



# The Pointer

Winter 2006 - 2007

## To The Point

Willis Point showed its true colours during the recent snowstorm and power outages. Neighbours came together to share and help out and many kindnesses were exchanged. There was extensive ice on the inlet for the first time in many years and at least 15 inches of ice in our driveways. When the going gets tough, the tough start shovelling, cooking on the woodstove, and having a laugh together about the situation. I hope you all were able to enjoy at least some parts of living in a winter wonderland!  
A big Thank You to Dawn Campbell who has volunteered to deliver The Pointer along Willis Point Road.

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

Your Pointer is brought to you by a dedicated group of volunteer deliverers. Thanks to Joyce Menzies, Ken Leighton, Andrea Martin and family, Pat Orr and family, Helen Resnick, and Dawn Campbell.

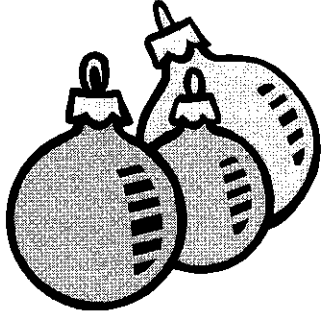
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# **WILLIS POINT POTLUCK DINNER & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**SUNDAY DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM SHARP**

**Join us for a Willis Point family tradition – Bring your favourite dish to contribute to the potluck dinner and then it's time for young and old to visit with**

**\*\*SANTA CLAUS \*\***



Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the food bank

Please no BYOB. There will be a cash bar available.

Any questions or suggestions,  
please phone Carol Scott 544-1191

# Neighbourhood Notices

## Free Trees

The 2 magnolias at 7047 Willis Point Road (Highfell) must go. They are too big and touch our shake roof. One blooms white and the other is pink and they are about 10 feet tall. Winter is the perfect time to move them. If you would like to have these magnificent trees, free, phone us at 652-1337 to arrange their removal.

Cheryl and Bill Haley

## Aerobics

Aerobics classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm at the Hall.

Information: Deanna Roozendaal 544-0426

## Babysitting

Shevaun Cunningham, 17 years old, will look after children of all ages. She has St. John's Ambulance training and babysitter training. Call 652-1908

## Bamberton Development Meeting Rescheduled

Concerned about the Bamberton Development? Attend this meeting to hear the developer's plans:

### **BAMBERTON DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION**

#### **Willis Point Hall**

**Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Speakers: Michelle Mahovlich, Development Manager for Three Point Properties

Ross Tennant, Managing Partner of Three Point Properties

Gwyn Symmons, Senior Planner with City Spaces Consulting

A Question & Answer Session will follow the presentation

In November, a rezoning application was filed with the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Check out the website at [www.bamberton.com](http://www.bamberton.com) for maps and photos of the proposed development.

## **Discreet, reliable Pointer available for vacation**

**maintenance and security**, watering plants, feeding fish, cats, etc., on-site supervision of tradespeople while you are at work or on vacation, emergency rides or pick-up for kids to sports, appointments or school, and I can help with vet appointments. If you can't do it, maybe I can!

Pat Sloan 652-0226

## **Letters To The Point**

I have a couple of concerns. First one regards people who remove junk mail and flyers from their mailboxes, and rather than taking it home, they leave it on top of the mailbox, for reasons known only to them. If you do not want the nice mail-lady to leave flyers etc in your mailbox, leave her a note inside your box and problem solved!! And the mess around the mailboxes goes away.

Second concern is directed at the Paul Tracy and Mario Andretti wannabes. Mark Lane is really only a single lane road, and with many blind corners. For the safety of folks out walking their baby in a stroller, people like me with an elderly dog, and cyclists and the joggers and pleasure walkers, please make your top speed @ twenty (20) kilometers an hour. Yes, I know, the legal posted speed is fifty, but slowing down will reduce the stress level for everyone.

