



The Pointer

Spring 2005

To The Point

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement after the last issue. You may have noticed a new publication that was circulated to us in the winter. It is The Rural Observer, serving the communities of Port Renfrew, Jordan River, Shirley, Otter Point, East Sooke, Songhees, Malahat and Willis Point. Pat Sloan, 652-0226 will be our liaison with this publication. Please contact her with your comments and suggestions.

Enjoy the Spring, Pat Williams
652-0223, pwill@telus.net

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Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

Spring is here now and our thoughts turn to gardening, but let's cast our minds back for a moment to remember the Christmas Party and Pot Luck Dinner at the Hall back in December when it got dark before suppertime and the rain was pouring down. Joan and Bill Wright had transported ALL their Christmas decorations from home to make the Hall festive. About 80 of us gathered to share a Christmas dinner together under the giant tree. Three of the Herriots, Katrina, John and James, gave us their rendition of 'The Night Before Christmas', and who will forget Andy Sneddon clearing up the mystery of why we put an angel on the top of our Christmas tree? Jeff Espin explained 'A Politically Correct Christmas' and two future recording stars, Alise Pennell and Carolyn Orr hopped up on an improvised stage and sang a great version of 'Down Santa Claus Lane', all to great applause.

Santa arrived in the fire truck with lights flashing. A long line of kids young and old sat on Santa's knee and took home a goody bag. Joan Wright had made 50 rice bags for tossing in play or warming in the microwave to keep hands warm on cold evenings and these were a big hit. All in all, it was a warm and wonderful evening to remember, with huge thanks going to Joan and Bill for all their efforts. We extend the invitation to everyone in the community to join us this coming Christmas when it happens all over again.



Carolyn Orr & Alise Pennell

photos by Brendan Pause



Santa and friends

Carolling Evening

Another W.P. tradition was observed on Dec 21 when a hearty group gathered to sing Christmas carols throughout the neighbourhood. Thanks to Bob Scott for organizing this event and to Katrina Herriot for the photos.



Milk Delivery



Did you know that Willis Point has milk delivery?

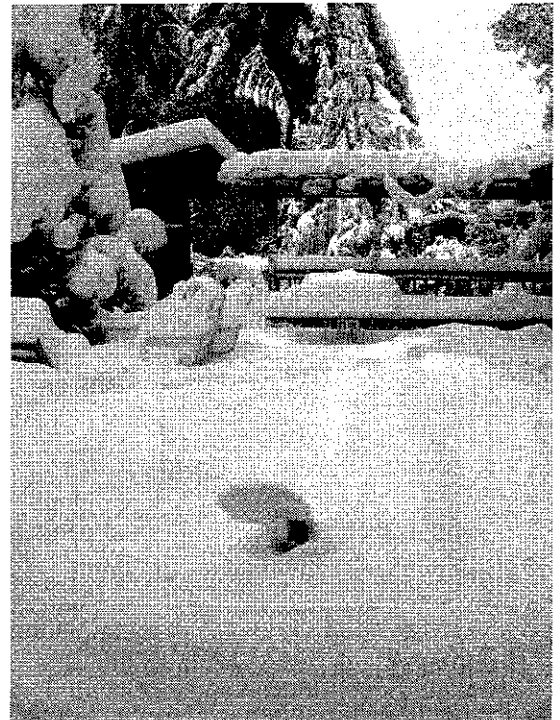
For milk delivery featuring 'Island Farms Island Fresh Dairy Products' including Milk, Dairy Products, Bread, Eggs, and Orange Juice:

Call: Moolicious Home Delivery

744-COWS (744-2697)

January Snowstorm

Now that our world is green again, here are a few photos of all that white stuff that made our lives so interesting in January. Even though the next snowfall is far in the future, there are a couple of things to think about. Snow removal is always a problem and vehicles parked along the road make it difficult to clear the roads, and in some areas, impossible. The Fire Department has made the suggestion that each resident try to shovel his driveway and roadsides for 10-15 feet. This will help keep the roads clear for emergency vehicles. If shovelling is difficult for you, perhaps hiring a local lad or lass would be the answer. Also, if the power is out, portable phones don't work. You may want to consider having at least one land line in your house. Barbeques with a side burner are very handy during power outages, you'll have no problem cooking. And when the snow falls again, bundle up, go out and enjoy it!



