

*the* POINTER



SUMMER 1993

## *to the POINT*

It would be easy to be complacent this spring about fire safety in the forest. The weather has been really damp, everything is lush and green. So what is the problem? Vegetation is growing rapidly and by the time the dry weather comes, there will be more than the usual amount of fire load in the forest. Due to our rocky slopes and sparse topsoil the forests become dry rapidly once the weather gets hot. Please be fire safe this summer too!

I was pleased to publish the piece by Diane Twamley; there are many accomplished young people at Willis Point and they rarely receive any formal recognition. Lets hear more about what they are up to. Andrew's story makes a good start. Enjoy the summer!

Bernadette Boydell  
Editor

## *LETTERS to the EDITOR*

### Well done Andrew

Motorbike riding is still of great importance to Andrew Twamley and occupies much of his time. He is a member of the Victoria Motorcycle Club and the Island Sport Trials Club. These organizations put on many competitive events for enduro and trials riding for all ages - from pee wees to seniors. Recently, Andrew took part in a four ride series Canadian National Trials Competition. He came in second at Shawnigan Lake, first at Happy Valley, first at Ioco and first at Kelowna. He placed first overall winning the Canadian Nationals Intermediate level trials riding. He is presently competing in the PNTA (Pacific Northwest Trials Association) and has traveled to Spokane, Victoria and Walker Valley USA. Good luck in all your future rides, Andrew.

There are many types of motorcycles and competitors. Trials riding is one aspect of the sport. It involves tremendous balance, concentration, skill and knowledge. Each event consists of ten to twelve sections that must be ridden three times in a specific time limit. The riders "walk-over, "study" and "discuss" the best route to take in each section. It may consist of riding over logs, up cliffs, between trees and many other obstacles. The riders do this by maneuvering their bike skillfully - hopefully without putting their foot down! It is really quite an amazing feat to watch and for the spectator - exhausting (but fun) climbing up and down the mountain.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following positions of the Willis Point Ratepayer's Association will be up for election at the Annual General Meeting, September 27, 1993

- CHAIR
- VICE - CHAIR
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
- MEMBER AT LARGE

For further information on these positions available, please contact:

Denise Tregear 652-6893  
Acting Vice Chair

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HELP      HELP      HELP      HELP      HELP

ADVERTISING:      Needed:      A Willis Pointer to take charge of posting information for the Ratepayer's Executive. This would include advertising on the sign board at the hall, posting information at the mailboxes and on the tree.

COMMUNICATION:      Needed:      A Willis Pointer to take charge of door to door distribution of WPRA Notices, as needed, including the Pointer.

The pay is non-existent - but the rewards are plenty ••••• No experience necessary.

If you have some time to volunteer, your help is much appreciated. For details please contact:

Alison Cracknell  
652-6516

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**SOAP BOX DERBY**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1993**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

please call Ken Ilott

652-6033

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## The Willis Point Executive

<b>Acting Chair:</b>	Don Gorling	652-6149
<b>Acting Vice Chair:</b>	Denise Tregear	652-6893
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Alan Cracknell	652-6345
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Pat Williams	652-0223
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Lois Lovo	652-9612
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Jill Stevens	652-0037
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Connie McInnis	652-5584

## Willis Point Executive Meeting Schedule

April	5, 1993	
May	3, 1993	AGM September 27, 1993
August	9, 1993	

## Other Key Willis Point Contacts

<b>Aerobics Instructor:</b>	Katie Cotter	652-2039
<b>Emergency Preparedness Committee:</b>	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
<b>FAMA Acquisition:</b>	Paul Williams	652-0223
<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Vern McConnell	652-2996
<b>Fire Committee/Recreation Commission - Chair:</b>	Pat Sloan	652-0226
<b>Hall Custodian:</b>	Sydney Bonner	652-1588
<b>Hartland Surplus Lands Development:</b>	Pat Williams	652-0223
<b>Kid's Nights:</b>	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
<b>Pointer - Editor:</b>	Bernadette Boydell	652-5032
<b>Quiet Lane:</b>	Brian McCandless	652-3656
<b>Road Maintenance Liaison:</b>	Connie McInnis	652-5584
<b>School Board and School Bus Liaison:</b>	Denise Tregear	652-6893
<b>Tennis &amp; Playground Committee</b>	Gaybrielle Halsey	652-4195

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## HILL TOPPER 1993

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN! DATE IS THE 20th OF JUNE - FATHER'S DAY. FOR NEWCOMERS 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 12TH ANNUAL HILLTOPPER.

