

The Pointer

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New Editor

Well this is my first stab at the Pointer and it has definitely expanded my learning curve. First I would like to thank Gabrielle Halsey and Jason Funnell for doing the Pointer for the last five years. I will attempt to do both for awhile at least. I have met alot of new people and have asked what you would like to see in the Pointer. Always looking for new ideas (please call).

Many people have expressed interest in knowing about how decisions are made for the community so I will try to get a summary of the minutes from each committee and publish them in the Pointer. I have prepared a short summary of the W.P.C.A. minutes and hopefully next issue I will do the same from the Fire and Rec committee as well as the Official Community Planning Committee. I have and will stick to the deadline date posted for article submissions.

Thanks, Donna Dow

CHRISTMAS FUN

Another successful Christmas at Willis Point. Willis pointers were lead by Joan and Bill Wright in decorating the hall and the tree. Everything looked great by the time the rest of the community arrived with their goodies. There was loads of food and still lots left over.

The Christmas play was a success thanks to Vanessa Funnell and her co-workers. Vanessa wrote the play herself and with the assistance of other young adults in the community put on quite a production. The small children looked like they were ready for Broadway with their dancing and it was great to see the children interacting with the young adults.

Congratulations to you all!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING POINTER STYLE.

A great time was had by all the carolers who met to serenade their neighbors on Dec 21st. We were able to welcome the new residents of Willis point with our fully harmonized choir (well maybe that's a small exaggeration), as well as wish and sing many a good cheer to our neighbors and friends. We had a new Pointer Christmas Carol to sing this year, "Pointer Wonderland" written and directed by Brian Dallin, which brought many smiles and laughs to our audience. As always we carolers would like to say thank you to Bonners, Markuts, and Halseys for thawing out our frozen feet, and soothing our throats so we could continue to share Christmas cheer the Pointer Way.

Willis Point Christmas Carolers

Don't Miss This

W.P.V.F.D. is holding a fund raising event to purchase new fire fighting equipment at Willis Point Community Hall.

All the tables are reserved so there ought to be lots of great deals for all those attending.

There are many wonderful door prizes to be won and you don't have to be in attendance to win, we'll find you!

There is going to be items that will be raffled off also so you don't want to miss your chance at some great prizes.

To join the fun come to the hall on
March 26th 10am. -3pm.



Help out your own community volunteer Fire Fighters by attending the garage sale.

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

Since the last Pointer the Department has been called out seven times, three first responder calls, two fires and two miscellaneous calls.

We would like to thank those of the community that supported the department by purchasing the signs offered. This allows us to respond to your clearly numbered homes quicker and with more precision. Thanks again. Anyone who wishes to purchase one of the signs give me a call at 652-3254.

We would like to thank the young nurse who stopped at our practice the other night to offer her assistance. It was greatly appreciated. You are the type we would like on the department. If you would like to join come on up on Wednesday night and we will talk. Three members will be travelling up into the interior to take part in a week-end training seminar, way to go Darren, Neil and Brittany.

The department is updating its response guides. If you wouldn't mind answering a few questions when contacted it would be much appreciated. Judy will be calling, thank you in advance.

Bill Wright, Fire Chief



A Huge Thank You to all the Willis Pointers who tirelessly pick up the tossed aside junk mail by their neighbours at the mail box. I have checked with Debbie the mail person and she says that if you do not want junk mail then leave a note in your mail box stating so.



Another **BIG HUGE Thank You** to B.C Parks who came and cleaned up the disaster at the end of Mark Lane leading to MacKenzie Byte. They had to use ropes and a lot of skill to retrieve the numerous used cat litter boxes (What a STINK) and Safeway litter bags that were strewn around the steep embankment.



And a **SUPER BIG THANK YOU** to Wendy Pennell for all the work she has done concerning hall rentals over the past few years. Thanks for putting the new custodians on the right track before retiring Wendy.

