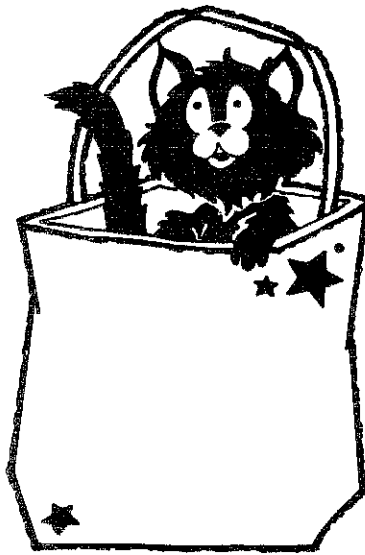


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Willis Point Ratepayers Association  
Annual General Meeting - Sept. 24, 1990

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: 37 members

Guests: Mr. Peter Robbins, Chairman, Highlands Area Planning Review Committee

Mr. Bob McMinn, Langford Advisory Planning Commission

Minutes of W.P.R.A. Annual General Meeting, Sept. 25, 1989 were read. Moved to adopt as read by Bill Wright. Seconded by Gaybrielle Halsey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Alan Cracknell.

WILLIS POINT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
89 SEPTEMBER 1 TO 90 AUGUST 31

FOR PRESENTATION TO GENERAL MEETING ON 90 SEPTEMBER 24

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balances - Bank 89.9.1	7553.01	C.R.D. (Hall)	3200.00
Cash 89.9.1	1.05	Copley Bros. (Fire Access Lane)	1175.00
New Members	55.00	Registrar of Companies	15.00
C.R.D. Grant (Fire Access Lane)	1250.00	Purchase of Piano	700.00
Pointer Advertizing	25.00	Registrtn.Fees	50.00
Pub Night	381.00	Pointer Printing	226.56
New Year's Eve	42.66	C.G.I.C. -	2000.00
Pointer - Prepaid Postage	25.00	Postage & Photocopying	34.54
Bank Interest	293.90	Balances - Bank 90.8.31 -	7175.43
Hilltopper	4958.98	- Cash 90.8.31-	9.07
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14585.60</b>		<b>\$14585.60</b>

PACIFIC COAST SAVINGS CREDIT UNION

5 Class - D Non-equity shares	5.00
11% C.G.I.C. maturing 90 Nov.14	<u>2000.00</u>
	<b>\$2005.00</b>

Moved by Alan Cracknell, seconded by Don Gorling to adopt as read. Motion carried.

Don Gorling moved that W.P.R.A. purchase by Oct. 15, 1990 a \$3,500 G.I.C. maturing in one years' time. Seconded by Dianne Twamley. Motion carried.

Alan Cracknell also noted that the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department Slow Pitch Team was nominated "Most Sportsmanlike Team" in their league. Also, John Laarakker from the team won the "President's Trophy" for most inspirational player.

Membership Report

There were 11 new memberships to the W.P.R.A. from Sept.

1989 to Sept. 1990.

Fire Committee/Recreation Commission Report by Pat Sloan

The Fire Protection Committee and the Recreation Commission are made up of the members of the community who have been appointed by the CRD to act on the CRD's behalf. Their budget money of \$40,000 covers the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department operating costs and the costs of running and maintaining the recreation hall and paying the mortgage. It is purely an administrative committee and there are no political involvements. The current members of this committee are: chairman Pat Sloan, Bob Halsey, Gloria Graham, Sydnie Bonner, Gary Butchart, Sam Young, and Joan McCandless. The fire Chief, Dave Carley, and the CRD representative, Rick Kasper, also attend the meetings. The number of meetings per year is dependent upon concerns and issues to resolve or discuss. This year was average, actually fairly quiet, and there were three meetings. The main one was last October to approve the 1990 operating budget.

The Committee has done extremely well in managing this money and estimating future costs and expenditures. There were six major vouchers and over 100 items, ranging from Hydro and Hall cleaning costs to major expenses such as our replacement fire truck fund, and we have ended the year right on target. The budget has worked so well over the last few years that we are now able to afford to set aside money for a new roof for the Hall to be built two years from now. The present roof is decaying and will cause structural damage unless replaced. The money is not being taken away from the truck fund to pay for the roof. Because of the high interest rate, the fire truck replacement fund is keeping up with inflation, and will be right on target when a new truck is needed, which is when our present first-line vehicle loses its certification. Dave Carley has all the exact figures.