WHAT IS IT? IT IS AN 8.85 km "FUN RUN" STARTING AT 12 NOON. BETWEEN 100 AND 130 RUNNERS RACE EVERY YEAR. RACE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TONY BOYDELL AT 652-5032. IN ADDITION TO THE FUN RUN WE ARE OFFERING A BAKE SALE, (donation to be brought to the hall - phone Joan Wright at 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.



## WILLIS POINT TENNIS CLUB

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We do not have one yet. If you are interested in forming one, please  
phone Ken Leighton at 652-2686.

## ***WPRA News***

### **Update from the Willis Point Ratepayers Association on the Tod Inlet Advisory Planning Team**

After approximately 4,500 hours of time spent by the participants of the group and probably a few thousand more hours attributed to developing information from constituents and sub-committee meetings, a proposal has finally been developed.

By the time this article goes to press three public meetings will have been held; one at Prospect Lake Community Hall, one at the Willis Point Fire and Recreation Hall, and one at the Bayside School in Central Saanich. As the proposal is perceived as controversial in some areas and not without significant impact on Willis Point and Central Saanich the public meetings will provide information and input to the politicians who must now deal with the recommendations. The recommendations do not bind Central Saanich Council, Saanich Council, the Langford Electoral Area Director, CRD General Municipal Services Committee or the CRD Board to adopt any of the recommendations as Official Community Plan Amendments, but together with public input, are proposed to be used as a reference or guidelines for Official Community Plan Amendments.

Willis Point residents should be commended for the outstanding turnout at the public meetings which were held at Willis Point. Through the meetings and personal and telephone contact at Willis Point, we were able to participate in a process which will hopefully provide the area with a large Regional Park, over four kilometres of waterfront dedicated to park and public access, as well as a basis for sound planning of any further expansion of the Willis Point Community.

The last information meeting held at Willis Point, May 10, 1993 was to inform the Ratepayers of the details of the final proposal and to give direction to us on the signing of the proposal. The vote was unanimous to support the signing of the report by the Willis Point representatives. The main points of the report are:

- 682 acres of park land including 632 acres in the Partridge Hills area and continuous to Mount Work Park
- a maximum of 175 housing units on 300 acres adjacent to Willis Point community
- piped water to any new developments in the Willis Point area, to the fire hall and piped water to the property lines of existing residences
- a maximum of 570 units on 148 acres in Central Saanich

## *WPRA News*

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- **preservation of the Garry Oak stand in Central Saanich**
- **40 acres of tourism oriented commercial use in Central Saanich in a park like setting**
- **90 mixed residential units on 29 acres in Saanich**

Where the process leads us now at Willis Point will be determined by public input, the will of the politicians, the flexibility of FAMA Holdings Limited, and considerably more participation by interested people.

At this time we would like to thank the Willis Point residents for their input and support during the process.

Paul Williams  
Denise Tregear

## *WPRA Executive Meeting March 11, 1993*

### *Minutes*

**Present:** Chair: Don Gorling, Denise Tregear, Alison Cracknell, Jill Jackson, Sydney and Charlie Bonner, Clive Farmer, Brian Dallin and Pat Williams.

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM.

#### **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The Pennysaver bin has been removed from the Sierra mailboxes and the lower one will be removed soon. The minutes were adopted correct by Sydney Bonner and seconded by Denise Tregear. Carried.

#### **Chair's Report**

Regarding the transit tax, Don has written to the chair of the CRD expressing our concerns and had no answer yet so will phone to follow up.

At the meeting on February 22, regarding the dump access from Willis Point Road, it was stated that the CRD had approved the compost facility and the road access goes ahead for the moment. Saanich has applied to annex the road and dump access. We are investigating various approaches to try and stop the Willis Point Road dump access.