The Willis Point Community Association, Executive

Director	Brian Hensen	642-1633
Chair	Ken Illot	652-6033
Vice Chair	Michael Cridge	544-4048
Treasurer	Dave Carley	652-3207
Recording Secretary	Lois Lovo	652-9612
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila Carnegie	544-1792
Membership Secretary	Ursula Waite	522-1720
Member at Large	Ida VonSchuchman	652-0050
Member at Large	Brian McCandless	652-3656

Please phone any of the above people to find out when the monthly meetings are held. Any member of the community is welcome.

Other Willis Point Contacts

WPCA		
Advisory Committee	Larry Resnick	652-3366
Fire Chief	Bill Wright	652-3254
Fire And Recreation Committee (Chair)	Vern McConnell	652-2996
Environmental Committee (Chair)	Margaret Cornell	652-3366
Pointer Editor and Publisher	Donna Dow	652-3818
Hall Custodians	Laverne Soohochoff	652-5210
	Judy Kozler	652-1286
Official Community Planning Committee (Chair)		
Trails Assessment	Sam Young (Chair)	652-3859
Saanich Inlet Study	Ida Von Schuchman	652-0050
Aerobics Instructor	Patricia Sloan	652-0226
	Katie Cotter	652-2039

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Letters To The Editor

Comments, letters, and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6712 Mark Lane or Fax 652-3818 or email donnadow@islandnet.com (Posted deadline will be adhered to)

NOTE: The "DEAR BLABBY" column will become a regular feature of the Pointer. The writer, a professionally qualified know-it-all who chooses to remain anonymous, uses a tongue-in-cheek approach to problem-solving. Readers, therefore, should view advice with skepticism and must assume responsibility for all associated risks and outcomes. We hope, however, you will have a laugh or two along the way!!

If you have a problem that you would like Blabby to address, please forward it to the Pointer Editor. Blabby will select a letter or two for each issue. Submissions from readers of all ages are welcome.

Dear Blabby,

I am a newcomer at Willis Point. Can you tell me how to keep the deer from eating my plants and shrubs? **Frustrated Gardener**

Dear Frustrated Gardener,

Do not feel alone. This is a common problem for many of us. I have sought the wisdom of veteran residents in attempting to provide you with several options, none of which may be helpful. They are:

Build a fifteen foot fence all around your property. A three foot thick concrete wall is best.

Buy gallons and gallons of wolf urine repellent at the Red Barn. Pour it liberally around your property on a regular basis. This may keep away pesky cats as well. At twenty bucks a jug, though, you may also need to start buying lotto tickets.

Post guard dogs around the property. You will need several, however, to ensure all sides of your yard are watched simultaneously. Otherwise, the deer will seize any brief opportunity and sneak in anyway.

Tear out all your plants and shrubs. Replant Salal, Oregon grape, and Sword Ferns. This will confuse the deer. They will think your yard is part of the forest and they will no longer graze there.

Install motion sensor lights every four square feet on your property. However, since the deer quickly get accustomed to them, you should wire them into sirens or speakers with recorded voices, dog barks, and wolf howls. Otherwise, the lights just help the deer to find the best produce.

Make your own deer repellent. Blend a large onion with a clump of garlic cloves and one egg. Add 3 litres of water and let steep for a few hours. To this add, 1 Tbsp of liquid soap, 1 tsp of baking soda, and 1 tsp. of cayenne pepper. Strain and spray leaves with a hand pump sprayer. **THIS RECIPE REALLY WORKS**, but you have to repeat it every second or third day. It will also keep away aphids, mildew, werewolves and neighbours.

If all else fails, you can do what I do. Run madly from your house, in various states of undress, screeching obscenities at the top of your lungs. However, I must warn you that frequently the deer just stare blankly at the apparition before them. And you do get a reputation in the neighbourhood.

Good Luck Blabby!



The Willis Point Community Association wants to determine whether there is interest within the community to develop the water access off off Mark Lane near Steamer.

