



the POINTER

Summer '86

WPRA News

The Spring 1986 Executive Meeting was held on Monday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m. It was mentioned that Bruce Wilkinson would no longer be our Secretary as he was moving away from the "Point". We will miss him very much, and sincerely thank him for all his hard work.

The main item of discussion was once again our Durrance Lake Road/Heals Range difficulty. It was noted that a result of our overwhelming community support from a previous specially called meeting, that the trespassing charges on local residents would be put on hold and that a concentrated effort on a "Highways Act - Civil Rights" suit would be delved into. We have approached the B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre to take up our cause and are now awaiting word from them. We'll keep you posted and we won't stop fighting until the problem is solved.

Any incorrect road delays or complaints call:

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Other business discussed was an interest shown in the installation of a street light at the corner of Willis Point Road and Mark Lane. This would aid safety to the bus students waiting on dark winter mornings as well as those who would appreciate a light while picking up their mail. If this light goes in, it will be the community's responsibility for maintenance (damage etc.) and monthly rental fee. We were pleased to see the yellow line repainted before we prepared our letter of request for it. Also, two small "No Motorcycle Riding" signs have been put up near the playing field at the Hall. Thank you for obeying them as the soft wet ground gets ruined when driven upon.

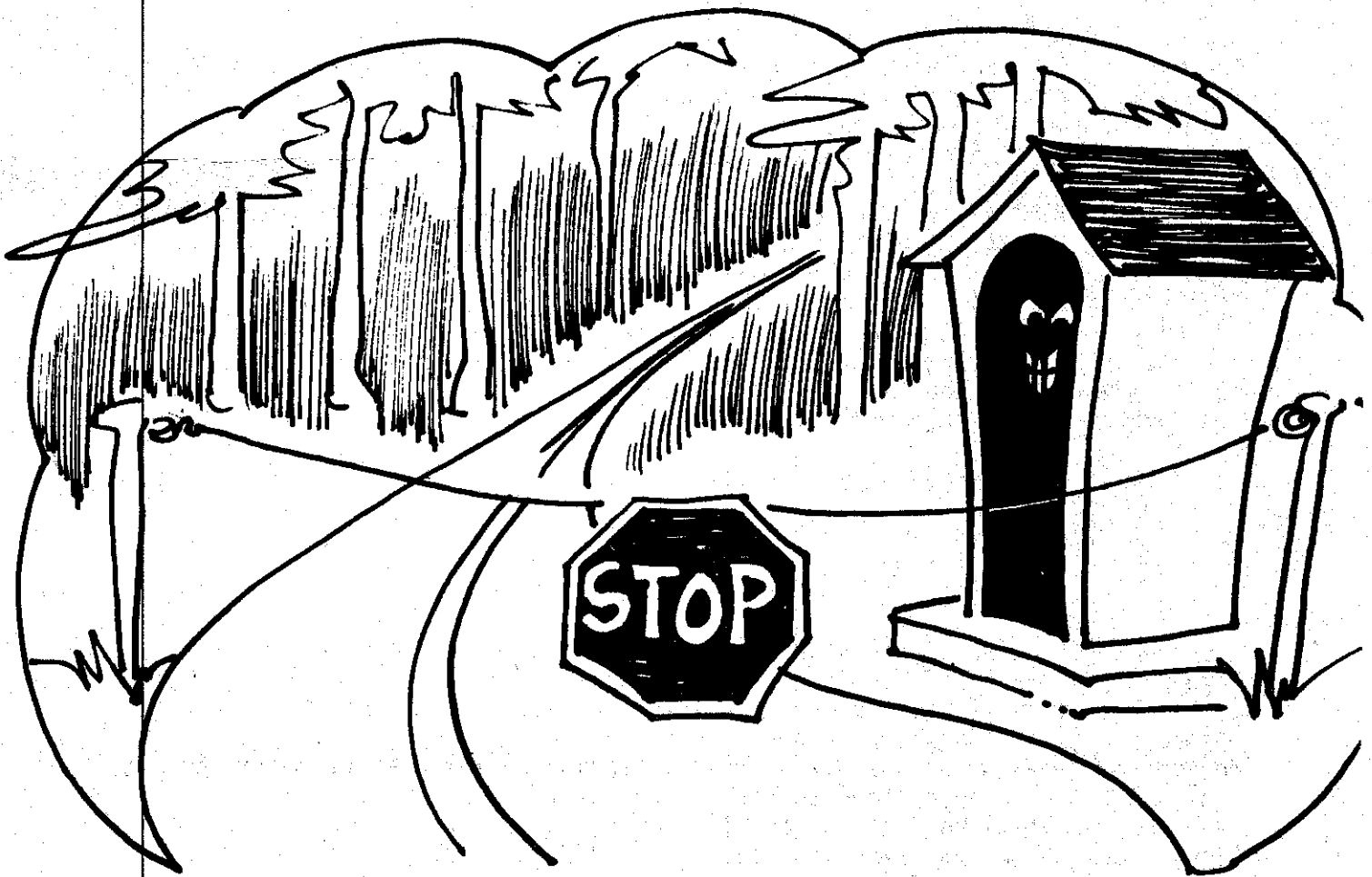
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A letter is being written to CBC requesting that the FM service be improved to serve lower Vancouver Island. Then perhaps we will be able to listen to our celebrity, Jurgen Gothe on CBC FM on weekday afternoons. Our final business noted that nobody has taken on the running of the popular Summer Fishing Derby. We have had great turn outs for traditional as well as several new community events this year - it only works if everyone takes a turn. So think about it - get together with your friends and keep the Willis Point Spirit alive. We would all miss the fun of the Fishing Derby/Family Picnic immensely. We need you - phone and volunteer!

