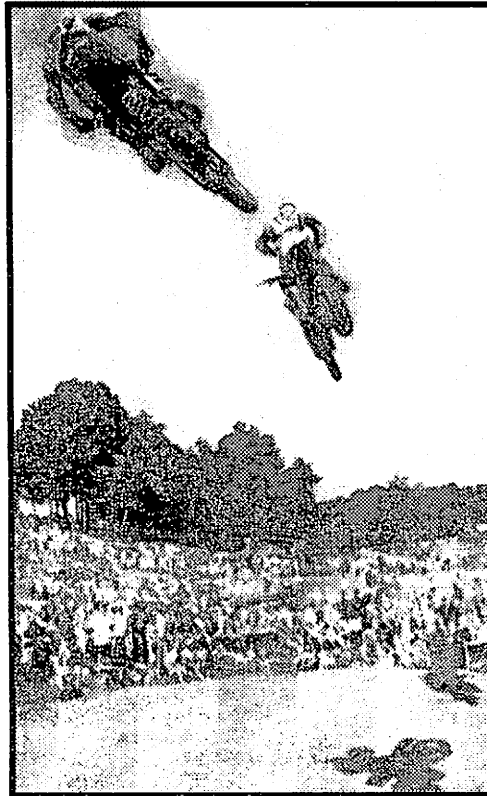


## COTTER BROS. TAKE ISLAND MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Earlier this year Chester (aged 13) and James Cotter (aged 12) of Willis Point racked up an impressive number of points in the Island Motocross Championships to clinch 1st and 2nd place in this 3 month long battle. When the 6 race series was completed, Chester had racked up a total of 347 points taking first place by 27 points, and James was not far behind taking second by a mere 2 points ahead of third position. What a series of races! In all there were some 20 racers competing in the 80cc class, making for moments of nail biting and tension. The last race took place in Port Hardy on a technically difficult sand track. Boy and machine were pitted against each other for the finale and when it was over two Willis Pointers were victorious.

The other tracks had their own challenges; Duncan, often a quagmire, saw many pile ups on the corners and it seemed that a rider who could stay on his steed would finish at the top; whereas the Nanaimo track, with its huge jumps and steep hills required the riders to pass their opponents in mid air. Pt. Albernis' track is long and rutted

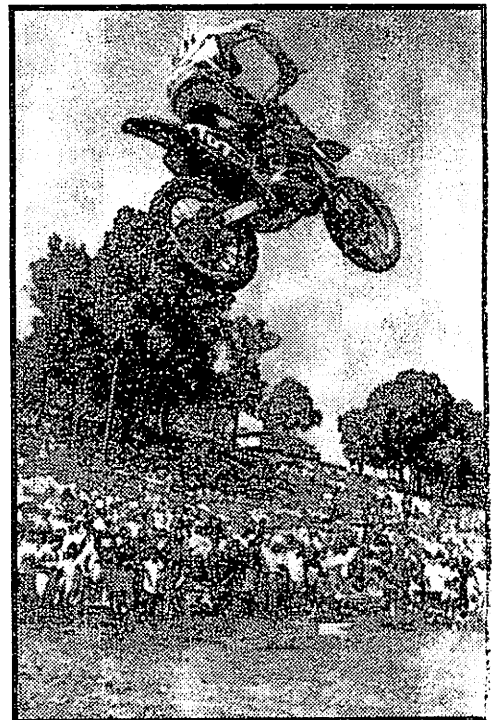


*Chester being chased in Port Albernis.*

and riders who keep the throttle wide open on the straights and corners ended up with the trophies. Asked of Chester what he attributed his success? "like my dog Nell was chasing me up and down Melody Place and biting my tires so I had to learn to go fast". Successful moto racers need to focus in order to win as well as understand their shortcomings. When James was asked how he might improve, "Bigger, faster bike and maybe Avgas for that extra snap!!

Although Motocross racing has its thrills and spills, it is a great family

sport. There is always a large crowd watching an average of 120 riders in different age and class level. Envious fathers stand by giving advice (most of whom would never consider bike racing), and anxious mothers stand by watching to see if their children will survive another race (most mothers cover their faces looking through their fingers). Children, 5 years old, start racing on 50cc bikes and even older people ride in the 40+ class. Chester and James were moved to a more competitive level this fall and are slowly working their way to the top again. Both boys are very enthusiastic about the sport and look forward to another season. Good luck!



