

# The North Gabriola Community Hall

## Yesterday on Gabriola Island

by D.E. Williams

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Between January 1929 and December 1929, \$177.20 was realized from dances and whist drives held at the North End School House. Money was being collected for the North End Community Hall.

At the meeting in February, 1930, the proposal to build a hall 30' x 40' was turned down. The motion was carried to build it 30' x 60' with a 12' wall. In January, 1932, 4,000 feet of Rustic #3; 3,000 feet of ship lap; and 1,200 feet of finish lumber was bought for \$160.00. The motion was carried to open the new hall February 12. The 1932 trustees of the community hall were Mrs. J. Rollo, William Griffiths and Richard Easthom.

The Gabriola Community Hall incorporated October 7, 1932 as Gabriola Agricultural Association (Co-operative) and the first meeting of the Association was held January 31, 1933, Mr. W.H. Coats, President and Mr. L.H. Baillie, Secretary-Treasurer....

## The North End Hall

by Judy Heddle

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The North End Hall is active in many of Gabriola's functions. Bingo Games are held every Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:30. It is run by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiley and Helen Cox, with Frank calling the numbers. There are fourteen games played at 5¢ per card per game. A door prize is awarded and free refreshments are served at intermission. The jackpot is \$50.00 for a

blackout card before 55 numbers or less are called. It then diminishes by \$5.00 until \$10.00 is reached and is awarded to the winner.

Badminton Games are also held for the Islanders. Junior Badminton every Thursday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:00, Senior Ladies every Monday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00, and Regular Badminton every Sunday evening from 7:00 until approximately 10:00. Fees on Sunday are 50¢ and refreshments are served.

The next dance will be the Easter Dance to be held on Saturday, March 25. This is to be a licensed dance with music by the "Vanfleets". Admission is \$1.00 before 10:00 and \$1.25 after 10:00.

**Letter to the Editor** by Hazel Windecker, Acting Secretary, Gabriola Agricultural Association  
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Dear Sir:

The Gabriola Agricultural Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department, Camp Miriam, and everyone who took part in fighting the fire which destroyed the Agricultural Hall on July 30th.

The efforts of everyone were much appreciated by all our members.

**Special Report of the Gabriola Agricultural Association**

by Helen Cox,  
Chairman

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A meeting of the shareholders of the Gabriola Agricultural Association was held on Tuesday, August 5th with 18 shareholders present.

The meeting was opened with a resume of the past years activities, then a discussion on alternative procedures regarding the future of the Association. After the discussion a vote was taken and it was passed unanimously that the Association work towards the construction of a new building. It was decided to obtain plans of many types of recreational buildings and the decision to be made later on what type would be suitable for our area.

Ways and means of raising funds for the building programme were discussed and many ideas were brought forward. Mrs. Helen Cox was nominated chairman of the fund raising committee.

It was decided to carry on the bingo evenings by renting the Community Hall, also to hold a monthly associate members draw, with tickets to be sold at \$1.00 each and the draw to take place on the last Sunday of each month, with one-half the proceeds of the tickets to be paid to the lucky ticket holder and the other half to go to the building fund.

... We, the committee, of the Association would like to express our thanks to the Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department for the prompt and efficient work on containing the fire to the hall site, and we are also grateful to all the boys from Camp Miriam who brought their own tools and worked so diligently to help contain the fire. Also our

thanks to any and all of the workers, including the ladies who provided coffee and sandwiches on that evening.... ◇

The replacement hall is now known as "The Agi Hall".

For a history of the South End Community Hall see, E. Joyce White, *The South Gabriola Public Hall*, 1913–79, *SHALE* 22, pp. 25–29, January 2010.