Thank you,  
Tom Hockin

## **A Tip of the Hat to the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department**

In early November, during a wind and rain storm, a tree came down in the Pumpkinville area, taking down the power lines. As is standard procedure, the Fire Department closed the road either side of the danger zone until B.C. Hydro could attend and render the situation safe. Downed broken Hydro lines will kill. As it was late evening, I was heading home from work and saw "Road Closed – Hydro - E.T.A. Unknown" Well, our Fire Department smartly and efficiently blazed a trail through the forest around the danger zone, supplied everyone with a flashlight, led us through the forest to a waiting vehicle and drove everyone home. What more could you ask for in a dangerous situation than that? Good thinking. Thanks to you all.

Dean Hyland, W.P.V.F.D. Deputy-Chief, Retired

## **Take Your Kid To Work Day**

It was "Take Your Kid to Work Day", November 1<sup>st</sup>. My son, Tye, had gone to work with his Dad before over the years, mixing cement, pouring concrete or sometimes passing nails and screwdrivers whilst his Dad crafted bookshelves or kitchen cabinets.

So I thought it would be an interesting change for him if he came to the government offices and experienced the civil servant life. I envisioned him helping me with Power Point presentations, scanning, printing and documenting large maps.

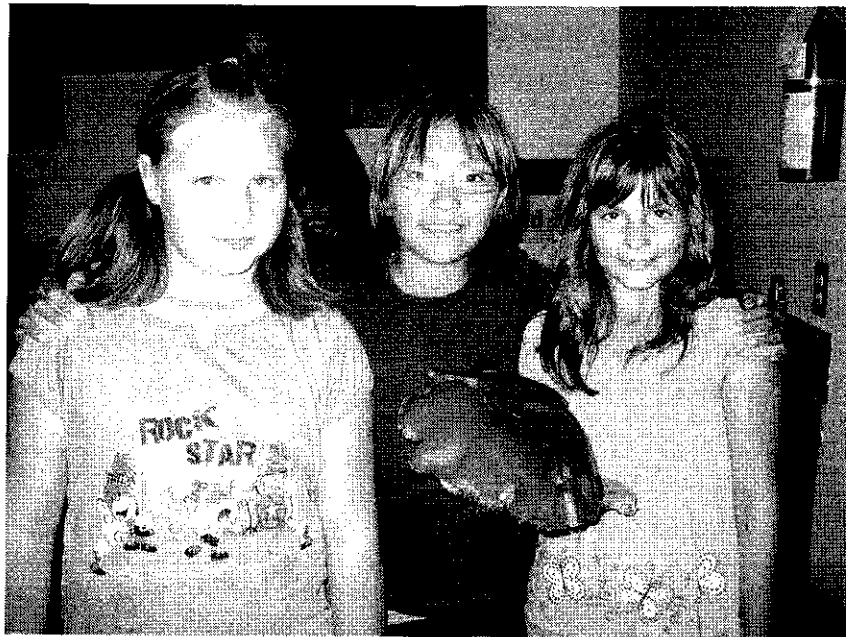
However, our day started out much differently than I thought or planned. We never did make it to work that day.

Soon after passing Hartland Landfill, without warning, I realized my small Tracker was sliding on ice out of my control while traveling downhill. We slid over the left hand lane just missed the road surface temperature sensor pole and we hurled onto the grass. "Tye" I shouted, "Mum", he echoed. I looked over at him as a water bottle flew by and then a CD in a bright pink case. There were loud, long scraping noises and I heard glass shattering. "Please, please don't let us be hurt, please, please let Tye be OK". The car then abruptly came to a stop. I was lying on my side against the ground; I looked around for signs of blood. Tye was hanging from above. I had never been in a car accident before and the reality struck me hard. We had shattered glass around us but we seemed to be miraculously unscathed.

I'd like to thank Matt Tregear, for being the first to open the door, and helping me out, Andy Carswell, for helping Tyler out of the car and letting us sit in his warm jeep while we waited for the ambulance, Debbie Howell for calling 911 and my husband as soon as she witnessed the accident, Donna Carswell for bringing dinner that night and Karen & Dai Davies for dessert.

