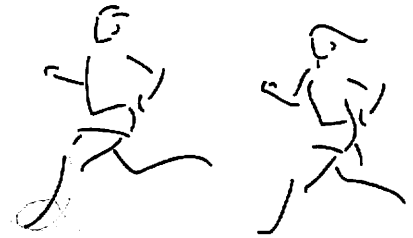


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HILLTOPPER



Thoughts on our Country Auction

Many years ago (14 to be precise) when the idea of the fun run day started, a group got together and started planning the replacement of the Strawberry Tea. The Fun Run was organized by our keen runners, the Bake Sale allocated to the Stitch Club and then we all went mad! You have no idea of the stuff we did! Kids games, fish pond, white elephant stall, saloon of course, casino (before the police banned it) dancing at night, and the food - we roasted suckling pigs, had a full meal served, plus it was hot! The whole community rallied around. We advertised, we were on the Ida Clarkson show, worked our fingers to the bones. Then we had an after Hilltopper Happy Hour and discussion. What made money, what didn't. A lot of decisions were made then that honed the Hilltopper into the organized, least effort for most funds, event that we have today. (Serving roast pork

at reasonable prices did not swell our coffers especially as the price of pork rose dramatically 1 month before the day.)

One part of our Hilltopper has stayed with us to this day and that is the Country Auction. It was Charlie & Sydnie Bonner's idea and if my memory serves me right, they ran it for four years until handing over the reins to Bob Scott and Vern McConnell. On looking back through various auction lists, we thought you might be interested in some of the wonderful and unusual donations, should you be so kind. Sometimes simple things that don't involve a lot of money, just a lot of time and effort, have been really popular, such as:

- an evening learning to make chocolate;
- overnight babysitting
- cement mixer for 2 weeks
- 2 hours pressure washing
- 2 nights camping trip for 2 kids
- Family picnics
- Afternoon of tubing for 4 kids
- Use of 10 firefighters for 2 hours

hard labour

Then some unusual items:

- a buffalo skull
- Freehand drawing of your \ residence
- Tandem parachute jump
- Bungy jump
- Airplane flights
- Window cleaning
- Rockclimbing lesson and lunch
- Fresh caught salmon
- Evening learning to play mahjong plus dinner
- Will planning for husband and wife

Next we have some wonderful dinners donated from the very talented cooks in this area, some simple, some complex:

- Viennese diner
- Family BBQ and swim
- Mexican
- Japanese
- Cajun
- Chinese
- New Zealand
- Sunday brunch & Hot Tub
- Eastern cuisine

to the Point

Hilltopper Time!

I was talking to an avid runner the other day and asked him if he had ever run the Hilltopper Fun Run! He said, 'I've run it once but never again - it's too tough'..

Why we call it a fun run sometimes boggles the mind because as you are running or in most cases walking the hills, you keep saying to yourself 'Why am I doing this?'. But then as you finally make it to the top and start to feel good again, you hit the homerun hill and make a galant effort down the hill, past the crowds and through to the finish line. Ah, what a feeling of satisfaction. I finished the Hilltopper - no small feat. Many galant pointers have taken the plunge some young, some old, some a little crazed and some a little dazed. But they have the satisfaction of knowing they finished the Hilltopper.

I can still picture Bob Halsey and Charlie Bonner training diligently for the Hilltopper, running and finishing the race in proud pointer fashion - I think to myself, as I write this, that they must of been crazy or something - maybe it's the pointer coming

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out in them. Good Luck to all Hilltopper challengers.

Don't forget, the challenge of the Hilltopper is finishing and getting that feeling of accomplishment - and besides how many fun runs have a bar ready and waiting for you at the end.

Jason Funnell, Pointer Publisher

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Watch for the Sign!

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.

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- Norwegian crab feast
- Greek dinner & dancing
- Valentine Day gourmet french dinner
- Wine tasting plus dinner
- Gourmet whiskey tasting for 10

If you have the good fortune to own a boat, donations have gone from simple to elaborate:

- 4 hours of sailing
- float plane ride for 1, Saanich Inlet
- Sunday brunch & boat sightseeing trip
- Guided fishing trip
- speedboat date with Willis Points most eligible bachelor!
- Weekend Day trip for 4 to gulf islands
- Happy Hours Day cruise to San Juan island
- Gourmet Hor's D'oeuvres Cruise around
- Saanich Inlet for 4
- Boat trip and refreshments for 4 to watch fireworks

Plus we have had wonderful donations of building materials, beautiful planters, firewood (always popular) beer brewing, car tune-ups, original paintings, hand made sweaters, childrens outfits, furniture, cake decorating, hosting a childrens party and catering for a party of 20 (very popular, that was, but only gets offered rarely as it takes the donors about 3 years to get over it!)