Others have asked me, and I forgot to mention at the meeting if there was any interest in building our own boat ramp at Willis Point. So, I'm asking everyone now. We would have to have all the details worked out (such as WPRA use only) and then several work bees. Are you interested and are you willing to help?

Dianne Twamley
652-3519



Firefighter News

Nearly all the department took part in the Muscular Dystrophy campaign in town - Thanks to organizer Ian Blaney. Between the firefighters and the Chief's hat and the red box on the bar in the Hall, Willis Point donated \$63.00. Not as much as last year, but not a bad effort. A small crew from the department took a ride over the back roads to the Langford Fire Dept. to liven up the Muscular Dystrophy Dance. It was a job keeping Karen, Kathy, Joan and Jan in their chairs when the top hats arrived. Bob, Rick, Bill and Vern sang up a storm on the way home.

The Firefighters have recently formed an association. Good luck to the new "Willis Point Volunteer Firefighter's Association" and to its first president Ken Hott and secretary-treasurer Kathy Crawley.

Training Officers Vern McConnell and Karen Scott have been busy with their heads together setting up a two-crew system. This provides for training in small groups and has, according to the crews, been working quite well.

Some good news, some bad news. First, the bad news. The department as well as the community has lost one of its finer, hard working members with Bruce Wilkinson moving away. Do come back and visit, Bruce. The good news is that the department now has a new member - welcome Hugh Partridge.

The annual C.P.R Course was run again in April. At least half of Willis Point turned out. Thanks again to Irene Gagne and Ann Schweitzer and their crew for putting on the Course.

