



The Pointer

Summer 2009

To The Point

You probably have already noticed the speed traps on Willis Point Road and especially at the intersection of Willis Point and Wallace Roads. The RCMP has mentioned that there will be a heightened police presence here throughout the summer, so be aware.

The road clean-up at the end of May was very well attended and everyone appreciates the efforts of our great volunteers to keep the roadsides litter free. Well done! Many thanks to all.

This is my last issue as editor of The Pointer. It has been an interesting five years and I'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to all in this terrific community who offered me their support and encouragement. I know you will do the same for our new editor, Ida von Schuckmann, who has generously offered to step into the position. If anyone has an interest in helping with production of The Pointer, in whatever capacity, please don't hesitate to contact either one of us. And remember that this issue and many back issues are online at www.willispoint.ca

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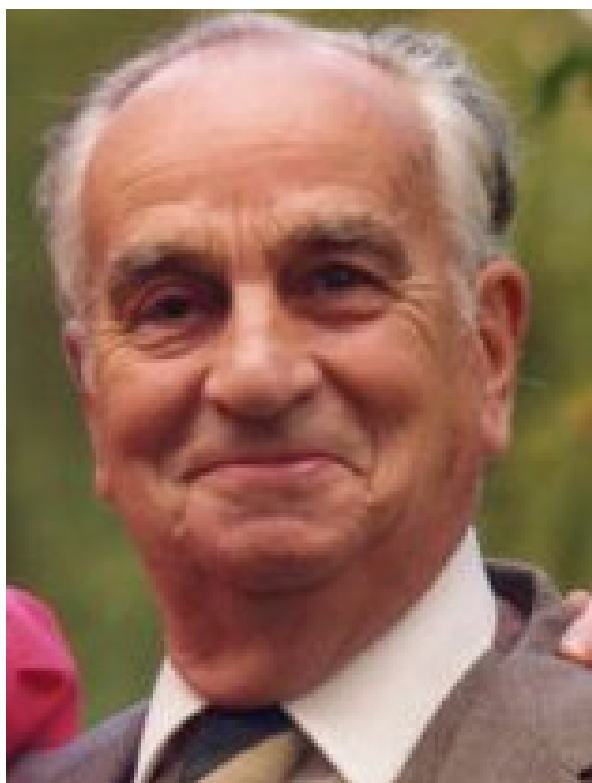
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Alan Cracknell

1920 – 2009

Alan Cracknell was our neighbour from 1985 until just a few years ago when he and his wife Pat moved into town. He served on the executive of the Willis Point Ratepayers Association and, when changes in our demographic required a new format, he was part of the committee that formulated the constitution and bylaws for the new WP Community Association, which are still in use today. Alan always insisted on waiting until after his favourite TV show, 'Coronation Street', ended before he could attend the meetings.

Alan had an extraordinary military career, beating all the odds in WWII. He served with the Royal Artillery in England as a Lance Bombardier. He fought in France and was evacuated from Dunkirk in a trawler. Later, as a Captain with the 662 Air O.P. Squadron, he piloted Auster aircraft on many missions. A similar aircraft can be seen today in Sidney's BC Aviation Museum and serves as a reminder of the bravery of the lads who flew in them. Alan was present at the Normandy invasion on D-day in 1944 and he received the Distinguished Flying Cross later that year.

Alan and Pat came to Canada in 1953 where he worked as Computer Services Manager with the Ontario Department of Education and later in a similar capacity for the London Ontario Board of Education. In 1985 Alan retired and he and Pat moved to Willis Point with their four children. He was a regular at Willis Point Social functions and for more formal occasions, often wore a colourful ascot. He is missed by all here who knew him.

Neighbourhood Notices

FREE

Miscellaneous Living Room Furniture
Great for a Rec room
Call Dean Hyland 652-3126

Upcoming Willis Point Craft Fair

I'm looking for people who would like to participate in this year's Craft Fair to be held on

**Saturday October 24, 2009
at the Community Hall.**

Fee per table will be \$25 for the day. Spread the word to friends and family outside of Willis Point who may like to display their handcrafted products.

Preference will be given to those Pointers who handcraft or sell a suitable item or product for the Craft Fair. We will also designate an area for the 'young' crafters to display and sell their work.

