

Letters

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who have lived here many years know this.

One criticism of Matt is his involvement with the Jamestown Community Theatre. Matt has always found ways to contribute to the community through his job, and we should be thanking him for the theatre. My children and their mother, Becky Peppas, and many others in Jamestown are so grateful to Matt. Many of us have children who have not been athletically involved outside of school, but because of the theatre we have had a place that they can go to where they are able to be on another kind of team. Also in today's world, when families aren't together as much as they used to be, the JCT has given the island an extraordinary and unusual opportunity, and activity that families can do together. Sports are wonderful, but so is a place where the entire family can be involved.

Many people are very sad that Matt will not be watching over our children. How did this situation go so far? Even if Matt wants to retire, I would think that the stress of the last several months must have influenced his decision. Why have two people been allowed to do such harm to a decent person who has been a consistently responsible caretaker for so many Jamestown children? To this day, I have not seen or heard Matt make any shameful remarks in public about the people who did this to him. Matt Bolles is a gentleman.

Please, Matt, remember that more than the majority of the Jamestown community citizens respect you and appreciate what you have done in your role as director of Jamestown's Department of Parks and Recreation. I just wish that we had known what was going on earlier, because perhaps many of us would have spoken out sooner. Matt, please understand that we know your shoes can never be filled.

Dimitri Peppas,
Jamestown

Stop deer hunting at Beavertail

Recently the Town Council received a letter from the (state) Department of Environmental Management stating that they wish to allow deer hunting at Beavertail State Park from Nov. 15 to Feb. 15.

The Town Council has the ability to protest this action and I urge them to do this immediately. The deer population in Jamestown is mostly in the north end of the island, with less than 40 at the south end. At the presentations given in past years by the DEM to the Town Council, it was clearly stated that deer only travel one to two miles from their "territory." So killing a few deer at Beavertail will not do anything to reduce the number of deer where they are most populated.

Because most hunters prefer to take a male deer (and the permits allow one male for 2 females), the deer that would be taken would probably be male deer. Any wildlife biologist will tell you that in order to reduce the number of deer, the female population needs to be targeted. That being said, hunting at Beavertail could actually increase the population of deer already there.

Let us not be confused in thinking that this is an exercise to reduce the deer population. Besides this hunting will create a safety hazard with hunters sharing the park with those of us who like to walk, run, and bike there. This will impact the use of the park for one-quarter of the year. Let us leave the wildlife alone, and keep the Beavertail park a place that all of us can enjoy in peace. Please urge the Town Council to stop this from happening.

Nancy Crawford,
Jamestown

Youth soccer fund-raiser a great success

The Jamestown Soccer Association held its 2006 Glow Ball Golf Tournament last Friday on a brisk, starry night at the Jamestown Golf Course.

The tournament is held annually by JSA as a fund-raiser for the JSA player scholarship program

and other soccer-related program expenses. We had a great turnout with plenty of spectacular golfing taking place out on the course, or so it was reported afterwards back in the clubhouse.

Winners included a first-place tie between foursomes led by Steve

Froberg and Randy Shoemaker, as well as the Course Master prize awarded to the John Kelly and Tom DeTour group.

The glow ball golf event is a great opportunity to raise money and have some fun at the same time. The JSA would like to thank Harriet Mistowski and the rest of the folks at Jamestown golf for being such great hosts for the tournament. We would also like to thank Jamestown Fitness, Grapes & Gourmet, Soccer Spot of Narragansett, Bay Voyage Inn, Trattoria Simpatico, Jamestown Wine & Spirits, Newport Sportsman's Club, and the Jamestown Golf Course for their donations of the excellent tournament prizes. We hope to see everyone back again next year!

Clayton Carlisle,
the Jamestown Soccer Association

Memorial tournament thanks

The Jamestown Medical Fund held its annual golf tournament on Sept. 23 at the Jamestown Golf Course and it was a great success.

This year we honored the memory of Nancy Baker. We want to thank all of the golfers who participated as well as the Baker family. We would also like to thank all of the island and off-island businesses and individuals who contributed. And a special thank-you goes to those who made their donation in memory of Nancy, a truly generous and giving woman. Your continued generosity to our

organization defines the spirit of Jamestown.

The medical fund was established by David Kearney to help bridge the gap for residents unable to meet the medical expenses vital to their continued health. Applications may be obtained at Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown Family Practice, or by writing to the JMF, P.O. Box 236, Jamestown, RI 02835.

Dolores Calabrese, Kathy Kearney, Luann Gosselin-Bonier, the Jamestown Medical Fund

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