

The POINTER... Winter '82

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!!!

So you'd better not pout! Not at this year's annual Children's Christmas Party.

Kids of all ages, be sure to show up at the hall on Sunday, December 19, at 11 am for all the fun.

There's a special treat in store, as the Willis Point Players will perform their very first play - "It's Christmas" with music specially prepared by Janine Norgaard. So don't miss it.

And we have it on good authority that once again jolly (not so) old St. Nick will put in a special guest appearance.

Joan Wright

We're having a New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

At the hall, of course, on Friday night December 31 at 9 p.m.

Get this. Free champagne at midnight. And free party favours. Entertainment will be provided by Sound Incorporated (canned music).

All for only \$15.00 per person!

And as an added bonus, tickets paid for and picked up by December 15 at 4 p.m. entitle the ticket holders to one free drink each.

All drinks will be a mere 75¢ each between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Then it's regular bar prices.

Avoid the road blocks and have a good time with your neighbours.

For tickets and additional information, contact the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance Committee:

Linda Cleland - 652-3376
Dianne Twamley - 652-3519
Clive Farmer - 652-1215

Clive Farmer

Wpra news

Sentry Gentry

What would we do for fun if we didn't have the road issue to kick around?

Elsewhere in this Pointer there's a list of the duties the sentries who guard the road at the sentry boxes are expected to follow. This list of duties came about largely because of pressure from the Wpra to get firm ground rules established to govern road closures.

If you have any questions or comments about any of this, contact Gloria Graham (652-5509) or Nathan Ory (652-3249).

Annual General Meeting

The 1982 annual general meeting was held on September 14. The VIP section included MLA Frank Mitchell and C.R.D. director Rick Kaspar.

The main issue for the evening was a discussion on - what else - the road issue, and the Wpra position on the projected alternate route into the Point was explained.

Elections for new Wpra executive members took place, and the current executive looks like this:

Chairperson	Gloria Graham
Vice-chairperson	Sam Young
Treasurer	Clive Farmer
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Pommeh
Corresponding Sec.	Dianne Twamley
Membership	Bruce Wilkinson
Members at large	Mark Horne
	Linda Cleland
Past Chairperson	Charlie Bonner

The remainder of the Wpra is made up of the Willis Point Fire Commission headed up by Nathan Ory. Elections for positions on the Commission don't take place until January, so the new members will be announced at that time.

Thanks to Dave Price, outgoing treasurer, and Roni Maldrett, outgoing membership director, for doing the jobs that really keep the organization humming.

Executive Meeting October 24

The new executive had its first meeting late in October. This was one of those nuts and bolts affairs where plans for the next year were worked out, and resulted in the calendar of activities listed elsewhere in the Pointer.

We finally have received some replies to letters we wrote to Finance Minister Hugh Curtis and others urging fiscal restraint to keep down local taxes and urging that tax assessments reflect lower real estate values. The "official" words were polite and sympathetic, period.

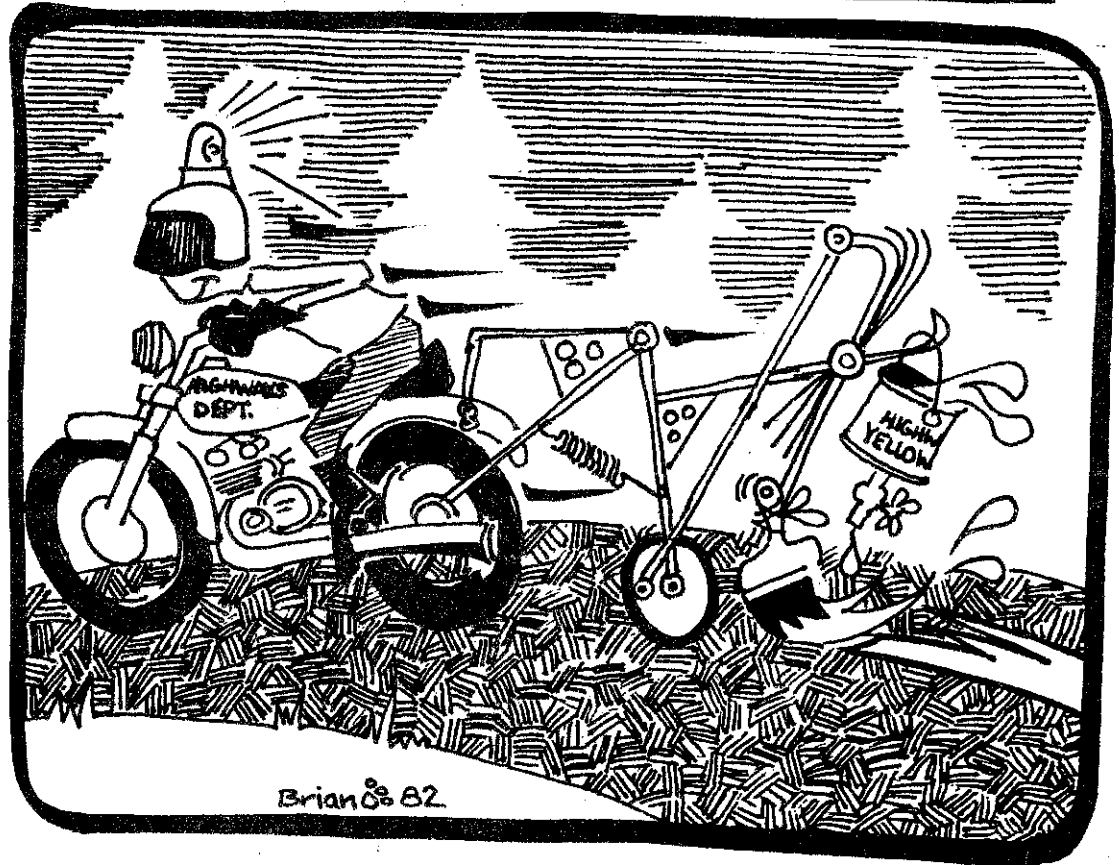
On a more practical level, we received notice of an operating grant from the Capital Regional District to assist in the organization of community programs. Some of these funds go to the production of the Pointer. If you have a project in mind that uses the hall or the grounds, and could use some seed money to get it started, contact Gloria Graham for more information (652-5509).