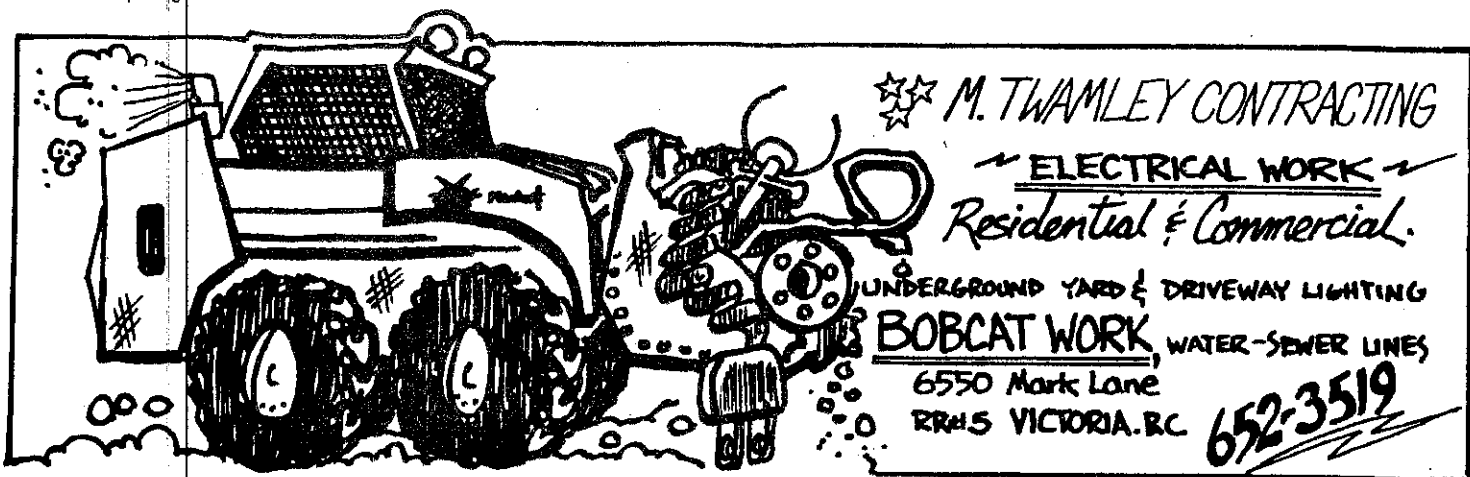
Don't forget, we still need new members on the Fire Department. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Fire Permits are required for beach fires, incinerators, and scrub clearing fires. Available from the Fire Hall Wednesday nights.

As we are now getting into the Fire season, please be extra careful. It's a long swim to the other side of the Inlet.

That's all, until your next Pointer!

Bill Wright
Deputy Chief



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PAST EVENTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD GARAGE SALE

My thanks to all who helped to make the Willis Point Garage Sale on April 27th such a huge success. Special thanks to Dianne Twamley and Brenda Olmstead for all their hard work. Prospective buyers started arriving before 9:00 and there was a steady stream to the end. Dianne's pink signs marked the route and were very much appreciated by those not from the Point. Brenda's food and beverages were available throughout the day and definitely a welcome pause. We're grateful to Bob Halsey for use of the big tent. Also thanks to the strong arms who put up the tent and awning in the rain while missing an hour of the hockey playoffs! With our unpredictable weather, we sure needed the protection. And thanks to all who came out to sell and to buy.

Shannon Blunt

HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY MARCH 21

Willis Pointers and their friends turned out with enthusiasm for the Spring Equinox Happy Hour. Approximately sixty people came to enjoy the food, drinks and W.P. sociability.

Games were organized to entertain the kids, resulting in a quieter atmosphere for relaxation and conviviality. Special thanks are due the helpers responsible for the efficient handling of the games Michelle Norgaard, Gina Engbrecht, Sharon Pine and Destiny Butchart assisted by Erin Anderson, Cilla Hunter, Joanne Hughes.

Our thanks also to Leslie King for her help in the bar and kitchen. The conehors, all novices at hosting Happy Hours, greatly appreciated the support of encouragement of the community. Incidentally, we make \$184.00 for the Community not bad for beginners.

Carmen Moore
(for Sam, Anne and Art)

50/60 DANCE

For those of you who missed it, the only way to get your neighbours to stop talking about it is to promise to attend next year. Everyone of the 60 or so attending arrived in costume. Poodle skirst with saddle buck shoes, local "hoods", and innocent girls all kept swinging til 2:30 in the morning. Lots of reminicing with year books and photos and of course with every song came a special memory or tear.

Our profit of \$78.96 was secondary to the turning back of the clock and jiving the night away.

Annabella Butchart

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Master-minded by Barry Peeke-vout, along with accomplices Paulette Peeke-vout, Ken and Kathy Ilott.