So when you witness a wine red Toyota Rav 4 traveling very slowly around Hartland, please be patient as I believe I lost my backbone in that accident. Has anyone seen it?

Suzanne Fitzpatrick  
7441 Mark Lane



Yemima Gledhill, Lista Spensley and Jessica Elvedahl with one of Willis Point's spectacular mushrooms. Oct 1, 2006

## Fire Department Update

Whenever it snows it means that your fire department is extremely busy. Over the last couple of weeks we've been dealing with downed power lines, motor vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. We received nine emergency calls and on top of that we spent many more hours on the road keeping an eye on leaning trees and clearing fallen trees off the road so that the snowplow could get through.

It has been a very busy time for us all and we'll be glad when the snow disappears for a while. It has meant that many of our members put in an incredible amount of time. Instead of keeping warm around their fireplace I've had them on the road working for the community. While everybody in the department pitched in, I want to recognize Brendan Pause, James Herriot, Eryn Tombu, Alan Campbell, and Gord Hawkes for volunteering more time than I could have expected – Thank you.

Mark Roozendaal,  
Fire Chief

## Parking When It Snows

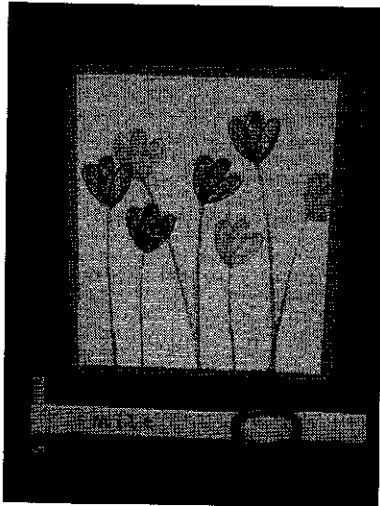
This first major snowfall may be history, but it's most likely not the last. Whenever it snows, our steep driveways mean that many residents park their cars on narrow Mark Lane. I can understand that parking on the road may be the only way to get out when the snow falls, but please keep in mind that parking with any part of your vehicle on the road is still prohibited by bylaw, whether there is snow on the ground or not.

Parking improperly may mean that a snowplow or emergency vehicle cannot get through. You could be ticketed, towed, or worse. In an emergency, the fire department will use force to move a vehicle when the situation warrants it.

Just last week we responded to medical emergency at the South end of Mark Lane. The ambulance could hardly squeeze between cars parked on either side of the road. If necessary, we would have forcibly and quickly removed the vehicles in question. Then, on top of a fine, the vehicle owners would likely have had a damaged vehicle.

Of course, we're all neighbours and we want to do the best for each other. If you must park on the road make sure your vehicle is well off to the side, far enough off so that the largest emergency vehicle can get through. This may mean that you have to park a long distance from your house. I appreciate your cooperation on this very important issue.

Mark Roozendaal,  
Fire Chief



Hello everyone,

In the past couple of months I have had the opportunity to share with some of you the art of rubber stamping. Stamping is one of the fastest growing crafts in the industry, and it's easy to see why. You can create cards, scrapbook pages, home décor, books, and more!

I host workshops in my home that you are all welcome to attend. I provide all materials – all of which are exclusive to Stampin' Up! – to create cards and more! All products used in the workshops can be purchased from our Idea Book & Catalogue. This full colour catalogue boasts over 400 stamp sets along with everything else you could possibly need or want! Whether you are a beginner stamper or a seasoned stamper there is definitely something of interest for everyone.

Hosting a workshop in your home is a very easy and fun way of earning free stamps and accessories from Stampin' Up! As a hostess all you need to do is provide a work space for you and your friends and I will provide all materials and tools needed to create a successful workshop for you.

Looking for birthday party ideas for young girls? Do you belong to Brownies or Guides, a church group, etc? I would be more than happy to provide some stamping activities for the party or group. I am very flexible so give me a call and we can discuss and plan accordingly.

Home from town and forgot to buy that card you needed? Give me a call, I have a supply of cards on hand for sale (more generic birthday cards/thank you cards). They are \$3.50 each w/envelope. Or if you would like a very special card made, let me know. I can make to order. I also have silk scarves and candles for sale too!