The next executive meeting is January 18 at the hall at 7:45. The public, as always, is invited to attend.

Gloria Graham

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Brian O'S2

Current Issues

Membership Report

Social Events Information Coordinator

In order to keep track from year to year of all the input that so many Willis Pointers provide for our many social events, starting this year a WPRA executive member will have the responsibility of coordinating social events information. Linda Cleland has agreed to take on that task this year. She will start a volunteer file and will gather reports from all our social functions.

The WPRA is pleased to announce the following new members: Cathy and Mike Hebert on Melody Place, Frank and Joan Sherliker on Mark Lane, and Don and Lois Lovo, presently of Calgary, but soon to live on Willis Point Road.

And a friendly welcome is extended also to some of our newer neighbours as well: Phil Sterling, Mark and Diana Cramer and family, and R. Cameron, all residing at various places along Mark Lane.

I have recently assumed the responsibilities for membership with the WPRA, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join the Willis Point Ratepayers' Association. If you would like more information on the political and administrative organization at Willis Point, I would be happy to give you a booklet which explains all. Just give me a call (652-3752) and I'll get one to you.

FOUND: Lady's Gloves
Last Winter, at the
corner of Willis Pt.
and Melody Pl. Call
Bruce at 652-3752 to
identify and retrieve.

Bruce Wilkinson

Firefighter News

We're pleased to welcome one new member to the department - Pat Sloan.

The Emergency Medical Attention course run by the Central Saanich V.F.D. is now completed. The three Willis Point members who took this grueling program all finished with marks in the top $\frac{1}{4}$ of the class. So congratulations to Bernadette Anderson, Gerry Verhagen and Bill Wright.

The skills learned from the course were put to the test early Sunday morning, Oct. 31 when the firefighters were called out on a serious ambulance call at Pease Lake.

Because this year's Halloween dance didn't generate as much revenue as expected, the firefighters found they were unable to pay for the food and fireworks at this year's bonfire. But leaping in to save the day were Joel Cotter, Bob Halsey and Ian Blaney, who supplied the food and fireworks which were well appreciated by dozens of Pointers of all ages. And thanks to Bill Haley for supplying a mountain of shakes' for the fire.

Ian Blaney and Bill Wright represented the Willis Point V.F.D. at the fall meeting of the Vancouver Island Firefighters Assoc. held in Sooke. Over 50 firefighters were in attendance from all over the island to listen to lectures on arson and to observe demonstrations of the Jaws Of Life. Ian Blaney will also be attending a weekend course on rescuing victims in auto wrecks.

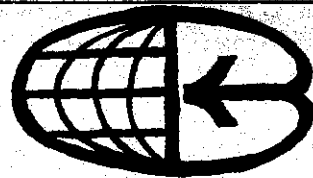
Learn To Save A Life

Your fire department once again is sponsoring a special three-hour course on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The dates are Tuesday Dec. 7 and Wednesday Dec. 8 from 7pm to 10pm. If you haven't been contacted and would like to attend, call Bill Wright at 652-3254. Give yourself and the fire department a break by learning basic life-saving measures.