One cold rainy evening last February, Bob Halsey was walking along Willis Point Road on his way to the Firehall, when he thought he heard three gunshots. When he reached the Firehall, he discovered "Mr. Ridley's" body lying at the back door. Mr. Ridley was dead. A bullet-like hole was noted on the right side of his head, and a small pool of water was on the floor near the side of his head. Mr. Halsey stated that he opened the Hall door and carried Mr. Ridley inside.

After all Willis Point's amateur detectives and friends arrived at the Hall, we were divided into colour-coded groups of four and seated at our tables to begin unravelling the Mystery. All groups had a private viewing of the body, were given numerous clues and red herrings. The serious detective work then began to uncover the Murderer, the Weapon and the Motive.

Periodically, Paulette and Kathy would pass around slips to each table, giving new clues. (Such goings-on in these thar hills!). After a few rounds from the bar and much deliberation, Bill Wright's table correctly identified the Weapon. More clues were issued and gradually both the Murderer and the Motive were discovered - a complicated plot involving real estate developers and purloined winning Lotto tickets.

Prizes of bottles of wine were plentiful and indeed enjoyed by all. Everyone who attended had a super sleuthing time and look forward to another Mystery Night next year. Special thanks again to Barry Peeke-vout for masterminding the event.

Mary Brelsford

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SCOUTING NEWS

The Cubs have been busy over the past few months with badge work and games on meeting nights.

The Venturer crew from the Cadboro Bay Scout group was in the area doing a Search & Rescue exercise April 19th & 20th, with our Cubs helping out. The Venturers rescued the Fire Department dummy from the cliffs near Sea Aira Heights. Using a bit of ingenuity, lots of rope and radios, they had him out in no time. Russell, Christian, and Justin got "lost" in the logging roads, with assistant leader Irro Korhonen keeping an eye on them. Ian, Robbi, and Andrew later got "lost" in the woods behind the Wrights, with Jason working the radio. We even had two distraught "parents" for one search. Aron Anderson and Antoinette Funnell were just great. One of the Venturers was so overpowered by the academy performance he could barely speak. Good work girls, and thanks. The Venturers had a camp-out behind the Hall, with much singing, skits, and general campfire fun.

Sam Young came up one evening and took the Beavers and Cubs out for a tree identification walk, pointing out the 10 main tree species of Willis Point.

The Cubs have just completed a timed compass course through the woods around the Hall. Ian Blaney and Andrew Twamley came first in 27 minutes; Justin Boydell and Russell Haley second in 28 minutes. Good work boys.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| May 23 | Happy Hour |
| June 1 | Cub Rally (Island) |
| June 28 | Cub Rally (Victoria) |
| July 13 - 19 | Cub Camp |
| July 20 - 26 | Cub Camp |

Registration for the new year is in September. Have a good summer camping and Good Scouting! Thanks to my leaders Jason Funnell and Irro Korhonen, and to the Beaver crew Sarah (Rusty) Bonner, Tina (Bubbles) Graham, and Adele Graham.

Bill Wright

CUB REPORT 85/86

The Wolf Cub Pack, run by Bill Wright, have had our camp out and two or three camp fires. The whole pack has received one star and a couple of badges. We also went on a survival trip. We would all like to thank Acala for the hard work he has done this year and we are looking forward to the next year of Cubs.

Andrew Twamley

COMING EVENTS

HILLTOPPER

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It's "HILLTOPPER" time again, Willis Point! Yes, it's on June 22nd, Sunday, and we will be grateful if we can have our trusty volunteers once more.

The race goes off at 12:00 noon this year. Please phone Gary or Annabella Butchart at 652-1731 for entry forms or information regarding the Race.

The Casino will be running and the Saloon will be in full swing. The Bake Sale will be undertaken by the Stitch and ! Club, organized by Brenda Olmstead, at 652-3735. Donations of baking goods, jams, etc. will be gratefully recieved.

Bob Scott, at 652-2130 is running the now-famous Country Auction. Please give him all your support when you get phoned for donations. He's very keen on acquiring your first-born or your house! Remember these previous auction items?