*James Crossing the finish line in Nanaimo.*

## TO THE POINT

Midst the rain and the gloom we are inexorably moving towards Christmas and we've only just had Halloween! Speaking of, I thoroughly enjoy seeing "Pumpkin Ville" every time I drive up our road. Bill Wright gave it the official name this year with his folksy sign, but who started the very first one? I've been asking around but drawing blanks. Come forward and let me know who you are.

Our next big event is the annual family pot luck dinner on Sunday, Dec. 21st. Bring plenty of food and your own plate and cutlery. If you have young children who wish to participate, phone Joan Wright at 652 - 3254. Santa will be arriving in the fire truck with goodie bags, so come and enjoy. It's rather a fun event, even if like us, you have no young children.

One of my biggest pleasures from living in Canada is seeing the Christmas lights in our area and whilst driving around our beautiful city. Coming from New Zealand, it was rather hard to enjoy the lights when it's still bright at ten o'clock! Even after 19 years here, I am over the moon if we have snow at Christmas, (although I'll admit last year was a bit much!)

Don't forget to get your children to do the colouring competition and bring it to the Christmas party. Results will be announced after dinner. See you all then!

*Gaybrielle Halsey.*

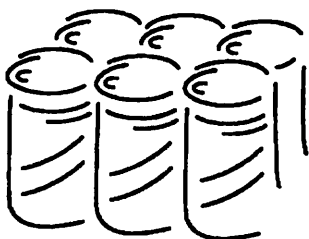
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## BOTTLE DRIVE



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### Publishers Note:

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Thanks, Jason Funnell

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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 13 year old who has completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course and is happy to baby sit in the Pointer Area.

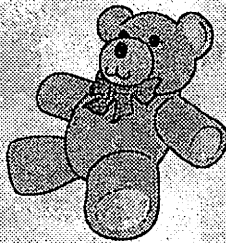
His phone number is 652-4076.

### Call Karissa Crawley.

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Her phone no. is 652-0360

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# Recycling News

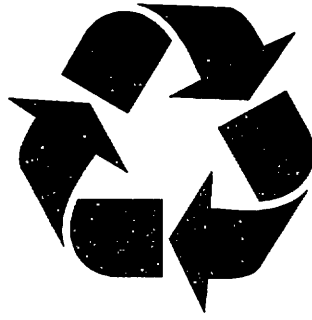
by Janet Tombu

I provided a recycling display with brochures and information at the AGM in early October. Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the Recycling Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire survey results show that a gratifying amount of recycling is quietly happening at Willis Point. The items most often recycled are refundable pop tins and bottles, which must indicate that the deposit fee system works. Nearly all Pointers use the drop boxes at the Red Barn, and/or the recycle and salvage area at Hartland. Most residents recycle at least some of their newspaper, mixed paper, glass, and tins, which are all accepted at the Red Barn drop box. The items least recycled are the tetra paks and milk cartons; factors here may include: a smaller volume, newness (they have only been accepted for recycling for a few months), and convenience (they have to be taken to Hartland or another depot).

The big question was whether we should have a drop box here at Willis Point. This one provoked a lot of comment and opinions! Most people said that if a drop box was available at the Point, that they would use it; but those same people felt that there would be problems; with garbage dumping, contamination, unsightly mess in the area, vandalism, animal problems, and fire hazards. Other concerns were location, housekeeping, security, and cost. The overwhelming consensus was to keep using the drop box at the Red Barn and not create problems for Willis Point.

Therefore, we will maintain the status quo, and I will recommend to



the WPCA not to pursue the recycling drop box option with the CRD.

Also in response to the survey, I will be organizing a plastics collection day with Planet Recycling at the Firehall for sometime in the Spring. I'm giving you lots of advance warning here, so that you have time to collect and save all your plastics for the next few months. At the moment Planet Recycling does not accept #3, old unmarked containers or styrofoam meat trays. However, if a proposed plastics recycling plant in Central Saanich does go into production into the spring, they should be able to accept them all. The current acceptable plastics are: all the usual containers marked #1,2,4,5,6,7 (e.g. food, drinks, shampoo, cleaners) and plastic grocery bags, plus such things as: laundry baskets, stretch and shrink wrap, styrofoam (from packing boxes), inflatable toys, fertilizer bags, toothpaste tubes, stackable chairs, clothes hangers and shower curtains.

Not sure? Call me. All items must be clean.

