



# *the POINTER*

September '99

## **AGM**

*Willis Point  
Community Association  
& the Fire and  
Recreation Commission  
Annual General  
Meetings: Sunday  
October 3, 1999:  
Meetings start at 3:30  
p.m. with a family  
barbecue following the  
meetings.*

**Notice for Members of the  
Willis Point Community  
Association from the  
Elections Officers.**

As a community we have much to be proud of. The support for each other and our community was particularly evident during the past year. Now after a summer that went by much too fast, it is time for the Willis Point Community Association to hold its annual general meeting. Last year's format of having the Community Association and Fire and Recreation Commission meetings first followed by a family barbecue seemed to be a big success. Once the

business was taken care of, it was nice to sit down and have a relaxing time touching base with old neighbours and getting to know new ones. For those of you with young children, we have tried to plan for a reasonable hour to enable you to go home to pickup your children for the dinner after the meeting. If you are stuck for a baby sitter check out the baby sitter section in the Pointer. We are lucky to have such a fine contingent of sitters to choose from.

Along with an update, of the events from the past year and discussion of issues important to our community, one of the main purposes of the annual general meeting is the election of the members of the executive. For that reason, it is important to have as many members as possible attend. The executive holds monthly meetings to address a variety of issues that come up through out the year. With the aid

of the Pointer, they try to keep you informed. Executive meetings are positions are up this year:  
**Vice Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and one Member at Large.** All of these are two-year terms. If there is a position that you would be interested in holding and would like more information or to put your name forward, please call either:  
**Ida von Schuckmann -652-0050 or  
Lois Lovo - 652-9612  
or Fax 652-5116.**

If you know of a member in the community whom you think would be an asset to the executive please call them and talk to them about running for a position. We need to keep a strong executive with a good reflection of community views.

***See you at the AGM.***

**Come One! Come All to the  
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## TO THE POINT

Well, summer's officially over, but not at the time this of writing! September's been rather lovely, which is well deserved after such a strange summer.

I hope you enjoy our youth achievement items. I know this is only the tip of the iceberg as we have so many talented young people living here — so please let me know about them. Willis Point is rather like an extended family and I love hearing about the children, most of whom I've known since they were babies.

Uve Pause prompted me to mention the reoccurrence of raccoons. They seem to be out in full force at the moment and some dogs have had nasty encounters with them. Please don't leave food out for them or garbage they can get into. We inadvertently left a large bag of dog food in our truck with the back window open and in the morning it was clawed open, and they'd had a jolly good feed! So watch out for the coons; they are cute but those claws can inflict serious wounds.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Dart night, it always seems to be a big hit. See you then!

Gaybrielle.

## Congratulations!

Deborah and Fuzz have a baby boy, Kane Cracknell! He took everyobne by surprise as he arrived a bit early, but he is fit, well, and happy. Rumor has it so are his parents!

In May, Jim and Carolann Scott were married at the hall and had their reception there too!

Bob and Tamah Cattoir were married in their garden and had the reception at the hall in August.

*We wish you all well.*

## Publishers Note:

**If you are submitting a large article and are working on computer if you could save it to disk and submit the disk with a hard copy, it would be much appreciated. Thanks, Jason Funnell**

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*Dave Carley and Penny would like to thank the WPPFD for their sterling efforts in stamping out his runaway fire (and he did have a permit!).*

## Letters to the Editor

Comments, letters and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6872 Mark Lane, V9E 2A1. Minor editorial changes may be made. Please call me if you have any questions.

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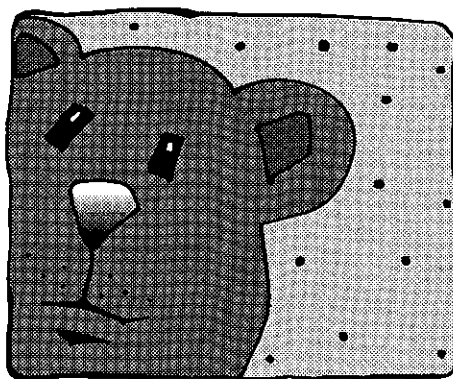
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## ATTENTION PET OWNERS

There are a lot of dogs in the neighborhood, and that can mean a lot of poop. As Jan and Kirk say "picking up after your own dog is bad enough but picking up after other people's dogs is worse." If your animal has taken a liking to theirs or anyone else's lawn, please have the courtesy to scoop it off, or drag your animal to a less offensive excretion area.

