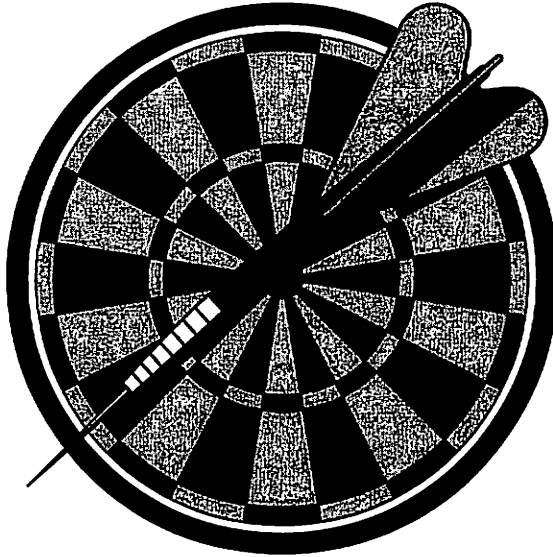


the POINTER

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PUB & DART NIGHT

A very successful evening was enjoyed by all. The precision - like points, perfected by Pat Cracknell, partnered by Brian McCandles (who some say just got lucky!) managed to take the winning round. Runners up were Bob Halsey and Marla.

Thanks to Dean Highland & Pat Williams & their team of helpers who provided, cooked and served food.

Kudos to Karen Scott who organized a well run bar (more Sambucca eh?) and to Bob Scott who with engineering like exactitude, executed a perfect draw.

After all that alliteration (groan, the feather in our fedora was that we raised \$404 for the community association.

Thanks to all who came, played, watched, assisted and enjoyed.

Gaybrielle Halsey

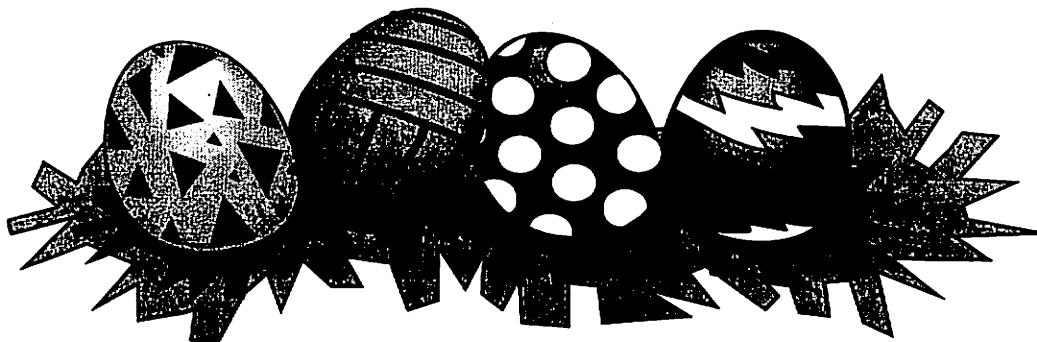
HILLTOPPER

Just a reminder that Hilltopper is on June 18th, Sunday (Fathers Day). For newcomers to the Point, this event is the community's biggest fund-raiser. There is a 8.5 km fun run where we usually get about 100 runners, a bake sale, country auction (articles or services donated), saloon, food, ice-cream, etc.

Start to think about items for the Country Auction. Donations can range from baby-sitting to boat cruises.

It's a great family day. Anybody wishing to volunteer, phone Bob Halsey 652-4195 nearer the day. For race information call Gary or Annabella Butchart at 652-1731.

Gaybrielle Halsey



to the Point

HAPPY EASTER !

As a new twist to my Easter, I am participating in an underwater Easter egg hunt with 200 other Scuba Divers. The eggs might be a little salty, but it should be an interesting event.

I figure Easter is my last chance to officially 'pig out' before the summer. I could always work off the chocolate by training for the Hilltopper. (Nah!) I'll just wing it and start off running, work myself up to a walk and finish with a consistent crawl.

I think in order to have a good Willis Point turnout of runners there could be some challenges made by neighbours, firefighters, etc. Its not like its a Mountaintopper or anything - its only a little old Hilltopper.
Let's get training!

As your publisher, I have enjoyed taking on the task of typesetting and publishing the Pointer.

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions about the layout of the Pointer, please let me know. I will be glad to incorporate all suggestions.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Comments, letters and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6877 Mark Lane, RR#5 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 at 652-5032.

Also, any notices or concerns about the community can be voiced through the Pointer - so send them in.