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We will have to staff a casino night in town on April 10 and 11. This is a fund-raiser to complete the tennis court and playground. With the Highlands incorporating and Saanich wanting to expand, Willis Point may become politically isolated. We need to consider our options. Don will talk to Dave Dalby and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. We may be able to become a village or join in incorporation with another area or perhaps there are other options. If we do not make a decision we may be forced into an area we do not want to be in. Money is available to do an incorporation study. We should perhaps meet with the Highlands people to study our options of joining forces with them.

#### **FAMA Committee**

Denise Tregear reported that the FAMA is hearing interest statements and are negotiating. The Indian bands may be bringing forth land claims that will interfere with the development.

#### **Hartland Composting Access**

Saanich has applied to access the road and composting area as well as DND land and part of Willis Point. We will try to get a fact sheet out to the community to give people information if they want to write letters of protest. Information will also go into the Pointer. Denise Tregear will check if Hartland Road has school busses running on it. Alison Cracknell will collect information on the composting site access. The CRD will be doing traffic counts on Willis Point Road. Don Gorling will write to Robin Blencoe regarding halting the annexation of the road by Saanich.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Alison Cracknell will put information in the Pointer.

### *WPRA Executive Meeting, April 19, 1993*

**Present:** Chair: Don Gorling, Lois Lovo, Connie McInnis, Denise Tregear, Alison Cracknell, Jill Stevens, Alan Cracknell, and Pat Williams.  
Vern McConnell and Dave Carley also attended.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM

The minutes were adopted correct as read by Connie McInnis, seconded by Lois Lovo. Carried.

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## *Minutes Continued*

### **Chair's Report**

There was some question as to who exactly made up the Executive Committee. Don reported that in 1977 a motion was made to enlarge the Executive to include the Fire and Recreation Commission which would make the Executive Committee of 15 members instead of nine. This was not ratified at the AGM and was never passed into our bylaws because it would necessitate the constitution being changed at an AGM. So, as it stands the Executive Committee consists of nine elected positions. We would like to address the issue of the status quo of the Fire and Recreation members at the next AGM. Connie McInnis moved to accept the chair's report, seconded by Jill Stevens. Carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Cracknell passed out a report outlining our current finances (see attached). We have received a \$600 grant from the CRD to help with Pointer costs. As of May 2, our general fund will have \$8,100, the 90 day term deposit expires at the end of April. The playground fund has paid for the basketball equipment. Specific plans are going forward for the playground. There are \$8,400 in the playground account. The casino account is separate and has about \$8,400. Alan Cracknell moved that we adopt the treasurer's account correct as presented, seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

### **Membership Report**

Jill Stevens reported no new members. Lois Lovo moved that we make several copies of the Ratepayers booklet to give out. Seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried. Alan Cracknell moved that all changes in membership be reported, deletions as well as additions. seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried. Connie McInnis moved to accept the membership report, seconded by Lois Lovo. Carried.

### **Fire Chief's Report**

Vern McConnell reported that the Fire Department has incurred costs of \$3,000 for truck # 101 for new brakes and clutch, properly grounding the antenna and fixing a stalling problem.

The 20,000 gallon tank for fast demand gravity feed needs funding to get the tank here and set up. A budget is being prepared to outline costs. Vern McConnell hopes to complete site preparation before the end of May. The WPRA will review the budget and consider a contribution.

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The first responder training program has had its funding pulled by the Ministry of Health and is on hold for the moment. Vern McConnell will keep us apprised of the situation.

### **Old Business**

There was a discussion of what constitutes out-of-pocket expenses for committee members. If it appears that extraordinary expenses may be incurred, perhaps a budget should be presented. Connie McInnis moved that we have a Happy Hour to cover expenses of the negotiating committee. Seconded by Lois Lovo. Four in favour, two abstaining. Carried.

Regarding the gas tax and transit levy, Don Gorling received a letter registering our protest. It was noted that we are presently exempt from the transit levy.