So as you can see, there is a vast store of different things to donate and to bid on. Put on your thinking caps and phone Bob or Karen Scott @ 652-2130 or Halsey's @ 652-4195 with your items, large or small. Have your items at the hall by 10:30 am if possible. The list is printed on the Friday, before. We do take late arrivals but its easier for bidders if its on the list. Thank you for your continued and much appreciated support.

Gaybrielle & Bob Halsey



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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.

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Playground Update

How lucky we are that we have this beautiful park for our children to enjoy. I am sure you have all read the last edition of the Pointer, the Willis Point History #9. How George Pears chaired one of the first meetings and how Dave Carley helped establish this site.

Everyone knows what the land and childrens play ground was like but

have you seen it lately?

We now have a well landscaped park where we can play soccer, baseball, etc. picnics with our families and friends.

The big job at the moment is to make the grass grow. We currently have had great support with the watering brigade, we thank all the people that have volunteered! There are small details and fine tuning to follow through with such as:

1. steps for play area to enter into the tennis court, edge of stone area where it meets the paved tennis court edge with possibly 2" x 6"s and a stepping stone.

2. We have to set out the back board for the tennis court. Apparently the specifications on how to build is available but we need volunteers to help build it.

3. We need helpers to paint the playground equipment, we have the paint!

4. We need two - three picnic tables - can anyone donate or find some at wholesale prices?

5. We want to thank the Martins, Bob and Andrea, for donating a fantastic industrial mower for the park. It is greatly appreciated.

6. We are looking into goal posts and a baseball diamond.

We will be listing all the helpers in the next pointer so be on the list!

Malcom and Eleanor Smith

NOTICE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

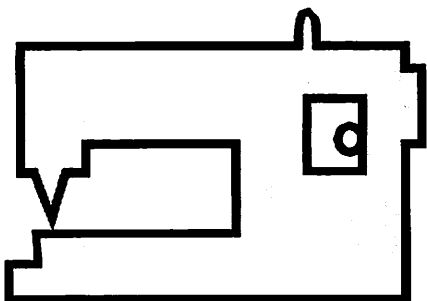
Please note that the Willis Point Community Association Executive meetings have broken for summer holidays. THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY AT 7:30, SEPTEMBER 11, 1995. However, please feel free to continue to contact any member of the Executive by telephone or personal contact during the break.

the best of STITCH

Stitch Ladies on the move! While it may appear to some that the ladies of Stitch are a sedentary lot as they gather for wine, dessert and sparkling conversation, appearances can be deceptive. Apart from constant travelling to and fro on Willis Point Road for a variety of activities, we have moved further afield e.g. the Caribbean, Alaska, U.K., California, Ontario, Nova scotia, Saskatchewan to name but a few of the exotic places visited by members of our group over the years. More recently Jane went on a buying spree (with Ian!) to Edmonton travelling by train which she enjoyed immensely. Dianne (with Mark) drove to Calgary via Kamloops and Lake Louise for a spot of skiing joining up with Janine who was in the Synchronized Swimming Western Finals and we wish Janine every success as she competes for the first time in the Nationals leaving for Toronto on May 5.

And now we have Georgina on the move in the near future, hopefully no further afield than Sidney where she, Clive and Bandit plan to reside. It was imperative we obtain Georgina's Memories of Stitch whilst she was still in reach of this - dare I say it - "bitching" contributor!

Pat Cracknell



MEMORIES OF STITCH

by Georgina Farmer

Well, here I am, doing my attempt at the "Challenge". I am relatively a new-comer to Stitch - about 6 years. I had heard about the Thursday night "Stitch and Bitch" get together's, but not until one evening at a fitness workout, Dianne Twamley was telling someone about it so I just invited myself to the next one and have been going ever since. It's a great way to meet people as well as learn what's happening in the area. As far as I know, when I have my turn at having everyone over, that was a first for Melody Place! It's great to see all the talented people

we have around and the wonderful creations that are made. My most serious concern was that I didn't bake but was assured, after a few more get together's, I would be baking up a storm - not a chance! However, I have gotten to know about some great bakeries where I get my goodies.