Watch for a list of classes offered in the new year. There will be basic beginners stamp classes along with techniques, stamping on coasters, boxes/bags, silk scarves, and more. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting lots of new people. Everyone is welcome and no previous experience is needed, just come to have fun and be creative!

For more information about Stampin' Up! You can visit their website at [www.stampinup.com](http://www.stampinup.com) or to talk to me about any of this information call 544-0202 or email [alipine@telus.net](mailto:alipine@telus.net)

From Dec 1 – Dec 31 Stampin' Up is offering 10 stamp sets at 50% off when you make a minimum purchase of \$45 in regularly priced products. To find out more about this great offer please contact me.

### **Specials**

From Jan 1 – Feb 26 its time to Sell-A-Brate!!! This is the most exciting and busiest time of the year for Stampin' Up! Demonstrators and fellow stampers!! You will not want to miss out on this! Whether you purchase products, host a party or even sign up to be a demonstrator you can receive free stamps sets or a free scrapbook kit. For those interested in finding out more please contact me or watch for more information to come to you by email or at the mailboxes.

See you all in the New Year!

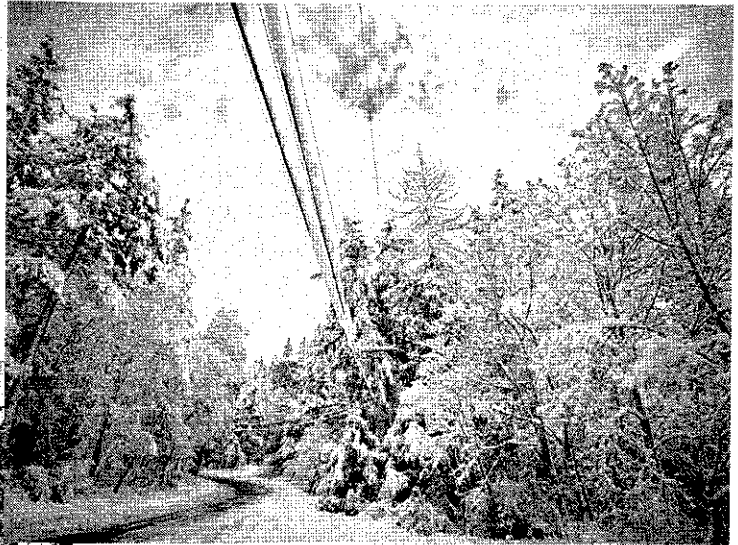
Alicia Pine

Stampin' Up! Demonstrator



# Winter Wonderland

December 2006



## Beach Cleanup

September 16 was Beach Cleanup Day. Many thanks to the Tombu Family who organized this event in our neighbourhood, and to the terrific folks who showed up to remove garbage from our beach at Tod Inlet.



## Roadside Cleanup

Once again the Tombu Family spearheaded Roadside Cleanup, held on October 28. Thank you to all the folks who are willing to put on their work gloves and clean up the mess made by others. It is always interesting to see what people will throw onto our road. This year's inventory included a TV, two recliner chairs, a lot of garden pots and plant cages as well as half a car and many candy wrappers.



JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE  
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE  
POINTER REPORT– December 2006

Summaries of the September 19, October 3 and November 21, 2006 meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the November and December reports to the Community Association, and posted on the bulletin boards. A summary of the December 5 meeting will be in the January 2007 report.

The Fall Pointer included an article expressing concern regarding compliance with and enforcement of the Willis Point Official Community Plan. Similar concerns were brought up at the October 31 Annual General Meeting of the Community Association. The AGM also supported me in making two proposals to the Land Use Committee. I want to bring the community up to date on events related to these concerns.

On September 14 I sent Erik Lund, Chair of the Land Use Committee, a copy of the Pointer article and requested that staff be directed to look into the concerns and report back to the Committee. I have never received a reply to my request.