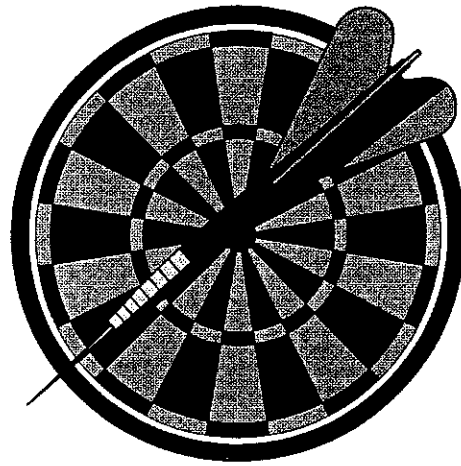
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### COMMUNITY EVENT COMING UP????

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# Recycling News

by Janet Tombu

It looks like everyone at Willis Point has been recycling their paper this summer, as the bins at the Red Barn seem to be constantly full!

When I first took on this job in April 1997 one of the most frequent questions I had was 'when will Willis Point have blue box pickup?' Good news! In May 2000 this is expected to become a reality. Tenders for an expanded blue box program closed August 24<sup>th</sup> and the contracts will be awarded in October. The current CRD blue box program expires on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2000, and an expanded program will come into effect May 1<sup>st</sup> 2000. The new program will include more materials (rigid plastic containers and cardboard as well as mixed paper, newspaper, glass and tins) and will extend the curbside pickup area to include rural Saanich and Willis Point, amongst others. With curbside pickup in effect through out the Greater Victoria area (except for apartments and commercial sites) there will be no need for the drop boxes (such as the one at the Red Barn), and they will be phased out. The Hartland depot will remain. I'll keep you posted.

The drink container refund program continues to confuse many people (me included!). As of October 1<sup>st</sup> 1999 tetra paks (juice boxes) will be added to the list of drink containers that have a deposit charged at point of sale. The only drink containers then excluded from deposit will be containers for all forms of milk products and milk substitutes. We will be able to continue to recycle plastic milk jugs (labeled as #2) in the plastic collection bins (at the depots until May 1, then in blue boxes) and plastic milk bags (with other plastic bags) at the grocery stores. The tetra pak collection program at the CRD depots, including Hartland, will continue until at least October 31<sup>st</sup> 1999. After that date, Victorians may not be able to recycle gable top ('waxed') or tetra pak (e.g. soya milk) milk boxes. If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of the container legislation, or to find out what will happen after October, call the CRD Hotline (360-3030).

Where to take your refundable contain-

ers? Encorp bottle depots accept them all, liquor stores accept all containers that they sell, and most grocery stores accept pop bottles and tins (some accept all containers that they sell).

Looking for a school fund-raiser? What about lunch juice boxes? As of October 1<sup>st</sup> they will have a deposit on them and those nickels can add up in a hurry. I would be willing to help anyone wanting to set up a juice box collection program at their school.

Any questions or comments? Call Janet at 652-4097

## Fire Fighter News

Bill Wright

Since the last pointer the members have been a busy lot. May 29 was one of those days with members taking part in the muscular dystrophy drive. The Brentwood crew of Kathy, Lynda, Gord, and Sean collected over \$250, while the Willis Point roadblock thanks to your kind donations collected over \$400 thanks to Bill, Dean and Ian JR. Later in the day Bill and Dean put on a tour of the fire hall with demonstrations for the North Saanich Brownies. We answered a call to a bush fire on the Todd inlet end of Mark Lane. We answered the call June 11 at 4 o'clock and returned to the hall at 1:30 the morning of the 12. In that time we placed between 9 and 10,000 gal of water on the fire as well 20 gal. of fire fighting foam. There were 17 fire fighters and 3 locals who put out the fire. Total time on the fire line 145 hours. Thanks to Chester Cotter, Jes Ilott, and Bill Douglas also the Willis Point Fire Department support group (Bob & Gabrielle Halsey. and Bob & Karen Scott) for their lunch and drinks. A reminder the government and the people of the region have put in for you the "911" number. Don't be shy if you have any emergency don't call your neighbours call the short number "911". The time saved could be critical. A reminder **The burning ban is still in place** and will remain until further notice. Check the sign when open fires will be allowed. The members assisting with the Up Chuck and Ride were required to perform first aid on one of the runners. He was taken by ambulance to

emergency for further treatment. He was released a few days later in great shape.