At the Fire Commission's last meeting on Sept. 19, Pat Sloan was asked to bring the members' concerns to this AGM meeting. The major worry is the recent outbreak of vandalism, not only around the Hall, but also to private properties at Willis Point. These incidences range from pranks to actual property damage. Here are some examples:

A small fire was recently lit on the Hall porch. This was not the first time this has happened. This could have caused a serious fire and loss of the Firehall.

A rock was thrown from the outside through one of the washroom windows. The window had to be replaced. This costs money.

The storage shed behind the Hall has been broken into a number of times, had broken windows, and equipment stolen. The equipment was to help the Fire Department to restore it's vintage fire truck and is of no practical use to anyone except the Fire Department. The window and equipment had to be replaced and this meant more money.

A private unoccupied cottage had its door broken in and the windows smashed just last week. This is a serious offence.

A number of young people have been using another private property for drinking and smoking. There was concern raised about fires from their cigarettes.

And, most obvious to all of us, the information sign at the front of the Hall has been forced open, the letter tracks broken and the sign letters have been carefully rearranged into what most people here would consider obscene messages. As far as the sign goes, the Commission for the time being has decided to discontinue its use.

This all adds up to a fairly serious problem here at the Point. It has been established that these are not kids from outside - these are our children who are starting fires, defacing public property, putting up obscene signs, breaking doors and windows. The police have been called once already. So be warned.

To move on to a more positive note, the Commission would like to thank the Fire Department for the totally excellent job it does in keeping the community safe, and to thank the members for often going beyond their normal duties in helping out in the community. It is an outstanding group of people. The Commission also thanks Chief Dave Carley for his budget preparation and his leadership in the Fire Department. Thanks Dave. And we are lucky enough to have Sydnie Bonner to run the Hall again this year. This is a time-consuming job which involves organizing local hall rentals, outside rentals and Hall upkeep. Thank you Sydnie.

Sam Young will be Chairman of the Commission for the next year. We may have a vacant position on the Commission so if you are interested in standing, please talk to Sam. We also need the advice of someone in the neighbourhood on landscaping and maintenance of our trees and shrubs, so if you can help us please talk to Sam - we would be very grateful.

Moved by Pat Sloan, seconded by Jan Chapman to adopt as read. Motion carried.

#### Pointer Report

Jan Chapman reported that the number of articles submitted for the Pointer is decreasing. The Pointer is a forum for the neighbourhood to express ideas, points of view, articles of interest. Please take an active interest.

Deadline for the next issue: November 11, 1990.

#### Municipal Status Report

At this time the Municipality of Central Saanich has no interest in incorporating the Willis Point area.

Corporation of Saanich did a feasibility study on this issue which was completed in February 1990. The Fire, Police and Parks Departments felt there would be minimal problems with amalgamating Willis Point. The Planning Department and Finance Department were against the amalgamation. There is no point in further pursuing this matter.

At the April 1990 WPRA Executive Meeting a Local Community Status Committee was set up with members Gary Butchart, Alan Cracknell and Dave Carley.

Gloria Graham mentioned that the Highlands Area was looking at incorporation on their own but the WPRA Executive voted not to participate in the study.

#### Social Committee Report

Ida Von Schuckmann reported a very successful Hilltopper and

### Piano Pub Night.

Discussion of Happy Hour to celebrate opening of new road. Impromptu casual Happy Hour or more formal event with invited guests? A committee was established to organize the event. Members are Brian McCandless, Charlie Bommer, Sydnie Bonner, Bill Wright, Dean Hyland and Brenda Olmstead.

Ida Von Schuckmann delivered 6 cases of beer to the construction site of J.J.M. on Sept. 22, 1990.

