

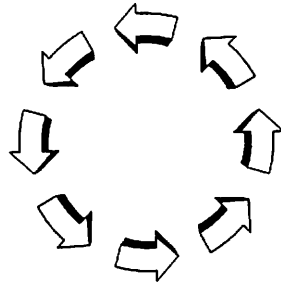
RECYCLING NEWS May 1997

The last Willis Point newsletter called for a volunteer to coordinate recycling activities in our community. Having always been an avid recycler, re-user, and general pack rat I thought that it sounded like the ideal job for me. The position is actually through the CRD, titled Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) for the Langford Electoral Area and encompasses the Malahat area as well as Willis Point.

So how many Willis Pointers recycle, and how much do you recycle? What encourages you and what discourages? Is it concern about the environment, convenience or lack of information? Do you know what you can recycle, or how and where to do it? Do you care? Is it too much hassle to wash out plastic bags or did you not know that juice boxes can be recycled?

I want to help everyone in Willis Point recycle as much as they want and/or are able to. Most of us live here partly because we like to live in a natural setting, because we care about the environment and want to help maintain it as much as we can. Recycling, along with reusing and reducing can help us do this.

Below I will provide a brief synopsis of currently available



recycling sites and common recyclable materials. I'd like to hear from you. Next newsletter, I hope to be able to present some proposals, as to how we can provide recycling opportunities and information to Willis Point (and Malahat) residents.

Currently there are no local recycling facilities at Willis Point. The most convenient drop box for most of us is at the Red Barn Market on West Saanich Road. It accepts: newspaper (and inserts), mixed paper (including envelopes, cereal boxes, egg cartons), glass (bottles, jars, clean) and food/beverage cans (washed, labels removed, flattened). If you customarily head through Langford try Alpine Disposal on Station Ave, and if you head towards Saanichton or Sidney there is the BFI facility on Keating Cross Road.

The Hartland salvage area accepts a much greater variety of recyclables, including metals (old bicycles, swing sets, etc), paint tins (empty or full, also aerosol paint cans), corrugated cardboard, plastics (pourable 1 and 2) and tetra packs(juice boxes) and waxed milk cartons (washed and squashed). It's

amazing what can be recycled. Before you dump it in the garbage, find out if it can be salvaged. I find it convenient to drop off these extra recyclables every couple of months as I dump a load of garbage (I still cannot manage to recycle or compost it all, but I'm working on it!). The salvage area is before the scales so you are not charged for anything that can be recycled.

For general information about what can be recycled and where, call the CRD Recycling Hotline at 360-3030, pick up a brochure at Hartland Salvage area or the CRD offices (524 Yates St), or check out the CRD web site at <http://vuv.com/crd/recycle>.

Well, that's a very brief summary of current recycling options. As I said, I'm gathering information at the moment: what recycling options are available, what current facilities are best suited or most convenient for Willis Pointers, future options, and what the members of this community want. Do you want Blue Box pickup, a local drop box, community beach or roadside garbage clean up, chipper rental, an information night or display at the firehall, coordinate some activities with the Highlands, composting demonstrations, more information? What are your ideas? What do you want to know? Call me, Janet, at 652-4097 or e-mail me at jan-knit@islandnet.com. I want to hear from you.

by Janet Tombu

to the point

It's coming up to Hilltopper time again and I hope us Pointers will rally round the new group that are organizing it. One of the new innovations is a 1.5km. fun run for those of us that are not too good on the long haul! It's \$5 to enter with children 7 and under free, with participation ribbons for all. Phone 652-9540 for entry forms for all events.

Many thanks to all the contributors to this issue. I would ask, if it's at all possible, for articles to be typed, or even better on disc. And don't forget, if you'd like your business card to be in the Willis Point Directory, drop it off to me. It's free if you live at Willis Point, and it will stay in every issue until you wish to rescind it.

Here's hoping that by the time you read this, the weather will have settled down and we have brilliant sunshine for the Hilltopper!

The next issue will be published in September, before the A.G.M.