Options include:

1. A small boat ramp (maximum size of boat & trailer would be say 16')
2. A dock to launch kayaks, canoes, etc.

This project is intended for the benefit of the community. Please let us know how you feel by contacting one of the following:-

Mike Cridge - 544-4048
 Brian McCandless - 652-3656
 Dave Carley - 652-3207

Buy, Sell, Services

Canon Camcorder for sale. Hi-8, stereo, 24x zoom, 2 batteries, lots of extras. \$595.00
 Call Peter **652-9230**

Shakes for sale
 Call Bob Wilson **652-0876**

Freezer For Sale \$100
 35" high, 32" wide, 24" depth
 Call Bob **652-4195**

Firewood For Sale
 Call **384-6821**

Found

Two old style wedding photos
 Found on Willis Point Road
 Call **652-0876**

Jessie Illot (student) will do pressure washing and yard cleanup.
 Call **652-6033 or 389-8911**

Wanted

Young adult to help with yard work and general labour on Mark Lane.
 Call Mr. Baess **592-3323**

Willis Point Business Directory

All Make Transmission

Neil Tragear 389-0624

Avalon Cottage Brew On Premise

Vern McConnell 386-4030
Email avalon@jdmicro.com

Brand J Graphics

Jason Funnell 889-3779
Fax 388-5548
Email jfunnell-gmi@home.com

Brentwood Physiotherapy

Gillian Jackson 652-4489

Chandler Construction

Ken Illot 652-7747
Fax 652-4777

Cloverdale Paint Inc

Kirk Beggs 383-8000
Fax 383-8045

Housework Maid Easy

Gerrl Gorling 652-6149

Knotty Pine Property Maintenance

Darren Pine 652-6438

Leighton Photography

Ken Leighton, Rob Leighton 652-2686

Photographs By Modigliani

Jennifer Modigliani 652-1938
Fax 544-4989
Email photosmodi@coastnet.com

Rangel Tours-Unique & Exotic Travels

Jay Rangel 652-1938
Fax 544-4989

Reflexology By Linda Parker

Linda Parker 652-6436

The People's Network

Brant and Sandra Hoff 652-5585
Fax 652-5664

Babysitting Registry

Tanis Herriot will babysit for you!

Call her at 652-5478. Tanis is 17 years old and has her St. John's Babysitting, CPR, and Red Cross Lifesaving 11 Certificate. She has experience minding children from babies to 10 year olds.

Chris Connoly Age 12

Will sit kids over 3 yrs. old. Has Red Cross and St. John's First Aid. Call 652-6770

Jessica Emshaw

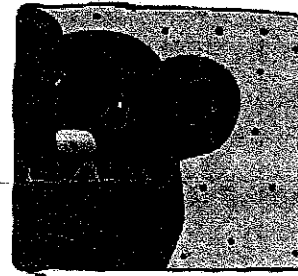
Age 16
Experienced Babysitter
Call 652-1938

Danielle Conner age 13

Experienced babysitter. Has taken Babysitting course and St. John's First Aid. Able to babysit children ages 3 and up. Call 652-0050

Saija Conner Age 15

Experienced babysitter. has Babysitting Course, and the St. John Ambulance First Aid course. Is able to babysit children ages 2 and up.



Go Out... **ENJOY YOURSELF!**

Leave the Babysitting to ME

Fully Experienced

SO RELAX...

Call Me...

Elaine McCandless 652-3656

Need a Babysitter?

Do you need responsible and trustworthy babysitters that do safe but fun activities with your child/children? If so call Jacquelyn Parker, 17, or Jennifer Parker, 15. Both have taken First Aid, Kwater Safety, and Babysitting courses. Experienced with children of all ages. Call 652-6466