Book early as there are many people already interested.

Deadline to book will be September 15, 2009.

To book your table please call **Alicia at 544-0202.**

MotorHome For Sale and House For Rent for Winter
Call Art and Gillian Jackson 652-0472

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Brad Taylor-Gorling Cell 250-217-8785
Decks – Painting – Yardwork – Hauling

Discreet, Reliable Pointer available for **Vacation Maintenance** and security, watering plants, feeding fish, cats, etc. On-site supervision of tradespeople while you are at work or on vacation, emergency rides or pick-up for kids to sports, appointments or school, and vet appointments. If you can't do it, maybe I can! **Pat Sloan 652-0226**

Graduation Congratulations

Four years ago we reported that Sandy Martin had fulfilled a dream and been accepted into Medical School at U.B.C. Now we are pleased to congratulate Sandy on her graduation as a Doctor of Medicine. Always an Island girl, she is happy to be doing her 2 year residency in Nanaimo. This will be followed by a year's specialization in E.R. medicine. Sandy is the daughter of Bob Martin who lived on Melody Place until recently and, while studying, she lived with her grandmother, Lois Lovo. In the graduation program, rather than list her address as 'Victoria', she had them put "Willis Point".



Thank you

Thank you for supporting me with fundraising efforts (bottle drive) to help my soccer team get to play in the Gothia Cup in Sweden. We are playing as many games as we can to be ready. On the May long weekend, we played in the Kamloops Soccer tournament and won the U16 KYSA Slurpee Cup Championship. We leave July 9. I will let you know how we made out. Thanks again. **Jason Connor**

My God We Love Willis Point!

At approximately 6:15pm on June 19th, 2009 I received a call from Bob Halsey to express his concerns about a boat that we were trying out attached to our dock. The gusting winds in the aptly named Squally Reach were performing magnificently as per usual, causing big swells and whitecaps. The boat was taking the full impact of this display.

Having purchased the “Anderson house”, we are particularly exposed to everything that Mother Nature has to offer. By the way, my wife Ruby and son Adam and I wonder whenever our home will be known as the “Johnson house”? Is there some sort of sacred ceremony or ritual that you have to go through?

When we were anticipating purchasing a home in Willis Point, I thought back to words of wisdom from my father “When you get old and have one foot in the grave make sure that the other one is at a bus stop”. My father unfortunately never had the opportunity to live at Willis Point! My advice to our son Adam will be “When you get old and have one foot in the grave make sure that the other one is in Willis Point”.

With the Willis Point Fire Department and Willis Point neighbours, who has a need for anything else? Medical emergencies, power outages, water shortages assistance with doing anything, transportation to and from appointments, fun seasonal family events at the fire hall, and whatever other needs of a family you could ever imagine. This getting old is not for sissies! However, when you do age out, wherever in the world could a better place be found to hang your hat and call home than at Willis Point?

Excuse me for I have digressed! It was at approximately 6:15pm on Friday June 19th, 2009 when Bob Halsey called with his concerns about our boat taking on water and pounding against the dock. Realizing that I was unable to tend to the problem he said that he would be over shortly. Less than 10 minutes later, Bob drove in our driveway with Don Gorling and his dog Kayla and also Pat O'Rourke. They made the arduous trek to the wharf and were greeted by Ken Blunt and Greg Rusak who had come over by boat yet! The boat that we were trying out was repositioned, lines and buoys they had brought with them attached and secured.

I sincerely doubt that I shall keep this boat, but the memories of this evening shall be kept forever. Thanks again Pointers for being there yet once again!