Gaybrielle Halsey.

Publishers Note:

If you are submitting a large article and are working on computer if you could save it to disk and submit the disk with a hard copy, it would be much appreciated.

Either Mac or PC is Okay - We can open almost any file.

Thanks, Jason Funnell

DART NIGHT

On April 26, 1997 the 8th "annual" Willis Point Dart Night was held at the Community Hall. We were pleased to welcome 38 mixed teams to the event, by far the largest dart turnout ever. A good time was had by all, especially Fuzz Cracknell who always seemed to be there at the end with the high score on the 50/50 dartboard draw.

Congratulations to the winners Ken Ilott and Gern Gorling and also to the runners up, Jim Scott and Danielle Cooper. A grand total net profit of \$850.00 was realized for the coffers of the Community Association. Thanks to all spectators and participants.

Bob Scott

HALL CLEANUP

Sunday, June 1, 1997 was the date of a much needed cleanup at the Community Hall. A good turnout of volunteers, tools and equipment turned a daunting task into a manageable one. The ornamental trees were pruned, (under the supervision of our resident arborist Bob Cattoir), the deck, sidewalks and concrete were power-washed and the gardens weeded and trimmed. Ralph Anderson and his trusty "backhoe" levelled and graded the back parking lot. A large number of "lumberjacks" cut and split firewood for the Hall's winter supply with the assistance of Twamley's log splitter. The firewood is now secure with lockable iron gates manufactured by Chester Cotter and his assistant Joel. Thanks to Brian Dallin and the rest of the Fire Commission for a well advertised and organized event. Thank you to all that participated.

WAY TO GO WILLIS POINT!

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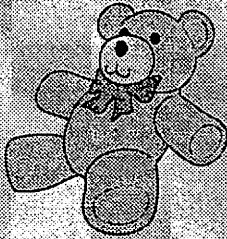
Comments, letters and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6872 Mark Lane, V9E 2A1. Minor editorial changes may be made. Please call me if you have any questions.

BABY-SITTING REGISTRY

Brendan Pause, is a 12 year old who has completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course and is happy to baby sit in the Pointer Area.
His phone number is 652-4076.

Call Karissa Crawley. She is 15 years old and has successfully completed her Red Cross baby sitting course and Standard First Aid. She is experienced with young and older kids.
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Need a babysitter?

Do you need responsible and trustworthy babysitters that do safe but fun activities with your child/children? If so call Jacquelyn Parker, 15 or Jennifer Parker, 13. Both have taken First Aid, Water Safety, & Babysitting courses.
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Kaily Stevens is a experienced babysitter, she is 15 and is in grade ten. She has completed a first aid and babysitting course
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Saija Connor Age: 12
Experienced babysitter. Taken Babysitting Course and is able to babysit children ages 2 and up.
Call 652-0050

BRIDGE PLAYER ALERT!

If there are bridge players out here in Willis Point who would like to have an occasional game, or an organized monthly game, please give Sue Thackeray a call at 652-1083.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS OF WPCA

It is good to see so many of you are taking an interest in your community - 37 new members have joined since September 1996. If anyone I have not yet contacted is interested in what is happening where you live and would like to join the community association call me at 652-0472. It is only \$5 to join and tenants are eligible to join too. Remember you can't vote at the AGM on issues affecting us unless you are a member. See you at the Hilltopper!

Gillian Jackson, Membership Secretary

New Members

Nancy & Lorne Cambell
Greg & Karen Buhman
Janet Docherty & Rick Pipes
Joan & Dan Hannah
Paige & Peter Masicotte
Monica & Brian Rowbottom

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all the Firefighters who came to our aid on March 11th, 1997.

The Korhonen Family.

ARCHIVIST AT WORK!

Carmen Moore is collecting and sorting information about happenings at the Point. Any previous Executive officers of the Willis Point Ratepayers Association or Willis Point Community Association or anyone else with hordes of paper in their closet, please contact Carmen (652-0525) if you have any information, minutes, articles etc. that would be of interest.



