

# THE POINTER

SPRING 2004

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Our current list of regular contributors is under revision. Thanks to those who participated in the making of this issue!

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## **EDITORS NOTE**

Once again, there are signs that our long winter is over...the daffodils are springing up everywhere, the swallow are devouring those nasty mosquitoes at a very satisfying rate, and Blabby has taken a vacation. Meanwhile, all seems to be quiet on Squally Reach...y'all might be busy but most of you are certainly keeping it to yourselves. Please remember that all submissions to the Pointer are welcome--please let us know of any upcoming community events, achievements, news items, et al.

Some of you might be interested to know that there is currently a feasibility study underway, to find out if a Juan de Fuca regional newsletter is a viable and desired possibility. Far from pushing the Pointer into obsolescence, a group of people from all areas of the JdF Electoral area are testing the waters to see if there is interest from residents and advertisers to have a standardized section of the community newsletter, with the balance of the paper to be specific to each region.

The first step, of course, is to do a little research and find out if this is something that makes sense to you--so don't be surprised if you receive a phone call with a few questions related to this venture. The next step will be to determine economic viability and sustainability and potential benefit to advertisers before moving forward. Fortunately for me, I am not the one executing this research; and RFP was publically circulated and an impartial consultant from outside the Juan de Fuca EA has been contracted for this position, with assistance from the EDC.

By the next Pointer issue, we should have a clearer idea of whether or not this will fly--and whether or not you want it to. So, in true soap opera style, stay tuned for the Summer issue.

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## NEW MEMBERS OF THE WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

*Submitted by Ken Leighton, Membership Secretary*

### **Jessica and Paul Wu 6711 Mark Lane**

Paul was born in Scotland, but he has lived in London England most of his life. He is a former professional dancer, and has been directing documentary television for the BBC for the last 10 years. He is now doing contract work for the new VI Television station in Victoria.

Jessica was a professional dancer in London. She is also into yoga and pilates. She has worked as a graphic designer.

Paul and Jessica have two boys - Kai is four and Tecoyah is 18 months.

Paul and Jessica left London to find a place that was less congested.

### **Wayne and Joyce Ellwood and Samuel age three 7112 Willis Point Rd.**

Wayne originally came from Lloydminster Sask. He has been in Victoria for seven years. He is a carpenter and contractor.

His hobby is researching and writing a non fiction book on Bible carpentry. While searching on the internet for a lot to build on, he saw their one on Willis Point Rd., but he learned that other builders had turned it down because they considered it to be unbuildable.

Joyce has lived in Victoria for 38 years. She has played the cello with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra since 1974.

After having lived in several houses, they decided that this is the one they will keep.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Let me first congratulate the residence of Willis Point for your fine safety record over the past six months. The department was able to concentrate on training and not on emergency calls. Our first call since this past September was on March 18 to the downed power lines and resulting spot fires at Willis Point Road and Mark Lane. The spot fires allowed Bruce Burton to be first on the hose and put out his first fire. Way to go Bruce .

I would like to thank Tom Hawkin for his dedication to the department as he has retired, but says he may be back (hope so). With the retirement of one a replacement arrived at the fire hall door with a new recruit , Welcome Steve Davis.

The community should be proud of four members for completing there First responder III course. Congratulations Bruce Burton, Geoff Espin, James Herriot and Brendan Pause.

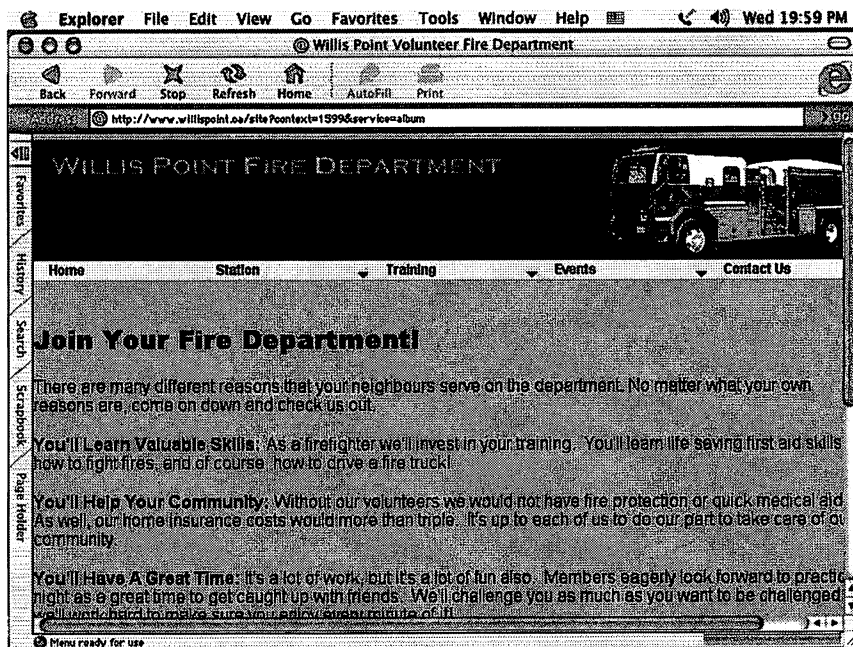
More training and travel for 5 fire fighters going up to Naniamo fire school for there live fire one course. Three more will be going up to Oliver for a weekend training seminar. A special thanks to our Woman of Distinction Kathy Crawley for taking time from her work to take part in the Wild Land/ Urban Fire Interface Symposium in Penticton. From this symposium we will be setting up an open house to show you what you can do to help mitigate the chances of a Kelowna type fire storm at the Point. So watch for notification on the sign boards and web site . This would be an important meeting for you and your homes safety.