UPCHUCK UPDATE 2000 by Brian McCandless

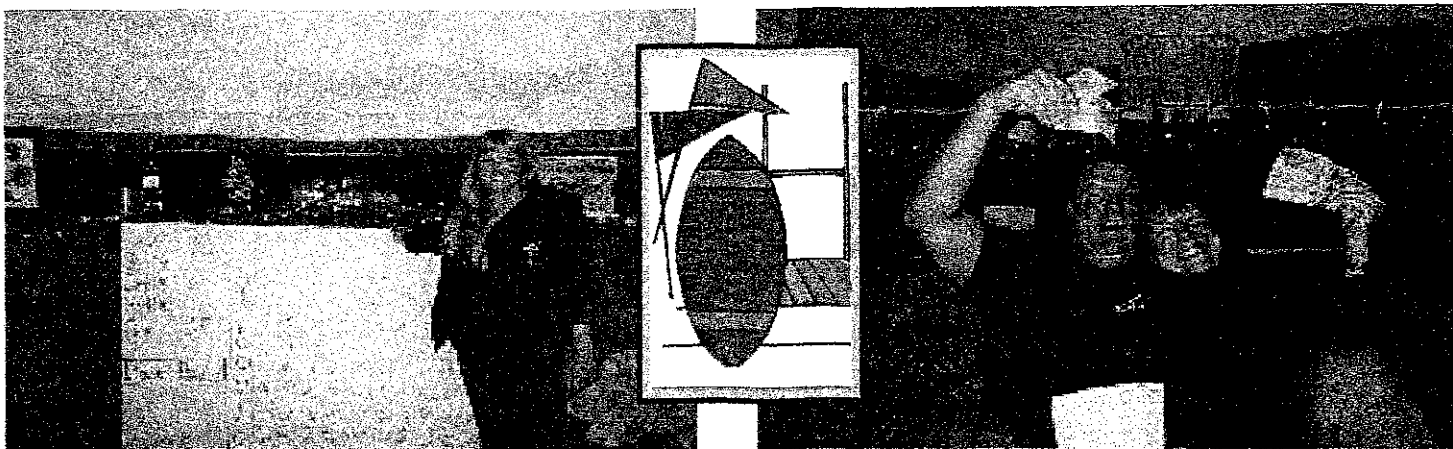
Wow! Take a look outside... Spring has sprung, which means you should be thinking about "Upchuck-ing"...

You know "Upchucking"... thinking about the upcoming Up-Chuck-&-Ride. June 4th is the date this year, so wax up those canoes, pump up those tires, and put some odour eaters in those sneakers. This popular community event is now in it's third year, and judging by last years success which saw over twenty teams compete for prizes, prizes, prizes...this years competition promises to be even more spectacular.

So gather up three friends, find an old canoe, some WD 40 (for the joints) and a mountain bike, and lets try and make it thirty teams this year.

As always a community event like this is only as successful as the people who help make it that way. Which is a cheesy way of saying that we always need volunteers. If you are able to help (and an event of this size needs lots of it) please contact Brian McCandless, Joel Cotter, or Kathy Ilott, and one of us can "point" you in the right direction...

See you at the race!



Its those Wild Willis Point Super Bowlers at it again!

The big winners this year were Jim Scott (first), Lisa Connoly and Fuzz Cracknell (tied for second)

If You Meet A Cougar:

- *Never approach a cougar*
- *Always give a cougar an avenue of escape*
- *Stay Calm!* Talk to the cougar in a confident voice
- *Pick all children up off the ground immediately.* Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack
- *Do not run.* Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movements or flight may trigger an instinctive attack
- *Do not turn your back on the cougar.* Face the cougar and remain upright
- *Do all you can to enlarge your image.* Don't crouch down or try to hide. Pick up sticks or branches and wave them

If a Cougar behaves aggressively:

- Arm yourself with a large stick, throw rocks, speak loudly and firmly. Convince the cougar that you are a threat, not prey
- If a cougar attacks, **fight back!** Many people have survived cougar attacks by fighting back with anything including rocks, sticks, bare fists, and fishing poles

Children

Cougars seem to be attracted to children, possibly because their high-pitched voices, small size, and erratic movements make it difficult for cougars to identify them as human and not prey.