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COMPOST REVIEW COMMITTEE

Back in 1995 the CRD chose Consolidated Envirowaste Industries to build and operate a centralized composting facility adjacent to Willis Point Road, pending approval by Saanich Council of certain zoning changes. Opponents of the Envirowaste proposal argued that the proposed facility would be environmentally unsound; that CRD had failed to consult the public in making its decision to go with Envirowaste; and that the CRD had failed to give adequate consideration to alternate available non-polluting composting technologies.

Faced with complaints that Envirowaste's Abbotsford operation stank and polluted the local water supply, the CRD representative assured concerned citizens at a meeting in Saanich that the more mistakes Envirowaste made at Abbotsford, the luckier we would be to have them in our neighborhood because they would learn from their past experiences! Fortunately the Saanich Council which alone stood between us and Envirowaste chose to put the proposal on hold pending an investigation into the whole matter by a newly struck Compost Review Committee which included public representatives.

Briefly, the Committee found that Envirowaste had been cited and fined for violations of the Waste Management Act and later shut down its Abbotsford in-vessel composting operation because it could not meet the leachate and odor requirements of the Ministry of the Environment. Furthermore, economically feasible non-polluting composting technologies ARE available and public involvement in the decision making process should be radically improved.

Subsequently the CRD decided to give no further consideration to the Envirowaste proposal and to go back to the drawing board. CRD asked the Compost Review Committee to recommend procedures to follow in deciding on the appropriate technology and other vital matters such as whether or not to decentralize composting in the region.

The Committee's recommendations will be presented at a public open house probably on June 24, 1997, 4:00 - 8:00 PM at the Forestry Centre on West Burnside Avenue. Crucial among its recommendations are:

- 1) serious consideration should be given to decentralizing composting in the CRD.
- 2) only non-polluting technologies should be used.
- 3) there should be meaningful public representation during the entire process of deciding on the proper technology and sites.

If the Committee's recommendations receive public support, (REMEMBER the meeting June 24 at the Forestry Center), then the WPRA will have a representative on the Committee which will oversee and monitor the decision making from start to finish.

It is obvious that we all have vital interests at stake here. Past public meetings however on this subject have received poor to non-existent turnout by Willis Point residents. The Compost Review Committee HAS made a difference so far. OUR BEST SHOT at getting a composting facility we can live with is to show support for the Committee's recommendations at the upcoming meeting such that we get our representative appointed. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD - DON'T MISS IT!

Larry Resnick

LEFT TURN LANE ON WILLIS POINT ROAD

Way back when CRD decided to put a centralized 36,000 ton per year composting facility adjacent to Willis Point Road, they claimed that the road as it stands was more than adequate to handle the resulting traffic. Major efforts by our Executive Committee finally resulted in a concession that the laden trucks going uphill would need a left turn lane into the composting site for traffic safety. Now when the whole idea of a centralized facility is under review by the Compost Review Committee the CRD wants to put in a left turn lane anyway.

CRD will be diverting yard and garden waste traffic from Hartland Ave to Willis Point Road. They claim that it costs them almost \$200,000 per year to haul the yard and garden waste from the present dumping site over to the composting pad. They maintain a net savings of at least \$178,000 per year can be realized by having the waste brought directly to the composting pad via Willis Point Road.

Paul Williams made a representation on our behalf to the CRD Environment Committee raising strong objections to the CRD proposal as follows:

- 1) nothing should be built until the work of the Compost Review Committee is complete and there are approved plans for the use of the site.
- 2) the 'savings' of \$178,000 per year may be an illusion. The left turn bay will cost in the order of \$152,000 with a net savings of \$26,000 in the first year. In the second year, for all we know now, there may be little or no composting at that site depending on decisions which haven't yet been made.

3) If CRD is losing \$178,000 on its yard and garden waste composting operation they should consider shutting it down and letting the private sector handle it elsewhere.

4) the open windrowing method of composting now in use is unacceptable. It is the worst form of composting being in the open air and on an unlined pad. It is guaranteed to pollute the air and the groundwater.

