

the **POINTER**
June 1994

HILLTOPPER EDITION
check inside for details !!!



One of the regular activities at the Partridge Hill Daycare is artistic expression through drawing. Breanna Nathorst sees something unusual in the Inlet.

to the Pointer

Is an excuse as good as following through? Definitely not in my book! An excuse, however, is all I have to offer with a Pointer going to press almost a month late. As you may have heard I have had an urgent assignment as head nurse, chauffeur, chief cook and bottle washer and companion for the sick and handicapped! Now Tony is recuperating nicely from his back operation and I have impressed upon him that he is not allowed any more operations. Barring anything

unforseen, the publishing deadline for the next Pointer will be August 21, 1994.

Summer is on its way and, as always, fire safety is an important consideration. Please remember that you need a burning permit, for outdoor burning, which can be obtained from the Fire Department on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM. I wish you all a happy and fire safe summer.

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HARTLAND UPDATE: Pat Williams
WILLIS POINT HISTORY: Ken Leighton

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Comments, letters and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6877 Mark Lane, RR5 Victoria, V8X 4M6. Minor editorial changes may be made. Visual art has to be original by the person credited and be suitable for photocopy. Please call me if you have any questions.

Willis Point Reasoning

I am asked quite often why do I live so far out of town? How can I stand driving all that way? And don't I feel isolated "way out there"?

Sure there are times when I wish we lived closer so I could just run out for a snack because I've had a craving that didn't hit till 8:30PM, or finding out that the

dinner I have started needs something I forgot to pick-up or ordering Chinese food and have them deliver it... All of these things would be nice, but then I look at all I do have. I can't walk down the road without seeing people I know (by name and not just face).

*Letters to the
Editor continued*

Being able to phone a neighbour because I want to borrow that ingredient for dinner that I forgot. Phoning someone on the fire department to question about an eye injury and having him come to the house to take a look, and then driving my husband to the hospital so I could stay home with the kids (thanks Fuzz!!!) The long drive, well I much prefer my drive than that of most people who spend more of their car time locked in traffic jams... and lastly, I never get tired of the beauty of this area, something living closer into town could never provide me with, or my family.

Yes, I live at Willis Point, and you don't know how lucky my family and I are, unless you live out here.

Connie McInnis

Editor Recognition!

Just wanted to recognize Bernadette Boydell for her outstanding contribution to the community as editor of the Pointer. Also to thank her for all the help with my advertisements in the Pointer. Keep up the excellent work.

Rick Nathorst

TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS

Support your local businesses!

THANK YOU MARTHA!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Martha McAlister for providing the absolute best quality of care for our daughter Breanna. Martha has exceptional child caring skills and Breanna just loves going to Partridge Hill Daycare. Martha has planned activities, as well as play - time, story time etc. We are incredibly fortunate to have such quality child care in our community.

Rick and Darla Nathorst.

**WILLIS POINT
BABY-SITTER REGISTRY**

Brittany Tregear is 12 years old and has successfully completed two baby-sitting courses. She has lots of experience with one to six year old children. Brittany prefers not to 'sit outside of the Point' or late on school nights. For more information please call Brittany Tregear at 652-6893.

NEED A BABY-SITTER?

Call Kaily Stevens!

She has completed a babysitter course. She has experience at baby-sitting kids of all ages.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Willis Point Community Association, Executive

Chair:	Don Gorling	652-6149
Vice Chair:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Treasurer:	Alan Cracknell	652-6345
Recording Secretary:	Pat Williams	652-0223
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Member-at-Large:	Linda Gary	652-9230
Fire and Rec. Rep:	Clive Farmer	652-1215

Next Meeting is on June 6, 1994

Other Key Willis Point Contacts

Aerobics Instructor:	Katie Cotter	652-2039
FAMA Acquisition:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
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School Board and School Bus Liaison:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Soap Box Derby

The Soap Box Derby is cancelled for 1994.

Willis Point Tennis Club

We now have eleven members playing on Saturday mornings plus Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A few adult beginners are receiving some instruction on Saturday mornings at 11:30. They are looking forward to having a backboard to practice on. For more information please call Ken Leighton at 652-2686!

HILLTOPPER

WHERE?

Our annual 8 km FUN RUN, COUNTRY AUCTION, BAKE SALE, HILLTOPPER HAMBURGERS, SALOON, ICECREAM, LOLLY SCRAMBLE etc.

WHY?

To meet the costs of running and maintaining our Community Hall. This is our only major fund-raising event.

WHEN?