Our thoughts are with x- fire fighter Eric Hoel. Get on the road Eric there's a d— r out there with your name on it. June 30 the retired fire fighters and their significant other were called out to a social evening put on by the present crew. A special thanks to this group of x fire fighter's as they are the ones that have protected the Point and got us to this point.

The fire department 's ball team has collected a ton of awards this year all first's. Dean is out looking for a larger trophy case.

In August we had a combined practice with the BC search and rescue team. The practice was to cut apart one of the local cars. Thanks for the donation Sean. Willis Point was able to hold its own by tearing of doors and our side of the roof with our equipment while they were using their Jaws of life.

We have lost two fire fighters since the last Pointer Iro K. to the bright lights in town and Cameron W. to Malaspina collage. Thanks guy's for your years put in, good luck and if you ever move back give us a call, and we may still have your boots available. This opens up some spots on the department. The main criteria are that you live at the Point, and are either male or female. Do you fit into that fine category? If so please come out on Wed. night between 7:00 and 10:00? We have some nice yellow jackets and pants in your size or nearly so.

We have one new junior member joining us. With her brother leaving Melanie Wright figures she might as well try on his boots and gear. A little large Mel? As the long hot summer is over the members are returning with tales of wondrous places outside the Point. Some have brought back memories, others trophies such as cactus from Alberta and others medals of recognition such as Brittany Tragear's bronze for lacrosse from Australia. Congratulations to Brit.



**The Willis Point Up...Chuck...& Ride...  
Race Committee, would like to acknowledge & thank the  
following groups & individuals for their generosity, and  
support in this years event...**

The Race Participants, The Willis Point Community Association, The Willis Point Volunteer Fire Dept., Fama Holdings Ltd., B.C. Parks - South Vancouver Island District, Westcoast Amateur Radio Association, Central Saanich Volunteer Fire Dept., Excel Business Centre, Jeune Bros & Pertz Great Outdoors Store Ltd., Remax Camosun, Team Sales, Canadian Springs Water Company, The Butchart Gardens Ltd., The Running Room Ltd., Bob Halsey, Vancouver Island Brewery, Avalon Cottage Winery and Brewing, Chandler Construction, JMC Forest Maintenance, General Fruit & Produce, McCain Foods, McGavins, Dough Delight, The Stitch Gals, and ALL the many Willis Point Community Volunteers of all ages who helped make this event a success....

See you next year!

## WPCA

Well, our abbreviated summer is nearing the end. Fall is upon us and time to resume our regular lives. Oh well, that's why we live in the Great White North, so we can truly appreciate the diversity of the seasons - how boring life would be to wear shorts all year round, no firewood, power outages or leaky roofs. Ken, time to get back to reality. Hope everyone had a great summer. Your community association took a well deserved recess in July and August. Now its time to get back to work. As we head into the new millenium, some major hurdles face our community.

The face of the Langford Electoral District Area is about to change due to the formation of the new Sooke Municipality. Our Provincial Government in its infinite wisfom has opted to form one regional district to consolidate the remaining areas of Willis

Point, Songhees, Malahat, East Sooke, Shirley District, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. To have a voice we are going to have to be very diligent.

The development of the Partridge Hills seems to be heading to subdivision within the current zoning. We are looking at options to acquire parkland and will be lobbying all potential sources for possible funding.

The CRD is looking at an expansion of the landfill through an increase in rock quarrying. The access would be along Willis Point Road.

For discussion on these and other community issues I urge you all to attend our Annual General Meeting, Sunday, October 3, 1999 at the 3:30 at the hall.

Ken Ilott, Chair WPCA

## Local Community Plan: Down To The Wire

We took a couple of months off in the summer, but for more than a year now your local area planning committee has been meeting weekly to develop the first made-in-Willis-Point community plan.