Jason Funnell
Pointer Publisher

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May 1, 1995

BABY-SITTING REGISTRY

Brittany Tregear is 13 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!** 652-0037. She has completed a baby-sitter course. She has experience at baby-sitting kids of all ages.

NEED A BABY-SITTER?

Carissa Crawley, aged 13 lives on Melody Place. She has Standard First Aid training as well as has completed a baby-sitting course satisfactorily. Please call her at 652-0360.

Tannis Harriot will baby-sit for you!

Call her at 652-5478. Tannis is 13 years old and has her St. John's Baby-sitting, CPR, as well as the Red Cross Lifesaving II certificates. She has experience minding children from babies to 10 year olds.

COMMISSION REPORT

Your Community Centre.

After six cabins burned to the ground and two bush fires (one of which was potentially dangerous) it became apparent that Willis Point needed fire protection.

In the early '70s, George Pears and Dave Carley, with the support of the WPRPA executive went looking for funding. Grants for a fire hall were non-existent but grants for a recreation hall were available. Consequently, Willis Point got a recreation centre with an attached fire hall. Grants of approximately \$60,000 covered the recreation portion and by-law 247 allowed borrowing of \$61,074.26 to cover the fire hall portion. The land was donated by Genstar (the then owner of the FAMA property) along with an interest-free loan of \$25,000 to

the WPRPA payable in 1990. LIP grants were also obtained for landscaping and groundwork.

By 1977, Willis Point had its Fire Hall along with a bonus recreation centre. The total cost, including property, was approximately \$200,000. The actual cost to Pointers after donations and grants was \$61,074.26, plus a long term interest-free loan of \$25,000. In the mid-'80s, Genstar sold the now FAMA property and offered a \$10,000 buyout on the \$25,000 loan. Willis Point was able to raise the money and save a further \$15,000. The fire and recreation centre was constructed and fully equipped at a total cost of \$71,074.26 to the Willis Point Community. Estimated value today is \$1,000,000. Not a bad investment.

Next Issue: What your centre costs and saves the Willis Point Taxpayer!

*Gary Butchart
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Executive meetings are held the first Monday of every month, 7:30pm at the Community Hall. Feel free to contact any member of the executive for specific dates or community concerns.

Other Willis Point Contacts:

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LEGACY PARK

UPDATE

In an effort to come up with a Management Plan (Master Plan) for what is now being called (informally) the Gowlland - Tod Park, BC Parks has been conducting meetings of a public advisory group every second Thursday throughout February and March 1995.

Representing Willis Point at some

or all of these meetings, has been Cameron Young, Ida Von Schuckman, Lorne Walker and Jillian Jackson. Overall, everyone agrees that Gowlland Tod is a valuable piece of natural heritage and should be protected as much as possible. In principle recreational access will be carefully managed. Certainly, there will be no motorized vehicles and overnight camping allowed in the park. Mountain bikes and horses are a different matter.

The major issue still under discussion is access points into the park. For the Gowlland section, the general idea is that there be two main access points: one in the south; one in the north. The northern access point will be by MacKenzie Bight/Mount Work with the parking lots already in place. The southern access will be in and around the housing development that is technically part of the park near its extreme south end. The third proposed access into the centre of Gowlland Range off Martlet has been rejected.

Willis Point related issues have not been discussed much to date. One part of the Master Plan, however, deals with the topic of desired future boundary extensions, and this is one area where we are taking a strong position.

The WPCA passed a motion at its March 6 meeting requesting BC Parks to do all it can to acquire as park land the Partridge Hills second knoll, the road area and hillside between the Willis Point settled area and MacKenzie Bight, and the height of land along the south side of Tod Inlet. These are key geographic areas that should have been included in the park in the first place.

If you have any questions, comments, or advice, please let me know. You are also invited to attend any advisory meetings.

Cameron "Sam" Young
652-3859

Willis Point History #9

Willis Point's Dave Carley

Dave was familiar with Willis Point in the '50s because he had visited Glen Twamley out here many times. In 1963 he bought his property, which already had a small cabin on it near the water.

In 1967, Dave had a small trailer parked near Mark Lane hooked up to the power line. From the trailer, he strung an extension cord to the cabin. He and Yvonne stayed in the cabin for six months without running water while Dave was completing a house in town.

At this time, Ted Bull owned a ten acre parcel which is now the Steamer Road subdivision. There were five cabins above Mark Lane which were rented out. One of the tenants, who had been evicted for non-payment of rent, came back and burned the cabin down. For a time, there was a renter in another cabin who was stripping stolen cars on the property. A later owner of this property got into financial problems. One weekend, while in Vancouver, he was thrown in jail for assaulting a police officer. Coincidentally, the four remaining cabins all burned down just at this time, and he managed to collect the insurance because he couldn't have set the fire.