The latest CRD plan to meet the landfill diversion quotas is a proposed paper ban at Hartland. It is in the consultation phase at the moment, and, if approved, will go into effect on May 1, 1998. The ban will cover all clean paper products; most items that are now currently recyclable in the newspaper and mixed paper bins. Excluded from the ban are contaminated fibres (e.g. pizza boxes, paper napkins, facial tissues), composite or waxed paper products (e.g. milk cartons, tetra paks, frozen juice containers, diapers), carbon paper, books, and heavy cores (e.g. newsprint or carpet rolls). The ban will be enforced and fined as is the ban on cardboard and other items currently banned from the Hartland landfill.

An extensive advertising campaign on the proposed paper ban will be starting shortly. Also, a flyer (detailing exactly what is banned, and what is not) will be provided by Alpine and BFI to all blue box customers, and I have asked that this information be provided as well to those of us without curbside blue box pickup.

Any questions or comments? Call Janet at 652-4097.

## NEW WPCA MEMBERS

**Stuart Kuiken & Judy Kam - Mark Lane**

**Pierre Blanc & Danielle Tonossi - Melody Place**

**Gregg & Karen Buhman - Melody Place**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## The Willis Point Community Association, Executive

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Member-at-Large:	Ida Von Schuchman	652-0050
Member-at-Large:	Joel Cotter	652-2039

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:

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Saanich Inlet Study	Patricia Sloan	652-0226

# WILLIS PONT LOCAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our community needs to produce a revised Local Area Plan. The general point being to reach broad agreement about the desired mid and long-term future of the area, including an analysis of what we have that we want to preserve, and what, if anything, we want to change.

There are many questions about preserving our community atmosphere and our rural isolation; protecting the environment and maintaining a proper balance of access by road and trail, etc. And obviously the question of whether to allow, to encourage or to stonewall future development of FAMA holdings is crucial. Most of these issues are quite complex and are interconnected.

A committee has been struck consisting of:

Larry Resnick, Chair  
 Karen Dinnie-Symth  
 Joel Cotter  
 Ken Illot  
 Bill Waite  
 Cameron Young  
 Ida Von Shuckman

Committee meetings are normally held at the hall at 7.30pm on the first and third Mondays of each month and are open to everybody. Next meeting is January 19th, 1998

Recommendations eventually arrived at by the committee ( probably in the spring of 1988 ) will be presented to the community, who are encouraged to play a role in this important process.

*Larry Resnick*

# **WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Greetings Pointers,

Since the A.G.M. your Community Association have been active with issues that were raised at the A.G.M.

**Roads:** The completion of repairs and ongoing maintenance continues to challenge JJM and Highways. We are diligently keeping up the pressure and continue to express our concerns. JJM have agreed to endeavour to revise their sanding/salting schedules to better suit our commuters. Ida Von Schuckman is our Highway liaison, she can be reached at 652-0050.

**CRD Composting/Landfill:** Larry Resnick continues to sit on the Composting Revisory Committee. As a result of their good works it looks like the CRD will be out of the composting business. Any questions regarding composting or Hartland can be directed to Larry.

**Tennis Court:** At long last the tennis court will be completed with a practice backboard. I will be organising a work party for early in the new year. I urge all tennis players, parents and friends to come out.

**Hilltopper:** Considerable discussion at the AGM. has resulted in a revamped Annual Fundraising event. Brian McCandless has kindly agreed to co-chair an organising committee for the new event. With Brian's considerable creativity, this promises to be a world class event. Please contact the executive or Brian to offer your ideas or help.

**Local Area Plan:** A seven member committee is meeting twice a month to develop a made in Willis Point Local Area Plan. The mandate is to research and develop a plan and report to the community and our local director, Larry West There is no mandate to negotiate. This revised L.A.P. will provide the community and the CRD. with a foundation and vision which will protect the integrity of Willis Point. We urge all community members to attend meetings. Next meeting January 19th at the hall.

Congratulations to the Fire Department for a great Halloween highlighted by a very impressive fireworks display. Thanks to all who helped organize and prepare.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party, December 21 at the hall. For me it really issues in the spirit of Christmas.

On behalf of your Community Association, I wish you all the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Ken Ilott*

## **OUR ROAD**

If you have concerns about conditions on our roads due to weather such as black ice etc., J.J.M. are the people to contact.

Their phone numbers are:

478-7281 during regular business hours

479-0193 24 hours

*Ida Von Schuckman*

## **SCHOOL BUS ALERT!**

When the school bus stops to pick up or let children off at the mail boxes, please be sure to wait until the flashing lights go off before you proceed. It only takes a short time and ensures that you not only obey the law, but also possibly prevent an accident.