New Members Welcome

Yes. New Year's resolution time is just the moment you've been waiting for to do what you've told yourself 100 times or more you were planning to do "very soon," and that's to drop by the fire hall Wednesday night and join up. Men and women welcome; no experience necessary. Meetings are every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9pm. Now's the time.

Bill Wright



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Hall Happenings

The Children's Finest Hour

Now's our chance to set up a series of programs specially for kids.

The people at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre are prepared to come to the Willis Point community hall to run any or all of the following:

- Toddlers' Social (ages 1-3)
- Romper Gym (ages 1-3)
- Arts, Crafts, Stories (ages 3-5)
- Music (ages 3-5)
- Elementary French (ages 4-5)

These programs could be run once, twice or three times a week. Qualified staff run these events, so parents could drop their kids off at the hall for an hour or so, and ...

The cost? If 8 children sign up for one program the cost would be \$2.00 per child per hour.

Interested? (I should hope so.) Then contact Linda Cleland at 652-3376 by December 18. If enough people show interest in the idea, then a registration day will be scheduled at the hall where the Juan de Fuca Recreation people will be on hand to answer questions and collect your registration fees.

Nate O.

Let Julie Be Your Guide

A Brownie pack in Willis Point?

It can be a reality if the girls in Willis Point want it to be, because Julie Duddridge is ready, willing and able to be the leader.

If you are a girl and you are between six and twelve years old, or if you are a parent of a girl between six and twelve, and you would like to find out more about Brownies at Willis Point, give Julie a call at 652-3669. She's waiting to hear from you, because she's anxious to get Brownies on the move, and Girl Guides too, depending on the ages of those interested.

Special Small Group Rate

Community members can rent the hall on an hourly basis at a rate of \$3.00 an hour, provided you bring your own wood and use the Fisher stove. If you use the dance floor take off your shoes first, please.

Any children's function must be supervised CONTINUOUSLY by an adult.

In this case users are responsible for a complete clean-up.

Rates for special functions may be negotiated. Contact the hall manager.

Please remember that the hall is managed by volunteers. All maintenance and other costs are paid through user fees.

Willis Point Fire Protection & Recreation Commission: Dec. 1982

Nathan Ory

Fee Schedule For Hall Use

Some changes have been made to the basic fee structure for hall use. Here are some of the main points. If you have any questions call Nathan Ory (652-3249) or Sydnie Bonner (652-1588).

Ratepayer's fee

Full facilities.....\$50.00
Kitchen & lounge only..\$35.00

Non-ratepayer's fee

Full facilities.....\$90.00
Kitchen & lounge only..\$35.00
(damage deposit of \$100.00)

Make payment to hall manager Sydnie Bonner in the name of the Willis Point Community Hall.

Clean-up

Organize your own clean-up. The dirty work includes:

- tidying the bathrooms, but not washing the bathroom or dance hall floors (although this would be appreciated and would cut down on janitorial costs).
- wash all dishes, including ashtrays, and put them back in the cupboards.
- clean table tops and return to storage area
- bundle tablecloths & teatowels
- stack chairs
- vacuum lounge & sweep hall floor
- damp mop spills on kitchen floor
- put all burnables in the incinerator and closely supervise burning.

Any clean-up left undone will be assessed at \$10.00 an hour.

And remember to turn down the heat and to turn off the lights.

Nathan Ory

.. CALENDAR ..December 7&8

Life Support - CPR
Bill Wright: 652-3254

December 19

Children's Christmas Party
Joan Wright: 652-3254

December 31

New Year's Eve Dance
Clive Farmer: 652-1215
Dianne Twamley: 652-3519
Linda Cleland: 652-3376

January 18

W.P.R.A. Exec. Meeting
Gloria Graham: 652-5509

February 4

Happy Hour
Willis Point Fire Dept.

March 4

Happy Hour
Charlie and Sydnie Bonner
652-1588

April 1 (No Fooling)

Happy Hour
Gary and Gloria Graham
652-5509

May 6

Happy Hour
Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey
652-4195

June

Hilltopper
Bob Halsey and Friends

NEW ROAD?

The Road Not Taken

There are maps, there are reports, there are petitions, there are minutes from meetings, there are truck loads of letters, and finally - finally, there is a decision. Sort of.

The Capital Regional District has now officially communicated to the Ministry of Highways that the preferred solution to the problem of DND's ownership of a great chunk of Durrance Road is to build a new road around the other side of the lake.

The new road would still be on DND property, but not in the so-called critical area behind the rifle range. The route would start from Wallace Drive in the Farmington Road area and carry through behind the Hartland Road dump, keeping to the far side of Durrance Lake until it finally joins up with Willis Point Road.