Sunday June 19th (Father's Day). Race starts 12 noon and everything is open from then on. Auction begins approximately 2:30 to 3 PM after race awards.

WHERE?

Willis Point Community Hall!

WHO?

Anyone can enter the race - young and old. Everyone can come - great family day. Bring any friends and family from town. Tell any runners you know - we need people. Anybody can help - volunteers always needed.

HOW?

Race: Entry forms phone, Gary Butchart 652-1731 or pick up from Jeune Brothers' Great Outdoors Store, 570 Johnson Street.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Auction: Phone Bob Scott, 652-2130 or Vern McConnell 652-2996 with your donations or questions. Some of the types of things we auction off are plants, dinners, brunches, loads of wood, boat trips, camping outings, bikes, babysitting, art, household items etc. The more unusual the better!

Volunteers: Phone Bob Halsey, 652-4195. Food bars and ice cream stand all need to be manned. Please give us a couple of hours of your time.

Race Volunteers: Phone Annabella Butchart, 652-1731, to confirm you'll do what you did last year - or help out in any way.

Bake Sale: Phone Joan Wright, 652-3254 or just whip up some cakes and cookies, jams or chutneys and bring them to the hall, 11 AM on.

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STITCH

While this may seem to be rushing the season a bit, the Stitch group has always been a "think ahead" group and 11 years ago, the conversation at one of the meetings turned to a discussion about what should be done regarding a suit for Santa's annual visit to Willis Point. Up to that time, the suit had always been rented at a cost of a phenomenal(!) \$25.00 which was in effect for two years but was then increased to \$30.00 which resulted in the need to re-assess the renting situation. Obviously Santa had to be clothed appropriately but it seemed inevitable that rental costs would continue to rise. With that in mind and financial assistance from the Ratepayers' Association, the

group decided to make a suit and without further ado, purchased the material. Diane Twamley and Joan Wright met and together cut out the material - on a bed- rather than the floor - their explanation for this was that the bed was higher. Within a few hours, the suit and matching bag were made while in another room, Melanie Wright slept peacefully on, unaware that history was in the making in the room next door. The ladies of the group were at Beth Twamley's for their next gathering and hand-sewed the fur to the suit, a professionally made beard was purchased and a large belt was donated by Kay Davidson. The suit was complete. It was assumed that Santa would arrive wearing his own boots and so it proved to be - but the same suit is still available for Santa's visit to Willis Point.

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STITCH continued

A footnote: Sufficient scraps were left over from the suit and were made into a dress with

strawberry shortcake sleeves for Janine Twamley and a couple of years later, the dress was passed on to Melanie Wright until she grew out of it. One of the group's motto should be "Waste not and recycle"! Pat Cracknell

DUMP IT CAKE
(from the Kitchen of Beth Twamley)

- 1 tin cherry pie filling (or blueberry or strawberry)
- 1 19 oz can pineapple tidbits (drained)
- 1 (2 layer size) box yellow or white cake mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Spread pie filling in 9 X 13 pyrex pan, add pineapple. Sprinkle dry cake mix over filling. Drizzle on melted butter. Sprinkle on coconut and nuts. Bake 1 hour @ 325. Serve with whip cream or ice cream.

ENJOY

A YOUNG PEOPLES SUMMER 1994

Summer is almost upon us which means that a lot of the young people out here will be looking for things to do. So if you have any ideas relating to this issue, example like organizing a team or group, summer employment or some kind of interest groups, please contact myself or anyone on the WPCA to see if we can help.

The young people are a large positive part of this community, and I hope it is possible that we can all give them some direction or other help.

Sincerely,
Connie McInnis

HARTLAND landfill

update

The site of the proposed compost facility on Willis Point

Road will be used as a parking lot during the Commonwealth Games and afterward as a clean-up area for trailers etc. during clean-up. This will not be a public parking lot but

*HARTLAND landfill
update continued*

instead is intended for officials, staff and competitors. They will be shuttled from the parking lot to the shooting facility so there will not be a huge influx of pedestrians on the road. The road, however will be considerably busier during The Games and we should all drive with special caution. The compost site will thus be used until the end of October.

As far as I know at this time, no further activity is planned for

the compost facility, that is, there are no plans to put it into operation now or in the future. There is a proposal being put forward to start a huge landfill operation at the site of the Utah Mine near Port Hardy. This facility would accommodate the garbage of the whole of Vancouver Island and well beyond. You probably have heard reports about this and know that it is in the preliminary stages of planning only.

Pat Williams,
652-0223.

***HOT FLASH from the
Willis Point
FIRE DEPARTMENT***

TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM, IT'S YOUR BEST INSURANCE!!!