Unfortunately the majority of the Environmental Committee accepted CRD staff assurances that the left turn lane would save money. They seemed quite oblivious to the idea that nothing should be done before the public review process is complete and, seemed quite content to use the primitive composting method now in place.

What can we do??? Please forward your suggestions to your Executive Committee.

Larry Resnick

THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT

Some responses have been received to the questionnaire on how best to handle the \$18,000 term deposit the Community Association has raised over the years. Voting on this issue will take place at the AGM. In early October and prior to this there will be a special meeting to discuss the proposals, held on September 15 1997. Please attend and participate in the discussion - in the meantime any further ideas will be welcome, Contact any member of the executive.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Now is your chance to have the honour of representing your community on the executive of the Willis Point Community Association. Positions open for nomination at the AGM in October are: Chair 1 year term, Vice chair 2 year term, Director at Large-Social convener 2 year term. The vice chair position is not a chairman-elect position but is to assist the chairman. The director at large has responsibilities for helping to arrange and co-ordinate social events but is not responsible for staging them all, as anyone is welcome to put on a Happy Hour or Pub Night to get all the neighbours together for a fun time. Help is always available to draw on from others who have previously staged events or from the social convener. I have signed up a lot of new members in the last year, now is the time to have some new faces and new ideas on the executive. Meetings are held once a month and the coming year will be an interesting one.

Gillian Jackson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Willis Point Community Association, Executive

CRD Director:	Larry West	478-5332
Chair:	Paul Williams	652-0223
Vice Chair:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Treasurer:	Dave Carley	652-3207
Recording Secretary:	Lois Lovo	652-9612
Corresponding Secretary:	Sam Young	652-3859
Membership Secretary:	Gillian Jackson	652-0472
Member-at-Large:	Ida Von Schuchman	652-0050

Please phone any of the above people to determine when the monthly meetings are held. Any member of the Willis Point Community Association is welcome to attend.

Other Willis Point Contacts:

Aerobics Instructor:	Katie Cotter	652-2039
WPCA Advisory Committee:	Larry Resnick	652-8278
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Pointer Publisher:	Jason Funnell	479-5672
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Trails Assessment	Gill Jackson	652-0472
	Ida Von Schuchman	652-0050
Saanich Inlet Study	Patricia Sloan	652-0226

HILLTOPPER UPDATE

Hi! Bob Cattoir for the Hilltopper. As Chairperson for the Hilltopper Fun Run for 1997 I would like to extend an apology for the mix-up regarding the date of the event this year. Once again the day is JUNE 15TH, "FATHERS DAY". We tried for another day for race scheduling reasons but it did not work out.

I hope this has not inconvenienced those who are planning to be there for this very important fund raising event, and once again ask for as much support as possible regarding donations, volunteering as well as participation on the actual day. This is Willis Point's main fund raiser which helps to support the operation of our community hall In lieu of raising our property taxes.

All past events remain the same with more emphasis on events to entertain young children and involve as many youths as possible, (harness that endless source of energy). A 1.5 km FUN RUN has been added which all ages can enter. Within the Hilltopper race a RELAY CHALLENGE RACE will be held with a total of four runners making up each relay team.

To add excitement to the Finish Line, there is a \$250.00 bonus prize to the winning runner that breaks the Hilltopper course record of 30 minutes, 21 seconds held by Gary Barber. The course itself has been vastly improved so competition will be hot. On the other hand the record has stood for a number of years.

Please come out and join the fun. Support your community any way you can. I hope to see you there. **Note:** Visa and MasterCard accepted. Please leave all dogs at home.

