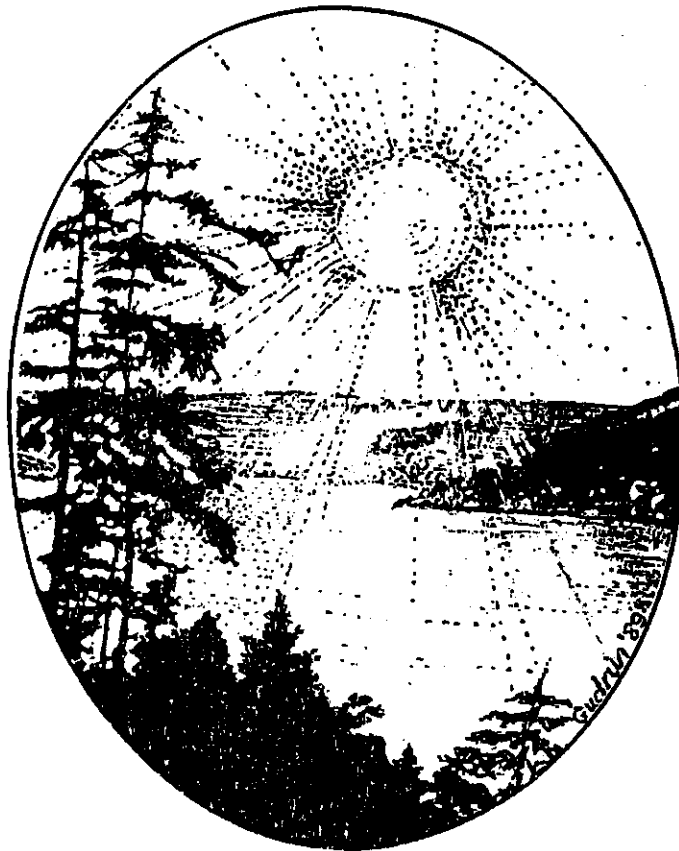


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the **POINTER**



Sept. **'91**



TO THE POINT

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

I am sure all of you will wish to join me in thanking our retiring editor, Jan Chapman, for her tireless efforts in continuing to provide Willis Pointers with a community newspaper.

Both I, and Pat Williams as assistant editor, have had experience in editing newsletters in the past but The Pointer is altogether a different kind of challenge - we hope to do it justice!

It is my intention, as editor, to use The Pointer as a medium to let the community speak. Therefore, I am dependent on you!

Whether your contribution is a write-up of a past event, an historical anecdote about Willis Point, a call for participation, a poem, sketch or even an advertisement, The Pointer is what you make it.

Please feel free to drop off your contributions at any time up to the next Pointer submission deadline of November 1st.

Please contact Bernadette at 652-5032 or Pat at 652-0223.

Bernadette Boydell
Editor.

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| Sunday Sep. 15 | Soap Box Derby & Evolutions. 11.00am. at the Community Hall. |
| Monday Sep. 23 | Ratepayer's Annual General Meeting. 7.30pm. at the Community Hall. |
| Saturday Nov. 7 | Pub Nite & Dart Tournament. 7.00pm at the Community Hall. |
| Monday Nov. 18 | Fashion Show of Juhli's Fashions at the Halsey's, time TBA. |

WPRA 2 news

Willis Point Ratepayers Association
Executive Meeting - August 29, 1991

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

Present: chair Tony Boydell, Joyce Menzies, Pat Williams, Alan Cracknell, Sydnie Bonner, Ken Leighton, Sam Young, Joan McCandless, Don Gorling, and Gloria Graham.

The minutes of the Apr 22 meeting were read. It was moved by Joyce Menzies, seconded by Alan Cracknell that the minutes be adopted correct as read. Carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The community disaster planning is still in the works. Bernadette Boydell is the new editor of the Pointer. Concern was again expressed that we call Highways and Maintenance to insure that the road is ploughed for the school bus.

Treasurer's Report

Alan presented the financial report covering the last year and it will be available at the AGM. Our GIC matures Oct 1. Don Gorling moved to adopt the report correct as presented. Seconded by Sydnie Bonner. Carried.