## Your Fire Department Is now Online

There's a new way for you keep up to date with the happenings at your fire department. We've now got our own website at [www.willispoint.ca](http://www.willispoint.ca).

The site has been up for just about a month now but we've already had hundreds of visitors from all over the world. Even more traffic was driven to the site when Jurgen Gothe mentioned it during his CBC radio show.

We're still building the site but already you'll find lots of information. Head to the "Station" section to learn more about our hall and equipment. The "Training" section will show what we do and point you to some websites to help you keep your family safe. Your visit to the "Events" section will be the most fun of all as you can find yourself in photo's from this year's events!



Bookmark the site and check back often. We'll do our best to keep you up to date with the department and what we are doing to keep our community safe.

On a lighter note a crew went out to the Tri Department plus Willis Point Fire Departments Bowling Tournament on Saturday night. I'm sure we were up to our normal standard of excellence. you may or may not see pictures on the [website](#).

Bill Wright  
Fire Chief

# JUAN DE FUCA EA NEWS

The following excerpt is taken from the CRD Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Newsletter, which may be downloaded from the website at: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/news.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/news.htm)

## Land Use Matters

On March 24, 2004 the following proposal was presented to the CRD Board. There were about ten speakers from the Electoral Area who spoke to the matter. After some debate the Board passed the following recommendations outlined in the proposal.

## Background

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is made up of six geographically separate communities.

How land use decisions are made at present:

Land Use Committees "A" and "B" are each composed of 5 members - the Regional Director and four Board members or their Alternates.

LUC "A" represents the CRD Board with respect to land use issues for East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Port Renfrew and is represented by the Regional Director of the Electoral Area, the Mayors or their Alternates of Metchosin, Sooke, Colwood and Langford.

LUC "B" represents the Board with respect to land use issues for the Malahat and Willis Point and is represented by the Regional Director of the Electoral Area, the Mayors or their Alternates of Highlands, Saanich, Central Saanich and Langford.

These Committees are an extension of the CRD Board and deal with all land use issues under Part 26 of the Local Government Act for the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. To arrive at its decisions the committees meet in the Electoral Area, make recommendations to the Board and at the Board only the committee members can vote.

Other than local APCs, there is no other local committee which makes recommendations to the Board.

After extensive consultation in public forums in all the Electoral Area communities there are three objectives to which everyone can agree:

1. The Public would like local input into who sits on the Land Use Committee that makes recommendations to the Board. The public is not content to have the Board make recommendations to itself as the present system provides.
2. The public wants the Committee to be made up of five or more members.
3. The public wants people on the Committee who make recommendations to the Board to come from the Electoral Area because they would be more likely to understand the rural values that people want to maintain. They do not want representation from urban communities making recommendations on what is best for them.
4. While the APCs represent local interest, they do not represent a broader interest of the entire Electoral Area. A Land Use Committee made up from members of the Electoral Area would better be able to view recommendations in a more global light.
5. Generally, the public has confidence in the Board as a whole, in reviewing the recommendations brought forward and are prepared to rely on the Board for the final approvals.

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**Juan de Fuca Regional Director requests the Board to do the following:**

1. That the Board establish a single Land Use Committee to make recommendations to the Board. The Committee is to be made up from one member elected from each of the six communities and the members of the Board who have voting entitlement.
2. That the Board agrees to let the municipalities who abut the Electoral area and who are prepared to enter into an agreement with the CRD vote on Juan de Fuca land use matters.