- Talk to children and teach them what to do if they encounter a cougar
- Encourage children to play outdoors in groups, and supervise children playing outdoors
- Consider erecting a fence around play areas and keep a radio playing
- Make sure children are home before dusk, and stay inside until after dawn
- If there has been cougar sightings (and there has been lately) escort children to the bus stop

Courtesy of B. C. Parks and the Willis Point Environment Committee

Put Spring into your step with REFLEXOLOGY! Why not start off this season with a little "sole searching"? Reflexology is an ancient form of therapy with a simple premise. Each of the major organs and body parts corresponds to specific points on the soles of the feet; pressure on these points benefits the rest of the body. It improves your circulation and reduces stress and tension. What conditions can be influenced by stress? As much as 75% of modern-day disease as well as: headaches, insomnia, lack of concentration, chronic over-eating, heart ailments, digestive problems, impaired immune system, impaired reproductive system, back and neck pain, blood pressure and even trauma recovery time. Stress is usually the source of an inability to relax body and mind, causing a general feeling of "dis-ease". One is not "required" to have a condition to benefit from reflexology. It's a marvelous way to feel better and can be a first step toward restoring your body's harmony and balance. Generally people feel a sense of inner calm, renewed energy and have feet that could dance all night!

Linda Parker, R.A.C. Reflexologist
Office or in home appointments 652-6436

Willis Point Residence, Did You Know?

You can rent the Willis Point Community Hall for as little as \$72.00/day or \$7.50/hour? Outside renters pay from \$150-\$175 per day, still a bargain!
Call Laverne 652-5210 or Judy 652-1286



Pet Loss Support Line

I am a member of the Pacific Animal Therapy Society (P.A.T.S.). Some of you may be familiar with our group through which, as individuals or as a group visit hospitals, Care homes, summer camp for the Hearing Impaired children, attend Santa Claus parades and Canada Day parades or wherever we may be invited to attend with our pets. However, you may not be aware that we also have a Pet Loss support Line. This line offers emotional support to anyone who has experienced or is anticipating the loss of a pet, for any reason. The Support Line is staffed by members of P.A.T.S. who are pet lovers themselves and who understand the pain associated with the loss of a pet. All support volunteers receive training in support skills, with particular attention to issues surrounding grief and offer caring emotional support.

To contact the support line, call 389-8047 between 8am-9pm any day of the week. You will hear a message advising you that you have reached the Pet Loss Support Line. Leave your name and phone number, and a volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

The support line maintains a referral directory and, at your request volunteers can refer you to other support and information resources. They will not give out medical information but you can ask for a referral to a veterinarian (if you do not already have one) who is qualified to answer your questions.

Pat Cracknell

A Pointer's pointer



Editors Highlights From W.P.C.A. Meetings

January

- The latest FAMA subdivision proposal shows twelve lots;
- Since residents of Durrance Close are included in our electoral area, they have been invited to join the WPCA and attend public meetings held on the second Monday of each month;
- The Executive thanked Donna Dow for taking the job as Pointer Editor, and agreed she be allowed to proceed with layout as she wished;
- Brian McCandless will check into purchasing plaques and/or beer mugs for various community events;
- Brian McCandless will work with Dave Lawrie in designing two new community bulletin boards, one for each mailbox area;
- A letter was sent to the Regional Director Brian Henson requesting a reappointment of the Advisory Planning Commission four members whose terms are up in February;

February

- Consideration was again given to the possibility of placing a moratorium on development until options for the community, such as restructuring, etc. were examined;
- The water survey, which is likely to be completed about the end of March, received response from over one hundred participants;

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Pointer Advertising

Ads are charged at the following rates: \$25.00 full page, \$10 half page, \$5 quarter page (business card)
Money is to be dropped off with ad. Note: Final published ad size may be approximate and is at the publishers discretion due to space and cost considerations.

- It was announced that Ken Ilott and Vern McConnell are sitting on a committee established by Regional Director Henson to examine the feasibility of an LCC for this area;
- There was general consensus that, since LCC's, as they are now constituted, have little or no advantage for our area, Sheila Carnegie should establish a research group to look into this and other options, such as an elected APC, restructuring study, etc.;
- W.P.C.A. has booked the hall the last Friday of every month and would like anyone interested in hosting a happy hour to contact Ida or Brian on the executive.