Willis Point Community Association

WPCA Executive

Chair	Don Robin	652-0209
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Member-at-Large	Ken Leighton	652-2686
Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jerry Tombu	652-4097

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.

December 13, 2004

- the minutes of the June 23, 2004 meeting were reviewed and amended
- discussion regarding recognition of volunteers in the community, suggestions of articles in Pointer, recognition at meetings or a recognition event
- plans for a Casino Night in the spring are proceeding
- a debate on the compiling and keeping of a membership list or list of all residents at Willis Point, who should have access to it, how to protect info.
- a donation was made toward the Community Christmas Party
- investigating grant in aid for producing The Pointer, considering soliciting paid ads
- Environmental Committee, its role, history and relationship to WPCA explained.
- investigation of liability insurance for community events
- rental rates for the Hall and Annex will be established when insurance is resolved.
- Land Use Committee Report, full text in this issue.
- resident expressed concern about 4x4 vehicles in the Park and on Fama lands.

February 7, 2005

- a membership list has been compiled to be used for WPCA business only.
- plans are proceeding for the Casino Night March 12.
- still unknown if grants exist to finance The Pointer.
- liability insurance will be in place before the Casino Night
- concrete barriers are available free but there is no funding to put them in place.
- Land Use Report, full text in this issue.
- concerns from Fire Chief regarding snow removal and cars parked on the roadside.
- a new publication, The Rural Observer, is being circulated to Willis Point Residents
- profit from Christmas Party - \$67
- Society Annual Report filed.
- discussion if Willis Point should be proactive concerning Sooke and amalgamation,
- Juan de Fuca Parks Commission initiated by CRD . W.P. rep. is Sheila Carnegie.

Spring Fire Department Report

Hello everyone. In the last issue of The Pointer I updated you on some new initiatives at your Fire Department. Training, especially live fire training, figures very prominently in our plans for the current year and we're moving ahead swiftly.

Several members have recently completed the first level of live fire training at the Nanaimo Fire Department Training Ground, with the rest of the department being scheduled over the summer months. Members who already have live fire level one will be taking level two, focusing on more challenging fires. Although we thankfully don't have many house fires, this training will give our capabilities a huge boost in case we are called to respond.

I'm also pleased to report that our new SCBA's are arriving any day! What's an SCBA? Well, it's like a "scuba" tank system that lets us breath safely while inside a hostile environment like a fire. Our current gear is nearly thirty years old and is in serious need of replacement.

Where did the money come from for all this new training and equipment? The great news is that none of this was paid for with your property taxes! Have you ever purchased a lottery ticket? If so, thank you, because that is where the money came from. Last year we applied to the province for a gaming grant. At first, it didn't look like we would receive any funding. But, once we had a chance to describe the uniqueness of our little department and what a great job we've been able to do on a tiny budget, they changed their mind. We ended up receiving a special one time grant of \$47,500 to replace our SCBA's and to update our training. This was a real boost for the department and will pay dividends for many years to come.

Thanks to the community for being safe and for showing your appreciation by supporting the events that we host. As Spring approaches, it is your chance to show even more appreciation for your department and for your community by joining our team. We'll be taking in new recruits in late Spring or early June – watch for the posters. Any firefighter will tell you that it's a lot of fun and very rewarding. You don't need any special training or skills to join. We'll teach you everything you need to know. Start thinking about yourself as a volunteer firefighter! You can learn more at www.willispoint.ca.

Mark Roozendaal
Fire Chief

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Many of you will know about the Fire Fighter's Association and will have attended some of our Happy Hours and other events in the past. We very much appreciate that support. However, for people who are new to the Point or may not be familiar with the Association, here is a bit of background information.