Sincerely, Bob Cattoir

**FOR INFORMATION OF INPUT
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HILLTOPPER SCHEDULE

Volunteers Needed For:	Phone	Co-ordinator
Set up, take down	544-1720	Bill Waite
Teenagers, for help with the children's activities, on the day.	652-0050	Dave&Ida Conner
Race activities, water stations, entry forms, etc.	652-9540	Uwe Pause
Bake Sale Enquires	652-6345	Pat Cracknell
Cooks, for 1 hr stints on the BBQ & general help	652-6900	Marie Bradley
Auction donations: if you haven't been contacted call:	652-0196 or 544-1720	Bob Wilson Ursula Waite

Times:

FRIDAY, June 13th 7pm
SUNDAY, June 15th 9:30am

12 noon

1:30 pm

2 pm

5:30 pm

MONDAY June 16th, 7pm

Set up tents.

Set up tables, chairs, bar, etc.

Drop off auction donations, before noon.

Deliver your baked goods.

Hilltopper race starts, then Mini-Hilltopper, then relay.

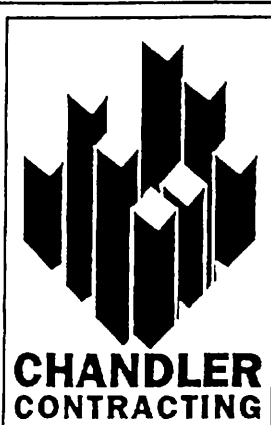
Bake sale open, food & saloon, pop & ice cream open. Children's funfair begins.

Awards Ceremony

Auction Starts

Closedown

Take down tents, general cleanup.



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WILLIS POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CALENDAR UPDATE:

The last few months have been extremely active for our 23 member Department:

- a First Responder Course, (4 days plus written and practical exams), was attended by Chris Barlow, Linda Parker, Scott Bonner, Neil Tregear and Ian Blaney Jr.

- Bill Wright and myself attended a two day Strategies and Tactics Course in Duncan.

- Marie Bradley, Bill Wright, Scott Bonner, Dean Hyland, Darin Pine and Uwe Pause attended a practical, hands on fire fighting course at the Department of National Defence facility in Colwood.

- The B.C. Volunteer Fire Fighters Association put on a two day training course in Kelowna, B.C. which was attended by 575 firefighters from Departments all over British Columbia. Neil Tregear and Dean Hyland attended on behalf of Willis Point.

- Ian Blaney Jr. and Chris Barlow attended a two day "Auto Extraction Course" at the Langford Fire Department hall.

- WPVFD Truck #103, (the Mini Pumper), accompanied other Greater Victoria/Peninsula Fire Departments in the Victoria Day Parade.

Escorting "103" from Willis Point were Bill Wright, Marie Bradley, Dean Hyland and Melanie Wright.

- A combined practice between the Coast Guard Auxiliary Brentwood Unit and our Department was held May 28, 1997 at Willis Point.

- Trucks #101 and #102 recently passed their annual commercial motor vehicle inspection and all trucks had their pumps serviced and recertified by Hub Fire Engines maintenance crew at Willis Point.

THANK YOU....

Our sincere thanks to our Regional representative, Mr. Larry West for successfully completing a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Willis Point Fire Department and the Highlands Fire Department - two years in the making. We would also like to pass along our sincere thanks to Don Lovo for his donation of materials, time and expertise in modifying the stretcher brackets and floater pump compartment on #103 to make the truck more efficient.

NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMENTS:

- It has come to my attention that several properties DO NOT have proper, clearly visible civic address numbers installed. Residents must realize that this is imperative to avoid delays in an emergency response situation.

- Fire Permits are required. They are currently being issued for a 2 day period and can be obtained at the Fire Hall, Wednesday evenings or from any firefighter. Fire season is fast approaching. Please watch for the "NO FIRES" signs which will be posted when any and all fires are banned in the area.

- Residents and Visitors are urged to use extreme caution and care during the dry summer season. *If you see smoke, investigate and call 911 in an emergency situation.*

Willis Point is indeed fortunate to have a Volunteer Fire Department made up of men and women who so willingly donate their precious time and energy in their commitment to serve their Community. Thank you one and all.

Please be careful with fire. Have a safe and happy summer.