- New Zealand Dinner
- Flying Lessons
- Window Washing
- Sunday Brunch & Boat Trip
- A Will
- Vieniese Dinner
- 4 Hour Backhoe Time
- Babysitting
- A Rare Book
- A Beautiful Afgan
- Two Sheets of Plywood With A Painting on Them

Vern McConnell is organizing the 2nd Annual Bake-Off this year, and it's now open to adults.

Our star Ice-cream makers Bobbi Anderson and Sharon Pine will be there too. Thanks girls!

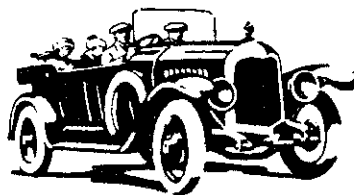
All our helpers from previous years, and anyone who wants to lend a hand, please phone Bob or Gaybrielle Halsey, and thanks again everyone!

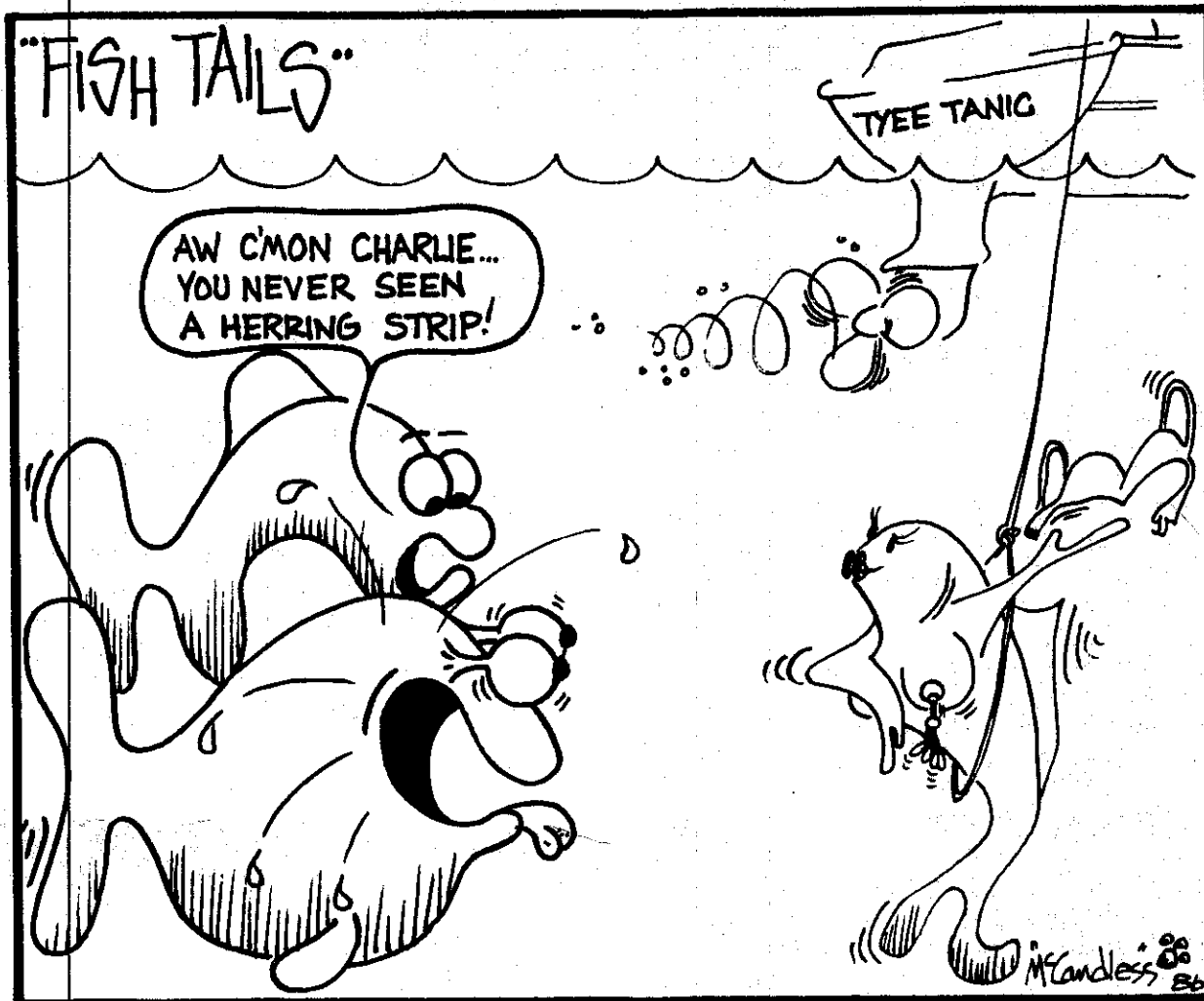
Gaybrielle Halsey

HILLTOPPER BAKE SALE SUNDAY JUNE 22nd.

We are taking this opportunity right now to ask everyone for donations to our wonderful Bake Sale. Each year we have had great support and hope you will all participate again. Cakes, cookies, muffins, bread, jams, pickles, preserves... etc. We appreciate it all. We may not be phoning this year so plan now and put a little away when you bake. Then, bring it up to us at the Hall on Sunday morning, June 22nd so we can price all the goodies. Thank you in advance for your delicious donations!

Ladies Stitching Group





Classifieds

HELP!!!

The older Cubs have been out searching the bush around Willis Point for a couple of leaders to help them start a small Scout group this fall. It would be great to get one started to complement the Beavers and Cubs programme already in operation. If interested, contact myself, Bill Wright, at 652-3254, or Bill Haley at 652-1337.

