



# The Pointer

Winter 2005 - 2006

## To The Point

I'd like to extend a ThankYou to the generous and anonymous gardener who decorated the Hall sign with lovely displays of flowers for three seasons this year. It was beautiful, and another example of the many thoughtful people in our community who help out in so many ways. To all our terrific volunteers, a heartfelt ThankYou.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2006.

Cheers, Pat Williams  
652-0223  
[pwill@telus.net](mailto:pwill@telus.net)

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# Neighbourhood Notices

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## Congratulations to Sandy Martin



Sandy has graduated from the University of Victoria with a Science degree "With Distinction", specializing in Microbiology. This fall she fulfilled a lifelong dream by being accepted into the Medical School at the University of British Columbia. Sandy lives with proud grandparents Lois and Don Lovo and is the daughter of Bob Martin of Melody Place.

## Aerobics Returns

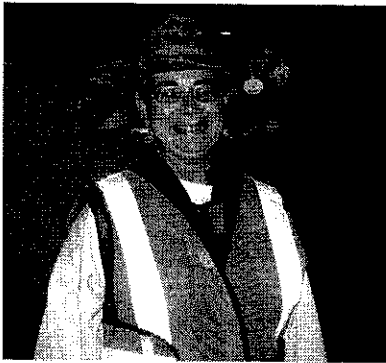
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# Hallowe'en Gallery





## Roadside Cleanup 101

So you've got your gloves and garbage bags, you're all set to go. You've driven the road every day for years, and there's not much garbage out there, you'll be done in half an hour, easy. Especially with all the people who have showed up with you. Fat chance. Roadside cleanup this year turned out a lot more garbage than I'd expected.

We live in one of the most beautiful spots on Vancouver Island (in my humble opinion at least), and yet some people are doing their best to turn it into a dump. Victoria already has a dump, we don't need to turn what's left of our nature into another. The things our volunteer crew turned up this year were, in one word, gross.

The day started off normally enough, with the usual candy wrappers, chips packages, cans, and bottles littering the side of the road. And boy, were there a lot of butts around! Not only our own dutiful collectors' butts waving in the air as we bent to pick up yet another piece of trash, but a veritable stream of cigarette butts. Soon it felt like half our black garbage bag was full of just butts; we'd pick up three at our feet only to see ten more a foot in front of us. Come on people, we know you like to smoke, but there's a spot in your car for those! No need to give nature cancer as well.

As Graham drove the fire truck past, we hitched a ride to the next stretch of Willis Point Rd., where I hopped off with Barbara. Soon we were joined by Pat, and it was good we had that extra hand because we'd found a gold mine of rubbish. Roofers: please, please drive the five minutes extra to the dump! It's not that difficult, trust us. And farther into the woods, we came across a garbage bag full of trash, sneakily concealed beneath a load of potting soil. Just past that there was a cache of old tins, rusted through and crumbling.

At that site alone we dug up five separate bags of trash, partially decomposed and spilling their contents at the touch of a hand. One of these had been full of used diapers, which were now scattered through the bushes. Due to the pounding rain the night before, all the diapers had swelled to three times their original size, and it was a heavy bag we lugged back to the road. But this was not the source of the smell that permeated the area, no, that we traced back to a full cooking chicken, that looked like it had once been trussed and ready for the pot. Other assorted oddments from our labours included a patio umbrella, six foot tall candle stand, chandelier, and a bag of drywall. In fact, we spent so much time pulling garbage from that one site that by the time we were through most of the rest of the crew had cleaned back to us, turning up things like a full table saw (with the blade still in – that's safe), plastic lawn chairs, countless tires, half full tins of paint, and the rear quarter of a truck.

As disgusting as the fruits of our labours were, the gross prize of the day has to go to Dave Connor and crew, who found the carcasses of a bear and a deer hidden beneath a tarp off Canyon Hill. The RCMP were called, but really there is not a lot that can be done, unless the killer wrote "Joe killed this bear!" on it. And, stupid though it may seem to kill a bear, one would hope that humankind is not so stupid as to sign their dirty deeds.

