour of England, a visit to Paris and a 10-day Jamboree in Scotland followed by a five-day home stay and the Edinburgh Tattoo. A large dinner-dance-silent auction evening will be held at the Princess Mary, Saturday, May 13th to help fund this very special event.

As February and March are "Bring a Friend" months those interested in joining can contact John Steeves (479-7070) or Scouter 'B' Carr-Harris (652-0023) for Venturers and Scouts; Dave Ranson (477-1540) for Cubs; or Cathy Steele (658-5911) for Beavers.

Dr. Brian Carr-Harris (Scouter 'B')



SAFE BOATING



*By Patricia Sparks, N. Member of the Canadian
Power & Sail Squadrons. 658-8614*

Disabled can enjoy all the thrills of sailing

WHILE on a recent trip to Alberta I accompanied my son to the Basic Boating Course in which he was enrolled. During the evening the instructor, Richard Ramsey, mentioned his involvement with the Disabled Sailors Association, and went on to describe this worthwhile program. I was fascinated with his story so decided to delve into finding out more about the organization.

The Disabled Sailors Association was founded in Vancouver in 1989 by Sam Sullivan, himself a quadriplegic. Rick Hansen gave Sam an especially adapted "Sunbird" which he had received from Margaret Thatcher in honour of his Man in Motion tour at Expo '86 – and that gift opened up the world of sailing to people with disabilities across Canada. Since then thousands of children and adults, together with volunteers, have benefited from the program – and it is now active in many cities throughout Canada.

The Glenmore Sailing Club in Calgary was inspired and in 1994 they formed the Disabled Sailing Association of Alberta. Enjoying great success with the program they now have an Outreach program to encourage and bring awareness to disabled sailing to districts outside of Calgary. This past summer they also hosted the Mobility Cup, which saw sailors (and boats) from all points of the compass compete in some very spirited racing. A great accomplishment.

The Martin 16 sailboats, which Richard describes as having a heavily-weighted dagger

board making the vessel virtually untippable, and full of buoyancy to make them unsinkable, are nevertheless fairly quick. It is a specially equipped boat that is skippered by a DSA "client" with a DSA sailing companion riding "shotgun" in a seat aft of the client with duplicate steering apparatus. A ballasted center-board prevents capsizing. The rudder is controlled through a joystick. A self-tacking jib sail frees the sailor from heavy line hauling. A second seat provides room for a Sailing Instructor, a qualified Sailing Companion or a friend. On the more sophisticated Martin 16's, the portable Autohelm Windlass System allows sailors that have no hand function to sail independently, sheeting the sails and steering their Martin 16 with their breath.

I went into their website www.dsaalberta.org and the first thing that I saw on the home page were the words "Opportunity" "Independence" and "Accessibility" – and top it off, the boat's name was "Freedom". One letter writer states: "I wasn't feeling well and I didn't know if I would even go to the first meeting to find out about it, but as the summer progressed, I was glad that I had. Sailing allows me to leave my problems at the dock and requires all of my attention because it's so immediate you have to be involved. That makes me feel good and I know it's good for me."

To find out more about the disability program in Victoria, which operates out of the CFSA (Canadian Forces Sailing Association) go to <http://www.rivonline.org/DSA%20web.htm> In late May you can call the office at 477-6314 to register.

THE WINNER!

AT the CBA's board meeting on February 9, Scotia Bank Manager Bill Purkis drew the winner in the recent association membership drive. He is Roy Katsuyama, who wins lunch or dinner for two at Bill Mattick's restaurant at Cordova Bay golf course. Congratulations!

Yard and garden materials banned from Hartland landfill from April 3

YOU WILL no longer be able to drop off your grass clippings, dead flowers, leaves and unwanted shrubs at the Hartland landfill beginning April 3.

The CRD board has approved its environment committee's recommendation to ban yard and garden waste, aimed at extending the life of the landfill by diverting material that can be used for composting and farming.

"Yard waste comprises over 5 percent of the region's garbage," said Marie Brotherston, chair of the CRD's Solid Waste Advisory Committee, "we expect this ban to divert 2,500 to 4,000 tonnes of material each year."