Every time I have Stitch, our dog "Bandit" gets excited and always tries to get to stay with the girls. However, he gets shoed to the den along with Clive for the evening but gets to say hello around 9:00 when Clive comes up to get his coke and cookies. It is an evening I look forward to every week and recommend it to anyone interested.

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April 27, 1995

Chair
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6933 Willis Point Road
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Dear Executive Members;

I would like to comment on recent events concerning our community hall at Willis Point.

Around the early part of this year, someone fell and suffered a broken foot at the hall due to inadequate lighting near the front entrance. This could have been a person attending a public/private function which could have resulted in a legal problem. I have witnessed several cars racing/cinching around the hall over the last month.

On April 24, 1995, someone roared around the gravel area in front of the fire department doors, spewing gravel onto the apron.

On April 25, 1995, someone broke into the hall and also started a very strange fire at the corner of the firehall in full view of the road. On April 26, 1995, I noticed the rear exterior light is not operating. Recently, youths were confronted while stealing wood from the wood shed.

I really think that we as a community must do whatever we can to protect our valuable investment - the hall, the firetrucks and related equipment.

Some weeks ago, I secured a quote for exterior lighting in areas in which I feel will assist in working towards a solution to the above topic of concern.

If our firehall was to catch fire, we could be rendered helpless, with our fire trucks entrapped and presently have no mutual aid agreement with another fire department.

I feel that addressing the above concerns and residents contacting the RCMP when they see something strange at the hall can go a long way in reducing the exposure that we are now enduring. Thank-you for your interest.

Sincerely,

W. Ian Blaney
Mark Lane

CC: Vern McConnell
Fire Chief

Executive Note: A set of dusk 'til dawn exterior lights were installed at the hall April 30, 1995

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REPORT **ANY AND ALL** SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO THE SIDNEY DETACHMENT RCMP.

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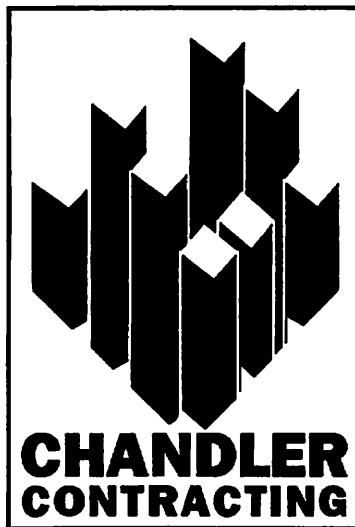
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IT'S BEACH TIME!

It is that time of year when the children of our area like to go exploring on the beach. It has been noticed by a few of our residents that there is more and more garbage washing up on our shores. Many of the objects are sharp and could cut a small tender foot quite easily. We suggest that Willis Point beachcombers consider wearing some form of footwear when on the beach.

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Vern McConnell
Fire Cheif

Nut Brownies

- ½ cup flour
- 1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1½ cups chopped nuts (pecans or wlanuts)
- 3 large eggs beaten
- ½ tsp. vanilla

Grease (spray with Pam) 3 minature muffin tins (12 per tin).
Combine flour, brown sugar, nuts and salt. Stir in beaten eggs and vanilla by hand. Spoon batter into muffin tins 2/3 full. Put muffins in COLD oven and turn on to 300° F - bake for 25 minutes. cool ! minute than run knife around edges to loosen.

P.S. With our annual Hilltopper event coming up June 18, the Stitch group will once again be in charge of the Bake Table and we would very much appreciate donations or baking, preserves, etc. They can be dropped off at the hall any time after 9:30 am on THE day. Thank You!

IS THIS FOR YOU!

Your Executive is seeking a member of our Community who would be interested in volunteering for the Community's Recycling Coordinator.

Among the Duties for this position are:

1. To attend a minimum of 4 out of 6 Municipal Coordinators' meetings during the year.
2. To write a minimum of 2 columns for inclusion in the Pointer.
3. To submit quarterly written reports to the C.R.D.
4. To prepare an annual report for the Executive.
5. To trouble-shoot residents' concerns.
6. To undertake other related duties which may arise during the year.

If you are interested and/or would like further information, please call Alan Cracknell at 652-6345.