### Road Report

Dianne Twamley reported that she phoned Mark Stevens at the Royal Oak Highways Maintenance Office about some major potholes not being repaired and the fill being dumped in the pull-offs. She mentioned again about concrete barriers for the top curve of Canyon Hill. The barriers are on their books to be studied. The yellow line will be redone when the new road is lined.

Bill Wright moved that the WPRA re-submit our letter to Mr. Richard Harold, District Manager, South Island District, Ministry of Highways, requesting that the new road be named "Willis Point Road". Seconded by Don Gorling. Motion carried.

The new road is .9 m. wider than originally planned. This will accommodate cyclists. No parking lot on the south side of Durrance Lake. A berm is being built to hide Hartland Road Landfill. The road should be complete in 2-3 weeks.

David Price feels there is deterioration in quality of road maintenance. He offered to assist in trying to improve the maintenance quality.

The phone number of Island Highways Maintenance Office will be published in next issue of the Pointer.

### Fire Department Report

Dave Carley reported there are 23 active members. The W.P.V.F.D. had 2 call outs recently, a car fire outside the area and a "first responder" call. When a call is made outside the fire protection area, the No 1 truck remains at the Hall with 4 firefighters stationed at the Hall as well. Three members of the W.P.V.F.D. have completed the difficult Industrial First Aid course.

There have been no major equipment problems this year. The Fire Dept. is at or under budget and has instituted new procedures for fire pre-planning. Questionnaires were distributed throughout the neighbourhood this summer.

### Election of Officers

Nominating Officer: Sam Young

Candidates:

Chairperson - Tony Boydell and Jan Chapman

Tony Boydell elected by secret ballot

Recording Secretary - Pat Williams, elected by acclamation

Treasurer - Alan Cracknell, elected by acclamation

2 Members at Large - Ken Leighton, Lorraine Pommen, elected by acclamation

Moved by Dave Carley, seconded by Gloria Graham to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

## New Business

1. Mr. Peter Robbins, Chairman, Highlands Area Planning Review Committee reported that the final draft of the Highlands Area Plan was late because Postal Station A balked at doing a partial mass mailing. The plan should be recieved today by all Highlands residents.

The plan was drafted from input recieved from open houses, questionnaires and an open public forum. It was revised and submitted to the CRD Planning Department for comment. The final draft is now completed and mailed out.

The revised Highlands Area Plan will be presented to the Langford Advisory Planning Commission, the Municipal Services Committee of the CRD and public hearings. There will be 3 readings of the plan. A fourth reading of the plan will be held after its submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

## 2. Tennis Court

Gaybrielle Halsey discussed the feasibility of constructing a tennis court at the Hall. It would be hard surface, controlled entrance with a user-pay system. Probably at rear of Hall by incinerator, possibly basketball hoops at each end. It will have to be approved by CRD and funding requests will be made to WPRAs and B.C. Lottery Fund. Paul Williams offered to assist. A proposal will be presented at the next WPRAs Executive meeting.

## 3. Playground

Ida Von Schuckmann passed around a list for interested parties to sign up to help with various aspects of the playground. It was suggested there should be an overall plan for recreation at the Hall. Don Gorling moved that WPRAs resurrect the old outdoor recreation plan and determine if it meets the current and future needs of the community. Seconded by Bill Wright. Motion carried.

## 4. Hartland Road Landfill

During the last year, the WPRAs has corresponded with the CRD expressing our concerns about the Hartland Road Landfill. None of the issues concerning Willis Point, such as testing of wells or air quality have been addressed by the CRD or the Ministry of Health. A new letter drafted by Ian Blaney and Barry Peeke-Voute re-stating the concerns of Willis Point and requesting action was read aloud. Tony Boydell moved that a revised stronger letter expressing Willis Point residents' concerns about the Hartland Road Landfill be submitted to the CRD with copies to all parties. A formal submission also to be made to the MacKay Commission. Seconded by Jan Chapman. Motion carried.

## 5. Earthquake Preparation

Dave Price reported that the Neighbourhood Block System for use in an emergency situation seemed applicable to our area. It needs co-operation and a lot of work to be viable. Dave Price and Tony Boydell will present a slide show on preparing for an earthquake and earthquake-proofing your house. A notice setting a meeting date will be placed in the next Pointer.