A meeting concerning the school bus issue took place with children, parents and school representatives and things seem to have improved. Our school bus has a video (to tape the kids) on at all times and most buses will have videos next year.

Regarding the tax assessments; Don Gorling was approached at an executive meeting by Charlie Bonner and Dave Carley to try to get assessments lowered. The waterfront owners had higher increases. A blanket appeal was done by letters of agency (32 letters) and Don Gorling was allowed to represent 76 land owners. The assessment was reduced \$2.9 million on \$24 million taxes. Don Gorling represented the Ratepayers as chair of the WPRA and also one of the individual petitioners. Alan Cracknell felt that Don Gorling was not acting on behalf of all the Ratepayers.

### **Incorporation Possibilities**

Various options are being explored including becoming a stand-alone municipality, joining with any other of the nearby municipalities, and the status quo. There have been some discussions with Dave Dalby regarding the options. We do not sit on any active committees within the CRD so we need to get information about meetings and gain representation. Our tax rate is controlled by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Incorporation of some kind could help us to structure our own taxes. We are investigating an incorporation study for which funding may be available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Don Gorling will meet with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to explore our options. We would like to choose our option rather than be taken by an existing municipality. If the Minister of Municipal

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Affairs approves funding for an incorporation study we would hire a consultant who would lay out the pros and cons of all our options. A study does not commit us to any course of action. Lois Lovo moved that Don Gorling be empowered to initiate the process of an executive. Seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

A letter from Robin Blencoe to the Highlands was read. It stated that Willis Point Road will not be encroached upon by the Highlands' boundaries. Consideration is being given to Saanich assuming responsibility of Willis Point Road as far as the Landfill's composting site.

#### **Casino Night**

\$8,300 was raised at the last casino night. We will look into the legalities of continuing these events. We need to know if we have to spent the money within a certain time or on specified items, etc. In order to continue casino nights we must have a dissolution clause in our bylaws which covers what happens to casino money if our group is disbanded. We can not apply again until we have this clause. A sample clause is available. Pat Williams moved that we pay to get the Societies Act and a sample dissolution clause. Seconded by Lois Lovo. Carried. Denise Tregear will take care of it.

#### **Dogs at Large**

The problem was announced at the composting access road meeting, in the Pointer and in the minutes. The animal control officer will come out to talk to the community if we want to clarification.

#### **Dump Access**

We will be getting the minutes of the CRD meeting held in March, so that we may be better informed. Alison Cracknell and Dave Dalby will tour the compost site next week. There will be discussions with the environmental committee to work out the details. They feel there is not other efficient way to access the compost facility. Our volunteer firefighters cover the road and if their demand increases they may need extra funding. Saanich has applied to annex the dump road. Dave Dalby feels that Saanich would still be interested in annexing even if the Highlands boundary is restructured to exclude the landfill. Alison Cracknell will meet with Jim Giesbruck. Connie McInnis moved that Alison Cracknell be our liaison with CRD regarding the dump road. Seconded by Denise Tregear. Carried. We still hope that the compost facility will be accessed by the interior road.

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### **Emergency Preparedness**

This is not a Ratepayers committee but they will keep us informed as their project continues. Alison Cracknell passed out a first draft of the plan. Dick Reynolds will be at initial committee meetings and the Fire Department will be coordinating with the committee.

### **FAMA/CRD Parks Report**

Denise Tregear motioned that her report be given in camera because the committee's recommendations will not be made public until they have been finalized. Seconded by Alan Cracknell. Carried.

### **Non-Property Members of WPRA**

Pat Williams moved that we put forward a proposal for non-property members of WPRA, proposals for changes and updates to our bylaws and a dissolution clause at the time of the AGM or sooner if a special meeting is called. Seconded by Jill Stevens, Carried. We will consider the no-property issue and discuss possibilities at the next Executive meeting.

### **New Business**

The WPRA will review the water tank budget and consider assisting with funding.

Alison Cracknell will canvas the community for help with putting up notices on the board, as well as delivering flyers door to door.

We are considering ways to formally recognize our community volunteers.

Jill Stevens will phone Executive members to remind them of meetings.

