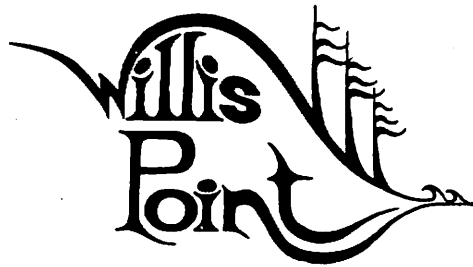


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# I to the POINT

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Summer and the Hilltopper are almost upon us, and this year we have high hopes for both. The Hilltopper will be great as always and summer will be much better this year than last. At least those are my predictions. We are all wishing for a hot and long summer. As long as we are prepared to be cautious in and around our forests we will be able to enjoy the fine weather. The fire department will once again be reviewing forest fire fighting techniques, which we hope will not have to be used. Fires in the wildland/urban interface (areas such as Willis Point) present special challenges to the firefighter. Our forests, and around our homes in the forests, the fire load (stuff readily available to be burned by a fire) is very high. Dry grass, arbutus leaves and garbage contribute to the fire load and the fire hazard in our own neighbourhood. Areas around the mailboxes are a good case in point. People congregatere, chat, (smoke), pick up their mail, but leave behind what they don't want. This garbage is not only unsightly but if left to fly around in the wind will collect and contribute to the fire load. One tossed cigarette will set off a fire. Willis Point won't be nearly as pretty afterward. I invite all "Pointers" to pull together for not only a garbage - free but also a safer neighbourhood.

## Letters to the Editor

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### TREE CUTTING

In all likelihood, you will have noticed the topping of trees by the recreation centre. I received a number of complaints from people in the community who were concerned that this had been done, particularly without prior warning or discussion.

I do not wish to debate the merits of this issue but simply point out that there are many people at Willis Point who value the preservation of trees, and that an opportunity to discuss the need to top the trees should have been created. Notice of an intent can be advertised by a number of means including use of the "Pointer" and responses can be directed to the Chairman of the W.P.R.A. for decision by your Executive.

Actions that have some impact on the community, whether perceived to be beneficial or detrimental, should be placed before the community when they are first planned.

Tony Boydell

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## **Willis Point Ratepayer's Association Executive Meeting - April 27, 1992**

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

Present: Chair: Tony Boydell, Sydnie Bonner, Jill Stevens, Alan Cracknell, Lorraine Pommen, Alison Cracknell, Don Gorling, Ken Leighton, Dean Hyland, Bob Halsey, Gloria Graham, Joel Cotter, Bobby Riley, Peter Gary, Linda Gary, Pat Williams.

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as correct by Alan Cracknell and seconded by Sydnie Bonner.

### **Matters Arising From the Minutes**

Due to rising costs of Hall maintenance, Sydnie Bonner moved that we raise the Hall rental rate from \$50 to \$60. Seconded by Lorraine Pommen. Carried. We will encourage Hall users to haul their own garbage away after functions and there was a discussion of garbage accumulation at the Hall.

The CRD charges us interest on the amount we owe them so it was suggested that we make our payment right after the money is raised at the Hilltopper. Ken Leighton motioned that we pay the CRD the due amount by June 30 or the due date. Seconded by Alan Cracknell and carried.

The younger kids are planning a car-wash and all rentals in this regard have been paid.

Quiet Lane has been designated "fire access only". Tony will check on whose responsibility it is to have signs put up there, and who pays for them. Bob Halsey will find out what development if any, needs to be done to be able to launch a small boat from there.

### **Chairman's Report**

Some people in the community have expressed concern about the trees being cut down and topped around the tennis court site. A process for decision-making and the need for a complete initial plan was discussed. It was suggested that the Pointer could be used as an information source to inform the people and solicit their opinions. Flyers could also be employed. There was originally an overall grounds plan for the area around the Hall. This should be updated and there should be communication with the community. Tony will talk to Dave Carley about the tree-topping maintenance around the Hall.