The Association is responsible for the "social" side of our Volunteer Fire Department. We look after the Bill Wright Annex, making sure that it is clean and tidy and that it is a pleasant place to socialise after practices. We purchase items of uniform (t-shirts for example) that are not part of our turn-out gear. The overall aim is to make membership in the Fire Department a pleasant and sociable experience. We think this is important to help us to recruit new members to the Department and to keep those people who do join. It's also important in building a team sense amongst the members.

This costs money, not a huge amount, but money that has to be raised every year from events that we hold.

This year we want to try and raise about \$4,000 during the year. This is to allow us to refurbish part of the Fire Hall Annex to make it more of a club room, to replace some outworn uniform items and generally to put the Association on a reasonable financial footing.

This year we worked with the Community Association to put on the Casino Night. All the credit for this goes to Gerri Gorling and her Committee. What a wonderful job they all did. On June 9th (Father's Day) we will have our usual (perhaps unusual would be more accurate) golf tournament. And we will have another significant event in the Fall.

For those of you who have supported us in the past, thank you. We hope you will continue to do so in the future and we are truly grateful. For people who have not attended these events, we hope you will come to them this time around. They are fun. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbours. And they are for a good cause which benefits us all.

Finally, if you have ideas about events that you would like to see in the future, or other ways of raising money, please let me know. I can be contacted by phone (652-1979) or e-mail (FFA@bruceb.co.uk) and I would very much welcome your ideas.

Thank you.

Bruce Burton
Chair: WP Volunteer Fire Fighters Association

Burning Permit Changes

There are new burning permit rules in place for Willis Point. It is very important for the safety of our community that you take a few minutes to read about the changes.

We have made these changes to bring our permits in line with the Capital Regional District's existing burning permit, bylaw #1958. You'll find that these changes give you more flexibility while increasing your protection from fire.

Here is a summary of what's new. Full details can be found on our website at www.willispoint.ca.

- Backyard burning of small piles of garden waste is permitted, as before. However, during the Winter months, you won't need a permit anymore for backyard burning. During the Spring and Fall, permits will be required. Of course, in the Summer months, all burning will continue to be prohibited.
- We'll display prominent signage on the road and at the hall to tell you when a burning permit is required or when a burning ban is in effect.
- The purpose of a burning permit is so that the fire department knows when you are burning. Our current 30 day permits do not accomplish this. In accordance with the bylaw, open fire burning permits will be valid for a maximum of five days. This means that in the Spring and Fall you'll need to plan when you want to burn.
- Incinerator permits are required at all times and will be issued for a one year term. Before a permit is issued, the incinerator will be inspected by the Fire Department. Incinerator construction and location requirements are on our website. Once inspected, incinerators can be used from the Fall to the Spring. When a burning ban is in effect, incinerator burning is also prohibited.

The great weather we've been having means that a very dry Summer is already being forecast. Your department takes fire safety very seriously and is preparing for the upcoming conditions. We need your help as well, and ask for your cooperation in following our updated burning permit plan. The bylaw does provide for enforcement and fines if necessary.



If you have any questions or concerns, need a burning permit, or would like to arrange to have your incinerator inspected please stop by the firehall any Wednesday night or call the Chief at 881-6180.

Mark Roozendaal,
Fire Chief

pictured are firefighters Gord Hawkes, Darren Pine, Mark Roozendaal, & Ken Smith.
Photo by Brendan Pause

Neighbourhood Notices

FOR SALE

<p>Willis Point House For Sale On the Water Pat Anderson 652-1028</p>	<p>Yoga Mat and 2 cushions Like new, Rarely used, \$35 Sheila Carnegie 544-1792</p>
<p>7.5 HP Merc Outboard Motor 1984, Short Shank, \$375 Jane & Grant Armstrong 652-4965</p>	<p>Queen Size Mattress & Box Spring, good condition, Duvet & Assorted Bedding \$300 OBO Alicia Pine 544-0202</p>
<p>Gold's Gym Mellenia Series Multi-System Versa Bench, 1 Barbell, 2x5 lb weights, 2x2 ½ lb weights, excellent condition, \$250 Lesley Wolfe-Milner 652-8285</p>	<p>Maytag Gas Range, currently on propane, 2yrs old, cost \$1800, accept \$175 Beech veneer Computer Desk with Hutch, \$45 3 solid beechwood Bar Swivel Chairs/stools, as new, \$35 each or \$90 for all Stair Basket, as new, \$10 Karen Davies, 544-1319, please call after April 2</p>