There was a general discussion regarding the duties and responsibilities of the chair and Executive members.

Jill Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM. Seconded by Pat Williams. Carried. Next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 1993.

Pat Williams  
Recording Secretary

## ***WPRRA Executive Meeting May 3, 1993***

**Present:** Chair: Denise Tregear, Connie McInnis, Lois Lovo, Alan Cracknell, Pat Williams. Gaybrielle and Bob Halsey, Ken Leighton, Vern McConnell, Ken Ilott, and Paul Williams also attended.

The minutes were adopted correct by Lois Lovo, seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

### **Tennis Court and Playground Report**

Gaybrielle Halsey reported that it would not be necessary to borrow money from the WPRRA as initially thought.

She suggested a sign setting out rules for use of the tennis court should be posted at the court and final rules published in the Pointer. They should include:

- Tennis is the priority
- 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM weekdays set aside for general use, ie. kids
- limit to one set of tennis if others are waiting.

An alternate basketball hoop will be placed on the side of the Hall and a backboard for practice will be installed inside the court area.

Anyone interested in lessons, any age, any group, contact Gaybrielle Halsey or Ken Leighton.

### **Playground**

We have the swings, roundabout, slide and big tire and they will be installed soon. This will complete the initial phase. In the future there will be a log, chain and tire construction. We will purchase the materials and do the work ourselves. Watch for work party signs and please help out.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Cracknell reported \$2939 in the general fund, which will rise to \$8,078 when term deposit expires, \$3,449 in the recreation fund and \$8,400 in the gaming account, for a total of \$19,927 plus \$5,000 pending from GO BC.

Connie McInnis moved that we buy flowers for Alison Cracknell to help speed her recovery, seconded by Pat Williams. Carried.

Alan Cracknell moved that the report be adopted correct, seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

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### **Fire Chief's Report**

Vern McConnell reported that the first responder course has now been reinstated for the training of first responders, but not for the training of more trainers. As we have two qualified trainers on the Willis Point Fire Department, First Responder training will go ahead.

Vern McConnell presented a proposed budget for the installation of the 20,000 gallon water tank. The tank is 13 feet in diameter, 30 feet high and will facilitate fire fighting in our area by providing a large amount of gravity fed water. It will be sited between the ambulance shed and the trees to the left of the Fire Hall. Installation work will be tendered. The WPRA will study the budget, wait until Dave Dalby reports on any financial assistance that may be forthcoming, and then will decide on a possible contribution to funding.

Alan Cracknell moved that in the event that the tank needs to be moved before funding is in place, the WPRA will advance funds up to \$ 1,200 to get the tank here. Seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

Vern McConnell suggested continuing the casino nights for general use.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Georgina Farmer has offered to help type the Pointer.

Pat Williams will copy the Societies Act so Executive members can have a copy.

The Hartland Surplus Lands Task Force held an open house and the plan is proceeding to join the surplus lands to Mount Work Park.

Regarding the FAMA Lands, the Advisory Team has an extension to May 19 and expects to release a report by that time, Pat Williams moved that the FAMA report be given in camera. Seconded by Alan Cracknell. Carried.

Connie McInnis moved that we do not have a fund-raising Happy Hour, as discussed at the last meeting, at this time. Seconded by Pat Williams. Carried.

Connie McInnis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Pat Williams. Carried

Pat Williams  
Recording Secretary

## ***WPRA Executive Meeting, June 8, 1993***

**Present:** Chair: Denise Tregear, Alison Cracknell, Alan Cracknell, Pat Williams.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM Alan Cracknell moved the minutes correct as read. Seconded by Denise Tregear. Carried.

### **Treasurer 's Report**

Alan Cracknell reported no activity since the last meeting. The general fund has \$8,081, the recreation fund has \$3,453 and the gaming fund has \$8,598 for a total of \$20,132. As soon as the playground is done another \$5,000 will be released to us from GO BC. At the end of July \$3,900 is due to the CRD for Hall maintenance.

### **Old Business**

Alison Cracknell will put a note in the Pointer regarding volunteers for putting up notices.

The Emergency Preparedness team is proceeding, Alison Cracknell will report to the Executive and the community as plans are made.