Dave started building his permanent home above the cabin in 1969. It was not until 1970, when his home was nearly complete that building permits became necessary at Willis Point. The Carleys moved out to Willis Point permanently in 1971. If the snow was bad in those early

winters, the neighbours would get together to help at least one car up the twenty-seven percent grade out of Willis Point.

Dave was present at the first meeting (chaired by George Pears) held to discuss the formation of a Ratepayer's association. It was Dave who subsequently drew up the constitution for the Willis Point Ratepayers Association. This was formed so they could petition the government to take over the road. At this time, all properties at Willis Point were designated as water access only, as our old

logging road was not legal. Later, Dave was instrumental in forming the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department, and was chief for the first sixteen years.

Ken Leighton

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Choosing the correct type of apparatus began in 1993 with the striking of a selection committee comprising Neil Tregear, Brian McCandless, Joel Cotter and Ian Blaney. They tabled a report in June of 1994 recommending a 1000 gallon, triple combination pumper capable of optimum operation in our rural Willis Point.

In the fall of 1994 this report was presented to the Fire Commission at their annual budget meeting and at subsequent meeting, I was instructed to solicit tenders. In January 1995, the Fire Commission approved a proposal by HUB FIRE ENGINES to supply a new to-be-built fire truck for the total price of \$175,000.00. Thus with careful planning the Fire Commission has enabled the Fire Department to afford the purchase of this new fire engine with no increase in your taxes.

We look forward, in the near future, to having an OPEN HOUSE at which time the new truck will be on display.

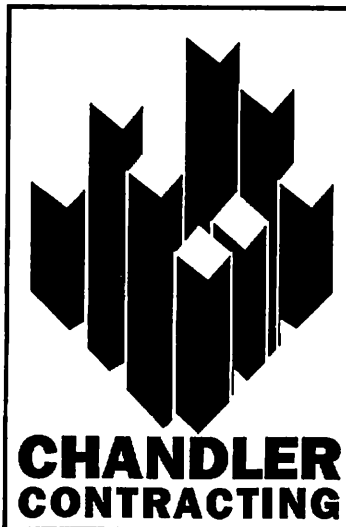
Vern McConnell
FIRE CHIEF WPVFD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The ten members of the WPVFD who have just passed their air brake course through the expert instruction of Terry and Bill from VANCOUVER ISLAND SAFETY COUNCIL. This brings to fifteen the number of fire fighters qualified to drive our new air brake equipped fire truck. A second course to qualify the balance of members is scheduled for April. On top of the usual time and effort spent on Wednesday night for training, the members below donated a whole weekend in order to serve their community better.

VERN MCCONNELL, BILL WRIGHT
JOEL COTTER, NEIL TREGEAR
KEN ILOTT, TONY BOYDELL
DEAN HYLAND, ERIC HOEL
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Ken Ilott

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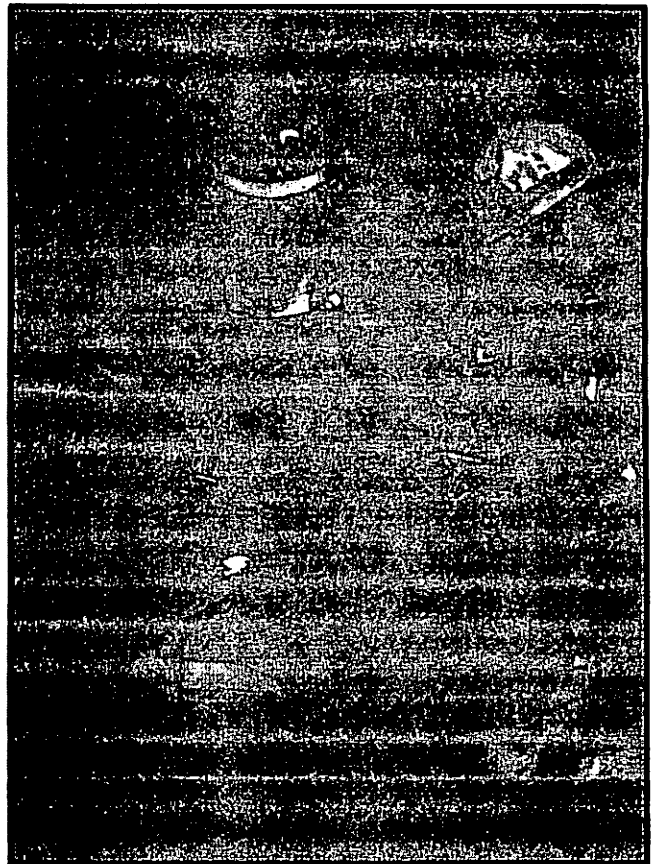
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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Saturday February 25, members of the department attended the DND Burn Control Unit in Colwood. This unit provides a high level of fire suppression training for all armed forces personnel and offers the same opportunity to local fire departments. Our firefighters tackled open fires with hand helds, conventional water, and foam. They endured a smoke maze in complete darkness and a challenging series of fires inside a simulated ship. This type of training is simply not available elsewhere and the benefit is enormous. Thank you DND!