Aerobics and Yoga

Aerobics: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm at the Hall, \$2 per session until mid April when aerobics ends till the fall and the group walks into the Park on these evenings. Watch the notice boards to join the walking group.

Yoga: Mondays 7-8:30pm. \$10 per session or 6 for \$50. Start anytime. Contact Jessica Wu 652-2242 for info.

Guided Walk in the Partridge Hills

With Janet Tombu,

Sunday April 3 at 10 am. Meet at Red Gates

See the Happy Trails article for details or call Pat Williams 652-0223

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

New Neighbours

We welcome Karen and Dai Davies and their daughters Beth and Katie, 7035 Willis Point Road, to Willis Point and the WPCA.



The Davies Family and dog Rayda

Karen and Dai are originally from Britain but have been living near Mt. Douglas for about 2 years. Dai worked for 22 years as an editor for B.B.C. television in London. Karen was a French teacher and later became a project manager for the London Chamber of Commerce. They now have a home-based business called Cedarwood Video which makes documentaries, promotional videos, and website videos.

Dai plays classical guitar and bass and both enjoy hiking and the intimate setting of Willis Point. Daughter Beth, 16, likes cartooning and art, while Katie, 14, writes stories and poems.

Congratulations

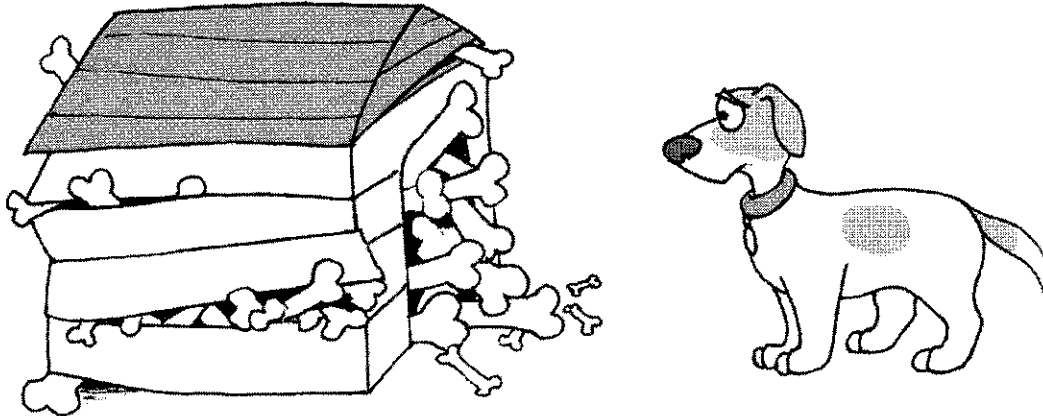


Brandy Nohr and Paul Blunt
February 19, 2005

WILLIS POINT GARAGE SALE

Saturday May 14 9 am – 12 noon

Cartoon By Beth Davies



Too much junk?

Do you look around your home and wish you had more space? Do you wish you had less clutter, a tidier home and more spare cash? Well, you are in luck! Yes, it's that time of year, time to clean out some of your unwanted bits and pieces and convert them into beer money at the Willis Point Garage Sale.

The sale will take place on Saturday May 14, 9 am – 12 noon and if you would like to take part, all you have to do is email Karen Davies at cedarwoodvid@telus.net or phone 544-1313. I will then draw up a list/map of who is taking part and advertise it around to ensure we get as many customers as possible. The more sellers we have, the more people will want to drive out here to buy our goodies!

If you feel that your driveway is not good for access, you may want to get together with another neighbour to share a more accessible driveway and we can set up group areas for those who would like to sell as part of a team. More sociable and fun too.

