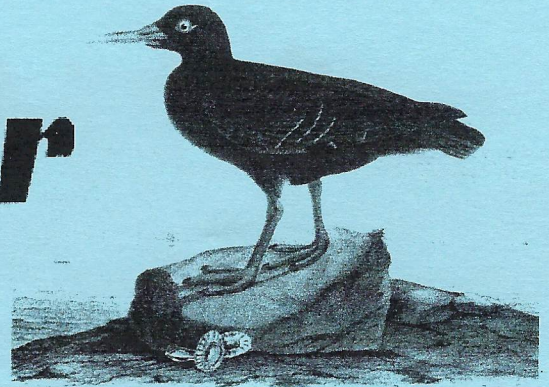


# Oystercatcher

The Newsletter of the

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club

Spring 2003



## Calendar



**May 26-29**

Spring Trip.



**June 17**

Strawberry Festival



**September 16**

Blackberry festival

## OYSTERCATCHER

Oystercatcher is published three times annually. Comments, articles or ideas are welcome. Mail them to Oystercatcher, Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club, Box 203, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9

## Spring Trip to Hope

**May 26-29, 2003**

Catch the 6:30 a.m. ferry at Long Harbour (suggest you pre-book) or go through Swartz Bay.

Tsawwassen to Hope is approximately 2 hours. Follow signs to Hope. Suggest you might want to picnic at Bridal Falls.

Leave highway at Exit 170 into Hope and go to the Innetown Motel, 510 TransCanada Highway on the right side of the road.

Please DO NOT try to check in. See John Myers in Room 110 at the Motel.

First 20 rooms booked will be at the Innetown Motel — the remainder will be at the Red Roof Inn next door.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Both motels have refrigerators in each room, swimming pool and hot tub/spa.

Please note: As this is clothing compulsory, don't forget your bathing suit.

### MEALS

Breakfasts and dinners will be at Rolly's Restaurant, 888 Fraser Avenue.

**Breakfast:** will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. You will be given a breakfast voucher which will cover meal, tax and gratuity.

**Lunch:** You provide.

**Happy Hour/Get together:** 5:00 p.m. patio at Innetown Motel.

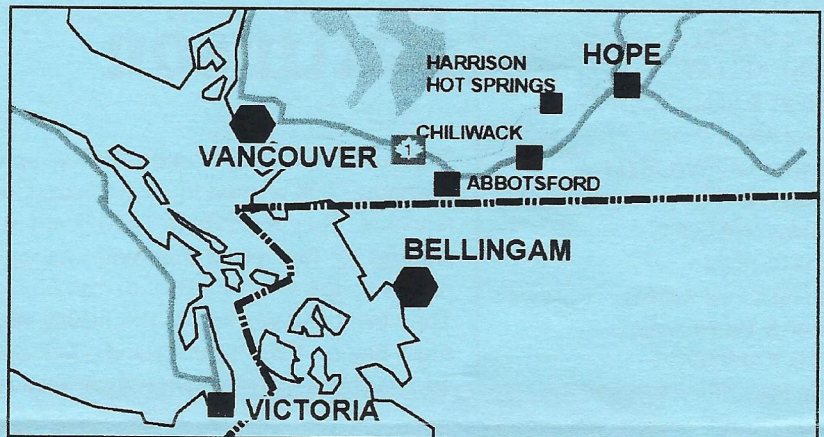
**Dinner:** 6:30 each evening. Restaurant is licensed.

### COST

\$160.00 per person, double occupancy.

Full payment by a post-dated cheque to April 15th. Please make your own arrangements for sharing a room and/or ride.

Contact John Myers 537-1933 for further information. ■



## Membership

One final plea from your executive for the final 18% of the membership to pay their 2003-fees. We have to pay our Federation of BC Naturalists fees (that is your insurance) at this point, so have covered your membership for 2003. Please help us out by reimbursing us for same!

Please remit \$17 per person to the club via the Cobbler's Box or by mail to Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, Box 203 Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island V8K 2V9.



## Trail Mix

### New Members:

- Michael & Rosamund WOOLLEY
- Nancy TYLER
- Nicola BELL
- Jetta MARTINEZ
- Anne McKERRICHER
- Louise FUOCO
- Bill MOORBY
- Michel JUTRAS
- Donna WAY
- Doug BLEAKEN
- Caffyn KELLEY
- Robert & Judith YOUNG
- Carol KAYE
- Charles DORWORTH
- George & Cheryl LEUKEFELD
- Frankie WATKINS
- Irma BERLIN
- Joanne CHISHOLM
- Peter & Val HOWELL
- Carla KAMHOOT
- John PICKERING
- Linda FROST
- John JEFFERSON
- Roy & Kathy LITTLE
- Norma ANDREW



**Taxi Fare:** Remember, \$1 for a trip to North End, \$2 to South End, Ruckle Park, \$3 to Musgrave, etc.  
Day trips off-island, \$0.25/km.