6. Vandalism

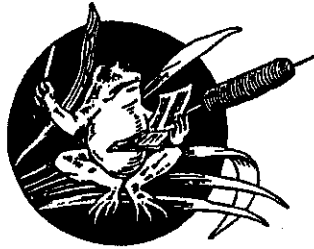
Charlie Bonner reported that at 7 pm Sept 14, 1990 the door of the cottage next to them was kicked in. A lot of internal damage was done, smashed beer bottles, cigarettes butts etc. This was done by neighbourhood children. Do you know where your children are?

Closing

Barry Peeke-Voute thanked all the executive members stepping down for their work and turned the chair over to newly elected Chairman, Tony Boydell. Tony thanked Barry for the fine job he did as Chairman over the past 2 years.

Karen Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pat Sloan. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.



**Kids!**  
**drop-in floor hockey**  
**sundays 10:30 a.m.**  
**at the hall**

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Willis Point Ratepayers Association  
Executive Meeting - October 22, 1990

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: chair Tony Boydell, Joyce Menzies, Lorraine Pommen, Lois Lovo, Gloria Graham, Gaybrielle Halsey, Pat Williams, Paul Williams, Alan Cracknell, Sydnie Bonner, Charlie Bonner, Barry Peeke-Voute, Joan McCandless, Ken Leighton, Dave Carley, Bob Halsey, Don Gorling

The minutes of the A.G.M. were read. It was moved by Sydnie Bonner and seconded by Joan McCandless that the minutes be adopted correct as read. Carried.

Chairman's Report

Tony noted that the Highlands Area Plan had been circulated and it is now up to individuals to respond. There is a lot of regional planning going on around us and we at Willis Point should decide where we stand in the process and in relation to those around us.

Regarding the Hartland Landfill, a revised letter is being sent to Murray Coell, Chairman, Capital Regional District asking for well monitoring etc. and calling for a meeting between WPRA and CRD.

There has been a renewal of discussion about a parking lot on the new road side of the lake. Tony will talk to Geoff Ward to make sure he knows WPRA objects to another parking lot. It was suggested to control access to the present parking lot by installing a gate. Perhaps it could be locked by locals at night.

Community Disaster Planning - Dave Price and Tony Boydell will prepare an educational show for residents with a disaster video of the San Francisco earthquake. The show will include what individuals can do in case of emergency, what the community as a whole can do, skills, supplies needed etc leading to a community plan.

Pointer - The Pointer is a useful tool but articles are decreasing. The WPRA should print a brief report about things discussed at our meetings and we will look for ways to reach the silent majority in our community. Perhaps we could publish more often or at different times. Jan Chapman is planning to give up editing the Pointer so we will need a volunteer.

Fire Committee and Recreation Committee - This group met Oct. 15, 1990 to review and approve the budget. The grounds and vandalism were discussed as well as a general discussion of the proposed tennis court. There will be no more dumping at the back of the Hall. A new roof will be provided in 2 years and a new fire truck in 1995. The 1991 budget is up 4%. It is hoped that our firefighters will be fully equipped by 1992. The insurances on individual properties vary and residents should check their policies. Perhaps a general article on insurance in this area could be put into the Pointer. Assessments have gone up 40-50%. It was felt that Hall rental fees should remain the same. Our payment to the CRD this year is \$3600. A note should go into the Pointer encouraging Hall use for badminton, cards, hockey, darts etc. Information could appear in the Pointer about how we pay for

the Hall and other details. Joyce Menzies will give a copy of the WFRM information sheet to Jan Chapman to insert into the Pointer. Vandalism - things are quiet at the moment but about 2 weeks ago a fire was set near the lower mailboxes. Some calls have been made to the RCMP. An article will be put into the Pointer to remind parents to keep track of their kids and to reinforce the fact that the community knows what is going on and that it is serious. Police councillors or advisors may be brought in. Maybe a police car could drive through here once in a while.

New Road Opening and Party - Charlie Bonner, is co-ordinating the party. Some formal invitations will be sent to government officials and DND people. The party will be casual. Brian McCandless will decorate. Tickets are \$1. Old timers are being contacted.

