



The Pointer

Winter 2004-2005

To The Point

Welcome to the Winter 2004-2005 edition of the Pointer. I am new at the editing job so please let me know what you'd like to see in these pages, your ideas, constructive criticisms, special events etc., and bear with me while I explore the mysteries of computer design and layout. I would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to the outgoing editor, Katarina Meglic, for her hard work and dedication over the past few years. Katarina leaves us to pursue a higher calling, motherhood.

Christmas is upon us and I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and a bright New Year.

Cheers, Pat Williams

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Ralph Anderson 1926 – 2004



Willis Point has lost one of its original settlers. Ralph Anderson passed away in November after a long battle with cancer.

Ralph arrived here around 1965, purchasing land from Glen Twamley at what came to be called Anderson Point. He was just the second permanent settler after Mrs. Rickison at Ricky's Roost. There were some summer residents but these two were our first permanent Pointers. Ralph was a dental lab technician but, talking to him, you'd discover that his passion was for this place that he lived in. He loved just working around home. He built his original house and rebuilt his boat, loved puttering on his property, and going out in the boat. He started building his new home here in 2000. He was always working, always had a project that would take years, and was still working on his rock retaining wall when he passed away.

The old road used to enter Mark Lane just above Ralph's place so he was often there to help when people were stuck or in trouble on that old road, which was fairly often, considering that it was an unpaved rubble road, not even gravelled. Ralph would fill in enormous potholes and repair frequent washouts. He was on hand to help with the building of the Fire Hall and Community Centre. His ready smile and memorable laugh will remain in the hearts of his friends and neighbours here at Willis Point. We extend our sincere sympathies to Ralph's wife, Pat, and his children.

Thanks to Ken and Ivy Blunt for sharing their memories of Ralph for this article.

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Willis Point Community Association

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WPCA Minutes Summary

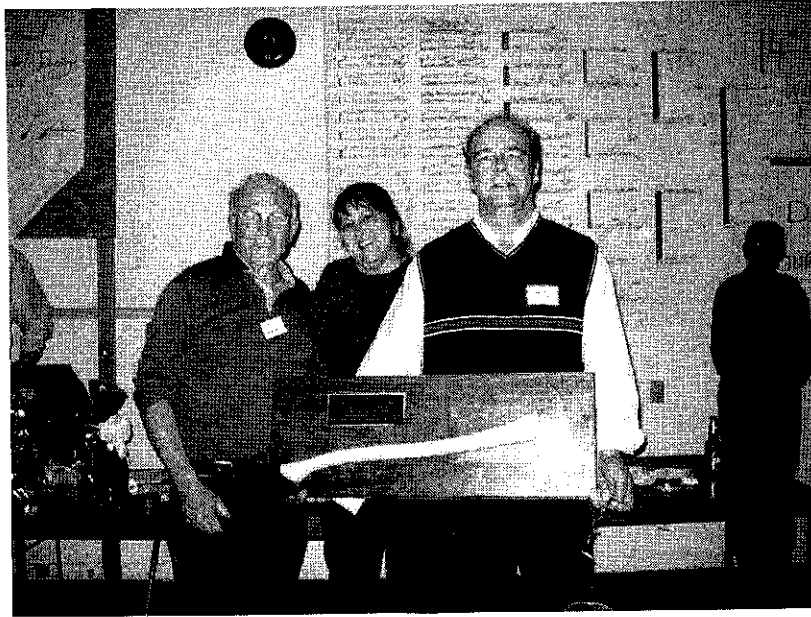
The following are summaries of the minutes of the WPCA meetings. They are NOT complete minutes but notes on the major points discussed at meetings. Complete minutes are posted on both bulletin boards or can be obtained from the Recording Secretary, Norma Jones 652-5792.

October 18, 2004

- ideas to raise money being considered. Casino Night to be held in 2005
- need volunteer for Corresponding Secretary
- a current membership list is being compiled
- Pat Williams volunteered to help with the Pointer, other help will be solicited from the community. There will be no anonymous submissions.
- apology sent to Katarina Meglic by Don Robin on behalf of community
- FAMA indicated they will present a proposal in the future, no details
- ways of recognizing volunteer service are being explored.