And this is the ultimate frustration of all our hard work. Who is behind all this dumping? Obviously there is more than one culprit, but without nametags we have no way of telling who dumped what, or why. And no one to hold accountable, no one to clean up what is rightfully theirs, no one to fine for littering. Littering IS a crime, and obviously those who tried to cover their tracks by burying their trash under potting soil know this. But they also must know how unlikely it is that they will be caught, unfortunately. We who live in the Point take pride in our community, and it is frustrating to have people disrespect it and use our land as a dumping site for things they are too lazy to dispose of properly.

Thanks to all the helpers who cleaned up our roads. Congratulations on a job well done! Special thanks also to RDI, who offered to take our collected garbage to the dump, where it should have been taken in the first place.

Kendra Tombu



## Community Organizations

There are 2 community organizations at Willis Point, each with an executive committee comprised of directors or commissioners elected from the community.

1. The Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC) has the administrative powers of the CRD Regional Board. It is comprised of 8 voting commissioners, 7 are residents and one is the CRD Director. Commissioners are elected for a 2 year term (3 people one year, and 4 people the next year). The WPFRFC (locally called Fire & Rec) meets monthly and extends a continuous invitation to a representative from the WP Community Association and the WP Fire Chief to attend all meetings. The WPFRFC has the following responsibilities: appoints the Fire Chief; sets the annual budget for the Hall and Fire Department; responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and management of the fire/community Hall.

2. The Willis Point Community Association (WPCA) is a society with a paid membership under the B.C. Societies Act. Members of the WPCA are resident electors, tenant electors or property owners. The WPCA executive meets monthly and has 8 voting directors, 7 elected from the community and one representative from the WPFRFC. The WPCA undertakes the following activities: discuss and help mitigate concerns and problems in the community; holds social functions and fund raising activities; publishes a community newsletter, The Pointer.

## Willis Point Community Association

### WPCA Executive

Chair	Don Robin	652-0209
Vice-Chair	Don Gorling	652-6149
Corresponding Secretary	Sally McMillan	652-9468
Recording Secretary	Norma Jones	652-5792
Treasurer	Barbara Ende	544-1110
Member-at-Large	Gerri Gorling	652-6149
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 major points discussed, NOT complete minutes. Complete minutes are posted on both bulletin boards or can be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

#### Annual General Meeting October 2, 2005

-approximately 50 people attended

-WPCA meetings are the second Monday of every month at the Hall, all welcome

-a synopsis of the year's activities was presented by Don Robin, covering issues of liability insurance, volunteer recognition, concerns about 4x4 vehicles in the park, road improvements, and community clean-up.

- Regional Director Erik Lund reviewed how local government works
- Hartland Landfill report by Larry Resnick, 3.5 acres is being used as a gravel facility
- discussion of development permit controls for the new Fama lots. A proposal was made that the Advisory Planning Committee review all applications. Motion defeated
- Money raised for Partridge Hills Park acquisition will remain in a separate account to be used for purchase of parkland or park access
- Status of the Environment Committee will be decided by the executive
- Fire and Rec Committee (WPFRC) chair Vern McConnell noted that the budget impacts our taxes, volunteer involvement reduces the amounts we have to pay out
- Roadside clean-up planned for Oct 29. Thanks to Ron's Disposal for free garbage bins
- An Earthquake Awareness Workshop is being planned
- \$400 donated for the Christmas party, \$600 donated for the Hallowe'en party
- membership fees were waived for the year
- Elections: Vice-Chair – Don Gorling; Corresponding Secretary – Sally McMillan; Membership Secretary – Ken Leighton; Member at Large – Gerri Gorling; all positions are for a 2 year term, all elected by acclamation.
- A free BBQ and No-host bar followed the meeting.



