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Prawning in the Inlet

This is an excerpt from a letter from Charlie White (the Fishing man) which pertains to our area.

"I've been participating in some meetings with the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans to determine the future of commercial prawning in Saanich Inlet. We have a chance to get it closed down, IF there is enough protest. Please help me by

writing DFO to urge closing of commercial prawning. (DFO, 818 Govt. St. Victoria, V8W 1W9). Your children and grandchildren thank you!

Saanich Inlet represents less than one percent of the total prawn catch, and recreational interests deserve this one small area to themselves, not hassled by commercial traps for three months each year, the best months of the year for prawn catches and nice weather."

TO THE POINT

It's UpChuck & Ride time again. Brian McCandles seems to have everything under control for our second go-around. The only change, as I understand it, is that the runners will be *running* first, and the cyclists last. This will minimize any chance of jostling and accidents. I hope most of the community will come out to cheer the participants on.

On behalf of the community, I would like to say farewell to Alison Pause and children. They are moving to Medicine Hat where Alison has bought a lovely house and has her job all organised. Many thanks, Alison, for your input in the community over the years. And Brendan, thanks for delivering the Pointer for me.

Apropos to Charlie White's letter in this issue, a phone call to Fisheries elicited the information that the Inlet is at the moment open to commercial prawn boats but all the other prawning areas are open as well. If a commercial boat wishes to fish here they have to check in with Fisheries as they are monitoring the numbers. As of writing this, they have only had 2 to 3 boats checking in and down our end of Mark Lane none have so far been spotted. So keep the letters going and the pressure on!

I'm praying by the time you read this that our miserable weather has gone and we are in summer mode. I'm dying to get started on my planter boxes but *not* when we're still getting frosts. I remember the first spring I had here, 1979, we sunbathed at Easter! What has happened?!

See you all on the 13th of June.
Gaybrielle.

NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome Kirk Beggs and Jan Carling to the neighbourhood. They have bought Alison Pause's house and are in the process of moving in as we speak.

Also, if anybody knows of people coming and going, please call Ursula Waite @ 5441720



Looking forward to seeing you at the finish line at the Up, Chuck & Ride.

Jason & the eXcel team!

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

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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.

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Jessica Ernshaw Age: 16

Experienced babysitter.
Call: 652-1938

TENNIS, ANYONE?

There is drop-in tennis every Saturday. However many come, it doesn't matter. We mix and match and generally have a pretty good time! Starts at ten. Feel free to use the courts at any other time. The last tournament was a success with just mixed doubles. This June we hope to add ladies' and men's singles as well.



Phone Ken Leighton at 652-2686 for more information.

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WILLIS POINT FIRE COMMITTEE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Well, Spring's finally here after a long wet winter and time to once again let you know what all we've been up to since the Annual General Meeting.

For those of you who were able to attend the AGM you'll remember that Brian Dallin and Bob Wilson finished off their terms of office and both have been busy with new and more demanding jobs. These two men did a fantastic job for our Community while they were on the Commission, (they still do, just in a less formal manner) and we all owe them a huge thank you for all their contributions. Thanks Bob. Thanks Brian. Good luck with your new endeavors.

Jim Scott and Linda Parker have accepted two-year terms to the Commission and we are glad to welcome them with their enthusiasm and ideas. Your Commission members are Lisa Connolly, Deb Cracknell, Vern McConnell, Linda Parker, Jim Scott, Dianne Twamley, Bill Waite and Larry West. We hold our meetings on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be Monday June 28th.

The beginning of the year is budget time and usually involves a number of meetings with the Commission and Fire Chief, getting the budget submitted by early February. Wendy Pennell, our Hall Manager, has been doing a great job along with Gord and Marion Hawkes with all the Hall rentals and all the work that goes along with it. We've been trying to streamline their job and are working with CRD on a better

rental agreement, which we hope to have completed this summer. We undertook the massive job of doing an interior Spring cleaning of our Hall on April 25th. Thank you to everyone for all your hours of help. We were able to accomplish most of the hall and found some amazing things tucked away in the basement and closets.