And entrepreneurial kids may want to set up a lemonade stand, sell cookies, snacks or...? We will mark 'refreshments' on the map.

So get sorting and let me know if you'd like to take part.

Cheers, Karen Davies

544-1313

cedarwoodvid@telus.net

JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE

WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE

POINTER REPORT– March, 2005

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee has held four meetings since my last Pointer report – on December 7 and 21, 2004, and January 18 and February 15, 2005. The March 1 and 15 meetings have been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items; the next meeting is April 5, location to be determined. I will post the agenda on the community bulletin boards. As I have been providing detailed reports of each Committee meeting for inclusion in the minutes of the Community Association Executive meetings, and posting these reports on the bulletin boards, at this time I will offers some general comments on the Land Use Committee.

Although the Committee covers the whole Electoral Area, the volume of applications and overall workload has not been difficult. Most meetings have been under two hours (usually at Sooke Council Chambers, so the travel time exceeds the meeting time). Preparation time (mostly reviewing staff reports) normally takes an hour or so.

Most applications have been from the East Sooke and Otter Point/Shirley areas. Only two Willis Point applications have arisen. The first was a minor variation to an existing development permit approved last fall. The second was a development permit relating to a subdivision application at 7300 Mark Lane. The Committee approved the application on February 15, 2005.

Generally, applications have been straightforward, with clear staff analysis and conclusions, and no public concerns or questions. In these cases the Committee normally adopts the staff recommendations. A few development permit or variance applications have generated strong views from immediate neighbours, but to date none have involved broad public concerns.

Probably the most difficult issue for the Committee was use of a “Conservation Covenant” in the DeMamiel Creek development to protect a salmon bearing stream. After several reviews and directions to CRD staff to negotiate improved terms, the Committee approved the covenant on January 18, 2005. This was a new use of a conservation covenant by the CRD, and the efforts of the Committee resulted in a better arrangement for the CRD.

I think the Committee is working well, and is fulfilling its mandate. On several occasions, local knowledge by a Committee member has assisted in clarifying specific aspects of an application. I would be pleased to answer any questions or discuss any land use matters.

Pat O'Rourke
(652-5598)

PROPOSED NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON WILLIS POINT

Around March 2, many Pointers received a notice of information sessions being held by Parks Canada on March 8, 9 and 10 regarding the proposed “Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area”. The proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area covers all of Saanich Inlet down to Goldstream River. All of the waters and foreshore lands surrounding Willis Point are included in the proposed Conservation Area.

The purpose of a National Marine Conservation Area is “protecting and conserving representative marine areas”. BC currently has one – around South Moresby Island in the Queen Charlottes (technically it is a “conservation reserve” because of unsettled aboriginal claims). The Southern Strait of Georgia Conservation Area would be the second.

Conservation Areas are established by the federal government, and managed by Parks Canada. Some activities are prohibited throughout a Conservation Area, some are limited to specific “zones”. Parks Canada grants all leases, licenses and other uses of lands (including foreshore lands and the seabed) within a Conservation Area, but all uses must be “compatible” with the overall purpose of the Area. Although it is not well known, BC owns the seabed and the foreshore lands in Georgia Strait, including around the Gulf Islands and in Saanich Inlet. As a result, the provincial government must consent to the Southern Strait of Georgia Conservation Area, and also must turn over the seabed and foreshore to the federal government before it can be established.

Canada and the province have an agreement that Canada will conduct a “feasibility study” regarding the proposed Southern Strait of Georgia Conservation Area. The information sessions being held by Parks Canada are one part of that study. When the study is concluded, Canada and the Province will have to agree on details, including precise boundaries and any areas that would be excluded from the overall Conservation Area. Following this, the province would hand over the seabed areas to Canada, and the federal government would establish the Conservation Area by Cabinet order.