#### **November 14, 2005**

- discussion re: providing a microphone for speakers at AGM and ways to diminish costs of printing minutes and agendas
- letter from CRD stating there is a ban on yard and garden waste going to the landfill
- Bob Scott will review minutes of CRD Environment Committee
- discussion of possible ways to share costs of Hallowe'en fireworks
- discussion of possibly developing a WPCA website
- discussion regarding use of community notice boards, no restrictions of political notices

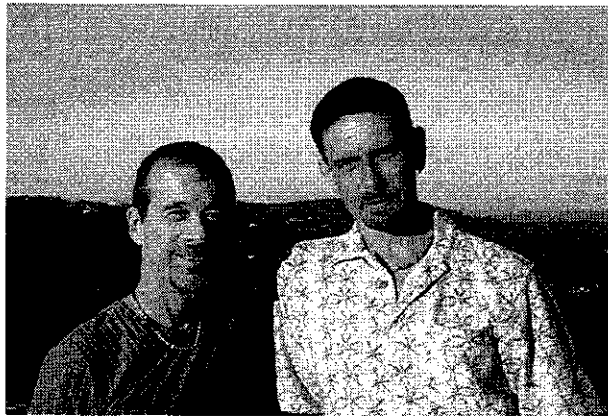
## Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

Dr. Christopher Jackson and Ray Robertson  
7129 Mark Lane (formerly Carnegie/Jolson)

Dr. Christopher Jackson is an author and composer. Formerly Dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies, and Chairman of the Department of Music at of The University of Lethbridge, Dr. Jackson was named Professor Emeritus in 2001 and has lived in Victoria since retirement. For more information on professional activities see the following university web page: <http://www.uleth.ca/ffa/musicstaff.htm>

Christopher's partner, Ray Robertson, is Intake Officer for a Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General of British Columbia. A longtime resident of Vancouver Island, Ray was unacquainted with the Willis Point area until he and Christopher "discovered" it last summer. Dreaming of tranquility and nature, Christopher and Ray moved to Willis Point in late September of this year. Together with their cat, Chester, they look forward to the realization of this dream.



Richard Mallory  
Also at 7129 Mark Lane



Occupying his own suite is Richard Mallory, a life long friend of Christopher. Richard is a computer consultant for Maxi Switch Inc. with offices in Tucson, Arizona, and manufacturing facilities in Hermosillo, Mexico, and parent company headquarters in Taipei, Taiwan. The age of the Internet allows Richard the freedom to live wherever he wants and still work for international companies. Richard and his cat, Cikira, have been enjoying the peace and seclusion of Willis Point since late October of this year.

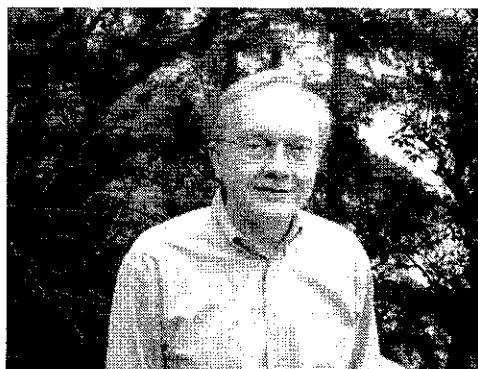
Russell Odnokon and Colleen McCrann  
6711 Mark Lane (formerly Wu's)

Russell and Colleen were originally from the Prairies but have lived in Victoria for many years. Russell is a supervisor at the Canada Post Centre on Glanford Ave. He is an avid hockey player for his team, the Esquimalt Redwings. He also loves mountain biking. Colleen has a rug tufting business called Elan Rug Design. She is also interested in interior design and mountain biking. Russell and Colleen's son, Mike, is 16 years old. They came to Willis Point because they were impressed with the forests and the seclusion.



Bill Cottick  
6930 Mark Lane (formerly Hurley's)

Bill is originally from Winnipeg. He took his undergraduate courses and law degree from U.B.C., specializing in corporate commercial law. He worked for Wardair and Laidlaw in Toronto and he now works for B.C. Ferries as general counsel and executive vice-president of corporate affairs. Bill has three children, all currently at school. Kellie is studying Commerce at U.B.C., Kimberley is in Life Sciences at Queens University, and Christopher also studies Commerce, at Guelph. Bill's wife passed away three years ago. All three children are expected home for this Christmas holiday.



## JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE

### WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE

#### POINTER REPORT– December, 2005

At the outset, I wish to express my appreciation to Willis Point for re-electing me as your Land Use Committee Representative, and to thank Judy Kozler for a good campaign. Willis Point was the only area to have elections for either the Land Use Committee or the Advisory Planning Commission, and to me this reflects our strong commitment to our community. I look forward to serving the Point for the next 3 years.

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee held two meetings since my last Pointer report -- on September 20 and November 1. The other scheduled meetings were cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is December 6, at 7:00 PM in the Sooke Council Chambers. Two Development Permit Applications from Willis Point are on the Agenda.

#### **September 20, 2005 Meeting**

The meeting was held at Sooke Council Chambers. Port Renfrew member Wasner was not present. I was also absent due to a work commitment and the summary below is taken from the official minutes. Approximately 8 members of the public attended.

One Willis Point item was on the agenda - a Development Permit Application by Cynthia Kornelson, who had purchased the first of the FAMA lots to be marketed. The Permit was for a driveway from Willis Point Road to the proposed building location, and a geotechnical report and a biologist's report were included with the application. The biologist was present at the meeting. Staff had recommended approval of the application, and the Committee adopted the staff recommendations and authorized issuance of the Permit.

This permit was subsequently the subject of a memo to the Land Use Committee from Larry Resnick, and this is discussed under the November 1 meeting.

The other item of interest was a large subdivision application in the Malahat area. The Committee referred the application to the Malahat Advisory Planning Commission to determine if the proposed amenities were sufficient to support the application.

#### **November 1, 2005 Meeting**

The meeting was held at Sooke Council Chambers. Port Renfrew member Wasner was absent. Approximately 23 members of the public attended, including Larry Resnick, Judy Kozler, Dave Lawrie and Lois Lovo from Willis Point.

The agenda included a memo from Larry Resnick regarding the Development Permit that had been approved for Cynthia Kornelson at the September 20 meeting. Larry spoke to his memo, and summarized his concern that sections of the Official Community Plan were ignored in the application and that riparian areas had been damaged during construction. Larry requested that the CRD investigate and require mitigation of the damage, and make several procedural changes that he believed would reduce the risk of similar problems in the future. He also made several suggestions regarding public access to staff reports and other documents relevant to items coming before the Land Use Committee.

The President of the Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association, Ken Pungente, spoke to an e-mail he had sent the Committee regarding a larger role for Advisory Planning Commissions.

Dave Lawrie also had several questions regarding the Land Use process. Director Erik Lund, Chair of the Committee, said that staff would discuss the process with him.

CRD staff acknowledged the various suggestions, noted that they rely heavily on professionals employed by an applicant and they lack the resources to monitor every Development Permit. Staff did state they had been in contact with the consultant to Cynthia Kornelson. Staff also stated they were aware more could be done to make information available to the public, but this would require more resources, and they suggested the public check the CRD website and contact staff for more information. Committee member Bindig suggested contacting the local Committee representative.

I moved that staff consider the various recommendations and report back on changes that could be made, and this motion was carried.

No other Willis Point items were on the agenda.

At the next Committee meeting (currently scheduled for December 6), I will ask staff for reports on the Kornelson permit and the suggestions made by Larry and Ken Pungente.

For Pointer's information, minutes, agendas and reports for Land Use Committee meetings are posted on the CRD's website [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca). Unfortunately, the site is not always current, and the reports usually lack maps. As a Committee member, I receive an agenda and all reports roughly one week in advance, and I try to post agendas the day of receipt. I understand the CRD will provide copies of all reports, including maps, without charge. I can also provide copies of what I receive in my package; please call.