In the past the Ratepayers received a grant from the CRD Regional Director to help with the cost of producing the Pointer. Alan will find out if we can still get this.

Alan presented a budget for the coming year and some adjustments were made to reflect the fact that we must pay \$3700 yearly to CRD. This year, \$2000 was paid in advance so we only owe \$1700 remaining on our account. We will find out why 2 payments were made this year and decide about the future. It was decided that the financial arrangements for the Hilltopper worked well and would remain in place. Disbursements of the profits are the decision of the WPRA. We have a healthy bank account and need to decide what to do with it. There is approx. \$700 allowed yearly by CRD for playground or recreation use. If not used it has been rolled over into the equipment replacement fund so this fund is growing faster than expected. Some may be used to replace the roof of the Hall. There is some confusion surrounding this issue. We should begin to plan our fiscal management long term.

We may make an offer to the tennis committee to help top up their account so the GO BC grant can be processed. Other ideas for consideration: Don Gorling will check costs of building a permanent bar area, Ken Leighton will report on costs of building a boat launching ramp at Quiet Lane, and the Hall needs a new dishwasher. Alan moved that we put the GIC into a 30 day term deposit once it matures so we will be have funds available if we decide to use it. Seconded by Don Gorling. Carried.

Membership

Joyce reported 4 new members. They will be noted in the Pointer.

Fire Committee and Recreation Commission

Sam reported that there had been much discussion regarding expanding the district and alternative solutions to our

jurisdictional problems. The firefighters voted 15-4 to expand to include an area of the road and park, which would legitimize what has been happening in case of accidents etc. on the road. The firefighters then took this proposal to the Fire Committee to implement. The committee predicts it will mean a 10% increase in the budget by adding Pease Lake and Durrance Lake and a mini pumper would be needed to properly service the expanded area. An information package was sent to all residents and a public meeting held on July 28. An opinion poll was taken with 85% of regular residents responding. 55 in favour, 49 against. The committee voted 5-0 to accept the proposal and take it to the CRD to implement this year. At the moment the issue is stalled at the CRD level. There is a meeting Aug. 27 to find out where everything stands. The liability coverage issue and financial issues must be addressed before any action can be taken.

New Roof

We were planning to replace the roof of the Hall next year but it must be done this year. We have an estimate of \$16,000 for a brown metal roof.

AGM

The positions of vice-chair, corresponding secretary, membership co-ordinator and one member-at-large come up for vote this year. Alan Cracknell will head the nominating committee. Anyone interested in serving on the executive, please contact Alan. The AGM will be held on Monday, September 23, 1991 at 7:30 at the Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

Pat Williams
Recording Secretary



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PHONE KEN LEIGHTON AT 652-2686

WHAT IS THE WILLIS POINT FIRE COMMITTEE AND RECREATION
COMMISSION?

(And Are You Interested In Serving On It?)

The "Commission", as it is usually called, is an official body made up of seven Willis Point property owners appointed by the Capital Regional District (CRD). The current members are Sam Young (chair), Patricia Sloan, Gloria Graham, Sydnie Bonner (hall manager) Joan McCandless, Bob Halsey and Gary Butchart.

The eighth member is the Regional Director for the Langford Electoral District. Our current Regional Director is Dave Dalby.

The Commission is the legally constituted body that works as an arm of the CRD to administer the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department and the community hall. It is not to be confused with the Willis Point Ratepayers Association (WPRA), which is a society formed to preserve and improve the quality of life in Willis Point. However, to maintain continuity between the two separate organizations, the seven local Commission members automatically become members of the executive of the WPRA.

The two main official duties of the Commission, as laid out in various CRD bylaws, are (1) to appoint the Fire Chief, and (2) to establish the annual budget for the fire department and community hall. This budget, which currently totals about \$30,000 annually, is paid for through your property taxes.

Because of extensive volunteer work in the past in maintaining the hall and grounds, and because the Willis Point Ratepayers Association makes an annual contribution to the Commission to offset the operating expenses of the community hall, community taxes have always been kept to a bare minimum.

The WPRA contribution to the Commission in 1990 was \$3700. This money was raised, as it is every year, through the Hilltopper.