The purpose of the plan is to consolidate into an official planning document the long-range vision that community members hold for Willis Point. The committee is in the process of completing its third draft, which will be presented to the community for your comments in the very near future.

The plan covers a range of land-use and community issues, but perhaps the most significant is the land-use plan for the Fama-owned lands on Partridge Hills. This situation is somewhat complicated by the fact that Fama recently made a formal application to sub-divide those lands into 14 separate parcels.

Additionally, the Willis Point community plan is being prepared under the guidance of our CRD Director Larry West, whose term of office expires late in November 1999.

Given these time constraints, your committee is committed to finalizing The draft plan and presenting it for community approval as quickly as possible.

Cameron Young  
Local Area Planning Committee

Chair: Cameron Young  
Vice-chair: Larry Resnick  
Members:  
Ida von Shuckmann  
Karen Dinnie-Smyth  
Bill Waite  
Ken Ilott  
Joel Cotter

## **Willis Point Softball Slowpitch Team has best season yet!**

Led by Chris Barlow, 1999 proved to be a banner season. The team won first place in league play, first place in the season end tournament, and took first place, in their category, in the View Royal Essential Services tournament. All the trophies were hard fought for and well deserved. Where will they go from here?!

Dean Hyland

## **YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Brittany Treagar**

Congratulations on representing Canada against the world in Lacrosse. The Canadian team gained a Bronze Medal in Perth, Australia. The family were there to cheer her on. Well done Brittany!

### **Danielle Connor**

Congratulations on having your first paid article published in the Times colonist, August 9th. It was entitled "From Furbies to Elmos" and was very well written.

### **Maja Ryan**

Maja received a special award from the Victoria Volunteer Association for her work at the hospitals. She definitely has the volunteer spirit!

### **John Herriott**

John was successful in gaining a scholarship through his association with the Air Cadets. He was one of three thousand applicants! He spent the summer in Kelowna and now has his Pilots Licence. A fine effort!

### **Tanis Herriot**

Tanis also got a scholarship through the Air Cadets and got her glider pilots licence up at Comox. Way to go, the Flying Herriots!

### **Kendra Tombu**

Kendra was a national literary winner with her poem "Footprints". She took first place

in the written word category of the Junior Division for the Pond's Clear Solutions "Your Future, Your Say" programme. She plans to spend the bulk of her \$3000 prize to revisit Japan next year. Her strong concern for the environment as can be seen from her poem.

### **Janine Twamley**

Janine was part of Team B.C. for the Western Canada Summer Games in Prince Albert, Sask., competing in the synchronized swimming. She took a Bronze medal for the Duet, and the team won the Silver medal. Well done, Janine!

## **Congratulations to you all!**

## **Christmas Play**

Vanessa Funnell has put together a Christmas play. It is a Willis Point centric story about why Santa arrives at the firehall on the fire truck every year. It will be put on under her direction with the help of Karen Brelsford, Skye Butchart, and Russell Haley. As well as the general community, of course! Auditions and recruiting for behind the scenes positions will be held at the hall on Sunday, Oct. 17th. I know it seems a little early to be thinking about Xmas, but a play takes a bit of practice to be performed! I hope to see all the youngsters at the hall!

-Vanessa

## **Footprints**

Pelican, take a swim in the sea,  
And look in your wings.  
What do you see?  
I see oil,  
And am unable to swim.  
I drown.

Turtle, take a swim in the sea,  
And look in your mouth.  
What did you eat?  
I ate plastic,  
And am unable to swallow.  
I starve.

Dolphin, take a swim in the sea,  
And look all around you.  
What do you see?  
I see nets,  
And am unable to move.  
I suffocate.

Human, take a walk on the beach,  
And look in your footprints.  
What do you see?

Look back; your steps are careless,  
marring the cool simplicity of  
the sand-strewn beach.  
You walk without care,  
in selfish thought;  
not thinking of others,  
only of yourself.  
Now, it is they who suffer.  
Leave your footprints alone,  
so they can once more  
become one with the sea.  
But if you tread the same path  
over and over, your footprints will never  
be washed away.