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

Pat O'Rourke  
(652-5598)



## Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Willis Pointers,

We are now coming to the end of another year. The Fall has been exceptionally quiet in terms of call-outs as we have had none since the summer. We have not even had to come to the aid of any of our fellow firefighters, whom we can usually rely on to provide at least one emergency call every 6 months or so. Of course we have to admit to looking forward to hearing our pagers bleeping and the adrenalin surge as we hurry to the fire hall to respond to a call. But we are also glad, fellow Pointers, that you remain safe and healthy.

The big event in the last few months has been the delivery and commissioning of our new fire truck, the replacement 103. As you may remember from my last article in the Pointer, this is basically a modified pick-up truck with a new form of firefighting equipment CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) – which is much more efficient than the conventional system in its use of water. We are very pleased with this new equipment, which we believe significantly adds to our capability to respond rapidly to emergencies.

We had an open day earlier in the year to give the Community a chance to inspect the new truck, but if you haven't had the chance to see it yet, please feel free to drop by on a Wednesday practice night, preferably between about 7 pm and 7.30 pm and someone would be happy to show it to you.

You will be glad to know that the old 103 has gone to a good home with Caycuse Fire Department. This is a small rural fire department near Lake Cowichan that appealed for equipment of this type.

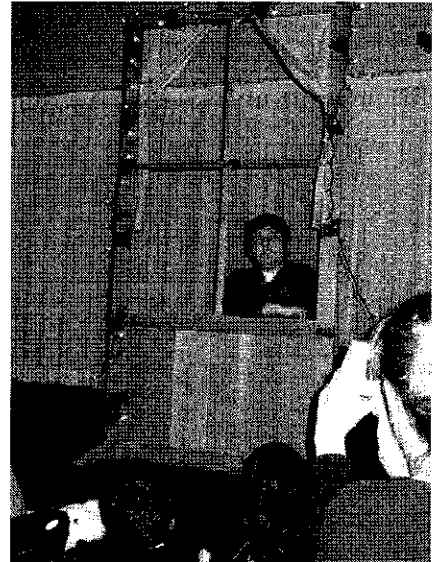
We continue to practice regularly every Wednesday night and, during the year, all firefighters have attended live fire training, either the basic course or a more advanced one, in Nanaimo. This is a critical part of our training and one that we decided last year must be part of the core training for each firefighter.

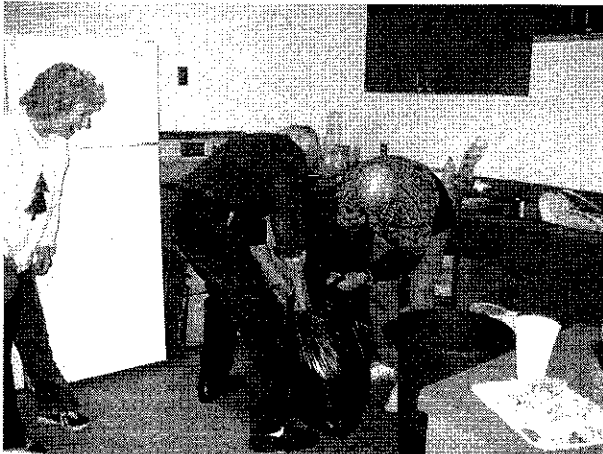
Have a happy Holiday Season and a safe and healthy New Year.

Darren Pine, Acting Fire Chief. 544-0202



Merry Christmas!





Many thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Party a terrific evening.

Co-ordinator: Joan Wright

Willis Point Players: Adam Miller, Shevaun Cunningham, Chantelle Elvedahl, Jessica Elvedahl, Tandia Brelesford, Dylan Cunningham, Lista Spensley-Tagornak, Katia Puritch

Props: Gregg Elvedahl, Dave Connor

Stage: Ken Ilott, Vern McConnell, Bob Halsey, Alex Keane

Stagehand: Jason Connor

Playwright: Vanessa Funnell, Directed by Antoinette Keane,

Choreography: Karen Brelesford

Narrator: Gaybrielle Halsey

Goodie Bags and 50/50 draw: Cindy Shaffer, Tasha Liberatore-Lloyd, Alicia Pine and Carol Ann Scott

Bar: Gaybrielle and Bob Halsey

Decorating and Clean Up crews, WP Firefighters

And a big thank you to SANTA

## Sailing Journal

Buenos dias to our Willis Point neighbours. As I write, Salacia is anchored in a bay situated approximately half way between Cabo San Lucas and La Paz, Mexico. Cabo Los Frieles ( Bay of the Friars) is on the east side of the Baja Peninsula in the Sea of Cortez.