W Ian Blaney, Fire Chief, WPVFD



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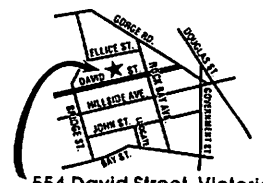
We thank our friends at Willis Point for their continued support.

Wishing all Willis Pointers good health and prosperity in 1997!

Please call me, Neil Tregear, at 389-0624

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REFLECTIONS OF WILLIS POINTERS

Tony and Bernadette Boydell have recently left Willis Point after being very involved in our community for many years. They were both members of the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department and Tony has twice been chairman of the Willis Point Community Association. Bernadette is also the past editor of *The Pointer*.

Bernadette and spouse arrived in Willis Point in 1979 and lived on Melody Place. Two years later Tony and spouse also moved to Melody Place. Tony's first involvement with the community was as race director for the first Hilltopper fun run in 1982. That fall he became Director General of Environment Canada and had to move to Vancouver. By this time both Tony and Bernadette's marriages had split up. They were married in 1986 and lived in the North Vancouver area.

Both Tony and Bernadette wanted to return to Willis Point, so when they found that the Leighton's cabin was available for ten months they made the move. During this time they bought a lot on Mark Lane and proceeded to build. For a time while the house was being completed they lived in two construction trailers with an outdoor shower.

Tony became involved with the Highlands Planning Process. This included Willis Point and led to Tony's interest in our Ratepayer's Association. He became chairman of the Willis Point Ratepayers Association in September, 1990, and later served as a member of the Fire And Recreation Commission, and, the Langford Advisory Planning Commission which he eventually chaired. In October, 1995 Willis Point convinced Tony to



photo credit: Ken Leighton

become chairman of the Community Association for the second time.

Some of the issues dealt with were the composting site off Willis Point Road, the pending FAMA development, local water quality, sewage disposal, park land dedication and the options of Willis Point joining a Municipality.

Bernadette joined the fire department when there was an ambulance stationed at the fire hall. She passed her Industrial First Aid course and was involved with the Emergency Medical Assistance Program. Bernadette took over as editor of *The Pointer* in September,

1991 and continued until February, 1997 when they sold their house.

When she started *The Pointer* was mostly a 'cut and paste' process but she soon switched to computer and desk top publishing thanks to Jason Funnell at Excel Business Center.

Bernadette and Tony love their new condo overlooking Victoria harbour but they do miss the wonderful camaraderie of Willis Point, the Community Association, *The Pointer* and the WPVFD.

We miss them also and appreciate their many contributions and dedication to our community.

by Ken Leighton

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MEMORIES OF STITCH

Hello Fellow Pointers, For those of you who may not know me, I'm one of the original S. & B group and I've been living here at the Point for almost 22 years with my husband Ian and our two children. Ian and Jennie. Our very first Stitch night was held at Jan McConnell's. I am so glad Jan had the forethought to begin our much loved and appreciated Stitch group. Over the past 17 years, we have grown very close. We are like sisters, mothers and daughters. As I sit and think of past S. & B's, they bring a smile to my face and joy to my heart. Thursday nights mean more to me than the opportunity to stitch a few lines so to speak but a time to get together with old friends to talk over the news of the past week or two. I'm sure we have all experienced the feeling that on some nights, due to a busy day or maybe because we are not feeling well, we almost consider not going to Stitch, but you do. Once you walk through the front door, fall into a comfy chair surrounded by smiling faces and quickly handed a glass of wine, needless to say before too long, you are thinking "I'm sure glad I came tonight." My sewing closet has many unfinished projects, partly due to a Creative Circle party I hosted in my home approximately 15 years ago. The majority of the kits I purchased at that time will probably never be finished because I get more pleasure just from going through the process of learning a new craft, than actually seeing the finished piece. I have put my hands to a number of crafts starting with needlepoint, crewel embroidery, cross stitch, knitting, crochet, hooked rugs, beading and my all time favourite love, quilting. Also, we have all partaken in our share of family mending tasks, often picked up during the time we are