Despite its laudable purpose, the establishment of the Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area could have significant effects on waterfront residents and others who use Saanich Inlet. Currently, the provincial government (Land and Water BC) is responsible for issuing foreshore tenures (licenses, leases, etc.). In a Conservation Area, Parks Canada has this authority, but all tenures must be for uses “compatible” with the Area’s purpose. It is not clear if private recreational tenures would be compatible, or how establishment of the Area will affect existing tenures (costs, renewal rights, conditions, etc.) or the ability of residents to obtain new tenures. While the establishment of a Conservation Area does not automatically result in any restriction on recreational fishing or boating, these activities would become subject to regulation by Parks Canada, and they potentially could be restricted or prohibited in some areas or “zones”. It is unclear how Parks Canada regulation might affect recreational prawning or shellfish harvesting, private moorage or use of the Inlet for water sports. Waterfront residents, and others who use Saanich Inlet for recreational purposes, should find out all they can about the proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area and the rules that Parks Canada intends to apply within the Area. The Parks Canada website (http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/amnc-nmca/index_E.asp) contains helpful background information, as well as an e-mail address.

Pat O’Rourke

Mainroad South Island Contracting Ltd.

On March 3, 2005 a ninety minute meeting was held with David Turenne, Road/Bridge Manager of the above, and Mark Twamley and Don Robin. Mark provided very useful background information and a history of our roads and the following topics were discussed:

- Safety, including road surface, road grading, deterioration of the road, drainage, pavement patching and hot sealing, road widening where possible to at least 12', and refreshing the yellow line.
- Ditching, brush clearing and completion of the wood chipping operation already started
- Turnaround-the feasibility of enlarging the turnaround at the Park gates, of particular assistance during snow removal
- Additional 'No Parking' signs. It was agreed that the Willis Point Community Association would continue to educate residents about not parking or encroaching on the driving surface, particularly following a snowfall.

Of special interest to Willis Pointers is the fact that Mainroad, following the inspection by their foremen, will be completing their budget by March 31. Input from the community is requested and all comments will be collated and passed on by phoning the number below.

Another important item to be discussed is the development of a Five Year Plan. The intention is to have planned improvement and regularly scheduled maintenance over this period which can be relied upon.

Please contact the number below with your comments and suggestions for inclusion in the budget and in the Five Year Plan.

Don Robin,
Chair, Willis Point Community Association
652-0209

Opportunity

The Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission is giving away \$2000.

Here's how you can earn it:

Any student in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12, living in the Juan de Fuca area, or

Any team of students in the above grades with at least 50% of its members being resident in the Juan de Fuca area, is eligible to win by:

- a) developing a Business Plan for a viable on-going business, or
- b) developing a Business Plan to support an idea for summer employment of four months duration.

Selection of the two best entries will be by an independent panel of judges.

The closing date for entries is May 6, 2005.

The EDC is sponsoring this competition to encourage entrepreneurial thinking among students in the area.

Full details regarding this competition is being circulated through the schools and will be available there.

If you have questions, please contact:

Don Robin, 250-652-0209

JUAN DE FUCA PARKS COMMISSION

The Juan de Fuca Parks Commission, recently formed by the Capital Regional District (CRD), is responsible for the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of community parks within the Electoral Area. Nine members, including Regional Director Erik Lund, represent communities of East Sooke, Jordan River, Malahat, Otter Point, Port Renfrew, Shirley and Willis Point. Sheila Carnegie has been appointed the WP representative.

The first meeting was held February 9th, 2005 (a summary was posted on the information boards). Minutes of all meetings can be read in full at www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/index.htm.

With the exception of in-camera sessions, meetings are open to the public. They are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, 5pm., at SEAPARC, Multi-purpose Room, Sooke.

Persons wishing to be included on the agenda may contact:
Jennifer Ridley, Administrative Secretary, at 1(250) 642-8005 OR
Sheila Carnegie, WP Commissioner, at 544-1792.