Each member of the Commission serves a two-year term. Historically, each member's term is renewed automatically unless the member chooses to step down. The Fire Chief is a non-voting member of the Commission. He also serves as the main liaison between the CRD and Commission.

Commission meetings are held as required. The principal meeting of the year is held each October when the budget is prepared for the following fiscal year.

As of December 1991, there will be at least one vacant position on the Commission. If any property owner in Willis Point is interested in serving on the Commission, please contact Sam Young at 652-3859.

THE OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARIES
OF THE WILLIS POINT FIRE DISTRICT

SUMMARY

The proposal that was circulated to all Willis Point residents in mid-July to extend the fire district boundaries has been replaced by a new plan to expand emergency medical and fire service along Willis Point Road as far as the Saanich boundary. This expanded service will cover the one road only. It will not include Durrance Lake, Pease Lake, Mt. Work Park and the surrounding forests.

This new plan enjoys the unanimous support of the fire chief and the volunteer fire department. To provide this expanded service, the fire department needs to purchase a mini-pumper truck. Such trucks are rare and quite expensive. However, a good, inexpensive, used pumper truck is available from the Central Saanich Fire Department until the end of September.

The Fire Committee and Recreation Commission (the "Commission") therefore has decided to purchase the mini-pumper while it is still available.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

For the last 14 years the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department has answered fire and emergency calls outside of its specified fire district. Early in 1991 the Capital Regional District (CRD) informed the department that volunteers who attended fires or medical emergencies outside of the fire district would not be covered by the CRD insurance program. Consequently, the department discontinued answering calls outside the fire district.

However, the fire department, in wishing to protect the members of our community, wanted to attend medical emergencies and fires on Willis Point Road beyond the fire district, especially so they could respond to vehicular accidents.

After considerable research, and following consultation with the CRD, the department was advised that they the only way it could legally cover the road was to extend the boundaries of the existing fire district on a section by section basis. This proposed extension required the inclusion of Durrance Lake and Pease Lake areas. The overall proposal ultimately was endorsed by the Commission, which then calculated the tax consequences. When all the facts were assembled, a group of fire fighters, working as a Steering Committee of the Commission, distributed a four

page information package door to door outlining the boundary extension proposal. A key element of the proposal was the purchase of a mini-pumper from the Central Saanich Fire Department by the end of September.

A public meeting was held at the Hall on July 28 to explain the proposal and solicit general community support. Discussion was animated, and many criticisms surfaced. Chief among these were concerns that the Willis Point Fire Department could not adequately cover the proposed expanded area because of limited manpower, especially around Durrance Lake and the forests surrounding Willis Point.

A petition was circulated to resident property owners from July 29 to July 31, giving one vote per tax assessment to indicate acceptance or rejection of the proposal. The final tally was 54 in favour and 49 opposed. This was a total of 103 responses out of 123 resident property owners. Several households abstained, which meant that approximately 85 percent of the community registered its opinion. Given this very thorough canvassing of the community, and determining it to be in the best interests of the community and the fire department, on July 31 the Commission voted 5-0 to forward the boundary extension proposal to the CRD for rapid implementation.

A new bylaw had to be written, and the full CRD board would have to approve it. Regional Director Dalby assured the Commission that he would guide the proposal through the CRD, but somewhere along the line everything bogged down. No bylaw was ever prepared by the CRD, despite the best efforts of the Willis Point Steering Committee to help write it.

Matters remained at a standstill until August 27, when Bill Jordan, Executive Director of the CRD, called a meeting with Dave Carley, Sam Young, Tony Boydell, Director Dave Dalby and CRD Treasurer Diana Trueman. Everyone attended except Director Dalby.

The entire boundary extension issue was discussed once again. During the course of the discussion Dave Carley brought up the concept of a "ribbon corridor", whereby the CRD might authorize the fire department to provide fire and emergency services along Willis Point Road all the way to the Saanich border. Apparently there was a precedent for this corridor concept in the Prince George region, but it was not a concept Bill Jordan was familiar with. He promised to consult with the CRD lawyer and get back to the Commission. Within 24 hours he phoned Sam Young and confirmed that the CRD could prepare a bylaw authorizing the fire department to service Willis Point Road only.