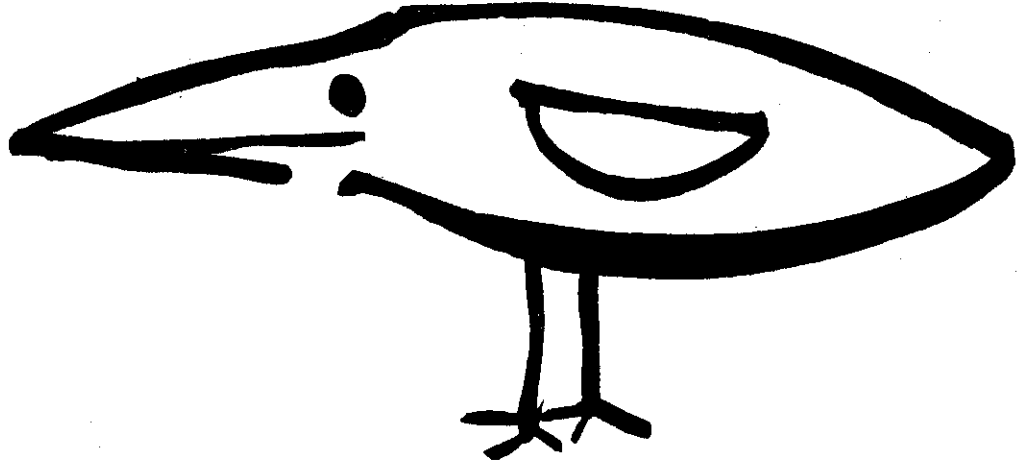
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Calendar

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| May 23rd | HAPPY HOUR CUBS & SCOUTS |
| June 22nd | HILLTOPPER Bob Halsey 652-4195 Gary Butchart 652-1731 |
| August | FISHING DERBY & FAMILY PICNIC |
| September | Executive Meeting |
| September | Annual General Meeting |
| October | POINTER Pat Sloan 652-0226 |

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Well, well, well - HILLTOPPER time again! Medals all round to Bob Halsey and Friends for such a great idea, and carrying through with it.

For those who didn't make it down to the Empress and Crystal Gardens to catch the International Cartoon Festival in April, we bring to you in this Pointer a runner-up award cartoon by Brian McCandless. Congratulations Brian!

HALL NOTES: Unfortunately we have lately had some "overplayful" users, resulting in wall damages to our newly-painted Hall. This is very disappointing to all of us. Please remember (tell your kids) that the Hall is for all of us and responsible to all of us. We value it for its variety of available uses - parties, Happy Hours, weddings, picnics, Scouts, meetings, Hilltoppers - use it but be considerate.