Now look forward; the smooth,  
clear sand stretches out in front of you.  
Feel the sand beneath your feet,  
cool, calm, collected.  
Think of what you must do  
to retain that feeling.  
Do not leave your prints  
deep, too deep for the sea to heal.  
Walk instead where you will leave  
no trace.

So, human, take a walk on the beach,  
And look in your footprints.  
What do you see?  
Look behind you,  
And look in front.  
The past is made.  
The future is not.

*Kendra Tombu*

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# Race wRap!

Well here it is September once again, time to give you the dirt (and the mud) on this years Up Chuck & Ride.

This was the second annual hosting of this popular event, with 18 four person teams competing from all over the lower Island. A number of teams returned for the second year in a row, and a number of other individuals formed teams on their own. This is simply not a matter of persuading (read bribing) 4 of your closest friends (or total strangers) to be a part of this insane event, but you also must be creative, and come up with a catchy team name... Such as, "The Bagged Pipers" "The Shagadelics" "Fiddle Faddle Piddle Paddle Dick Trickle On My Bi Sickle.....Huh???", and still be able to complete the three legs of the race, People will do anything it seems for a free beer!

After the incredibly sunny weather we had all summer, it was fantastic to have a spectacular sunny day for the race. Curiosity must have nabbed more than a few people as the amount of spectators at this years event seemed to have doubled, and as far as those who ventured pondside to witness the bike sucking mudhole in all its glory they were not disappointed, it seems that the Willis Point mud slinging barking frogs had spent some extra time rearranging their habitat just prior to the running of the event not knowing that a key component of the race course would be right through their liquid living quarters. Well a number of cyclists soon found this out, and at least one cyclist decided if you can't beat 'em might as well join 'em eh! Tim?

Then there was the team cyclist who was having so much fun with the mud hole and the single track component of the race that he decided to do that part twice ( not recommended if your team is showing a strong second place lead. ) The running and canoeing component went off without a hitch although our team may want to challenge the "No Motor" policy for next years event.

Once again we would like to thank Bob Halsey for sponsoring his Young Willis Point team. They finished with a respectable 11th overall ( and Bob got four free beers! )

First place this year went to 8 feet ( and arms ) of testosterone from The Navy Fleet Diving Unit of the Pacific, completing the course in 1 hour 29 minutes & 19 seconds. "Team Flipper" was followed closely by Team "Shagadelic" captained by local entry Corinna Stevenson from Melody Place in 1:33:05 Phew!!! The final team ( a family effort ) crossed the finish line @ 2:22:38.

At this time I would like to thank all the community volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event another big success. As a result of all your time and effort, we were able to almost double our proceeds from \$650.00 last year to \$1140.00 this year. A good deal of the profits are a result of generous donations from members of the community A big thank you to Dean Hyland once again for the wonderful food donations, and the Scott & Halsey families for their terrific Prawn Shack. Thank you to Brian Dallin whos Chek TV style professional video production was instrumental in entertaining the crowd after the fact ( which helped us sell mo'beer ) This is also appreciated by all the race volunteers placed at different locations throughout the race course who otherwise would not get to see what happens when you try to run a bike race through a frogs back yard. To Art Jackson and his band of amateurs without whom we would not be able to host an event such as this, and finally to Fama holdings, and B.C. Parks without whos co-operation this event would not be possible. See ya next year...

Brian McCandless. Race Chair.

## **The Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt**

If we support the new CRD tax levy, the CRD will be able to purchase more UNPROTECTED park land, and convert it to PROTECTED parkland.

This initiative will help establish the Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt.

The Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt campaign aims to establish a 200 sq. km unbroken corridor of protected land and marine areas linking existing parks from Salt Spring Island to Juan de Fuca Strait.

Willis Point is included in the proposed protected land.

In the summer of 1998, thirteen local conservation groups formed an alliance to work towards completing the Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt. The Willis Point Environmental Committee has recently joined the Alliance. The Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt is currently 75% complete and the Alliance will continue working with the community and with all levels of government to purchase the remaining private lands to achieve the entire Sea to Sea vision.

At this time, there are no funds available to purchase proposed protected land.

The CRD has proposed a tax levy of \$6 per average household (based on a sliding scale per \$100,000 of assessed value), yielding only \$10 million over ten years.