Compared to the proposal to extend the fire district boundaries, this corridor concept is a much simpler way of achieving the fire department's basic objective of providing fire and emergency

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service all along Willis Point Road. Chief Carley brought the corridor concept to the fire department on August 28 where it was endorsed unanimously.

The corridor concept also overcomes many of the objections the community raised in July about the proposed boundary extension, particularly since the road area to be covered does not include any part of Durrance Lake, Pease Lake, and the surrounding forests. The Commission therefore has decided to replace the boundary extension proposal in favour of the corridor concept.

What remains the same between the old and new proposals is the need to purchase the mini-pumper by the end of September. The truck will cost approximately \$12,000, plus taxes. There are also additional annual operating expenses. Helping to keep down total costs are four sponsorships raised by the fire department of \$500.00 each from McCain Foods, Minute Maid/Coca Cola, SunPac Foods and the Campbell Soup Company.

The increase in taxes to Willis Point residents to purchase the mini-pumper will be approximately \$32.00 on a property assessed at \$140,000, and \$46.00 on a property assessed at \$200,000.

The Commission has asked CRD Executive Director Bill Jordan to begin preparing the new bylaw authorizing the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department to provide emergency and fire services along Willis Point Road as far as the Saanich boundary. In addition, it has advised the Central Saanich Fire Department of its intention to purchase the mini-pumper by the end of September.

At the September 23 Annual General Meeting of the Willis Point Ratepayers Association, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Commission if you need further clarification of the change in status of the proposal. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments please call Sam Young at 652-3859.

(But please don't call and ask why we didn't propose the corridor concept in the first place. When the steering committee and the Commission first began investigating this whole question last Spring, the CRD did not consider the corridor concept to be an option. The CRD advised that the only way to cover Willis Point Road was to expand the fire district.

The corridor concept only came to light in later months, and then only vaguely in informal conversation. It was not until Bill Jordan consulted with the CRD lawyer on August 27/28 did the corridor concept become a legitimate option in the eyes of the CRD bureaucracy. It would be fair to conclude, therefore, that the process Willis Point went through in deciding whether or not

to extend our fire district boundaries ultimately served as a catalyst to the CRD to come up with the simpler alternative which is basically what the fire department wanted in the first place.)

Sam Young.



THE NEW ROOF

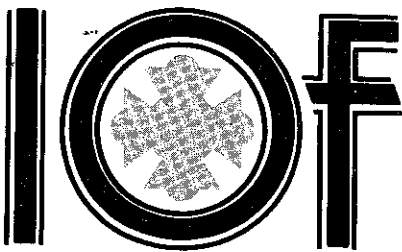
After some 16 years of fending off sun, rain, wind, snow (and bite of dog?) the cedar shake roof on the fire and recreation hall needs to be replaced. Because of the roof design, the shakes did not receive proper ventilation and deteriorated more rapidly than originally expected. (Frankly, it has been leaking like a sieve.)

The Commission made the decision to replace the old cedar shake roof this year with a new metal roof. This new roof, which has just been installed by Armour Sheet Metal at a total cost of \$16,749.70, is expected to last the lifetime of the building.

How much are your taxes going up to pay for the new roof? Not one cent. Through careful budgeting, over the years the Commission has set aside more than enough money to finance the entire re-roofing project.

Sam Young

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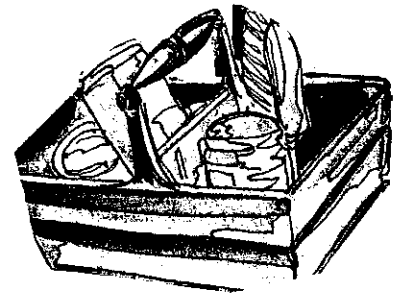


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WILLIS POINT TENNIS COURT AND PLAYGROUND

UPDATE

As it has been summer (of some sort!), no fund raising has taken place. A decision was made at a recent Recreation Commission meeting to combine our efforts with those of Ida von Schuckmann on the playground planning. It makes sense to do the two together as, when we eventually have the machinery in, we can erect the playground components at the same time.