Sam Young's "Tree Walk" was such a great hit with the Cubs and Scouts that the Pointer is running it here, for everybody. Thanks Sam.

The Pointer joins other Willis Point residents in wishing Bruce Wilkinson happiness on his new mountain home.

And what about the Fishing Derby???? Let's go folks, it's a great tradition and a great day!

Thanks again, Georgina Farmer, for the typing of this issue. Thanks also to the energetic walkers who delivered this Pointer to you. As always, the Pointer welcomes opinions, articles and letters. Have a safe and glorious Summer, everyone!

Pat Sloan

* Highlands Update *

Though rumour had it that the January thaw was really summer and that by March winter had set in again, the sun finally appeared in time for another successful Easter egg hunt at the Pike House. Kids of all ages searched through the old orchard and garden, and filled their cheeks and pockets to bursting.

Intrepid locals seen foraging through hail and rain in ditches along Highland roads last weekend were dedicated garbage hunters in the Annual Cleanup. A participating group of youthful Girl Guides found the discarded remains of a recent robbery while gathering litter near Teanook Lake. After spending an exciting morning consulting with police officers at the local RCMP headquarters, one of them reported, "It was an awesome day!".

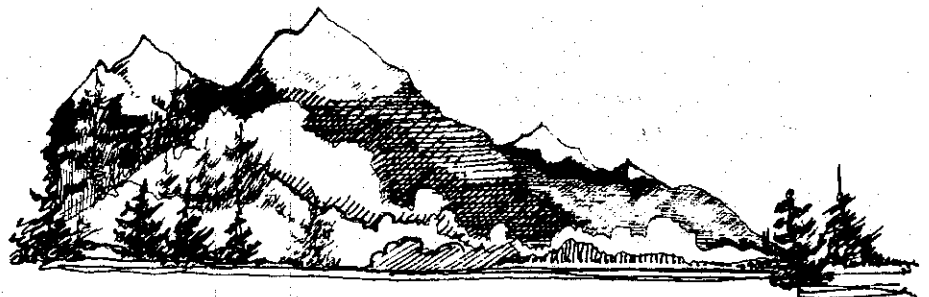
The Highland Heritage Park Society has received a Heritage Trust grant for the exterior restoration of the old log dairy behind the Pike House. Though the present one-holer may be more authentic, the Society hopes for assistance from Juan de Fuca Parks Commission in converting the interior to a public washroom for the homestead. Site foreman Jean Belanger continues work on the Gregory Homestead replica, the future caretaker house, and he will be assisted by Monday evening volunteers on the dairy project.

Overwhelming support of Langford's revised Community Plan marked the recent public hearing. Representatives of Block Bros. were roasted by Highlanders and others whose memory of the "promised parkland" fiasco was longer than the company hoped, and fresh promises of land for a firehall evoked a flurry of laughter and welcome comic relief.

HAND, the Highland Society for Natural Development is a group recently formed to promote activities and enterprises which enhance and complement the Greenbelt concept. Besides obvious recreational activities such as hiking, riding, fishing, swimming, scuba diving and the simple enjoyment of the natural outdoors, the group will be encouraging such appropriate land uses as small scale horticulture, agriculture, aquaculture, sustained yield forestry as well as rural tea houses, bed and breakfast establishments, retreats and conference centre.

Among other activities at the Pike House were two enthusiastically received film nights. Upcoming events include the first monthly Highland Farm, Garden and Kitchen Produce Market, Sunday, May 25th, 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Everybody welcome to buy and sell. Produce might include plants, fruits and vegetables, dairy products, eggs, baked goods, homemade candy, preserves, chickens, rabbits, wool, skins, etc. etc. Please note that it's not a flea market. A repeat of last year's highly successful Heritage Fair takes place August 24th.

Nancy McMinn



THE 12 TREES OF WILLIS POINT

DOUGLAS FIR

B.C. has 12 general tree zones. We live in the Coastal Douglas Fir Zone, and Douglas firs dominate Willis Point. Few towering old growth specimens remain in our second-growth forests, but you can find several in the Pezim hills and DND lands. Young Douglas firs thrive in our moist, warm climate beside the stumps of their ancestors.