Increasing the tax levy to \$10 per average household would raise \$17 million over the same time period. Local groups and other levels of government could work as partners to raise the remaining amount needed to complete the Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt.

Even though CRD Parks has not included Willis Point in its *Draft Master Plan* of March, 1999, money made available for land purchases elsewhere will allow more fundraising energy to be directed towards the remaining unprotected lands.

Please indicate your support by completing and mailing the cards enclosed with this issue of *The Pointer*. For further information call 652-3366.

Margaret Cornell



## **Did You Know?**



The bedrock in this area is an ancient fragment of ocean crust formed between and 100 and 150 million years ago.

The Willis Point area contains **extremely sensitive wetlands**.

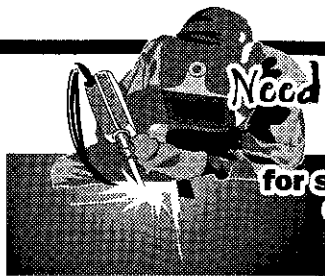
Our government has listed a number of red-listed plant communities and species...plants, animals, and birds in our area as **rare and endangered**

These communities include Garry Oaks, salal, dull oregon grape, giant chain ferns and vanilla leaf, plus many more.

More than one fifth of the rarest plants in B. C. are found in this type of habitat.

There is a Willis Point Environment Committee that has studied the area and has come up with a Development Impact Statement which is available to all Willis Pointers and can be obtained by calling 652-3818.

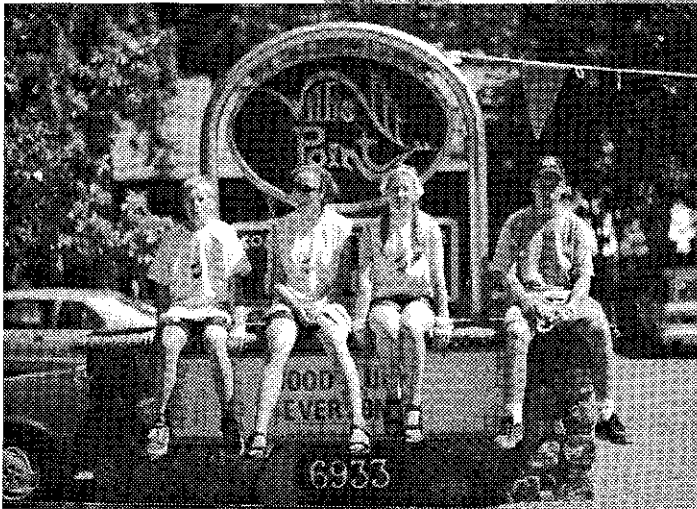
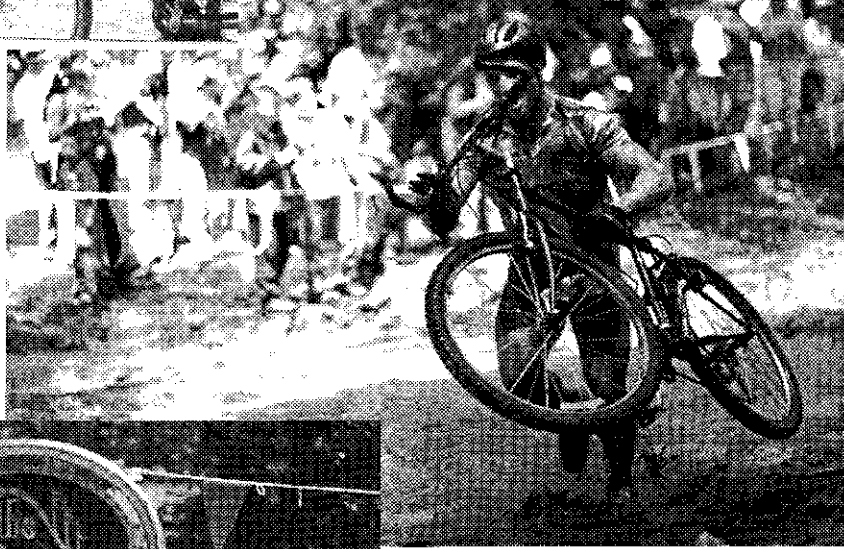
It is interesting, informative and concerns only the issues at Willis Point.



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