November 8, 2004

- Sally McMillan volunteered to fill the vacant position of Corresponding Secretary for the duration of the term.
- a current membership list needs to be developed.
- discussion: role of the Environmental Committee & relationship to WPCA.
- the GICs will be moved to higher interest accounts. Full Treasurer's Report from Judy Kuiken 544-1770
- Fire & Rec. Report – occupancy permit for annex is in place, rent can be charged, investigating insurance policies for public functions in the Hall. Mark Roozendal has been appointed Fire Chief, Darren Pine is Deputy Chief.
- Land Use Committee Report by Patrick O'Rourke. Full text in this issue.
- a Casino Night is being planned for the spring
- Pat Williams was appointed Editor of the Pointer, Sally McMillan was appointed Corresponding Secretary for the duration of the term
- the minutes will be circulated to the executive by email for provisional approval so they can be posted on the notice boards in a timely fashion. Adoption of the minutes will be at the next meeting.
- FAMA is still reviewing the land situation and doing water research
- discussion on how to recognize volunteer service.



Don Gorling and Tracy Akins presenting Dean Hyland with plaque

A Note Of Gratitude

A sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all the Willis Pointers who chipped in for my retirement presentation plaque and all the kind words in the five cards. Special thanks to all those who ran around with the cards to have them signed by pretty much the entire community. And very special thanks to Tracy for organizing everything. The polished axe is proudly mounted above my fireplace for all to see.

I left the department as Deputy Chief after 16 years not wanting or expecting anything because I felt I had received more in skills, good friends and acquaintances than anyone could desire for the effort. Thank you for the experience.

The past 16 years with the department have been a huge part of my life, starting off as a proby yellow hat back in November '88. The first night I joined I almost walked out once I saw that the two fire trucks were standards. I'd never driven a standard in my life, but with Dave Carley, Bill Wright, Vern McConnell, Brian McCandless, and Joel Cotter, I soon learned. Shortly thereafter I bought a 5-speed Mustang and am still driving it today.

My first callout happened some months later, on April 9, a night I'll never forget. It was the Great Durrance Lake Sh-thouse Fire, about 2 in the morning and most of the community and firefighters were just heading home from the Great Willis Point Chili Cook-Off which, I believe, I won, or maybe came second, I forget now. But I'll never forget my first fire or certain other calls of the approximately 300 I answered over the years, some sad, some funny, some disturbing, some very disturbing. As a group of professionals I think we've all done a great job over the years and I urge anyone in the community to get involved with the Fire Department in some way as it is always a win/win situation for everyone. Again, thanks you for the opportunity, the memories, good friends and good times.

Sincerely,

Dean Hyland

Proud Willis Point Volunteer Firefighter, Retired

Neighbourhood Notices

My name is Dylan Cunningham. This year I am a junior rower in the Victoria City Rowing Club. The junior rowers are creating their annual program featuring this year's regattas, other events, rowing news, and photo and autobiography of each of the rowers. I am looking for sponsors interested in advertising in the program. Funds raised will go towards travel expenses to attend regattas. Business card spaces are available for a cost of \$50, quarter page ads are \$100, and half page ads are \$200. For a \$10 contribution, you can be listed in the guide as a supporting patron. If you would be interested in placing an ad in the 2005 Program, becoming a patron, or would like further information, please contact Dylan at 652-1908.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to reach many Island and Lower Mainland readers and other supporters of the Victoria City Rowing Club.

For Sale

White bifold doors \$25

About 4 dozen glass beer bottles with self-locking caps for home brew. FREE

Call Marion Hawkes 652-7718

Carol Singing

This year our evening for serenading the neighbours with Christmas carols will take place on Tuesday December 21. Meet at 6 pm at the mailboxes at the corner of Willis Point Road and Mark Lane.

Everyone is welcome to join in this fun and sociable evening. Dress warmly. For further information, call Bob Scott 652-8522 or cell 380-8519.

Aerobics and Yoga

Aerobics: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 pm, at the Hall, \$2 per session, starts again after the holidays on January 11, 2005. Aerobics information from Deanna Roozendal 544-0426 and yoga info from Jessica Wu 652-2242 (Jessica is away till mid-January).

Christmas Tree Burn

Watch the sign for the date and time of the Christmas Tree burn.