## **CAROL SINGING**

This is another rather fun tradition at Willis Point. If you would like to participate - and we welcome every singer, the good, the bad and the ugly! - gather at the mail boxes at Mark Lane on Tuesday, 16th December. Dress warmly and bring any Christmas Carol songbooks that you have. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

The Willis Point Community Association and the Willis Point Fire and Recreation Commission would like to wish everyone the very best for the holiday season.

## **HALL SIGN**

If anybody wants to puy a notice up on our new and wonderful sign, please contact Brian Dallin at 652-7630

# FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

The department held it's yearly election of officers thanks to Dean and Neil for running again. Have another interesting two years guys. With the election, we had a slight shift of positions with Darren about to walk a mile in the training officers shoes. Dean steps aside from that position and takes on special projects, thanks Dean.

Two fire fighters spent a day out at Goldstream Park for Muscular Dystrophy selling Hot Dogs to the tourists checking out the salmon run, thanks to Ian Jr. and Vern.

Ian Jr. and Kris spent two days in Vancouver at the annual Muscular Dystrophy training seminar. Vancouver will never be the same. I think they had to close down a few blocks to rebuild after they left. The official word is they were closed down to set up for the APEC conference.

The department tried something new this year with the Halloween Bon-fire, the new thing being an official Happy Hour with the proceeds going to Muscular Dystrophy and the Fire Fighters Association. A special thanks to all fire fighters that took part, the pyromaniacs, pump operators, cooks, clean up, bar keeps, a special thank you to ex-fire fighter Karen Scott for her assistance behind the bar.

The department has put on a special course for members of the department under the fine instruction of another ex-fire fighter Fuzz Cracknell. The course was on spinal immobilization.


The course took over 14 hours with instruction, practice, and testing. Members taking the course were Dean, Darren, Kathy, Uwe, Lynda, Lisa, Ian Jr., and Kris.

A special thanks to a few pointers for assisting the department with a practice involving a hazardous goods spill concerning a delivery truck and a passenger car. Thanks to another ex-fire fighter, Pat Sloan, for her exceptional make up. Four patients with different levels of shock and one casualty with head injuries, major cuts and bleeding. Thanks to Melanie Wright for organizing and being a patient, as well as, Lauren Scott, Kristen Scott and Cara Shartner for being the shock patients.

As you may have noticed once a Willis Pointer Fire Fighter always a Fire Fighter. So to all you ex-fire fighters out there don't be surprised to get a call to help out in some way or other as time goes on.

It's nice to see a few more street numbers up on posts. Thanks. But to those that don't, it is critical that the department is able to see your house number. So please put yours up, and if you must get fancy remember we must see and read them at night from a fire truck hustling along a bumpy road with poor visibility and rather keyed up passengers who just got out of bed.

*Bill Wright  
Deputy Chief*



*Piano lessons for young children*

*Kendra Tombu* *652-4097*

*Willis Point*

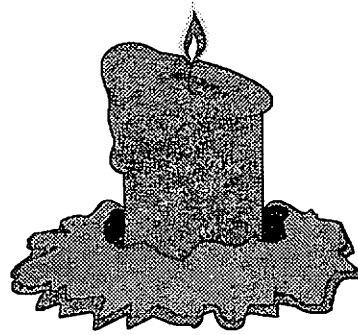
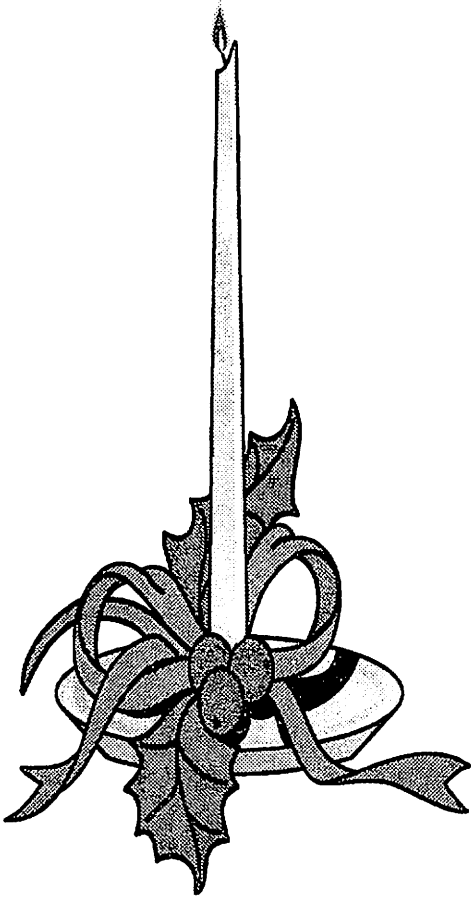
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# The Waters of Saanich Inlet

Just a note from the Publisher as I begin to print the publication as there seems to be an empty space here!