On October 23 I wrote to Mr. Lund, with copies to all Committee members (and others) and asked that OCP compliance and enforcement be placed on the Committee's agenda. Mr. Lund's October 30 e-mail rejected my request. On December 7 I repeated my request to Mr. Lund. The text of my correspondence with Mr. Lund follows.

**September 14 Memorandum to Mr. Lund**

*The attached article appeared in the latest edition of The Pointer, the Willis Point community newsletter.*

*Mr. Resnick voices a concern regarding enforcement of the Willis Point Official Community Plan by the Capital Regional District, and proposes some remedial actions.*

*It is not clear why Mr. Resnick chose to raise these matters in The Pointer, rather than through the Willis Point Advisory Planning Commission, which he chairs. It is also unclear whether Mr. Resnick's article is based upon a particular incident, or is more general. Regardless, I believe these matters warrant further investigation. Accordingly, I request:*

- *CRD staff be directed to contact Mr. Resnick to clarify whether his article is based on a general concern or a specific situation, and to report their findings, including details of any specific situations, to the Land Use Committee;*

- *CRD staff be directed to consider the remedial actions proposed by Mr. Resnick and report their findings to the Land Use Committee; and*
- *This matter be placed on the agenda of a Land Use Committee meeting as soon as the reports are concluded.*

**October 23 memorandum to Mr. Lund**

*I am writing to follow up on the discussions on compliance with and enforcement of the Willis Point Official Community Plan that occurred at the October 1, 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Willis Point Community Association (which you attended).*

*As you heard, many community members expressed strong views on the land use planning process generally, as well as raising several specific concerns regarding OCP compliance and enforcement in relation to the Development Permit Approval Process. I also received clear and unambiguous support from the community to propose two specific actions related to the process – a staff review of the guidelines for geotechnical reports submitted in support of Development Permit applications to ensure that compliance with OCP requirements is expressly addressed, and amending Development Procedures Bylaw 3110 to require that notice be given to adjacent land owners of all Development Permit Applications.*

*As you heard, the recently approved Development Permit on Willis Point Road was extensively discussed. This property is the second of a 12 lot sub-division that encompasses virtually all of the undeveloped lands in Willis Point. The Development Permit issued for the first lot in 2005 also drew considerable debate at that year's AGM. With 10 more lots to be sold, I believe it is incumbent on the CRD to take steps now to improve enforcement of and compliance with the OCP in future developments.*

*As you know, Mr. Resnick raised concerns regarding OCP compliance and enforcement in an article in the Autumn "Pointer", the Willis Point Community Newsletter. I sent this article to you on September 14, 2006 and requested that staff follow up and report back to the Land Use Committee. I have not had a reply, so assume that no action has been taken in response. I have attached a copy of my memorandum for your convenience (unfortunately I do not have Mr. Resnick's article electronically, but I'm sure Mr. Resnick will provide this to anyone who is interested).*

*I believe the question of compliance and enforcement is relevant to all OCPs in the Electoral Area, not just Willis Point (you will recall that a member of the public raised the topic at our October 3, 2006 Committee meeting). Each community has invested considerable time and effort in developing its OCP, and effective compliance and enforcement is crucial to ensure community goals are achieved.*

*Accordingly, I request that the topic of compliance with and enforcement of OCPs be placed on the agenda of the next Land Use Committee meeting. I wish to inform the*

*Committee of the issues discussed at the AGM and in Mr. Resnick's article, and then to make a motion proposing certain actions in response.*

### **October 30 e-mail reply from Mr. Lund**

*There seems to be some difficulties here that go beyond the scope of the LUC.*

*You were elected to represent Willis Point on the LUC. I expect that you make decisions and recommendations based on the information available and to the best of your ability with the interest of Willis Point in mind. You seem to have been elected twice so the community couldn't have been too unhappy with your performance.*

*Larry was elected to be on the APC. The APC elected him Chair of the APC. The APC is called upon to seek public consultation on an application if asked by the LUC and make a recommendation for the LUC to consider.*