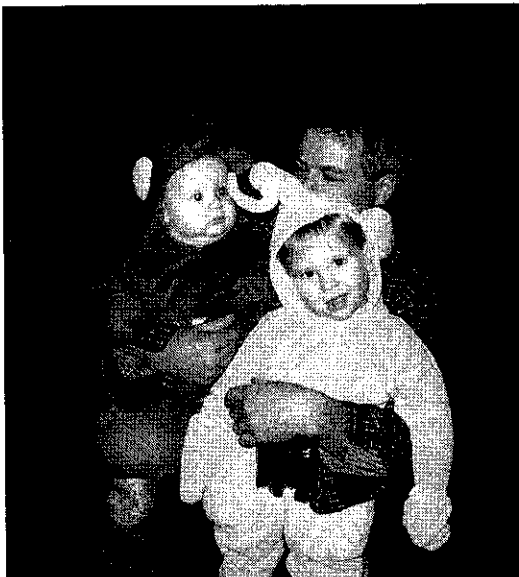
Casino Night

No date set yet but watch the notice boards for news of this exciting event coming up in the spring.

Please Slow Down When The School Bus Is Loading and Unloading
Use extra caution at these times. THANKS!

Hallowe'en Party

The night of October 31 found all our little goblins and witches around a giant bonfire at the Community Hall. Not only the younger members of Willis Point, but some older denizens could be seen exchanging mini chocolate bars under a shower of sparks. Many thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department for giving us a huge and safe bonfire and setting off the terrific ooh-aah fireworks. Thanks also to the Community Association for a generous donation for the fireworks, food and festivities and to all the volunteers who made this evening possible.



JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE

WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE

POINTER REPORT– December, 2004

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee has held two meetings since my last Pointer report – on October 5 and November 16. The next meeting is December 7 at the Malahat Fire Hall (the agenda is posted on the community bulletin boards). As this is after the Pointer deadline, I will report to the next Community Association Executive meeting and post a report on the boards.

1. October 5, 2004 meeting

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee held its first official meeting on October 5, 2004 at the Sooke Counsel Chambers. Director Lund chaired; Alternate Director Graham represented Central Saanich. Members Stubner (Port Renfrew) and Bindig (East Sooke) were absent.

The Committee had a full agenda of some 14 items (some with several parts), plus an “in camera” session to consider legal advice. One item was election of vice chair. Alternate Director Graham was elected by acclamation.

Of the 14 items, one involved a Willis Point property. Derrick Fitzpatrick sought an amendment to his Development Permit. His consulting engineer recommended a minor change to a retaining wall. The Committee adopted the staff report and recommended approval of the amendment.

Three items, although not directly affecting Willis Point, warrant comment. The first was a subdivision application on the Malahat, east of the highway in the area of the hydro lines. The developer sought to “trade off” amenities for slightly higher density (12 lots instead of 7). The application had been referred to the Malahat Advisory Planning Commission, which made several recommendations. The developer agreed to most of these, but not all. The Committee recommended that CRD staff work with the developer to seek a consensus with the APC. One item for clarification was the area to be set aside for a firehouse and water tank.

The second item was a rezoning application for DeMamiel Estates on Otter Point Road. DeMamiel Creek, a salmon bearing watercourse, runs through the property. The developer, rather than dedicating the area as park, agreed to enter into a “conservation covenant”, with the CRD and the Land Conservancy the other parties. The CRD lawyer had comments on the covenant, and the Committee recommended staff raise these with the other parties.

The third was an application to waive a 15 meter flood plain set back for a waterfront property in East Sooke. Director Lund stated he knew the applicants and withdrew from the meeting; Alternate Director Graham chaired. After some discussion, the Committee recommended approval of a 10 meter set back.

The remaining items were routine issues and the Committee followed staff advice. The Committee decided to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first monthly meeting will normally be in Sooke and the other meeting in one of the other areas. The meeting for October 19 was cancelled.

2. November 16, 2004 meeting

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee held its second meeting on November 16, 2004 at the Sooke Counsel Chambers (the November 2 meeting was cancelled). Director Lund chaired; Alternate Director Graham represented Central Saanich. All sub-regional members attended.