# CLASSIFIED & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wanted**

Old garden hose. Please call Art Jackson at 652-0472

**THANK YOU!!!**

To Laverne Soohochoff and Judy and Robert West who have done such a wonderful job as hall custodians over the last couple of years.

**Your Community Hall**

Next time that you have a birthday party, wedding, office party or other function to plan, consider the Willis Point Community Hall. Full facilities are available including tables and chairs plus use of the kitchen. Rent is very reasonable; only \$100 per day to members of the community. The hall can also be rented by the hour for meetings, games, fitness and so forth. For scheduling or for more information, contact Janet Tombu at 652-4097.

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# GARDENS & ECOLOGY

ENGLISH NAMES	Scotch broom, Scot's broom, English broom
SCIENTIFIC NAME	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
FAMILY	Fabaceae or Leguminosae (Pea)
OTHER SCIENTIFIC NAMES	<i>Sarothamnus scoparius</i> , <i>Sorothamnus scoparius</i>

Scotch broom is a woody shrub with green branches and abundant yellow flowers.

## RANGE/KNOWN DISTRIBUTION

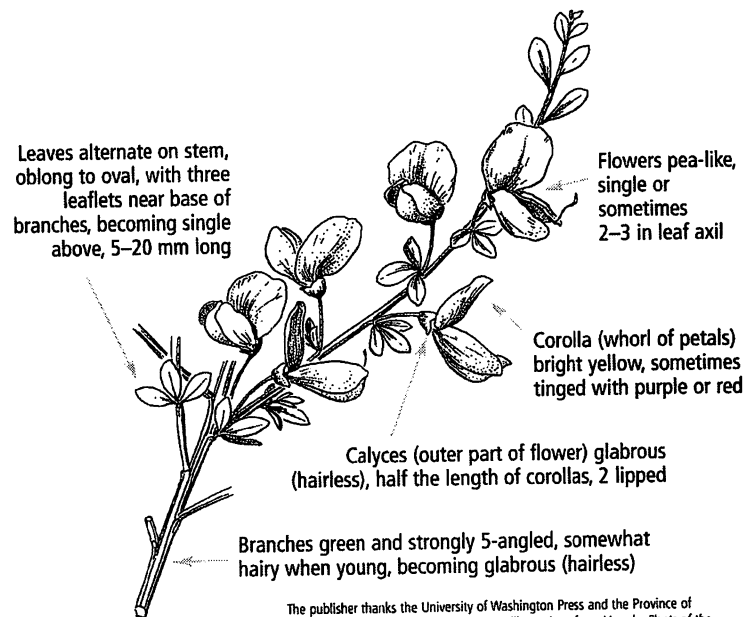
Scotch broom is native to central/southern Europe and the Middle East. It has been introduced to Chile, India, Iran, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and North America. It has become widely naturalised from California to British Columbia, and is listed as a Class B noxious weed in Washington and Oregon. Introduced to Vancouver Island in 1850, broom grows prolifically in southwestern British Columbia throughout the Garry oak range and is also found in patches on the Queen Charlotte Islands and in some inland sites.

## IMPACTS ON GARRY OAK AND ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEMS

Scotch broom can rapidly create a shrub layer where native shrubs were absent or patchy, forming a dense monoculture that eliminates the herbaceous understory and the open habitat once used by native birds and butterflies. It can change the ecosystem by 'fixing' atmospheric nitrogen into the soil, which in turn favours other non-native plants such as orchard grass. Mature broom plants produce large amounts of woody fuel, which creates a risk of hotter-than-normal fires and the potential for associated damage to oaks and other native vegetation.

## FIELD DESCRIPTION

Scotch broom is a deciduous shrub up to 3 m tall. Seedlings are green and spindly, while mature plants have erect woody stems with green branches. Flowers are bright yellow, sometimes tinged with purple or orange. The seed pods are black. It appears similar to gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), but broom has no spines.



## LIFE HISTORY

Seedlings grow rapidly, becoming woody as they age. Seed production begins when the plant is two–three years old. The main flowering season is from February to May, with the fruit setting in June and seed dispersal occurring as early as mid-July.

The seeds—up to 18,000 annually from a single plant—are spread up to five metres away from the parent plant when the pods dry out and snap open explosively. These seeds may be spread further by animals, by transportation of contaminated soil, on vehicle tires or by movement of water.

Scotch broom typically forms dense stands with a nearly closed canopy and branches that lean increasingly outwards as the plant ages. Individual plants will live for 10–20 years. As the plant ages its branches thin out, letting more light to the ground and encouraging the germination of new broom seedlings.