Once again we have done our annual walk about and identified the items inside and outside the Hall that need to be done this year. One of the bigger items we identified on our walk about is that it's time to repaint the hall. We will be gathering your opinion on the color through out the year so we can vote on it at the AGM and be ready to paint in the summer of 2000. I'd like to thank Fuzz Cracknell for all the odd jobs he does around the Hall. Fuzz is the person who has been doing all the little things like changing light bulbs and repairing tables. Thank you Fuzz. Another person that helps out an enormous amount with the Hall is Beth Twamley. Beth has been cleaning our Hall for us for years. Thank you Beth.

We will be doing the annual Hall grounds cleanup on Sunday May 30th from 10-1 p.m. and would really appreciate your help. We will provide the lunch, you provide the garden tools. This cleanup is just two weeks before the Community fundraiser, the Up Chuck and Ride so please help out. We look forward to seeing you at the Cleanup, the Up Chuck and our next meeting.

Enjoy the springtime.
Lisa Connolly
Chair, Willis Point Fire Commission and Recreation Committee

COMMUNITY EVENT COMING UP????

Call Lisa at 652-6770 after 6 p.m.
to put it on the Community sign.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

We have noticed that it is getting harder to find the peace and quiet once experienced in the point due to dogs barking continually during the day and night.

Perhaps we should all be a bit more diligent in letting our neighbours know when their dogs are consistently barking. I'm sure some pet owners, while at work or away from home do not realize their pets are barking incessantly and disturbing their neighbours.

We hope to resolve this matter in a friendly, neighbourly way, but feel we will have to involve the By Law Officer should this problem persist.

If you are experiencing a problem quieting your pet, talk to your veterinarian for ways in which to break this bad habit.

A special thanks to those who have recently made an effort to resolve this problem with their pets. It is much appreciated.

Signed, Wilson's, Connor's, Tregears,
Hott's, Dallin's, and the Brelsford's.

Fire Fighter News

Since the last Pointer members of the department and there significant others have been busy around the neighbourhood. With members selling hot dogs at Goldstream for Muscular Dystrophy. Thanks to Ian Blaney the organiser and his crew of super sales men Lisa Connoly, Gordon Hawkes, Bob Cattoir, Brian Dallen and Brittany Tregear.

We have had six requests from our friends the 911 operators in Langford to respond to three first responder medical calls and three fire calls, (one chimney fire, one house fire, and one report of smoke on mark lane). Members responding to the calls were, Ian Blaney, Marie Bradley, Bob Cattoir, Lisa Connoly, Kathy Crawley, Brian Dallin, Gordon Hawkes, Dean Hyland, Ken Hlott, Art Jackson, Graham Orr, Uwe Pause, Linda Parker, Darren Pine, Brittany Tregear, Neil Tregear, Cam. Wright, and Myself B. Wright. Now after listing off who all attended you may notice that the list includes nearly the whole department other than the newest members. Welcome I. Korhonen, R. korhonen, and S. Williams.

Missing most of the calls was our resident ski Patroller Chris Barlow, who spent this past winter either buried in the snow or digging snow boarders and ski bunnies out of it. Now that the snow is gone Chris is back mending our wounded and not the ski and snow boarders. Something that became very worrying to the members attending was that three of the calls we responded to had either no street sign or one that was hard to find and un-readable in the dark. So please don't get fancy with a sign that is two tone and of the same dark colours or hide them in the bushes, get them out there so we can see them,

the delay as we look around for your sign could be the difference life and death. Need I say more, I know you can do it? As the boot man says, "JUST DO IT".

Since the last pointer one member of the department has retired and that was Jason Kirkwood. Thanks for your time on the department Jason and I hope you enjoyed the time you spent with use.

Members have done a lot of travelling over the past few months to take part in seminars, training courses, and lectures throughout the lower island. We have A new First responder Trainer, with Kathy Crawley taking time off work to spend A week indoors over A cold dummy trying to get it to breath and learning how to train use to do the same.