### **Roadside Garbage**

Peter Gary stated that the first organized garbage walk was a great success and he would like to continue to host regular clean-up sessions. The biggest problem will be the disposal of the garbage after it has been gathered. Peter will contact the

Highways Maintenance Department or other authorities to see if they will pick up the garbage we collect. It was suggested a backhoe could be brought in to block off the lanes at Red Gates and the hydro access road to discourage dumpers. Joel will investigate how to do this. When picking up garbage try to find a name or address (on a subscription magazine or envelope, for example) to discover who has dumped the garbage. We could take bags with us when we are out walking to pick up roadside garbage. Gloria Graham moved that the Ratepayers' send a letter to CRD stating our garbage and dumping problem, questioning the consequences of higher tipping fees, and requesting "no littering" signs. The letter will also discuss closing off the minor roads. Seconded by Lorraine Pommen and carried. It was suggested that the old power line road should be cleaned up before being blocked off to vehicles.

Tony moved that the Ratepayers cover the costs of roadside garbage disposal up to \$100 until the AGM in the event that the CRD or Highways Maintenance refuses. Seconded by Don Gorling and carried. Peter will put an article in the Pointer regarding the garbage problem.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan reported a general fund balance of \$5563.47. The tennis court fund has \$9324.84 and the gaming account has \$979.94. This includes two 90 day term deposits which have just expired. Because of the expenses of preparing for the Hilltopper, we will not put the money back into a term deposit at this time.

#### **Membership Report**

Jill Stevens reported no new members.

#### **Fire Committee and Recreation Committee**

Sam Young has tendered his resignation as Chairman of the committee. There is at least one vacancy on the commission at the moment. There will be a call for interested volunteers in the Pointer. The committee is trying to work out a process to elect or appoint new members. The process will be ready by the fall.

The paint for the Hall has been purchased. Repairs were to be done prior to painting but now the repairs will be done after. A Cedar colour stain was chosen through a community survey.

#### **Tennis Court**

The value of volunteer labour and donated materials need to be assessed. "GO BC" will fund up to \$11,000 (one third of the cost). About \$5,000 still needs to be raised. Another casino night is in the works. The forms for the retaining wall have been donated and the wall will go up within 2 weeks. It is projected that the tennis court will be finished by the time

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of the Hilltopper and the playground and landscaping will be completed after. The schedule is right on track.

**Other Business**

Alison Cracknell is arranging for a presentation to the community regarding Earthquake Preparedness. She is checking to see which district, if any, we are associated with in this regard. She will also investigate if there is grant money available for emergency equipment .

Ken Leighton suggested an "Everyone Welcome" picnic on July 19 at his house. There is a big lawn, a beach, and a dock. Watch for signs on the tree closer to the date.

Bob Halsey moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:50. Seconded by Don Gorling.

Pat Williams  
Recording Secretary

Well, Pointers, as you have probably noticed the tennis court and playground area are moving along rapidly.

We have had a clearing and burning of the stumps; and ditches dug around the court and deep into the field. They are packed with corrugated drainage tubing and drain rock and by this weekend they will be filled in. This should give us a vast improvement in the field area and allow the tennis court to drain rapidly. A retaining wall has been built and the poles for the fence installed in it. The wall has been parged (skim coat of concrete applied for decorative purposes).

A tremendous amount of time and labour has gone into this groundwork and we have been delighted and grateful for the willing help we've received. We hope the blisters have all healed and the backs are straightened out! We keep a log of hours ! A very big thank you to our helpers.

As of writing this, a grader will be coming on Friday 22nd of May, smoothing out the area and putting sand on the back parking lot. The sleeves for the net posts will be installed on Monday 25th of May, and the paving will happen after that. Next step will be the fencing to go up. Then we can take a breather and start concentrating on the playground! As we need work parties notices will be put up and if you can help, come along!


To help with the finances we have been given another Casino Night Event. It is on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th (Monday through Wednesday). If anyone can see their way to help out on any one or more of these nights, please contact Karen Scott 652-2130. We work from 5 pm to approximately 2:30 am. The Casino Nights will be held at the Red Lion. It is quite fun and we hope to make much more money than last time! The other way you could help is to drop in on one of the above nights and gamble for a few hours - who knows? you might win!

We had a successful Pub'n Dart Night in April. A lot of fun was had by all and we raised \$400.00. The winners were Annabella Butchart and Fuzz Cracknell and the runners up were Tina Clarke and Jack Parker.


Thank you's are in order for all our helpers and all who attended. We would also like to thank members of the community who have given us donations. If anybody would like to give a donation, please make it out to the CRD, memo it Willis Point Tennis fund and give it to Dave Carley or any of our committee. That way you will get a tax - deductible receipt.