GRAND FIR

This true fir looks a lot like a Douglas fir. But if you look closely at the needles, you see they are wider and much flatter than the needles of a Douglas fir. Also known as balsam, Grand fir has a symmetrical, conical shape. Douglas firs usually have a much more irregular shape.

WESTERN RED CEDAR

Cedar trees grow best in damp ground. Look for them near swampy places. Cedar needles are distinctively different from other kinds of evergreen needles. B.C.'s Native people used cedar trees to make everything from canoes to cedar bark cloth.

WESTERN HEMLOCK

Hemlocks grow best in rainy areas and dominate B.C.'s wet west coast. A few survive in our relatively drier climate, and are quite common around Durrance Lake. My favourite tree in the Highlands is the great old hemlock that divides Willis Point Road and Durrance Road. A hemlock's evergreen needles are short and bushy. Its tree top curls over.

WESTERN YEW

There are just a few yew trees in Willis Point. These normally small, scraggy, evergreens live in the shade of bigger trees. There are distinct open spaces between their flat, pointy needles. Not a hardwood, their hard wood was prized by Native people for use in tools such as adzes.

RED ALDER

These hardwoods grow like a weed all along the road, and anywhere else the natural landscape has been disturbed. Their role in the ecosystem is to recreate a favourable environment for the return of Douglas firs a generation later.

BIGLEAF MAPLE

These hardwoods produce huge maple leaves. They too spring up on disturbed soil, usually in wetter areas. Notice their thick trunks and the deep furrows in the bark.

ARBUTUS

Arbutus never grow far from the ocean. Each summer their reddish brown bark peels away to show fresh green bark underneath. These hardwoods keep their leaves over the winter, shedding about half of them every summer. Their thick branches seem to wander any which way they like.

GARRY OAK

Garry oaks grow best in dry regions such as Beacon Hill Park and Broadmead. Only a few stunted specimens of this distinctive hardwood survive in wetter Willis Point - on dry, rocky, exposed points.

PACIFIC DOGWOOD

In spring, their bright, creamy white flowers decorate the roadside. Only the flowers aren't actually flowers, but leaf-like bracts that surround the trees' true (but inconspicuous) flowers.

LODGEPOLE PINE

These pines can grow just about anywhere in B.C. Around here they find a home in drier, hotter, higher locations such as Partridge Hills and Mt. Work.

BLACK COTTONWOOD

Have you noticed the hefty hardwoods that hand over Durrance Lake? They are black cottonwood, which can only grow close to water.

(Have I feft any off the list? Please let me know. I ignored the willows because they seem to be more like massive shrubs than bushy trees.)

Sam Young



HILLTOPPER BAKEOFF CAKE BAKING CONTEST

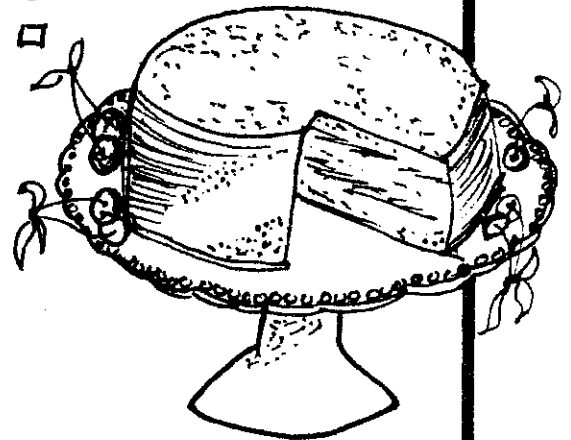
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TEEN (13-19)
ADULT (20-up)

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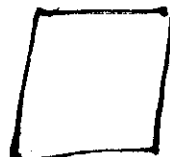
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HILLTOPPER

WILLIS POINT

An 8.85 km. race - up hill and down dale

DATE: June 22nd, 1986

TIME: 12 Noon, race starts

PLACE: Willis Point Community Hall

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RACE INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS:

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SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!