*Larry has no other function than the above. If as a citizen he wishes to make a submission or representation to a particular application he is welcome and encouraged to do so.*

*If there are issues in the community relating to the duties of anyone or the LUC they should come to me. I am reluctant to send these issues to the LUC, as by bylaw the LUC only deals with part 26 issues. To start the LUC down a path which deviates from the core objective would be to open a Pandoras Box and I don't want to go there.*

*Hope this helps, if you wish to discuss it further please give me a call either at 642-1500 local 207 or at my home [number deleted]*

### **December 7 e-mail to Mr. Lund**

*You seem to have misinterpreted my memoranda. It's only issue was a request that the topic of compliance with and enforcement of Official Community Plans be placed on the agenda of a Land Use Committee meeting, a matter clearly within the Committee's ambit. Indeed, the Committee has previously passed motions in relation to this issue. Accordingly, I reiterate my request that OCP compliance and enforcement be placed on the agenda of an upcoming Land Use Committee meeting.*

If I do not receive a positive reply to my request, I will make the request directly to the Committee at its next meeting.

I would be pleased to answer any questions, provide copies of reports, applications and Bylaws, or to discuss any land use matters.

Pat O'Rourke  
(652-5598)

# Willis Point Community Association

## WPCA Executive

Chair	Bill Douglas	544-1042
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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

Meeting December 11. See the notice board for complete minutes.



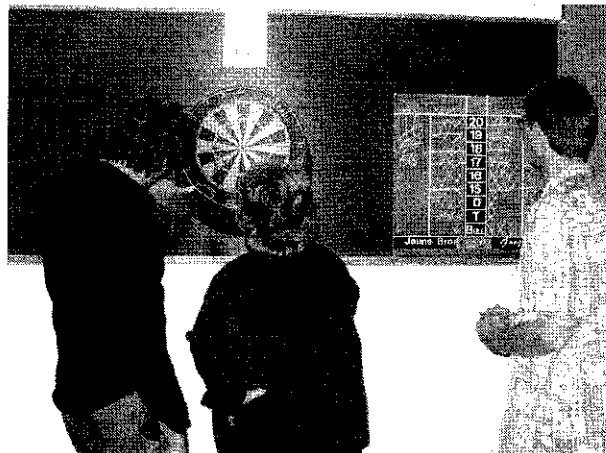
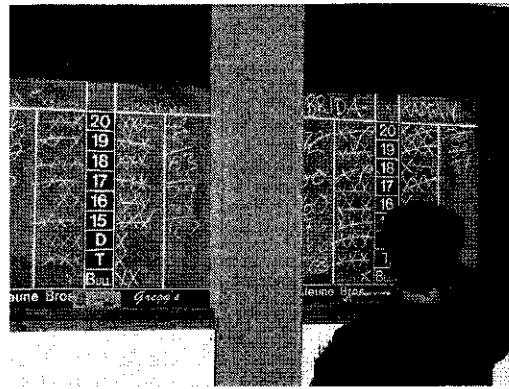
Bill Wright changing the sign at the Hall. Call Bill or his wife Joan to have a notice displayed. 652-3254

# DARTS!

What a fun night! From the excellent and varied chilies that were donated, to the succulent smokies, the food was great. Thanks to our cooks: Celia Scott, Geri Gorling, Melanie Douglas, Ken Ilott, and our BBQer Andy Sneddon. Under the meticulous eye of Kathy Ilott, the

registration ran very smoothly. Thank you, participants, for pre-registering. It saved so much time. The darts came down to a rather tough tussle between two Pointers, one half-Pointer and one non-Pointer! The Willis Point partnership of Dianne Twamley and Joel Cotter triumphed over Karen Ricketts and Owen Haley. (We did hear that you had been practicing, Joel!)

The master planner, Bob Scott, did a fine job of organizing the rounds (thank you) and, Pat Williams, it was a pleasure to read the names. To keep our spirits up (groan) Paulette Blunt ran a very well patronized shooter bar. Brenda, you should be in sales! Who'd ever heard of a 'Liquorice Allsort' before?