Firefighters who attended were: Ken Ilott, Ian Blaney, Bill Wright, Bob Halsey, Karen Scott, Cathy Crawley, Tony Boydell, Neil Tregear, Dean Hyland, Darren Pine and Ian Blaney Jr.

Photography by Bernadette Boydell



INLET ANECDOTES

COMMUTING CROWS

Like most other places, the Inlet has its share of commuters. No, I don't mean the diehard travellers on the Brentwood Ferry or even the assortment of cars, vans and pick-up trucks that migrate to and from the sticks on their daily work routines. No, the real commuters in the Inlet are the crows. Regularly as clockwork, morning and evening, crows are on the move.

Not for them the interminable waits, the dull boredom of inching forward in tightly controlled traffic lanes. These are the free spirits of the commuting crowd. Commuting with crows is fun, if you can stand the noise!

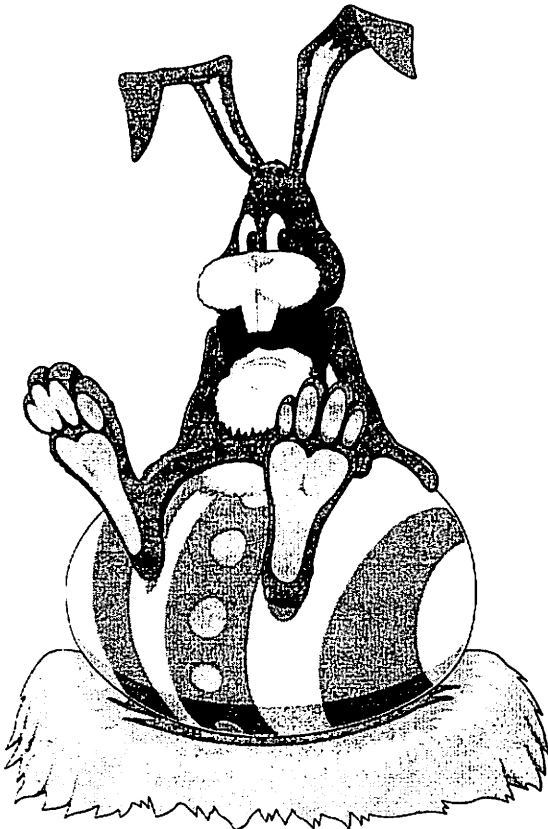
As dusk gathers, and after a hard day's work at Hartland Road, the commuters select launch pads from among the largest trees overlooking the water. If the southwest winds are blowing, the crows treehop southwards, squabbling and bickering,

jockeying for position, waiting for the moment of departure.

As if on some prearranged signal they launch into the wind in search of the far shore. These are the comedians of the air - the half roll, the dipsy doodle, the free fall flutter. Glide and swoop, peck and squabble, climb and fall - all the while heading out over the Inlet to the forested shores ahead. The cries grow fainter and the forms less distinct until at last they are gone. Another day is done!

Tony Boydell

KIDS KORNER



Shauna McInnis

the best of **STITCH**

Pointer Deadline February 17, the notice on the board stated. Horrors, what on earth am I going to write about this time. I have covered how Stitch came to be, its history over the years and what members of the group do beside solving the problems of the world, drinking wine and eating luscious desserts. Then, during the wee hours when sleep eluded me, inspiration struck! Why not recruit the rest of the crew in contributing to The Best of Stitch and commence a sub-series "Memories of Stitch". I must confess the idea was received with something less than overwhelming enthusiasm when suggested on Thursday night but the group is not one to ignore a challenge and we therefore begin with a contribution from Kay Davidson, who, while she maybe THE Senior Citizen in Stitch, she is not the only one- at last count there are three of us!