The Committee had a modest agenda of 8 items, one of which was withdrawn. One item directly involved Willis Point. The Committee received a staff report on potential subdivision of lots in Willis Point that are divided by a road. The report stated "that there are 17 lots divided by a road and of those 17 lots there is a potential for 12 additional subdivisions." The report summarized the factors an Approving Officer will consider in a subdivision application for a divided lot. Staff verbally noted that the Willis Point OCP did not deal with this situation. The Committee decided to receive the report for information. I don't have the staff report in electronic format, but anyone who wishes a copy should contact me and I'll provide one.

The other item of interest was an application for a Development Variance Permit by an owner who had undertaken major renovations and new construction without any building or other permits. The finished work was contrary to by-law requirements in several respects (one part was over the property line). The owners needed a Variance Permit to even apply for a building permit. The staff recommendation was to deny the Variance Permit, request the CRD's lawyers to commence legal action against the owners, and to refer the case to the Electoral Area Services Committee, which has power to put a notice on the property title.

The owners admitted their construction was in breach of the by-law and would have to be changed, but claimed they were unaware of the by-law. Most neighbours who spoke opposed the application. The Committee voted to accept the staff recommendation. I voted against the recommendation as I felt it was too harsh and the owners should be given a chance to comply with the by-law before the CRD commenced legal action or put a notice on title.

This case illustrates that undertaking renovations or new works without proper permits can have significant consequences.

The remaining items were routine, and the Committee followed staff advice to approve.

I would be pleased to answer any questions or discuss any land use matters.

Pat O'Rourke (652-5598)

December 2004 Fire Department Report

Hello Pointers! Here's an update for you on what's going on in your fire department. First, let me start by giving everyone a big congratulations on being very safe these last few months. Since the last issue of the Pointer, we have not been called to respond to any emergencies. But, in the absence of emergency calls, we have been heavily involved in a number of projects which will improve your department. I'll outline a few of the most interesting ones for you.

Training is our top priority and, to start, we've increased the length of each training evening. As well, live fire training is now a core part of our curriculum. I know you don't want your house fire to be someone's first fire experience! More members are also being sent away for specialized training. Since our last report six more members have received their airbrake licenses, two members have completed a course in Incident Command and one member has completed a fire investigation course. We'll keep on improving our training programs and also intend to begin practicing with our neighbouring departments in the coming months.

When we fight a car or house fire we wear a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Our current SCBA's are older than many of our members. They have served us well but are nearing the end of their service life. New SCBA's are now on order and should arrive early in the new year. These new SCBA's will let us respond faster and will increase the safety of our members as we ask them to put themselves in harms way.

Recognition for a job well done is always nice to receive. I am pleased to report that one of our members, Captain Kathy Crawley, recently received her long service medal for twenty years of service to the department. The medal was presented by Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo in Sidney. It was quite an event and involved all the departments on the peninsula.

Finally, thank you to the community for the continued great support. Your attendance at our events has been excellent and is a great source of funding. As well, you respond eagerly when we call for new members. We may be a small community but because of your support we have a thriving and competent fire department.

When you need us, we'll be there.

Chief Mark Roozendaal
www.willispoint.ca

Retiring Firefighters

Three of our long term firefighters have retired. Bill Wright, Dean Hyland, and Art Jackson have a combined total of sixty-one years of service between them.

Bill Wright served for 27 years and was a founding member of the department, one of the original 'dirty dozen plus one'. He remembers starting with old equipment scrounged from other departments and the Canadian Navy, and some turnout gear that had been used in WWII. Occasionally a truck from another department would pull up to our Firehall and drop off a load of much-appreciated discards. Today we have evolved into a very well-equipped small department. Almost from the beginning, women have been a big part of the WPVFD and Bill's wife, Joan, and daughter Melanie have both been members. Son Cameron has also, making the Wright family the only one here in which ALL family members have been firefighters.

Bill has many memorable fire situations to recount and still chuckles over the practice session when the firefighters asked Ralph Anderson if they could use his little cottage to practice. They were only supposed to smoke it, not actually burn it down but the phone call to Ralph later started out "Ralph, do you remember that cabin you used to have..."

Over the years Bill has been keeping a cartooned journal of the goings-on of WPVFD. When something funny or a big event happens, it becomes a picture in the journal, a unique way of recording a unique history. Bill was an officer for 25 years and our Fire Chief for the last 6 years. He doesn't miss the stress of the job but does miss the comraderie and the fun of it all. His presence on the department will be missed by the community.