In the fall, there seems to be an influx of seals along the coastline from McKenzie Bight to the "White Lady" Marker. I have observed the influx of seals during late summer and fall for the last three years. The seals and their pups can be seen basking on the rocks during the late August sun and well into the fall season as they feast on incoming salmon into Goldstream. At times I have observed over 100 seals on a single outing. It is quite spectacular. There is also a pair of River Otters along this coastline as well as Kingfishers.

Why is it December and I still see people diving down by the Fire Access on Mark Lane? We'll some think divers are just plain "berserk" to be diving in the midst of winter. I will say that some of the wet suit divers are a little crazy, diving during the colder months of the year. However, those of us who have Dry Suits are lucky as the winter is the BEST time of the year to dive. Why

is this? Well it's really quite simple - in the winter the ocean has better underwater visibility. In the summer, plankton blooms and murky waters make it difficult for divers to see. Winter diving offers 40-80 foot visibility which means that you can experience more marine life.

At the Willis Point Fire Access "Dive Site" there is a study of boot sponges being done by a UVic Research Group. The study has been going on for the past couple of years. Boot Sponges are funny looking "boot" shaped soft sponges which are common at the Fire Access "Dive Site" and are found around 85 to 110 feet. A percentage of the boot sponges have poker chips with a number on them. The research divers periodically measure and observe each numbered sponge and track the growth rates and any anomalies etc. I personally have not read any of the research findings - but that's what's going on down there in case you wanted to know.

If you have any specific questions about the "Waters of Saanich Inlet" I will be happy to address the topic and report back in this column.!

*The Publisher who's part fish.  
Jason Funnell*

# Special Thanks!

The Pointer Publisher and Editor would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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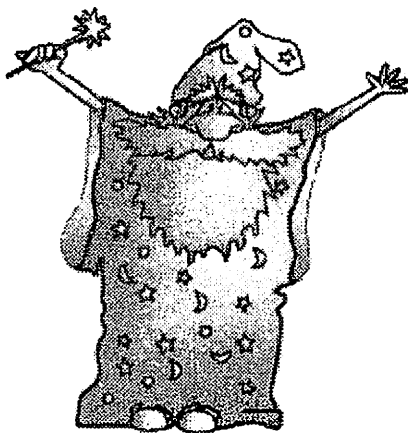
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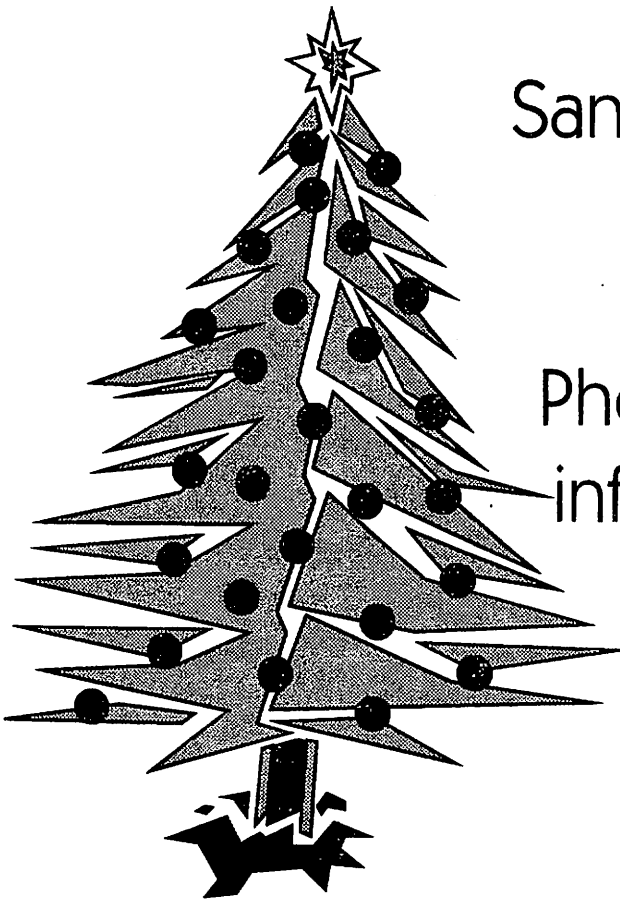
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