Ken Ilott

FITNESS

report

As summer approaches there are many choices of outdoor activities which we can enjoy and which at the same time can contribute to achieving good physical fitness.

One of the simplest ways to get in shape is to walk. When walking for aerobic fitness you need to get your heart beating at your Target Heart Rate (THR). Drop in an aerobics class if you would like help in finding your THR. If your heart rate is below your target zone as you walk, you need to speed up and/or increase your arm swing. If your rate is above this zone, slow

down. If you are just beginning to exercise, walk for at least 30 minutes four to five times a week. Work toward walking three miles in 45 minutes and work on improving your pace each time - the faster you walk the more calories you burn and the more fit you will become.

Our neighbourhood is a good training area for walkers, runners and cyclists, the hills offering considerable challenge. The tennis court is another location for an enjoyable way to stay in shape. The bending and stretching and digging as we work in the garden is a great workout, and what a pleasant way to get fit.

FITNESS

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Before beginning any of these activities it is important to remember to warm up beforehand and to stretch the muscles before and after exercising. Finally, but most important, exercising in hot or humid weather can cause the body to overheat leading to

dehydration. Remember to drink plenty of water before during and after exercise, even if you are not thirsty.

Katie Cotter

Katie Cotter is a U-VIC certified fitness instructor.

Willis Point History #7 **by Ken Leighton**

6954 Mark Lane (originally lot 42)
McAdams -1954-1958
Coopers -1958-1962
Leightons -1962-

When David McAdams purchased a lot at Willis Point he had many to choose from. He chose Lot 42 because of the gravel beach, even though it cost him an extra \$200 dollars. At this time the waterfront lots went from Lot 1 at Tod Inlet to Lot 43 (Hurley's). Most of the lots were 150 feet wide and and straddled both sides of Mark Lane.

The first task David McAdams undertook was to clear a building site and then build a rudimentary 600 square foot cabin. His fifteen year old son Rob (Park Pacific) helped put up the cabin in one weekend without electricity at a cost of \$800. Later came the digging of a twelve foot deep well. This, with its hand pump worked quite well until the middle of the summer.

The second owner, Dave Cooper (Plumbing Co. and car racing) knew Willis Point because he had stayed at Ricky's Roost (now Walker's and Vaughn's) during the great fishing and party days. He bought the cabin mainly for hunting and fishing. In those days you could shoot deer right at Willis Point.

Dave's son, Steve, used to fish by putting a hook through a live grilse and lowering it to the bottom. One day Dave heard him yelling as his twelve foot boat was being towed away. Dave went out in his larger boat and helped land a huge ling cod.

Dave Cooper put in a fireplace and finished the inside of the cabin. Electricity, which came to Willis Point about 1960, was soon installed and a proper well was drilled.

Oysters from Saltspring Island were brought in to the rocks and flourished for several years.

Property owners could do their own blasting back then so Dave and a friend decided to get rid of some stumps in the driveway.

Point History

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One of the cedar stumps came out so well that it flew right over the cabin and just missed a boat in the Inlet.

The Leightons had a cabin at Shawnigan Lake but they were looking for a building lot on the Inlet. Lot 42 was for sale but was to be subdivided into two 75 foot lots. For \$12,700 we bought the whole thing including the half acre above Mark Lane which is presently being built on.

For many years we moved out in July and August. The first major project was to get a road to the beach. After this the navy jack could be trucked down to build the causeway to the end of the reef. The dock was connected to the causeway in 1980. The cabin had an addition in 1976, which included a proper foundation and a half basement. It was at this time that we started renting out the cabin from September to June each year. This is how the Cracknells from Ontario discovered Willis Point. The Hurley's and the Boydell's each also lived in the cabin while their homes were being built.

In 1989, when I retired from teaching, we sold the house in town, moved into the cabin, and

proceeded to build a permanent house onto the cabin.

Outstanding memories over the last thirty two years are the following:

- The historic meetings at Jack Armstrong's and George Pears' where we decided to form a rate-payers association.

- The meeting with the Minister of Highways, Wesley Black, where we persuaded him to have the logging road gazetted so we could legally drive to Willis Point.

- The re-routing of Willis Point Road which cut the grade from 27% to 12%.

- The building of the Fire and Community Hall with volunteer labour.


- The protest marches on Durrance Road and finally the new road.

This account is based on interviews with Rob McAdams and Dave Cooper.

Note I know of several more early residents (or their descendents) who I would like to interview, but if anyone feels they have something to add to Willis Point History, please call me at 652-2686.

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