Fire and Recreation Committee - we need clarification on how members are elected/appointed. A representative of the Fire and Recreation Committee will be invited to the next and all future WPRA Executive meetings.

### **FAMA Lands**

The advisory team's report was handed out. There will be a public information meeting at Willis Point Hall on June 15, 1993. The proposal is being presented to various political bodies to get permission and funding for public open houses. At the open houses questionnaires will be handed out and public opinion sought. Results of the public meetings will be presented back to the political bodies before a final decision is made. Information handouts will be distributed to people in our area.

Considering the extra ordinary expenses incurred by our advisory team members, Alison Cracknell suggested that we should consider some reimbursement. This will be discussed at the next Executive meeting when the expenses have been itemized.

### **AGM**

Renters status will be addressed at the AGM. Denise Tregear will investigate possible wording and constitutional changes that may be used. She will also

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get the legal wording for the dissolution clause. Constitutional issues will be discussed at the next Executive meeting Monday June 28, at the earlier time of 7:00 PM

### **New Business**

Denise Tregear noted that the 60 foot strip of land between Willis Point residents and Mount Work Park was removed from its protected status in 1991. FAMA is the only eligible buyer because it owns the land above it.

We need to have notice of the AGM, which will be held on September 27, to be given to all Ratepayers two weeks before the meeting. We will distribute a proxy vote form and a financial statement, if possible, in the Pointer.

A letter was received from Tony Boydell addressing a concern that a Willis Point resident was perceived to be representing the WPRA at public hearings regarding the Bamberton project. He requested a public meeting undertaken by the WPRA. The WPRA felt that if a public meeting was needed it could be organized by interested parties. The WPRA has neither endorsed nor opposed the Bamberton Project.

Denise Tregear moved that we purchase a gift for Dave Carley's retirement. Seconded by Alison Cracknell. Carried.

There was a discussion regarding the acquisition of a computer for WPRA Executive, Fire Department and Fire and Recreation business use.

Denise moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM. Seconded by Alison Cracknell. Carried.

Pat Williams  
Recording Secretary

# ***FIRE FIGHTER***

## ***news***

After some uncertainty, levels two and three First Responder Courses have now been completed. First Responders are trained to stabilize medical emergencies. This means that Willis Point can expect faster medical response than an ambulance from Royal Oak or Sidney.

Summer means that your Fire Department is taking advantage of extended daylight for more intensive training. The recent focus has been on Forest/Urban Interface fires. The BC Forest Service is working with local fire departments on improving mutual aide cooperation for better working relations.

The 20,000 gallon water tank is still planned for the Hall. Finances and logistics are being worked out with the welcomed assistance of Dave Dalby, your representative on the CRD Board.

This summer promises to be warm and dry. These conditions require extra vigilance by everyone in the community. Please check with the Fire Department should you require a burning permit or have any questions regarding open fires. Again do not hesitate to call your Fire Department or 911, please be safe rather than sorry.

Vern McConnell  
Fire Chief

# ***CLASSIFIEDS***

## *Willis Point HISTORY*

# 6 By Ken Leighton

Malcolm and Maggie Dighton - formerly of 6872 Mark Lane (Halsey's). This is based on an interview with Erik Hoel. (next door neighbour).

Malcolm was born at Cowichan Bay. After his father died and his mother went to work as a maid in an upscale Brentwood home, Malcolm ran off to sea at the age of thirteen. He served on sailing ships, steamships and smaller boats. Later, he qualified as a Merchant Marine Captain, then served in the Navy, patrolling from Victoria to Alaska. He was in charge of submarine nets across Esquimalt Harbour during the war.

It was at this time (1942) that the movie The Commandos Strike at Dawn was being filmed in the Saanich Inlet. Malcolm was lucky enough to be on a Navy ship involved in this movie. Incidentally, the stone steps that were built for the movie can still be seen on the other side of the Inlet.

Malcolm bought his property in 1967 when there was just a derelict shack on it plus two logs anchored for a wharf. He built a small cabin to live in while he was having the house built. This cabin, now renovated, still sits on the property. Prior to that, Malcolm and Maggie had been living aboard the Eileen, a converted Norwegian fishing boat.