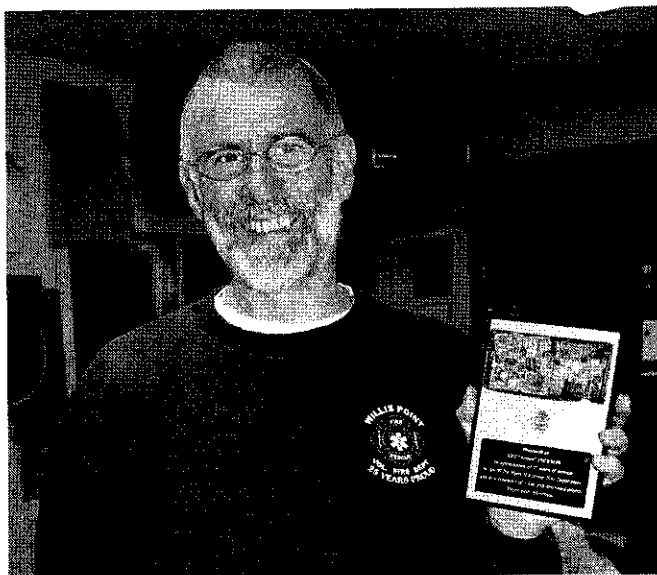


Dean Hyland joined the department in 1988 and was very active in many areas till his retirement this fall. He has been the muscular dystrophy representative for the department for many years, organizing the fundraising drives, coordinating drives with other departments, and attending seminars in Vancouver. He was assistant training officer under Ken Ilott for a number of years and then took over the training officer position for the last three years, planning and implementing the training of new firefighters and the ongoing education of all members. When the three positions of Lieutenant were first instituted, Dean served in that capacity along with Fuzz Cracknell and Neil Tregear. He then served as Captain and has, for the last six years, been Deputy Chief under Chief Bill Wright.

Dean could often be seen on Saturday mornings at the Hall washing the fire trucks and taking meticulous care of them. He enjoyed taking the trucks to parades and events with other communities to keep our profile high. Whenever the firefighters hosted an event here, Dean could be found in the

kitchen or manning the barbeque. In the old days, tailboard riding was allowed and Dean is pleased to be one of the last tailboard riders. When the practice was outlawed in the province, Willis Point was given a one year extension because we didn't have enough positions on the trucks to transport our firefighters, there were 4 outside positions on one truck and 2 on the other. The department solved this problem by having the members use their own vehicles to attend fires and tailboarding is no longer allowed.

Dean says that retiring from the department was the hardest decision he's ever had to make but he realized that with running two businesses and moving house twice this year, he was spread too thin. Fire fighting is a noble trade and he wishes he had thought to pursue it when he was in his twenties and make a career of it. He still feels his belt for the pager that is no longer there, but he doesn't miss laying out his clothes every night to be ready in case the pager goes off at 2 am.



Art Jackson has retired from the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department after 18 years of service. Art's actual retirement date was October 2003 but he has a love affair with Mexico and it's hard to catch him here for an awards ceremony. At the recent firefighter's AGM, Art was at last presented with a plaque in recognition of his service. Art was the master destroyer of pagers. Over the years, 2 of his pagers somehow ended up in the ocean and another one was mangled in the fan of his car. Art was on his fourth pager when he retired. Art's interest in HAM radios led him to teach firefighters to use their communication equipment and he most often was the radioman at the Hall during fires. He helped set up our 911 system. Art is notorious for telling jokes,

usually bad jokes, and was once banned for a year from telling jokes at fire practice. Art has escaped to Mexico again this winter and we wish him a happy retirement.

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Annabella Butchart

Goodbye

“To be a Willis Pointer means that you are a Willis Pointer for life!” Hopefully that has given Willis Pointers Annabella Butchart and her daughters, Destiny, Skye and Nicole some comfort during the past few weeks while giving up their family home to a new family of Pointers.

Annabella, the list of your contributions to our community is truly endless. I would like to share some Christmas ones that many of us fondly remember.