Pat Cracknell

MEMORIES OF **STITCH**

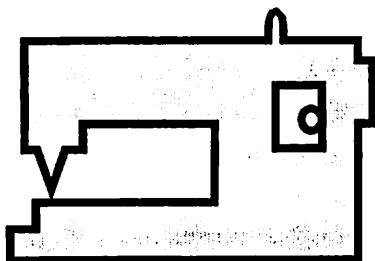
by Kay Davidson

Pat has asked me, because I am the Senior Citizen of the Stitch Bunch, to write a little discourse on the early days of Stitch. Well, I thought seriously about it and decided to write about my favourite Stitch night ever.

This was a night when Stitch was at Dianne's. I was busy in the bathroom putting the last dabs of this and that on my face when the doorbell rang and I thought "Oh well, Sandy will get it". So when I came out, Sandy was standing there with a puzzled look on his face holding a

bottle of wine in his hand. He said: "One of Gaybrielle's girls brought this, she said it was for you"! I said "Oh, no, probably Dianne I is out of wine and asked Gaybrielle if she could borrow a bottle. I'll take it with me to Dianne's". So away I went, complete with bottle of wine and told Dianne how I came by it and she said "Thanks Kay, I was wondering what happened to it." So we Stitch gals settled in to doing what we usually do, knitting, crocheting, laughing, gossiping, and telling jokes - if we knew any - and generally having a good time. Then about 10 PM Dianne asked who wanted coffee and who wanted tea and having got the count went into the kitchen and returned carrying a humongous cake with about fifty candles on it and all the gals started singing "Happy Birthday" to me. It was for my sixty-fifth birthday. I was absolutely flabbergasted. It was the first birthday party of my life. I was born three days after Christmas and all my Christmas gifts (very few as I am one of eight) said Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday.

Needless to say, I shall never forget my sixty-fifth birthday party, thanks to Dianne and all the Stitch gals.



FITNESS REPORT

We all know that "exercise is good for us". I recently came across this list of some of the benefits of regular physical activity and thought that most of us would find at least one benefit that might appeal to ourselves.

Regular physical activity can be effective in preventing and limiting the disabling effects of heart disease and stroke; is the health behaviour most strongly and consistent associated with maintaining mobility; can reduce the risk of developing colon cancer by fifty percent; is important for the prevention of osteoporosis by generating greater bone mass; can reduce the relative risk of non-insulin dependent diabetes by fifty percent; is an essential tool for children in preventing obesity; reduces the symptoms of mild or moderate depression and anxiety; can reduce the risk of breast cancer by fifty percent when women are active at a young age.

You do not have to engage in strenuous physical activity to achieve these health benefits, moderate activity will keep most of us healthy and, as a reminder, we have a beautiful area with many trails for walking. Recently, after one of our regular workouts at the Hall, we got into a discussion of one component of the workout - the stretching for flexibility. We all agreed that the aerobic part of the workout has many benefits, but that the regular stretching we do has just as many benefits - whether we are conditioning ourselves for skiing, horseback riding, for giving birth (yes we have a Pre-Natal section) or just to feel flexible enough to maintain good mobility, it is a very important part of what we do to stay healthy.

See you on the trails.

Katie Cotter

Katie Cotter is a U-VIC certified fitness instructor.

Raspberry Pavlova

Meringues: 3 egg whites (room temperature as they beat up better)
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch cream of tartar

Beat the whites until stiff - continue beating while adding sugar slowly and still peaks form. Drop by 1/3 cup (or less if you want to make more than the eight this recipe makes) on brown paper on a baking sheet. Shape with the back of a spoon. Bake at 275 degrees for 1 hour. Turn oven off and leave for another hour.

Fill meringues with yogurt ice cream smothered in raspberry glaze and topped with whipped cream.

Raspberry

Glaze: 1 cup berries 2 1/4 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup of water 2/3 cup sugar

- 1- Mash berries. Add water and boil 2-3 minutes.
- 2- Strain and throw away pulp.
- 3- Mix sugar and cornstarch together. Stir into hot berry juice.
- 4- Bring to boil, stirring constantly until mixture is thick and clear.
- 5- Remove from heat and add 1/2 tsp. lemon juice.
- 6- Cool. Then add 2-3 berries to the glaze.

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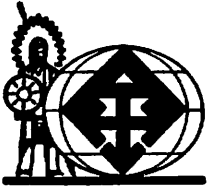
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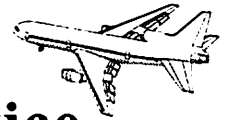
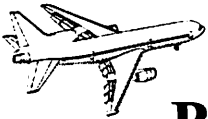


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