During the summer of construction, the weather was very hot and the contractor, Mike the truck driver, and Malcolm would sometimes cool their naked bodies in the Inlet. Spectators were nonexistent then!

When Erik and Malcolm decided to go together on a dock, Malcolm arranged to get a piece of an old wharf from the Oak Bay Marina that Bob Wright was replacing. Erik cut off a section with a chain saw while Malcolm tied the Eileen to it and headed off for Willis Point. Eighteen hours later he arrived. The cedar logs needed more flotation, so they filled 45 gallon drums with water, put them under the float and blew out the water with a scuba tank. Later the whole float had to be rebuilt.

Malcolm was quite clever at making deals. When the snow plough was coming by on Mark Lane he would offer the driver a hot rum and coffee. Naturally the driver would rather drive down Malcolm's driveway then walk, so Malcolm got his drive way ploughed out.

## ***Willis Point HISTORY***

### ***Continued***

When the Dightons decided to leave Willis Point in 1977 because of Maggie's bad knees Malcolm turned down several offers because he wanted someone who would be compatible with his neighbours. The successful bidder was Bob Halsey.

Malcolm died about three years ago and Maggie is living in Sidney. Her son, Jim Miller, lives at Willis Point.

## ***CLASSIFIEDS***

### **KEN LEIGHTON**

**WILLIS POINT RESIDENT  
6954 MARK LANE  
652-2686**



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## Program Information

Date: Monday, July 5  
to Friday, July 23, 1993  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Place: Glenlyon-Norfolk School,  
1701 Beach Drive, Victoria  
Tuition: \$200, plus GST

\*Students participate in three classes daily  
\*\*Children have 2 supervised 15 minute breaks  
between classes

### Sample Daily Schedule

Creative Martial Arts:  
Students 6-9 years of age

9:00-10:00 am — Movement Theatre  
10:15 - 11:15 am — Creative Martial Arts  
11:30 - 12:30 pm — Creative Martial Arts

Dance A:  
Students 5-7 years of age  
9:00 - 10:00 am — Ballet  
10:15 - 11:15 am — Jazz  
11:30 - 12:30 pm — Dance Theatre

Dance B:  
Students 8-11 years of age  
9:00 - 10:00 am — Jazz  
10:15 - 11:15 am — Dance Theatre  
11:30 - 12:30 pm — Ballet

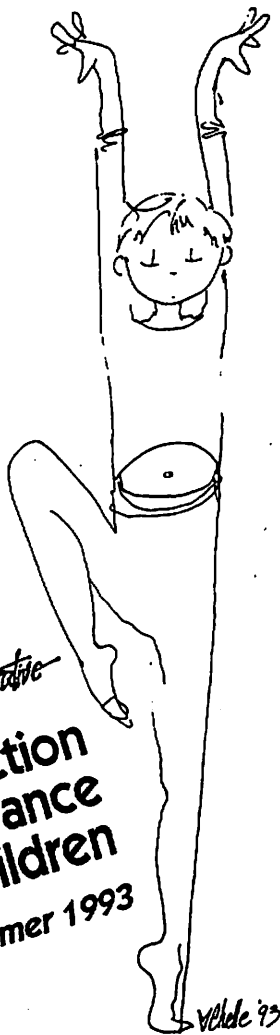
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INQUIRIES: 384-8146

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**Introduction  
to Dance  
for Children**  
Summer 1993

**July 5-23, 1993**

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*Victoria Arts Collaborative*



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## 1993 CHILDREN'S SUMMER DANCE PROGRAMS

The Victoria Arts Collaborative is pleased to present two creative Summer Dance Programs for Children. The students will be introduced to ballet and jazz styles of dance in addition to creative movement and dance theatre. No previous experience is necessary. The teachers, including Denise Lieutaghi, Marlise McCormick, Cindy Smith and Judy Davidson have extensive professional performance experience and have successfully taught children's classes for many years. Their knowledge of dance and rapport with children adds great depth to the Programs.

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