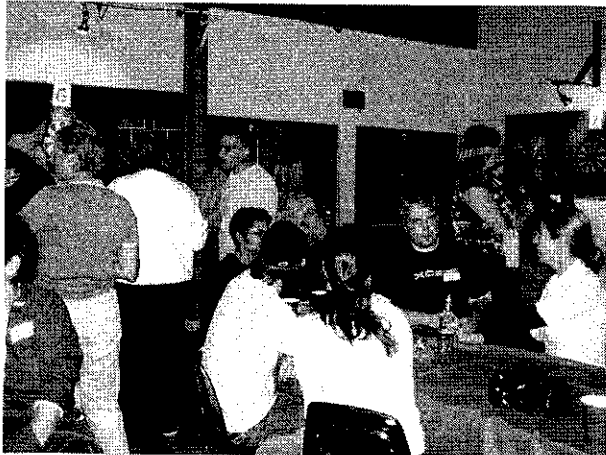


A spirited battle went on at the 50/50 dart board between ex-Pointers Jason Funnell and his step-Dad Bob Halsey, but age and treachery could not overcome youth and skill! Jason went home with \$68.

Set-up, take-down, and help on the night went smoothly with so many willing hands. Thanks are due to Bob and Celia Scott, Bruce and Lynn Storey, Ken and Kathy Ilott, Barbara and Andy Sneddon, Mary and Patrick O'Rourke, Gregg and Brenda Rusak, Ken and Paulette Blunt, Dean Hyland, Paul and Pat Williams, Mark and Deanna Roozendaal, Vern McConnell, Dave and Ida Connor, Joel Cotter, and of course, the man at the bar, Bob Halsey, who does a lot of running around beforehand.

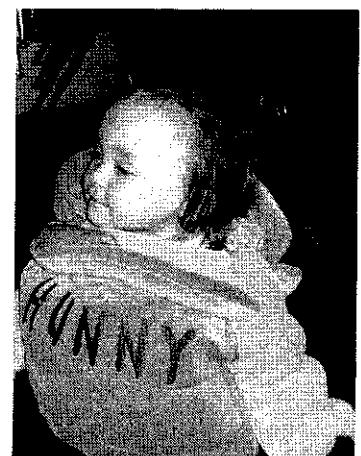
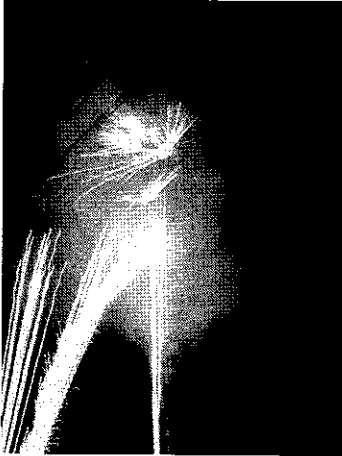
And thanks also to all our entrants and attendees. Tallying up the results took quite awhile, as we made the impressive amount of \$1,101. Congratulations Pointers!

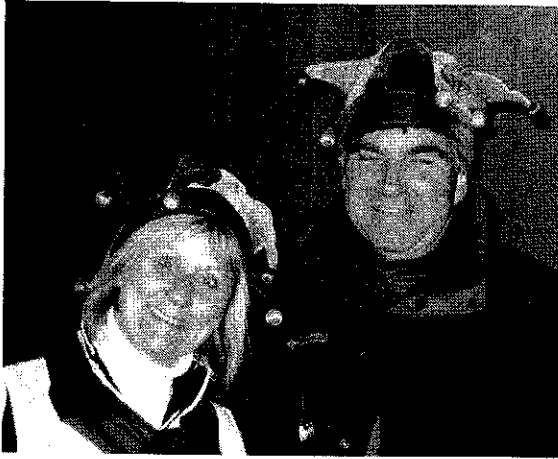
Gaybrielle Halsey



# Hallowe'en

Photos by Uwe Pause and Pat Williams





Thanks to the WPCA for a generous donation for fireworks and food.

# Business Directory

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