Other Business - Tennis Court - two possible sites were measured. 126' x 66' is the size of one court and the septic field must be avoided. Site 1 - The back of the Hall site has the advantages of being less expensive and doesn't affect the present playground site but about 20 trees would have to be cut and still the area would not be sunny, there is not much air flow in that area, it is right on the property line, it might affect future renovations to the Hall and half the parking lot would be used. Site 2 - The site of the present playground is the most favourable because there is good air flow, few trees to cut, it leaves the back parking lot intact and is a sunny, more visible site. It is more expensive to level and would use 2/3 of the playground location but the playground can relocate to perhaps an even better spot. Part of the playing field would be used. The total cost would be \$26,000 - \$32,000 with the sub-base, base, gravel and top costing \$20,000, gates \$4,000, green coating \$3,600, nets poles etc \$800. The court will lay roughly north-south. Alan Cracknell moved to recommend that the proposed tennis court site be Site 2. Seconded by Joyce Menzies. Passed. Tony will talk to Ida about relocating the playground and an integrated plan.

Liquor for the Bar - Bob Halsey proposed that the ratepayers finance a stock of liquor, mix etc, which would be taken home by the person holding a function, inventoried and passed on intact to the next person putting on a function. Bob will sell leftover liquor from the Nov. 3 party to the Ratepayers to start this process off. He will hold the stock until the next party when the next organizer takes over. Gloria Graham moved that the Ratepayers stock the bar. Seconded by Dave Carley. Carried.

Don Gorling moved that we recognize Dianne "Road Warrior" Twamley for her service as chairman from 1984 -1988 and Barry "Die Hard" Peeke-Voute, chairman 1988 -1990, with an appropriate engraved gift. Seconded by Bob Halsey. Carried.

It was agreed that the executive is the social committee as well so we should bring forward suggestions for social events.

Schedule of upcoming meetings - Monday January 14, 1991, April 15, 1991, August 26, 1991, and the AGM on September 23, 1991. Tony Boydell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. Seconded by Alan Cracknell. Carried.

## RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

At the Annual General Meeting on September 24, four new officers were elected to replace those retiring: Chairman, Tony Boydell; Recording Secretary, Pat Williams; Members-at-Large, Lorraine Pommen and Ken Leighton. A special vote of thanks to those who served the Ratepayer's Association so well - in particular to Barry Peeke-Vout after two years at the helm!

The new Executive Committee met on October 22 to deal with a number of matters and agreed to report on such meetings in The Pointer as a means of communicating effectively with the community at large. Among the issues discussed, the following may be of interest to Willis Pointers.

As you know, the Hartland Road Landfill continues to be a problem which the Capital Regional District prefers to avoid. At issue are the methane gas emissions which affect both drivers on the road as well as some people living in the area. Also, the potential for groundwater, and therefore well, contamination is of concern to the W.P.R.A. Recently, the Executive sent a strongly worded letter, the latest in a series of letters, to Murray Coell, Chairman of the CRD Board, requesting a response to questions of concern and a meeting. Mr. Coell has since replied, passing the responsibility for any further action to his Chief Engineer, Mike Williams. So far, there has been no further communication.

Some months ago, the previous executive had been in touch with Dave Price regarding the development of some emergency response planning for a major earthquake. Dave has experience with military emergency planning and has joined forces with Tony Boydell to put together a presentation to the community on what to do in the event of a major earthquake. No date has yet been set as more preparation is required. A meeting will be advertised and Dave and Tony will be looking for feedback from interested members of the community.

The issue of vandalism in the community was discussed at length. Members felt that although there seemed to be a number of identified culprits, it would be better to enlist the support of the R.C.M.P. to provide a "neutral ground" on which to address the problem. The actions taken to date are reported on elsewhere in this issue of The Pointer.