With Christmas 2004 on our doorstep, I want to thank you Annabelle for the wonderful Yule Tide memories that you have given me for past two and a half decades. First, there is the popcorn string. You remember; your carpet would turn a motley white with a layer of popcorn that eventually ended up on your tree. To everyone’s amazement at the mess in your house on the doorstep of the festive season, you just shrugged it off. “It just vacuums up!” The Popcorn String became the social event of the season at Willis Point. Each year, we looked forward to it. There was the unveiling of your designer windows, often with the latest Disney release. Thank goodness that Disney couldn’t find Willis Point to collect royalties on the use of the design. For some young Pointers, to see your windows became more important than seeing the movie. Disney would have hired you if they had found you! Then, there were the Gingerbread men, women and children. You were always careful to make sure that each one of us left with the appropriate one to hang on our tree. Somewhere in all that whirlwind of preparation for the popcorn string you found the time to get together with Joan Wright and track down Mrs. Santa. You made sure Santa knew where to find Willis Point and what would appeal to the young Pointers as gifts. The excitement on the happy recipients’ faces at all those Christmas Parties shows that your message got through. Until you passed it on to some of us “new Pointers”, you were part of the planning, set up, entertainment and clean up. You set the bar very high for those of us who followed in your footsteps. That includes your daughters and their friends. They delighted us at past Christmas Parties by carrying on the tradition with their Willis Point Christmas plays.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas and remember that any of our coffee pots are always on to welcome you Pointers home!

Love from all of us,
Ida von Schuckmann-Connor.

ARE YOU WATER-WISE ABOUT WILLIS POINT?

A water study completed for the CRD in 2000 indicated the necessity to conserve our potable water. The study also explained that the land we're living on is composed of fractured bedrock with very thin soil cover. Each winter, the rains pass through the soil and begin to fill the spaces created by the fractures within the bedrock. After several months of rain, the spaces within the bedrock are filled with rainwater and the excess water literally spills out of the ground.

When the rains cease in the spring, the process is reversed. Vegetation and our wells continue to draw water from the fractures and the level of available water is lowered.

The wetlands are important because they consist of areas which drain imperfectly. The water they contain seeps into the bedrock more slowly, extending the availability of water to the ecosystem, and therefore our wells, further into the dry season.

It's easier to visualize if you think of Willis Point as a giant slurpie, which we're all sharing. All the trees and vegetation in the ecosystem have their straws in the slurpie. All our houses have their straws in the slurpie. If some of the straws extract large volumes, with no regard toward sharing, our slurpie won't last long... and...there are no free refills until the seasonal rains replenish our slurpie. It is important to keep this in mind whenever we discuss management of our water resources.

Specific recommendations for conserving water and protecting our supply of potable groundwater include:

- Consider the use of drip irrigation and/or hand watering for gardens. Avoid the use of central or unattended hose sprinkler irrigation watering, which tend to waste water due to evaporation and over irrigation. In the rural rugged setting of Willis Point and seasonal limited groundwater supplies, discourage the development of lawns.
- Consider the use of low water consumption fixtures such as low-flush toilets, efficient washing machines and dishwashers, flow restricters on showers, etc.
- If there is the risk of seawater intrusion into waterfront wells, consideration should be given to seeking professional advice about installing a low-level shutoff control device.
- Continual drilling of replacement wells for salt-water wells on the same lot may result in expansion of seawater contamination to a wider area.
- Properly maintain and service septic tanks and fields. Repair leaking (breakout) septic fields that may discharge effluent to runoff channels and possibly towards neighboring wells at lower elevations.
- Undertake a semi-annual (March/September) analysis of the well water supply for total and fecal coliform.

Remember, conserving water helps all of us!

Prepared for the Willis Point Community Association by the Environment Committee

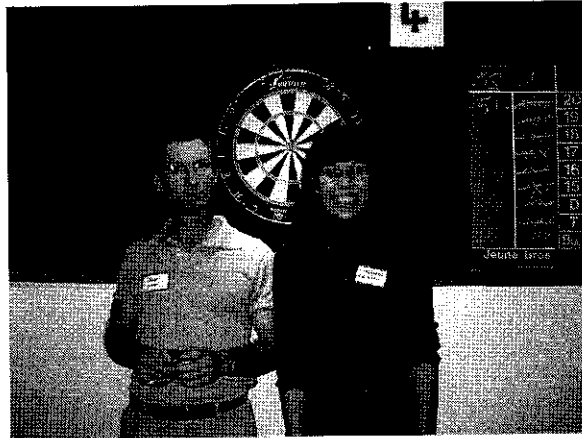
Exciting family videos available for loan: *GROUNDWATER: Our Hidden Treasure* from the Ontario Video Working Group