We took our truck 101 over to Hub fire trucks on the mainland where we had some minor leaks repaired and a 6" dump pipe installed, this will enhance the trucks capability with its new roll as a tanker and support vehicle for truck 102. Other than a slight detour to the American side at Point Roberts the trip went off without a hitch (the driver will remain nameless). Thanks Neil (the organiser), Ian (driver#1), Darren (driver#2), and ex. Fire fighter Brian Mccandless (moral support).

Thanks to Uwe Pause and his x-forestry patrol boat four Fire fighters were able to tour South Pender Island and its fire station. We were able to share much information between the two departments.

We recently had Chris Galvin a Diving Medical Technologist from the Fleet Diving Unit (pacific), out to instruct use on medical emergencies in the diving fraternity. Visitors at the lecture were from the Canadian coast Guard

Brentwood as well as members from central Saanich Fire department.

Dean Hyland and Darren Pine travelled to Vernon to take part in A training officers weekend seminar. The weekend was filled with hands on training and many fine speakers from the fire-fighting field. Sorry Dean about your plate.

Darren Pine has joined the newly formed Lower Island Fire Training Officers Association. Also in the association is the Pointer Brian Dallin, the new Training officer for the city of Victoria fire Department. We hope to see some good training information and co-operation out of this group.

I would like to thank a couple of pointers for their extra work around the fire hall. Thanks Tama and Uwe.

So until next Pointer Your job is to get those signs up and finish off any small burning you have as the long hot summer is about to arrive. When it does the Burning Permits will be rescinded until next fall.

Bill Wright
Fire Chief

WE NEED YOUR HELP

**FOR THE ANNUAL
COMMUNITY HALL GROUNDS
CLEANUP**

Sunday May 30th

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Please bring shears, weed eaters,
rakes, brooms and gloves
We'll provide food and beverages
See you there.**

**Willis Point Fire Commission and
Recreation Committee**



Get ready Willis Point... Sunday June 13, 1999 at 12 noon

Willis Point will host the second annual UP...CHUCK...& RIDE, 4 Person team relay race. Beginning at the Community Hall, teams consisting of a mountain biker, two canoeists, and one runner, will negotiate a course led by the runner who will carry the team armband, upon completion passing it on to one of the canoeists, who will paddle a course in Tod inlet, they will in turn pass on the team armband to the final team member who will mountain bike to the finish line at the community hall.

The race is open to participants 15 years and older and will consist of a number of categories. Open to both men and women the course will prove to be a challenge to intermediate and advanced contestants alike. A team entry fee of \$80.00 gets you into the race, each team member gets a SMASHING "T" shirt, and each participant gets one free beverage ticket.

This event was very popular last year, and in order to continue the success, please tell your friends, neighbours, coworkers, and friends at school about the race and encourage them to enter.

As this is a community event we are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. We will be looking for race marshalls, race timers, cooking, and beverage assistants, etc. Remember the money raised goes back into your community for recreation and improvements.

Race information, entry forms and volunteer requirements can be obtained by contacting Brian @ 6523656 Joel @ 6522039 Kathy @ 6526033
SEE YOU AT THE RACE!!!

“UPCHUCK” FOR KIDS

At the “UpChuck” this year there will be a Mini-Hilltopper for kids and other children-related activities.

For more info, phone Margaret Motz @ 652-1707.

Auction or Not - That is the Question

June 13th and this year's Up Chuck and Ride is approaching and therefore the question, is the auction ‘to be or not to be’?

Some feel that an auction, Willis Point style, is a lot of fun and will serve to maximize the sport of the day. To put the race together is a lot of work, and the auction allows us to stay and ‘play’ even longer!

In the past not just incidental items have been auctioned, but interactive events such as; theme dinners, water skiing, fishing excursions, boat cruises, 10 person work crew. These promote ongoing socializing within the community. The move to have a break from the auction while we tried out the new race was to give WP just that, a break. A rest from feeling it necessary to bid on ‘junk’ items because no one was bidding, a rest from donating, calling for items, etc.