This is the route proposed by the Ratepayers' Association as it would solve the sentry problem as well as deal with the lake problem in the summer.

It is now up to the highways ministry to get permission from DND for the road to be built on their property - and then to get on with the building of the road itself.

Needless to add, the ratepayers' executive has written a batch of letters to everyone concerned, urging that the job get started as soon as possible.

N. Ory

Road Runner's Report

It's official. The Base Commander at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt has put together a list of regulations covering the duties of the sentries working the sentry boxes when firing is taking place at Heals range. Major Emery stresses that the sentry has no authority to make a decision on opening the road - except in the case of emergency vehicles. He only acts on the orders of the Range Safety Officer.

Highlights of Sentry Orders

1. On order of the Range Safety Officer the sentry will stop all traffic by displaying the stop sign and/or placing the barrier across the road.
2. The maximum delay to be expected is 20 minutes; the normal wait ten to 15 minutes.
3. Sentries have no authority to open the road except for emergencies. Emergencies are defined as a threat to life or limb, not a late appointment.

Where a driver states he has an emergency, he will be allowed to pass as soon as his identifying information is taken down.

An emergency vehicle with alarm signals activated will be allowed to proceed immediately.
4. Complaints can be made to Base Operations 388-1988 during working hours, or to 388-1685 at all other times.
5. If an unauthorized vehicle goes by the sentry will try to take down its licence number, etc.

These are the guidelines given to the sentries, along with a motto at the top of the sheet which reads: "Be Polite - Courtesy Counts"

G. Graham & S. Young

Past Events

Masquerade Dance

Once again Willis Pointers appeared the ghostly Halloween spirits with their own spirited masquerade Halloween Dance at the hall on October 30. Costumes ranged from the sublime to the silly, and included European clowns, monstrous webbed feet, Dr. Death, Vamp and Vampire, a muskox of some sort, and other assorted weirdos. You should have been there. The food was great and Vern and the rest of the Firefighters out did themselves with the organization and execution.

Halloween Bonfire

The community really turned out for this one. Flames and fireworks filled the night, and treats outnumbered tricks ten to one. This is one of those fine times when the families of Willis Point draw together and generally enjoy the company of their neighbours by a warm fire. What more can you ask?

So special thanks to three of the Firefighters who came up with the fireworks, hot dogs and stuff so all of us could enjoy the night.

Oktoberfest

All that food! "Fantastic" enthused one gorged Oktoberfest go-getter on November 27. To the background sounds of a lively accordion, tables full of Pointers and friends (lovers of the mead each and every one) enjoyed a relaxed evening socializing and dancing. Gary Butchart did a bang-up job putting the show together, and the late stayers kept the dance floor energized for hours.

Point Blank

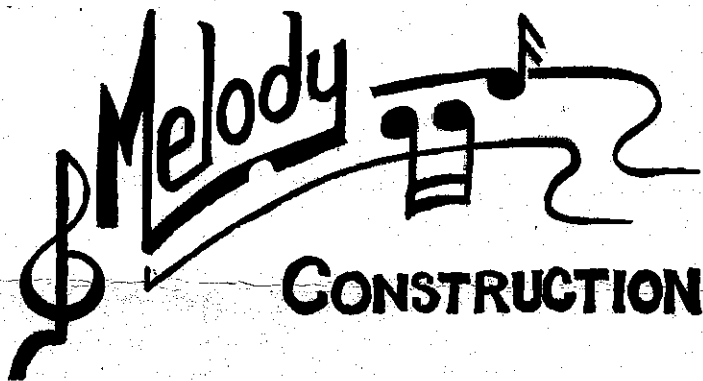
There's no connection between the two of course, but it wasn't until Carl Schartner stopped working nights that Beryl Schartner was able to bring into the family a baby daughter by the name of Cara. Congratulations!

WPRA Treasurer Clive Farmer, who is also hosting the New Year's Eve party this year, would like to remind all of us about one of the fiscal realities at Willis Point.

Much of the money raised at functions we run, from the New Year's Eve dance to the Hilltopper, goes to keeping down regional taxes. That's right. Each year the WPRA and the Fire Commission pay to the Capital Region a fair bit of money which serves to bring down tax rates come tax time. In other words, supporting local events means you're keeping down your taxes. That's worth thinking about.

A special thanks to Linda Cleland for helping organize the Pointer material this time around. If you have any information you want to get into the Pointer, or beefs about whatever, phone Sam Young at 652-3859.

Merry Christmas, everyone.
And a Happy New Year.



Melody

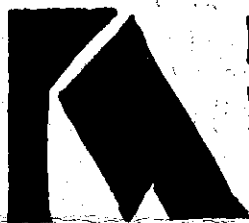
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