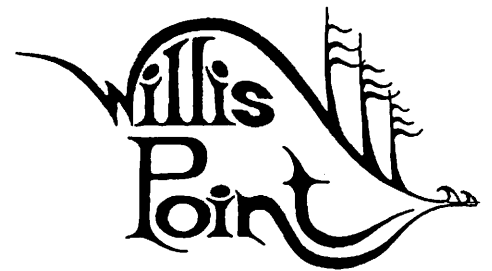
between projects. We have managed to have Stitch even during power outages. We might not all be able to stitch by candle light but this doesn't prevent us from drinking wine and sharing in news conversation! Very rarely are we at a loss for words. The only time we are silent is when we are eating one of our hostess's scrumptious desserts. Every Thursday night becomes a Wine and Food Fest, the perfect combination for Great Times! Mixed of course with a little S & B. It's 10 o'clock - TIME FOR TEA (OR COFFEE) ! This ritual of sharing tea (or coffee) and stitching among friends, makes for perfect harmony. I feel very lucky to be able to do this every week. If for any reason I am unable to attend, I really and truly do miss it. I would like to close with a short note which I feel relates so perfectly to Willis Point living. It's entitled "The Four Seasons" taken from February '95 Country Living magazine, and I quote: "In a quiet country place we observe nature's cycles, yielding to the inevitable changes and taking comfort in the constants that bring us stability and strength."

by Jane Blaney

For this issue of the Pointer, I decided to put in my two cents worth following Jane's Memories of Stitch. Usually my blurb leads off but as you have now read her memories, I believe you will see why they take precedence. She has captured so beautifully the heart and soul of our Stitch group and why the group has endured and strengthened with the passage of time. As I write this, Jane and her father are winging their way to the U.K. and we wish them a happy and safe holiday. Since the last Pointer, we have welcomed two new Stitch members -

Donna Fyfe and Penny Lecuwerke and look forward to the time when they can pen their Memories of Stitch! Our last gathering falls this week - it could go for another week if we are unable to come to a decision in the allotted time, on where to go for our annual June dinner. I was not at last week's meeting when two restaurants gained approval - Joan phoned to make reservations at one or the other and it turned out to be neither - one having gone belly up and the other could only accommodate a group of six! Not an auspicious beginning but we will persevere and hopefully in the fall be able to let you know where we did eventually gather in all our finery. As has been the custom for many years, the Stitch group is responsible for the Bake Sale at the Hilltopper which, as you all know, takes place on June 15. We would very much appreciate donations of baked goods, preserves - and plants - even though they hardly fall into the edible section unless they are herbs or vegs.! We start setting up the tables at 10 a.m. and your donations can be dropped off at the Hall any time after that. Many thanks and see you all on the 15th.

Pat Cracknell



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ENGLISH TEA SCONES

Jane's recipe for ENGLISH TEA SCONES preceded by her comments! When one of us tries a new recipe and we love it, we make copies for everyone. I hope you enjoy the following scone recipe as much as I do.

Tea scones may be made with or without golden raisins and cut into any size or shape - but they must be served warm with plenty of butter or whipped cream and jam.

Makes 8 Scones:

4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour	2/3 cups of butter
2 tablespoons sugar	1 1/3 cups half-and-half
4 teaspoons baking powder	1 large egg
1 teaspoon salt	1/4 cup golden raisins (optional)
½ teaspoon cream of tartar	

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Grease large baking sheet. In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cream of tartar. With pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
2. In small bowl, beat together half-and-half and egg. Measure out and reserve 2 tablespoons of mixture. Add remaining mixture to dry ingredients along with raisins, if desired. Mix lightly with fork until mixture clings together and forms a soft dough.
3. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and knead gently 5 or 6 times. Divide dough in half. With lightly floured rolling pin, roll one half of dough into a 7 inch round. Cut into 4 wedges. Repeat with remaining half of dough.
4. Place scones, 1 inch apart, on greased baking sheet. Pierce tops with tines of fork. Brush tops with reserved egg mixture.
5. Bake scones 15 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Serve Warm.

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