The Willis Point Fire Committee and Recreation Commission reported on their annual budget meeting and requested that W.P.R.A. pay the sum of \$3,600.00 to cover the shared cost of running the recreation centre during 1990. This is an ongoing commitment by W.P.R.A. to an operating budget which has increased, on the average, by about \$60.00 per year. Fire

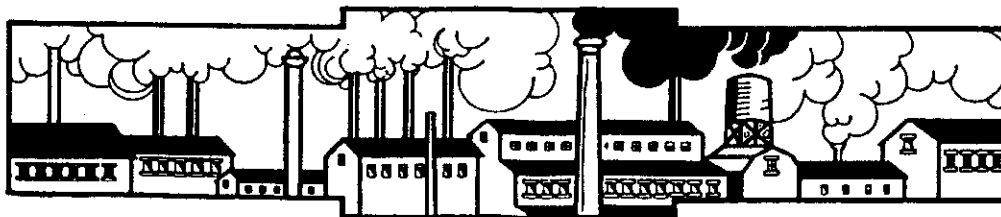
insurance was also discussed and it was pointed out that some companies offer better rates for our type of rural community than others. It may be worth shopping around!

Gaybrielle Halsey has undertaken to explore the feasibility of building a tennis court for the community in the recreation area. After surveying various locations, it was recommended that the Executive endorse a proposed location to the south of the hall in the general vicinity of the old playground. This would entail moving the proposed new playground further away from the road and into the northeast corner of the field. The Executive Committee supported this recommendation.

The Executive Committee meets formally four times a year, on Monday evenings, with the schedule of meeting dates for 1991 as follows: January 14th, April 22nd, August 26th, and the Annual General Meeting on September 23rd.

Comments, ideas or suggestions relating to the above issues, or any other issues, are welcome. Please contact me or any other member of the Executive.

Tony Boydell.



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## VANDALISM IN THE COMMUNITY

In recent months there have been a number of incidents of vandalism such as destruction of community property at the Recreation Centre, breaking and entering a cabin, and setting fires. This appears to be the work of a small number of kids in this community who are giving the rest a bad name. The Executive of the Ratepayer's Association has discussed the problem and has placed the matter in the hands of the R.C.M.P., Sidney Detachment.

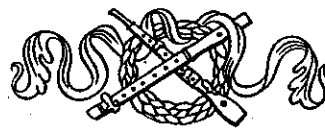
The R.C.M.P. has advised us that they are prepared to deal with any suspects as the situation demands. Unless the vandalism is stopped, it may well lead to incidents of a more serious nature involving significant property loss or personal injury. Parents of kids in the 11 to 16 year age group - are you aware of what your child does with leisure time around Willis Point?



## HAPPY 100TH SURPRISE

We would like to thank all of you who gathered together for just us two. We will always remember what you did for the seventy year old - and the thirty year kid. You are special people to us you see and in our hearts you will always be.

## THE OLD GEEZER &amp; THE FUZZ PLEEZER



## A TENNIS COURT AT WILLIS POINT ?

For those of you who were unable to attend the AGM in September I would like to apprise you of a new project that is getting underway. For a long time I have always wished we had a tennis court at Willis Point, instead of having to drive to Brentwood or Royal Oak to hopefully stand in line for a game. This year, instead of wishing I decided to see if it was a feasible idea. Consequently, I started talking to people and found many "closet" tennis players! Paul Williams agreed to work with me on this and we got a group together consisting of Bob & Karen Scott, Ken Leighton, Jan Chapman & Wim Leeuw, Joel Cotter and our font of practical knowledge Butch Cleland, The reasons for having a tennis court:

1. It is a clean, healthy fresh air sport.
2. It can be played at any age, by anyone who can walk, see and hold a racket.
3. Once learned it can be played anywhere in the world, day or night, as long as you are active.
4. It's a simple game to get organised - you only need one other person!
5. It's a game families can play.
6. It will enhance our property values.
7. It will be good for the children. I'm not a great tennis player, but I have had a lot of lessons and would be more than happy to give free tennis coaching to youngsters after school and on Sunday mornings.
8. It could have extra use by putting removable hoops at each end of the court.

First matter at hand was to decide where to locate the court. After large amounts of measuring and taking into consideration air flow, sunniness, number of trees to be removed etc, it was decided that the best site would be where the playground was originally planned. This would necessitate resiting the playground onto the field, which may be a plus as it is more level and definitely sunnier. Having got that far, a letter is being sent to the CRD asking permission to go ahead with it.