As far as our funding goes, this is the latest:

1. Our planned budget is \$33,000.00.
2. "Go B.C." will not consider our application for one third of the money until the community has raised one third.
3. Our application for a casino licence is under way. All being well, we should get three dates to help out downtown casinos in November. What this will raise is unknown and will depend on the gain on the nights.
4. At the Annual General Meeting, we will be asking the Ratepayer's Association for a contribution as their funds have been raised by the community.
5. We have \$5,000.00 from the Capital Regional District's Grant-in-Aid Fund. "Go B.C." will not count that as part of the community funding, unfortunately.
6. There is also \$2,000.00 raised from a combination of the last Dart Nite, Juhli's Fashion Show, and a donation. We are staging another Dart Nite on Saturday November 9th and a Christmas Juhli's Fashion Show on Monday November 18th.
7. Anyone who wishes to make a donation of \$10.00 or more (and we would welcome you with open arms!!) would they please make it payable to the Capital Regional District, refer to the Willis Point Tennis Fund, and give it to Dave Carley (652-3207). In this way you can get a charitable deduction tax receipt.

So that is where things are at! We'll be working hard to get the tennis court started next Spring, and to get the playground in place too.

Your tennis group -

Paul Williams, Gaybrielle Halsey, Karen Scott, Ken Leighton, Jan Chapman.

WILLIS POINT HISTORY #3

Based on an interview with Ed and Ivy Blunt
by Ken Leighton

Ed and Ivy moved out here permanently in 1968. Ralph and Bobbie Anderson were already living here, and Ted Bull was renting cabins to fishermen in the area where Tribes and Bates now live. Ted Bull also had several rental cabins above Mark Lane which burned down many years ago.

One of the Blunt's memorable days was in 1972 when Muriel Armstrong, Ivy Blunt, Lynn Mawson and Mrs. Johnson (Ivy's mother) were returning from voting in the provincial election in Muriel's '67 Buick. The brakes failed while they were coming down the 27 degree grade hill. They hit a ditch and a tree, then flipped over onto the road again. When Ivy came out of the anaesthetic in hospital, the first thing she heard was a radio announcement that Dave Barrett had been elected premier of B.C. In spite of some serious injuries all four ladies recovered.

Some of the kids at Willis Point in those days were David Paul, Ken and Bill Blunt and Mark Twamley, who used to drive his father's truck along Mark Lane when he was about 11 years old. (Maybe he figured he owned the road.)

Some early residents were the Browns and their six year old daughter. They were squatters who had built a cabin from small nearby trees on what is now the Miller's property. They kept chickens, grew vegetables and collected a few wild onions. They rowed to Brentwood to shop and walked to Wallace and Durrance Road to pick up their mail. The old cabin was set on fire by the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Dept. in a very realistic fire practice over ten years ago.

In the 1960's it was possible to drive out Hartland Road, past the dump and out to Durrance Lake and Willis Point. Later the Willis Point residents used to avoid the big hill by coming down the power line road onto Mark Lane about a half mile north of McKenzie Bight. The remains of this washed out road can still be seen as you walk from Mark Lane to McKenzie Bight.



HILLTOPPER RACE 1991

This annual event has become a regular, Father's Day fixture for the running community in the Greater Victoria area, providing a unique challenge of tough hills, rough trails, and often hot weather in the middle of the day. What other race also provides such great opportunities for post race fun and relaxation?

This year was special because this was the tenth anniversary and it was only fitting that the course record fell with a magnificent run by Gary Barber! It is hard to believe for those who have been involved with this race for so long that it is ten years since Tony Boydell and Sandy Foreman created this monster that we have come to know and love!

This year, the weather was ideal for running and some excellent times were recorded in all of the categories. Willis Point was well represented in the field of 116 runners with Bob Wooff heading up the 21 local entries in a time of 37:11.

Well done everyone and see you again next year!

Tony Boydell.

The Pointer is saddened to hear of the loss of one of our pioneer neighbours, Alfred Clinch of 7212 Mark Lane.