To restart means to reevaluate. Perhaps a scaled down version, plus with more inexpensive items; BBQ dinners, kayaking, picnics, etc. If you are interested in restarting the auction please call Ursula Waite @ 544-1720. Please do call to let Ursula know of your interest because based on the response the auction will or will not be. And of course there is the organization of it which takes a bit of prep.

PS Any newcomers to WP are encouraged to join the Community Association at \$5/person, for life! Call Ursula @ 544-1720 for more info.

The Last of the Great Communities

by Vanessa Funnell

Willis Point is a special place, a community not about fences but about open doors. You can always ask your neighbor for a hand here. That makes every single person in this community special, because we are all a part of something truly great. Growing up here was the very best thing. Myself and all the rest of my friends could run around as we chose, without fear of kidnappers, or anything else, because we were never far from help. If ever we got into a scrape we could just knock on someone’s door and help was ready. As well, we could never get too rowdy because there were always eyes watching us. The freedom and camaraderie of this community has helped to shape the individual I am today. I am still friends with the Pointers of my age group, and our other friends have a running joke about our bond, that “there’s something in the water out there” that makes us so quirky and in touch with each other and the stories of our neighborhood. In fact, it’s almost a coveted position to be from the Point.

It bothers me a lot that everyone out here doesn’t take advantage of this community spirit. It doesn’t take much. A wave, really, is all it takes. If you see someone walking down the lane, or even as you drive by another car, wave. It matters not if you know them, the Willis Point wave is a gesture of friendliness in the hopes of one day meeting. You may never meet that person, but you have just established a tie that might one day let you know a stranger is breaking into your car. What is more likely is you are going to run into these people you wave to at community functions, like Happy Hours, or the Hilltopper (I know it is

now the Up Chuck, but Hilltopper just rolls off my tongue). That is, it would be likely if everyone would support their community and show up to these events. I know that sounds snarky, but it is really important to make an appearance at these fun times. These hiccups foster community relationships, they are our link to each other, and they strengthen Willis Point in general. This is important, the continuation of Willis Point as a safe, clean, caring community. I know Willis Point has to grow, but in the growing do the ties have to be loosened?

With the Fama development of Partridge-cheesey-name-Grove we face a tough task. Keeping this community together. Willis Point is being developed; we’re not getting buses and a corner store (not yet anyway) but we are getting tons of people and tons of traffic. Not to mention the restructuring of our surrounding forest. The point being that Willis Point needs to stay strong to overcome the changes. You don’t have to join the Fire Department but showing up to a few Happy Hour’s would be cool. And I can’t stress the importance enough of attending the “Up, Chuck & Ride”. For the Rookies; it happens once a year so we get a bigger turnout than the average Happy Hour, it is the largest and the most fun of all our community functions. So to all you first timers, please come! We don’t bite, the beer’s cheap, and I’m sure it’s going to be a laugh riot when the Halsey sponsored Teen Machine defeats my brother’s Excel team! Just kidding, Jase! So, I hope to see a lot of new faces out there.

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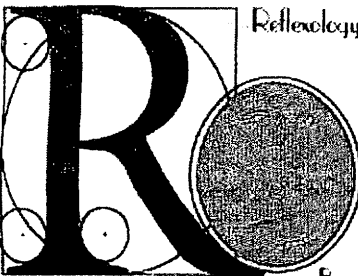
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Misc.

We have a wedding on August 21st with family and friends coming out. If anybody would like responsible house-sitters for the week before or the week after, please call us. they would water plants, walk dogs and feed animals etc. Also, if anybody could billet guests, we would be truly grateful. Please call Bob Cattoir or Tamah at 652-9540

My name is Brittany and I'm new to Willis Point. I am a very friendly British Bulldog who needs to be walked (even though I'd rather be sleeping) from time to time when both my parents are at work. I'm hoping that someone on their way home from school might be able to help. If you would like to meet me, call my folks, Jan and Kirk at 652-0288 and come by and say hi.

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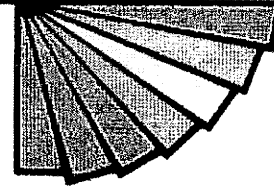
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