Money! How do we pay for this? We have had an estimate and know we are looking at approx. \$30,000, which could be lowered by using residents' labour and connections. Once we have CRD approval, we will do an all out investigation of what grants are available to us. This is not something that is going to go up next Spring - it may take a while to get the money organized - could be 3 years. If we start on it now we may be playing on the court when the Commonwealth Games are here.

When we finally get the court, we are, at the moment, considering a closed court system with a member user fee. For a minimal annual subscription a family would get a key. There could also be afternoon club days, tournaments and an ongoing ladder system. I think not only tennis players, but spectators could have enjoyable afternoons.

If anyone has any questions or qualms about this, please feel free to call anytime. My number is 652-4195. Paul's is 652-0223. Gaybrielle Halsey

UPDATE: CRD has said go ahead, but we're to keep them apprised of progress when we actually start work. Also, Dave Carley did some investigating and found that if anyone wants to donate money to this project, for \$10 or over a tax deductible receipt can be issued. Cheques to be made out to CRD with a memo on re Willis Point Tennis Court Fund. Cheques to be given to Dave Carley.

#### AEROBICS:

After hopefully a not too sedentary summer, fitness enthusiasts returned to classes in September when we welcomed several new participants. At that time we began to work with a new format - instead of working at a high intensity for a shorter duration, we now work at a combination hi/low intensity for an extended period of time, in so doing we burn more fat.

Weight control is only one of many benefits to be derived from participating in aerobic activity.

Aside from the serious business of maintaining physical fitness our group also socializes once in a while. We had our annual weekend at Madrona Beach, Parksville, in May, and are now planning a ski weekend at Mt. Washinton Jan 18-20. Our Christmas dinner is planned for Dec. 18th at the Latch - we do have fun! Join us: Tues, Thurs 7:15 PM Katie Cotter 652-2039



**MEN'S FLOOR HOCKEY**  
Tuesday Evenings  
8:30 pm. Everybody  
welcome at the hall.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 16th, 5 PM - Santa Party &  
Pot luck Supper

Jan. 25th - 2nd Annual Chili  
Contest

March - Aerobics Happy Hour

## ROAD OPENING

On November 3rd, 1990 a road completion celebration was held at the Willis Point Fire and Recreation Hall. The hall was filled to capacity with local residents, neighbours from Durrance and Pease Lakes, representatives from the DND as well as politicians from all levels of government.

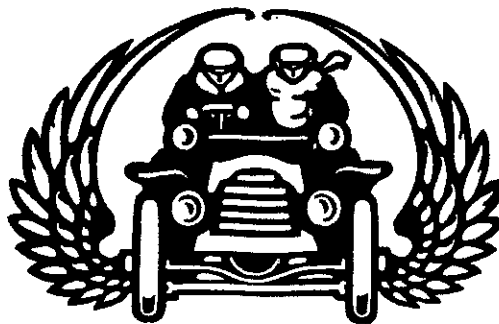
Ratepayers chairman Tony Boydehl welcomed our guests which included Minister of Finance M. Couvelier and his wife, MLA Dr. T. Huberts and his wife, MLA C. Serive and his wife, DND reps Lt. Col. L. Cade and his wife, Mr. D. Beamish, Base Property officer DND and his wife.

Past Chairmen of our Ratepayers Assoc. Dianne Twamley and Bary Peeke-Vout were presented with gifts in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the community.

The event was a great success due to the work put in by such people as Brian McCandless who pulled everything together and will be remembered for introducing many of us to "Karaoke".

Thanks for the teamwork of Gaybrielle and Bob Halsey, Karen and Bob Scott, Megan Ilott, Kathy and Ken Ilott, Don Lovo, Neil and Denise Tregear, Sarah Weir, Brenda Olmstead, Pat and Paul Williams, Joan McCandless, Joan Wright, Dianne Twamley and super chef Dean Hyland.

The display of singing talent from members of our community was most impressive, largely due to all being very relaxed. Speaking of relaxed, thanks to the bar, the evening showed a profit of \$350.00. Charlie Bonner



## HELP WANTED

### To Make the Playground a Reality:

The old playground has been dismantled and the site cleared. Hopefully construction can begin on "Phase I" in the new location by Spring. We need volunteers in all capacities: ie. phoning, planning, materials donated, construction etc. Please call and let me know what talents you have to offer.