**Email :** If you now have an Email address, send it to Membership Secretary Lynn Thompson at [lthompson@saltspring.com](mailto:lthompson@saltspring.com)



## Trailblazers: Dick and Chris Pattinson

Dick and Chris Pattinson both grew up in Burnaby. Dick trained in electronics. Chris in teaching. They married in 1940, lived in Ottawa for four years then were happy to return to the west coast of British Columbia. They lived and worked in the fishing village of Alert Bay on Cormorant Island. Dick operated a business in electronics, flew his own aircraft, a Cessna 170, to jobs in the fishing and logging industries. They raised a daughter and two sons. Chris helped in the museum, library and school (home economics), later operating the BoBeep shop of ladies and children's wear, also learning to paint in water-colours. Many of their friends and customers were First Nation people whose language Dick quite readily learned. Since he was too busy to take summer holidays, in the winters they stored the Cessna in Victoria and spent several months touring Mexico in their van. After flying for nineteen years he sold the aircraft and turned to boating. Retiring in 1977 they moved to Salt Spring Island, a lovely place to retire. Dick soon realized that sailing was the way to go, taking part in racing and

other activities of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. For a number of summers he has sailed around Vancouver Island. As a "ham" radio operator he always kept in touch with home. Sons and grandsons join him in the annual Around Salt Spring race. As members of the Trail and Nature Club, they have led both walks, rambles and small groups to Wallace Island in the sailboat. Chris organizes the photo albums and Dick prints the titles.

An ardent photographer, he has given slideshows of coastal scenes to the Trail and Nature, Salt Spring Sailing Club Power Squadron, and the Paddlers.

## President's message

Your Executive has been very active on your behalf in the first months of this year. We thank all those who have contributed to the purchase of the Martin Williams property. In total we raised over \$18000. Well done. We also donated \$1000 from funds for the 72-acre parcel at the end of the Peter Arnell trail. These two properties will contribute greatly to the number of trails for all activity levels of the club.

Linda, Bill and Patricia continue to ably represent us, as well as the community at large, at Friends of Salt Spring Parks.

John Meyers has arranged a great, inexpensive trip to Hope, which will be lots of fun.

We will soon have the long awaited club caps. Everything seems to be humming along satisfactorily, so I hope you all enjoy the rest of the spring and summer.

Your President.  
*Simon Rook*

# FBCN REPORT

*Nancy Braithwaite*

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THE SPRING REGIONAL MEETING OF THE FBCN WAS HELD IN NANAIMO on the 1st March. The president, Jeremy McCall, came over from Vancouver to bring us up to date with their efforts to curb total dismantling of the the park system and trying to restore the interpretive programs. With regard to Ruckle Park, unfortunately the Ruckles are no longer living at the farm and it will be impossible to replace Gwen's unique presence and her remembrances of days gone by.

As a result of new legal advice, the Naturalists plan to revert to the \$2,000,000 insurance scheme as opposed to the \$5,000,000 version although it cannot come into effect until next year as it must be voted on at the AGM which comes after the premium is due.

The AGM will be held in Kamloops from May 8th to the 11th: the subject is to be FIRE - WATER: LANDSCAPE SCULPTORS. The day before there will be a symposium on dry forest and grasslands ecosystems to which naturalists are invited free of charge. This all takes place at the University of the Cariboo.

Our Christmas bird count took place on the 15th December; as usual one of the worst days of the year. 113 people counted 12,274 birds of 87 species; juncos were the most common, followed by robins, chickadees and crows.



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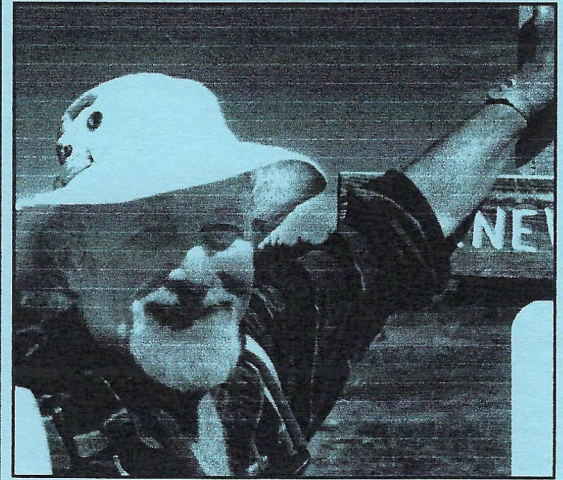
**The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club** features Tuesday outings September through June at three levels of ability. The monthly schedule of outings and events is published the final Wednesday of the month in the Driftwood. The fourth Thursday of each month the Club meets at 7:30 PM in the lower hall of the Ganges United Church. The Club is affiliated with the Federation of BC Naturalists.

**Ramblers** enjoy walking without pressure to keep up speed. Members of any level fitness are welcome. Ramblers have frequent "time-outs" for taking pictures, examining flowers, plants, stones, fossils, and hugging trees. Rambles start at 10 AM and usually end around 1:30 PM

**Walkers** move at a relaxed pace taking time to smell the roses. Walkers usually try to avoid long steep climbs and will stop to catch their breath along the way. Walks are generally less than 8 km and end around 2 PM.

**Hikers** like long, adventurous and occasionally quite strenuous hikes, and like to gain a bit of altitude. Hikers need good strong boots and a good but not excessive level of fitness. They may smell the roses, but do it rather quickly. Hikes usually start at 10 AM and finish between 2:30 and 3:30 PM.

**Membership:** Annual dues are \$17.00 per person. New members must sign a waiver. Send waiver form and membership dues to Membership Secretary, Box 203, Salt Spring Island BC, V8K 2V9.



September 1994. Trail and Nature Club Fall Trip to Manning Park. Max showing the way "On and Up"

## MAX P. SODER

1926-2003

Max passed away on March 11, 2003, three months short of his 75th birthday. Born in Winterthur, Switzerland, Max, after his formal education, emigrated with his wife Elda to Canada. There he followed his training as an architect, settling in Edmonton. Max was a humanist and a lover of nature which made his relocation to Salt Spring Island in the mid 1980's easy. He and his wife were longtime members of the Trail and Nature Club, and Max also served a number of years with the Island Trust. Max and Elda relocated to Qualicum in the fall of 2002 where Max died after a very brief illness.

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