Pods black, flattened, hairy on margins, about 4 cm long, contains 5–12 seeds



## HABITAT

Scotch broom prefers open sites such as natural meadows, rocky slopes, open forests and disturbed areas such as roadsides and hydro rights-of-way. It grows best in well-drained, dry sandy soils in full sunlight, but less well in shade.

## MANAGEMENT

Once broom has established in an area, it will take 20 or more years of management to deplete the seed bank. Broom removal will result in a flush of broom seedlings the following year. The highest priority is to prevent the establishment of the seed bank by removing young broom before it flowers. Soil disturbance should be minimised as this encourages seedling growth.

**CHEMICAL CONTROL:** Herbicides can be effective in controlling broom. *Herbicides should only be used with extreme caution, and under expert advice, in sensitive Garry oak ecosystems.*

**OTHER TECHNIQUES:** Shading with taller species can reduce broom growth, if appropriate to the ecosystem.

Annual mowing in summer, when the soil is hard and native plants have set seed, may help to control young broom.

Prescribed burns remove the adult plants, but also encourage seed germination, so determined follow up is required. Some researchers are testing the use of repeated burns to exhaust the seed bank, and the use of flame torches to eliminate new growth. Burning should only be undertaken with expert advice, as its impacts on native species are complex and uncertain.

**PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:** Early removal of young broom before it can set seed is the best prevention.

**PERSISTENCE:** Scotch broom produces vast numbers of seeds that may remain viable for 30—and perhaps as many as 80—years. It can regrow from cut stems.

# WILLIS POINT GOURMET

There is no doubt that gardening at Willis Point is a challenge. What the deer leave alone the rabbits devour, areas flooded in winter are drought-stricken six months later. Fortunately, there are a few indulgences...fresh rosemary can grow prolifically in WVP's interesting microclimate and is almost impossible to kill. Its slightly menthol taste is a wonderful addition to many dishes and thrown on the coals of a barbeque it imparts a smokey, herbaceous taste to grilled meats.

## CORNISH GAME HENS WITH GARLIC AND ROSEMARY

4 1 1/4- to 1 1/2-pound Cornish game hens, giblets removed  
1 lemon, cut into 4 wedges  
4 large fresh rosemary sprigs  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
24 garlic cloves, peeled  
1/3 cup dry white wine  
1/3 cup canned low-salt chicken broth

Preheat oven to 450°F. Pat hens dry with paper towels. Season cavities lightly with salt and pepper. Place 1 lemon wedge and 1 rosemary sprig in cavity of each hen. Rub hens with 1 tablespoon oil. Season outside of hens lightly with salt and pepper. Arrange in heavy large roasting pan. Scatter garlic around hens.

Roast hens 25 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Pour wine, broth and remaining 2 tablespoons oil over hens. Continue roasting until hens are golden brown and juices run clear when thigh is pierced at thickest part, basting every 10 minutes with pan juices, about 25 minutes longer.

Transfer hens to platter, pouring any juices from cavity into roasting pan. Tent hens with foil to keep warm. Transfer pan juices and garlic to heavy medium saucepan. Boil until reduced to sauce consistency, about 6 minutes.

Cut hens in half lengthwise. Arrange on plates. Spoon sauce and garlic around hens.

## ROSEMARY SHORTBREAD

2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary  
1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened  
2 tablespoons mild honey  
1/2 cup confectioners sugar  
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 300°F.

Whisk together flour, salt, baking powder, and rosemary in a bowl.

Mix together butter, honey, and confectioners sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer at low speed, then add flour mixture and mix until dough resembles coarse meal with some small (roughly pea-size) butter lumps. Gather dough into a ball and transfer to a lightly floured surface. Knead dough until it just comes together, about 8 times. Halve dough and form each half into a 5-inch disk.

Roll out into a 9-inch round (trim as necessary). Score dough into 8 wedges by pricking dotted lines with a fork, then mark edges decoratively. Sprinkle dough with 1/2 tablespoon granulated sugar.

Bake shortbread in middle of oven until golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Slide shortbread on parchment to a rack and cool 5 minutes. Transfer with a metal spatula to a cutting board and cut along score marks with a large heavy knife.



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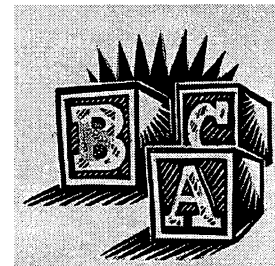
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