Carl, Ruby and Adam Johnson
“The ex Anderson House”
7012 Mark Lane

Welcome To Our World

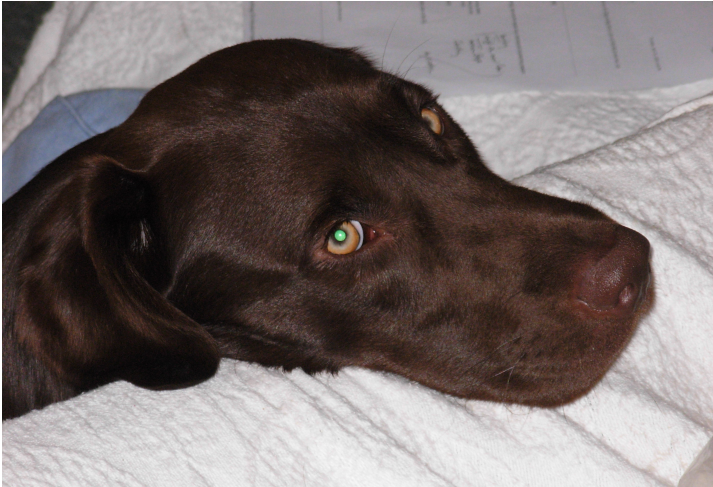


Parker Chapman Story
Born June 7, 2009
A son for Stewart and Jennifer Story
A grandson for Lynn and Bruce Story



Talia Frances Joy Botting
April 15, 2009
A daughter for Janine (Twamley) and Chris Botting
A granddaughter for Dianne and Mark Twamley

Dear Willis Point Neighbors,



My name is Nick. Many of you know me because you've either seen me running through your yard, I've played with your dog or kids, or you've been stalled behind me as I dashed towards Melody Place, Mark Lane or straight down to Wallace Drive.

For those of you who have either caught me and brought me home, or called my folks, thank you.

I'm writing because my people said I had to apologize to all of you. I'm a run-away. I love to do it. I seek out ways to dash away, even with leash

flying through the air. I can't help myself. They have fixed fences, put me on in dog run and crate-trained me. But, I'm an opportunist. As soon as an opening presents itself, I can't help it: I'm addicted to the thrill of the run.

My people told me that confession is good for the soul. They also said that making amends is one of the big steps in the cure. What do they know? They had me neutered thinking that would help. Now there is just less to get caught on the fence when I slip through.

All of you have been most gracious since I was adopted and moved to the Point last Halloween. I really do have a nice place to live, lots of good food, and comfortable couches to lounge on. They let me sleep in their bedroom even after I rearrange the trash from the bathroom or sweep fresh baked goods off the counter.

Oh, since I don't have opposing thumbs, I had to dictate this to a human to type. I hope she put down exactly what I said. I tear paper, I don't read it.

Let me apologize in advance for what I am sure I will do again before the summer is over. My people want me to stop. They have me practicing "come", "sit", "stay". I promise to try to be less of a pest. Maybe it is because I'm a Labrador. Maybe it is because I won't be two until November. I'm sorry. Really. I don't like the look they give me when I do finally come home. They seem to dislike that wonderful wet, marshy stink that I love. What do they know about rolling in the good stuff.

If we meet, I promise to lick you. I do that even better than running away.

Nick

As dictated by Nick to Judy Estrin and Peter Gary of 842 Sea Aira Heights.

GOLFTOBERFEST

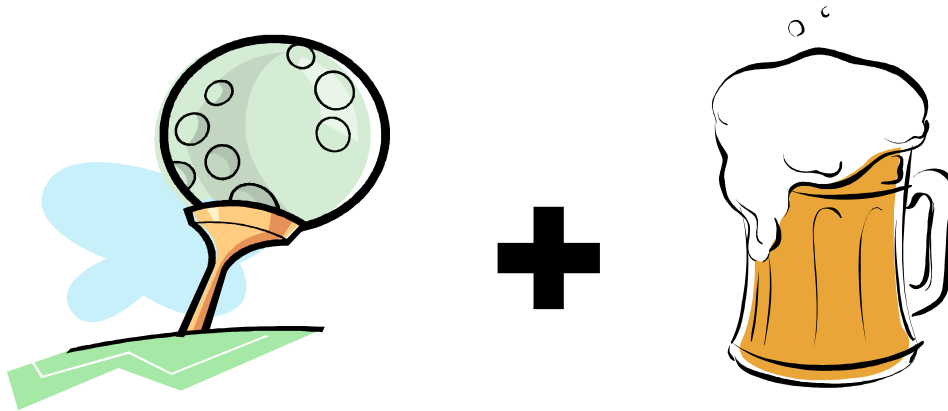
Upcoming Willis Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Event

The Willis Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association will be adding some new twists to the Golf Tournament this year.

First of all, it will be held in the Fall,

Saturday September 19, 2009

and will be Willis Point's first GOLFTOBERFEST!