If anyone has any questions, please just call Bob or Gaybrielle Halsey at 652-4195, Karen or Bob Scott 652-2130 or Paul Williams 652-0223

The Tennis and Playground Committee consists of those mentioned above as well as Ken Leighton, Butch Cleland, Don and Gerri Gorling, Ida Von Schuckman, Jan Chapman and Alan Cracknell.




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# Coming Events

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It's that time again! Date is June 21st, Father's Day. For new comers to the area the Hilltopper is our BIG event for the year. It costs approximately \$4,000 to run the Willis Point Recreation Hall and we raise it all on this day. This is our 11th annual Hilltopper.

**WHAT IS IT?** It is an 8.85km FUN RUN starting at 12 noon. We get between 100 and 130 runners. Race information can be obtained from Gary Butchart 652-1731.

In addition to the fun run we are offering a bake sale, (donations to be brought to the hall - phone Joan Wright 652-3254 for information. A beer garden, Hilltopper hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, an award ceremony, jolly scramble, and a country auction are also featured.

This auction offers a great variety of things to bid on. We would appreciate donations of plants, firewood, chinese dinner, a family BBQ, a boat outing, a wine tasting party, a painting, a sky diving lesson or anything else you can think of. Don't miss the spirited bidding on the famous painting "the Naked Fish", which by local lore, some lucky member of the fire department must purchase - it reached an all time high last year of \$34.00. Please phone Vern McConnell at 652-2996 or Bob Scott at 652-2130 with your questions or donations which will save them calling you.

Volunteers are needed particularly for the cooking and serving of food. If we have enough we can schedule two hour spells for people so please call Bob Halsey 652-4195, if you can help in any way. Here's hoping for fine weather and a successful money raising day!

Bob Halsey

# Home... ♦♦♦

## YOU ARE INVITED

**SPEAKER:** Mr. Dick Reynolds

**DATE:** June 18

**TIME:** 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** W.P. Fire Hall

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- Mr. Reynolds is the area coordinator for The Peninsula Emergency Measures Association.
  - He has a video presentation to show us and brochures to take home.
  - We will also discuss the idea of forming an Emergency Preparation committee for a safer Willis Point.
  - Please bring your ideas, questions, and a note pad.
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**R.S.V.P.**

Alison Cracknell  
652-6516 A.S.A.P.

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We celebrated our 15th anniversary in style with stories and awards by Vern McC., Joel C., Brian McC. and Ken I. The 15 year veterans, Dave C., Bill W., and Bob H., and Vern McC. were presented with pins. As well 10 and 5 year pins were awarded to Pat S., Bernadette B., and Fuzz C.

A special award was given to Ian B. for his many years on the department and his donation toward refurbishing and service reddying truck 103.

"Gag Awards" were also presented. Our Chief, Dave C. received the "do as I say, not, as I do" award. Sam Y. was recognized for his skill in shifting gears (from one part of the truck to another). Bill W. was another deserving recipient for the safety conscious way in which he lights the burn pad and car fires. Brian McC.'s earned the B.C. Hydro Award for energy conservation (knocking out all the power from Brentwood to Willis Point with a single tree. Pat S. was recognizes for her crowd pleasing display with distress flares at the Halloween bon fire.

A special thanks goes out to the old timers for their hindsight. Sam Y.'s rendition of how the fire hall came to be, made us all realize how much work had gone into establishing our fire department. A very special thanks also to Brian, Joel, Vern, Ken and Dave, who were the presenters and also part of the organizing committee. Others on that committee included Pat S., Dean H., and Kathy C. Thanks to them a good time was had by all, dancing, meeting old friends, and reminiscing - now to plan for the 20th.

The fire department was called for a first responder call to Tom Mawson's. We wish you well Tom. Thanks to our industrial first aiders for their assistance.

Speaking of IFA we have two new industrial first aiders, Darren Pine and Oliver Anderson, good work guys.

The department has been doing some reorganizing setting up a new training system and adding three lieutenants. They are: Neil T., Fuzz C., and Dean H. Thanks to Joel C. and his trusty computer for setting up the new system.

Three of our firefighters, Brian Mc., Dean H., and Neil T., went over to Central Saanich to join that department in a house burn. An opportunity for good practice, for those who are able to join in.

We seem to be heading into a long hot summer. Please be careful with all fires, from cigarettes to garbage burns. Fire Permits are required for all open fires at Willis Point. They are available from the Fire Department on Wednesday night.

Bill Wright