Out the porthole I see a sunny white sand beach. The postcard perfect scene contrasts dramatically with the howling 20-30 knot winds that surround our boat. We are ANCHORED in near gale force winds. The 35 knot puffs sound like they are going to tear the boat apart. However, we've been in these conditions for close to 24 hours so our anchor is holding well.

When better weather comes (it ALWAYS does), we will cross the Sea of Cortez to Mazatlan and the Mexican mainland, where we will spend the winter. We will have to wait, though. A 100 plus foot motoryacht just left the anchorage. She looked like a toy boat being tossed about in a bath tub of foamy seas.

Mark just remarked that the 20 knot gusts and roly seas seem like nothing to us now. I must agree. In addition to sailing the boat, I find that I can read, cook, bake, clean, vacuum, watch movies and sleep in any sea and often at a 45 degree angle! I can imagine how well we'll sleep when we return to the quiet of Willis Point. Oh, to sleep in a bed that stays horizontal all night long!

Salacia has attracted interesting weather and brought great experiences since our last Pointer update from San Francisco. Through September and October we enjoyed harbour hopping down the California coast. Generally we'd stay a night or two in one place and then move south. We docked at various yacht clubs, each one with a distinct character. Wherever we stayed, we enjoyed interesting conversations with Californians and other cruisers passing through.

The anchorages we visited in California were certainly highlights of our trip. Santa Cruz Island offered a relaxing week where we anchored in beautiful quiet spots with warm swimming water. We also enjoyed Catalina Island where we visited busy Avalon Harbour and joined in on a cruisers' weekend in Two Harbours.

We did some land exploring in California as well. The Monterrey Aquarium is a must see! Wine tasting in the beautiful Santa Inez Valley made for a fun day trip. With a week's car rental in LA we enjoyed Disneyland, an LA Kings' hockey game and a lot of scenic driving. Whoa, those freeways! We were happy to get rid of that rental car after endless hours trapped in LA traffic.

In San Diego we were joined by our friend James who crewed for us in the Baja Haha Cruisers' Rally. We joined about 200 boats heading down the Baja Peninsula to Cabo San Lucas. What great parties we had at the stops in Turtle Bay, Santa Maria Bay and Cabo! Mark and James sailed the boat hard and fast. Even after a late start due to mechanical breakdown, we actually came in first place in our category. Our first place fish medallion is proudly displayed on the wall beside the chart table.

After a short stay in Cabo San Lucas, Salacia headed up the Sea of Cortez to La Paz. This lovely town is a wonderful introduction to cruising life in Mexico. Many boats arrive and never leave. Certainly La Paz is a convenient enjoyable place to stay and it offers a less touristy experience than some other Mexican destinations. In addition, anchorages in the nearby islands are spectacular – white sand beaches lead to hiking trails

that wind through a beautiful desert landscape. I loved the snorkeling and kayaking in the turquoise waters and would have loved to stay in this area longer.

The prevailing weather means that it's time for Salacia to cross the Sea of Cortez to explore the Pacific Mainland – Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo and areas between. It should be even warmer there so it's likely we'll celebrate Christmas on the beach or snorkeling without our wetsuits for the first time. The galley oven is too small for a turkey so it may be tacos or quesadillas for Christmas dinner.

Best wishes for the holidays to you all. Thank you for your messages and comments on our website ([www.salacia.ca](http://www.salacia.ca)). We miss our friends and neighbours at the Point and think of you often. Drive safely and stay warm!

Deanna and Mark.



Mark and Deanna in the Malibu Hills



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**THANKS!**