The CRD points out there are many alternatives to taking yard and garden materials "to the dump" or putting them in household garbage, a practice which is already banned in Saanich. Instead, the municipality offers residents free drop-off of garden waste at the municipal yard on Borden Street at McKenzie Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Saanich will also pick up garden waste from your home by appointment for a small charge. Phone 475-5595 for details.

Since 1991 the CRD has introduced various bans on sending materials to the Hartland site where viable recycling alternatives exist. These highly effective regional bans have involved such things as paper, corrugated cardboard, drywall, and tires, resulting in diverting more than 500,000 tonnes of recyclable material each year.

The CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/es has information on the garden materials ban and disposal alternatives, or phone the CRD hotline at 360-3030.



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\$300,000 'headland control' design planned for Mt. Doug shoreline protection

SAANICH Engineering has announced that the "headland control system" favored by the advisory committee and public input at an open house has been adopted as the way to stabilize the toe of the Cordova slopes on the beach of Mount Douglas park.

Saanich Director of Engineering Colin Doyle says the municipality will move ahead with detailed design for this work, with a budget of \$300,000. The high cost is the result of the need to construct a physical model to confirm design assumptions and make refinements.

It's estimated it will take several months from budget approval to design completion and in the interim ground work will investigate such things as sources of sand needed to carry out initial beach "nourishment."

Mature drivers can hone their skills at free Saanich police workshops

THREE DATES remain in the series of free workshops presented by Saanich police, designed to educate mature drivers about the changes people undergo as they age, changes which have occurred in our driving environment, and to provide advice on how to adapt to these changes.

Held in the Kirby Room at Saanich police headquarters, 760 Vernon Avenue, next to the municipal hall, in co-operation with the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation, the forthcoming three-hour sessions are on March 8, April 12 and April 26, each from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mature drivers are welcome to invite family members to accompany them to these informative workshops, but registration is essential due to limited space. Seating can be reserved at any Saanich recreation centre or online at www.saanich.ca/reconline.

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"A songfest was hell at the Methodist church on Wednesday."

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Brownies enjoy fun activities

BROWNIES are the second youngest group of girls in the Guiding movement in Canada, after the Sparks. However, the Brownies, usually in Grades 2 and 3, no longer wear brown dresses. Their new uniform is a lovely peach shirt with navy blue cargo pants. These two pieces of the uniform are complemented by a white scarf with maple leaves and a badge sash to show off all the hard work they have been doing. At the meeting, they work in their small Circles known as Fairies, Pixies and Elves or the whole group joins together for a fun happening.

On asking the girls what they like about Brownies and why they kept coming each week, they said the most popular activities are: crafts, camping and playing games. They also like to make new friends, sell cookies, sing songs, and earn badges. Each week, one of the girls takes home the Brownie Doll and looks after her for the week. The doll is also a reminder to the girls to Lend A Hand at home, which means helping out, especially without being asked.

The girls also commented on the activities which allow them to take a leadership role. These activities are fun for them but also gradually introduce personal responsibility and some aspects of spirituality to them.

Leigh Cathrea, one of the Brownies said, "I like being a Brownie because there is always something new to learn. At Brownies, you get to make new friends. Sometimes you get to go on field trips and learn all about places and things. I have enjoyed being a Brownie and I am looking forward to Guides."

The classic vanilla and chocolate Girl Guide cookies will be sold in the neighbourhood during April. If you didn't have any-one call at your door, please phone 658-5687 and I will have your cookies delivered to you.

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THE HEADLINE above is the address for the Cordova Bay Association's website, established in July last year.

Since then we have used it to keep Cordova Bay residents informed of the highlights of what's happening in our community in addition to the news you receive in the printed *Cordovan* that is delivered to your home by our volunteers.

On the website you will find regularly updated entries under Rezoning, News and Notices. "Additional Links" include the Haliburton Community Organic Farm, the Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association, the current issue of the printed *Cordovan* and links to other community associations in Saanich.

In addition you will find the names of your elected executive and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Cordova Bay Association.

The Municipality of Saanich's own website at www.gov.saanich.bc.ca carries the current Cordova Bay Local Area Plan. Simply access the website and in the "search" box type in "Cordova Bay Local Area Plan."

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