Janet Tombu and Martha Herriot enjoy the view from the Second Knoll

Happy Trails

Red Gates to the Second Knoll of the Partridge Hills

Time: about 20 minutes to the top of the Second Knoll

This trail begins about 1.5 km up Willis Point Road from the Fire Hall. Past Sea-Aira Heights, there is a pullout area on the left with several large boulders across the start of the trail, and a new wellhead. This place is known as 'Red Gates', so named because about a dozen years ago there was a shiny red gate here across the wide path. A short distance in, the trail branches into two. Take the right fork and start uphill. At the next Y in the trail, continue almost straight ahead (the left branch). After about 10 minutes from the road, you may notice pink ribbon markers in the trees. These are park boundary markers. Our trail has started on Fama property and, once you pass the pink ribbons, you have passed into the Park.

Crest a rise and a smaller path, unmarked, opens off to the left. If you come upon a long level spot, you have gone too far. The small path will lead you to an old rusty 45 gallon drum. Go left here, uphill through a lightly forested area with a mossy floor. After a few minutes, look to your left as you rise and you will find a rocky clearing with lovely views over the Saanich Inlet. Willis Point is straight ahead below you, the Malahat is to the left, Senanus Island and the mouth of Brentwood Bay to the right. SaltSpring Island is in the distance. This is the Second Knoll of the Partridge Hills.

After a pause to enjoy the scenery, locate a small path off to the left which affords a broader view of Finlayson Arm and the Malahat. Look for turkey vultures and eagles in the trees below. This whole area comprises the Second Knoll and is covered in the spring with wildflowers. Layers of blue mountains recede into the distance. Here is a wonderful place to watch a summer sunset.

It takes only about 20 minutes to reach this place, just under 1 km from the road. The mosses here have been a target of professional moss pickers in the past. Please tread lightly, and do not pick the flowers. The top of the knoll is Fama property, just outside the Park boundary. Retrace your steps to return to the road.

The Partridge Hills are criss-crossed with a complex network of trails, so, as an introduction to this area, there will be a guided walk of the circle route encompassing both the First and Second Knolls. Janet Tombu will be our guide on Sunday April 3 at 10am. The hike will take about 1 ½ hours walking time, is rated easy to moderate, and suitable for most levels of fitness. Wear sturdy footwear, the trail may be muddy in places, and bring your water bottle and perhaps a camera. Meet at Red Gates at 10am, carpooling is a good idea, or walk up. For more information call Pat Williams 652-0223.

Many thanks to Janet Tombu who led us through the beautiful Partridge Hills in preparation for this article, and to James Herriot, whose notes on the area, from memory, were very helpful.

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Stardust Casino

On behalf of the Willis Point Community Association and the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department we would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations to the Stardust Casino.

Andy Snedden	Cammy Egyeda	Kate Evans
Aran & Jeanne Puritch	Cantest- J B Lab	Ken & Kathy Illot
Asmira Belly Dancing	Capital City Paving	Lois & Don Lovo
Atlas Audio Video	Carmen Moore	Margaret DeWitt
Avalon Cottage (Vern McConnell)	Victor Chang-Kue	Mark & Deanna
Barbara Ende	Connor Family	Roosendaal
Bill and Melanie Douglas	Don & Audrey Robin	Mike and Sheri Corrigan
Blue's Bayou Café	Don & Geri Gorling	Ocean River Sports
Bob Wilson & Deb Halliday	Earthly Delights Baking	Patrick & Mary O'Rourke
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Butterfly Gardens	Karen Scott	Willis Pt. Fire Department
Café Piccolo		

And the other contributors who have requested to remain anonymous... you know who you are.

Thank You

Casino Night

The final tally of funds raised from the Casino Night is not yet finalized, but it looks like we raised between \$5500 and \$5800 to benefit the WPCA and the Fire Dept. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Stardust Casino such a success. I would like to name every one of you but would hate to miss one. To the workers, donors, buyers, gamblers, and guests, a big Thank You to all! Please remember the generous businesses who sponsored a table. They are Bagel Queen Bakery and Café at the Ploughshare, Thrifty Foods, Oldfield Service Garage, Butchart Gardens, The Red Barn Market, and Royal Oak Automotive. Many thanks to all!
Geri Gorling



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