www.groundwater.protection from the B.C. Ground Water Association

Call Margaret Cornell @ 652-3366

Annual Dart Tournament

Another successful dart tournament was held in November. The dart nights were initiated in 1989 and have become a fun and profitable tradition here at the Point as well as a great way to meet your neighbours. All participants' names are drawn from a hat so partners are random. Even complete beginners have a chance to win as was the case this year when novice Margaret Cleghorn was partnered with Willis Point sharpshooter Gord Hawkes and the two of them went through all the rounds to win the grand championship. Congratulations to both of you! Runners-up were Carrie Elvedahl and Ken Ilott who were throwing some fine darts as well and the final match was an exciting one.



Our Winners

Our emcee for the evening, Bob Scott, kept all the boards in operation and the tournament ended just after midnight, quite a feat considering the number of rounds played. This event has been organized by Bob Scott, Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey, and Karen Scott for the past 15 years. This year's event raised \$470 which was donated to the Willis Point Community Association.

Thanks go to Bob Scott for emceeing, setup and organization; Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey for coordination and setup; Kathy Ilott and Celia Alexander for registration; Dean Hyland for food coordination; Karen Scott, Cal Lee and helpers for organizing and manning the bar; Patrick O'Rourke for maintaining the scoreboard; and Maire O'Rourke and her helpers for staffing the kitchen all evening. Thanks also to those intrepid souls who showed up for the cleanup on Sunday morning. See you next year!

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Happy Trails

McKenzie Bight to Timberman Trail and Back

Time: about 1.5 hours round trip from the south end of Mark Lane.

From the south end of Mark Lane, the trail follows the shoreline to McKenzie Bight. Here you'll find a shingle beach bordering a shallow bay where there is good swimming in the summer. Cross the wooden bridge over Durrance Creek and follow the Cascade Trail around to the left. This is about 0.5 km. long but goes up, up, up and leads to Timberman Trail. As you go up the hillside you'll be among carpets of ferns and tall trees. Pause at the wooden guard rail about 10 minutes up to admire a huge fir tree. On the opposite bank of the creek is a large tree leaning over another. Continue up the steps to the platform overlooking the waterfall and pause here for a well-deserved rest. This beautiful waterfall changes seasonally, sometimes falling in ribbons, sometime like a veil, and in the dryness of later summer, it disappears altogether. It is at its best in early spring, but flows from fall to mid-summer. If the winter is very cold, it will freeze over on the spray edge with water cascading behind the ice.

After a rest, you can return downhill and back the way you came which will reduce the length of the hike by about a half hour. The downhill here is hard on the knees. Or, you can carry on up the last few steep steps to the top. There you join the Timberman Trail. Turn left and cross Pease Creek on the little bridge. Here the trail is wider and relatively flat and leads to Ross-Durrance Road. Turn left along the road and go as far as the sign announcing McKenzie Bight/Mt. Work/Gowland Tod. Turn left and follow this trail down, down, following Durrance Creek all the way back to McKenzie Bight. The sound of rushing water will accompany you all the way down. Near the bottom of the trail, Durrance Creek and Pease Creek merge, although this is difficult to see. Skirt McKenzie Bight, walking to your right up past the pit toilet and back along the trail to Mark Lane. Relax at home with a welcoming hot chocolate.

Don't forget water for you and your four-legged friend, and sturdy boots. There are 2 pit toilets on this route. One is just before you reach McKenzie Bight as you approach from Mark Lane, and the other is at the top of the Timberman Trail just as you head down from Ross-Durrance Road. Don't forget to let someone know where you are going.

Gillian Jackson



Dianne Twamley, Martha Herriot, Ida Connor, Gerri Gorling & Carmen Moore at the waterfall

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Babysitting

<p>Shevaun Cunningham</p> <p>14 years old Will look after children of all ages St. John's Ambulance training Babysitter training</p> <p>Call 652-1908</p>	<p>Do you need a trustworthy, dependable babysitter who will insure your kid(s) ultimate safety and fun at all times? Call me,</p> <p>Kristi Martin</p> <p>I have my Red Cross Babysitting Certificate and I love to take care of kids five years and up.</p> <p>Call 652-6585</p> <p>I also take care of friendly rodents!</p>
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