Alf acquired his property at Willis Point 34 years ago and prior to his retirement worked for Automotive Sales Co. During World War II he was a Flying Officer engaged in the Mediterranean and Egypt.

Alf had a wide variety of interest and hobbies. He preserved wild flowers, was a skillful wood and stone carver and a raconteur without equal. He was also involved in many aspects of soccer including managing.

His love of the outdoors, particularly fishing, drew him to Willis Point. Being one of the last to accept electric power and indoor plumbing illustrated his love for the simple life.

Alf leaves family and friends in England, Canada and especially in Victoria and Willis Point.

NEW WILLIS POINT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Brian and Linda Dallin are building their home on Willis Point Road.

Greg and Connie McInnis are also on Willis Point Road.

Thelma Dow lives on Steamer Drive.

Dr. Peter and Linda Gary on Sea-Aira Heights.

Bill and Martha Herriot, long time summer residents on Mark Lane, have now opted for year round residency.

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

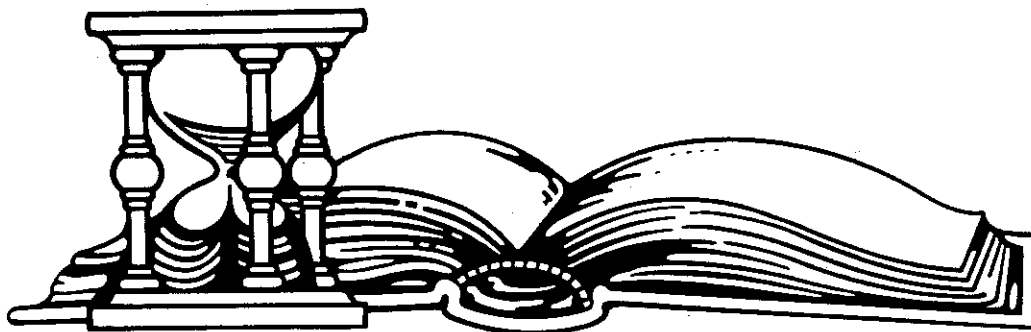
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Susan	652-3816	after Supper
Lorraine	652-5815	after Supper
Gladys	652-9986	anytime



FOURTH WILLIS POINT FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION SOAP BOX DERBY

Sunday, September 15, 1991 at 11.00am.

Added attraction this year will be the Fire Fighters Evolutions (a kind of Olympic Games for Fire Departments.)

Watch your home team try to win the coveted "Blowers" Trophy from the likes of Sidney, North Saanich, Central Saanich, Saanich and Langford Fire Departments.

SPECIAL TREAT a dunk tank! 3 balls for one dollar - choose your favourite fire fighter for a good soaking!

Will the Korhonens control the Soap Box Derby again this year?

For Derby Information contact:	Ken Illott	652-6033
	Neil Tregear	652-6893
	Bill Wright	652-3254

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Ken Illott.

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PROCEEDS TO THE TENNIS COURT AND PLAYGROUND

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

The dust is starting to settle from the discussion about the expansion of the Fire Department boundaries. It seems to have settled down to a plan to expand to only protect the road from the Saanich boundary to the present boundary. We'll keep you posted!

The department was asked to help search for a lost little boy at the Point who went missing near Tod Inlet. Happily he was found within an hour near Sea-Aira Heights.

A special thanks to Ken and Janice Leighton for use of their beach for the Fire Fighters Annual Beach Party. Thanks also to Dean Hyland for providing such a delicious salmon, or could the credit go to the head chef Vern McConnell, and chefs Ilott and Wright who created the special sauce with a secret ingredient that Pat Sloan brought clutched in her hand.

Definitely some interesting styles of paddling in the great kayak races. Nice laid back style of the U.Vic. Team headed up by Rick Crawley!

The Annual Soap Box Derby is coming up this year with a slight twist. We'll be having a Fire Fighters Evolution (sport event) in conjunction with the Derby. So there will be fun for all. I am sure the highlight, however, will be the dunk tank. So come on out and dunk your favourite person! Proceeds will go to Muscular Dystrophy. See you there!

Bill Wright.

AEROBICS CLASSES

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