Thank you. Ida ven Schuckmann 652-0050

HISTORY OF WILLIS POINT by Ken Leighton  
based on an interview with Glen Twamley

The year was 1946. The land around Willis Point was due to be logged by the Copley Brothers, Norm and Frank. Sections 42 and 43, which now contain the subdivided part of Willis Point, were for sale by a syndicate for a grand total of \$15,000, with \$5,000 down and the balance at 4% interest.

Glen Twamley bought the two sections and then had the Copley Bros. build logging roads and take out the logs. He received almost enough for the logs to pay for the \$10,000 balance.

In 1950 Glen subdivided 43 waterfront lots of approx. one acre each with 150 feet of waterfront. Lot 1 was at Tod Inlet (Jorgan Baess) and Lot 43 is now the Hurley's.

There was no legal road into the subdivision, but the lots were joined by a twenty foot wide lane with Glen named after his eldest son Mark.

When the property was divided there were already some seasonal squatters with shacks built on the land. They were given first option to buy the land where their shacks were built. One of these squatters bought three choice lots, obtained foreshore rights, and built a wharf plus rental cabins at what became known as Ricky's Roost.

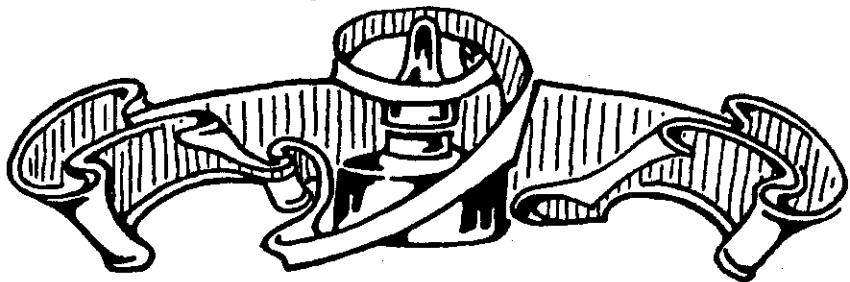
Glen hired a bulldozer to keep Copley's logging road passable on the 27% grade down the hill. He put up 4'X 8' sheets of plywood for signs along the waterfront for fishermen to see. Waterfront lots were advertised for \$600 to \$2500 with \$100 down with the balance at 6%. This was water access only - no legal road access.

Some of the early lot owners were Stan Rickinson, Ted Bull, Godfrey Paul and of course Glen Twamley. These men had to dig wells and install hand pumps as there was no electricity until about 1959.

Mrs. Rickinson, Stan's widow, lived here permanently in the early '60s. She was the only permanent resident at the time.

We'll hve more WP history in a future Pointer.

Ken Leighton



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR JUNK  
MAIL ON TOP OF THE MAILBOXES.  
IT LEAVES AN UNSIGHTLY MESS  
THAT YOUR NEIGHBOURS HAVE TO  
CLEAN UP!!

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

Just a short note as I dodge rain drops. How about that road?! It even has its own built in perfume. Definitely settles the stomach after a high speed drive over the top.

The department held the annual election of officers and Firefighter directors etc. To all: Congratulations.

As usual we were visited by the Great Garbage Wood man, who left us with another pile to burn. He even left us a little green shed. Sure burnt nice. Even with direction from Chief Dave Carley I couldn't ventilate its roof. The DND sure made those suckers tough. It did look good on its mount the next day, down on the range.

Still got that pocket full of dud flares Fuzz? You sure would have looked neat hopping around if they went off. Thanks again to all Firefighters, flare starters, Bar Hops & Goody Givers. See you next year or when Santa needs a lift.

The last I heard from Paul Williams was he was out at Belmont Park cleaning off manhole covers.

A few members made the trip out to Sidney for the Tri Dept. Halloween dance with Doc & the Dooops. Great dance, but French Flies...Really!!

Bill Wright, Deputy Chief



WELCOME TO:

George Holt

Beverly Cox & Frank Perera

Jill & John Stevens