Like last year, and years previous, there will be a wonderful afternoon of golfing. This year, the tournament will be followed in the evening by Oktoberfest celebrations, featuring Beer and Bratwurst, among other things. So come out for the 'Links' and 'Lederhosen' September 19 at Willis Point's first annual GOLFTOBERFEST at the Willis Point Community 'Haus'. Watch for the signs!

Congratulations Willis Point

The 3rd 'Hop for Hospice' fundraising dance at Willis Point has past and the evening was filled with excitement, enthusiasm and fun, fun, fun.

Your generous support and hard work for Hospice, through our grassroots fundraiser, was instrumental in raising awareness and funding for this important community service. The collective effort of the community, made it possible for us to raise an astounding **\$16,400.00** for the foundation. This result topped our efforts of 2 years ago by a whopping \$5800.00!



The Victoria Hospice Foundation relies on fundraising for approximately 40% of their annual \$7 million budget. Last year alone, 891 patients registered for Victoria Hospice's end-of-life care, either at home or on the Hospice Unit at the Jubilee Hospital. In 2008, there was an average of 330 patients registered to receive care on any given day. In addition, the number of people admitted to the 17-bed palliative care unit at the Jubilee Hospital totaled 537 last year.

Clearly there is a great need in our community for the service offered by Hospice. The unquestionable support that we have had, from people who want to be involved with this event, from donations to volunteering and auction bidding, reminds us of how many people's lives are touched by Hospice.

The ability to come together at a local community hall and collectively raise over \$16,000 for a great cause is a testament to the big hearts that surround us in Willis Point. Thank you for the generosity, compassion and

leadership you have shown. You have positively affected many lives with your support.

This year we won the individual (non-corporate) trophy for the highest raised funds. A keeper will be displayed in the hall.

Lynn Story



Willis Point Community Association

WPCA Executive

Chair	Bill Douglas	544-1042
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Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
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Full minutes of the WPCA meetings are posted on the notice boards or can be obtained by contacting the recording secretary.

WPCA meetings are held in the annex at the Hall on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. The schedule for meetings until the next AGM is as follows: July 6, August 19 (this is the 2nd Monday as Aug 3 is BC Day), September 14 (this is the 2nd Monday as Sept 7 is Labour Day) and the next AGM is on Sunday October 4, 2009.

For information, or to have an item placed on the agenda, please call Chair Bill Douglas at 544-1042



More Photos from the Hop For Hospice



SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Wild Arts is an adventure into our creative wild side. It's a process that encourages Fun, Self Reliance and Confidence through the free form arts of Painting, Drawing and Movement – and it is right here in Willis Point!

WILD ARTS WEEK LONG SUMMER CAMPS

Location: Saanich Commonwealth Place

Dates: Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31

Monday, August 31 – Friday, Sept. 4

Time: 9:00am – 12 noon Ages: 6 – 12 years

Cost: \$100

REALLY WILD ARTS 3 DAY SUMMER CAMPS

Location: Wild Arts Creative Cottage, 787 Melody Place, Willis Point

Dates: Monday, July 13 – Wednesday, July 15, Ages 5 – 12

Monday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 22, Ages 5 - 12

Monday, August 10 – Wednesday, August 12, Teens, Ages 13 -16

Monday, August 17 – Wednesday, August 19, Ages 5 – 12

Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm

Cost: \$60

WILD SATURDAY MORNINGS

Saturday mornings through out July and August, the Wild Arts Creative Cottage is alive with creative expression. Ages 3 & up.

(Parents & Adults welcome to join in.)

*Call ahead to reserve your space.

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Cost: \$15

WILD ADULTS DROP IN EVENINGS

Refresh, recharge, let go and dive into your wild side on the Tree House deck Studio, overlooking the Saanich Inlet.

Location: 860 Melody Place, Willis Point.

Times: Wednesdays in July & Thursdays in August, 7 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$15

*Call ahead to reserve your space.

CONTACT: Fiona Percy 250-544-4057 www.wildartsvictoria.com

Fire Department Report

The fire department responded to the following calls:

April 19 - MVI , driver misjudged a sharp corner on Ross/Durrance Road and rolled vehicle into ditch. No injuries

May 20 - concerned resident called about a lot of smoke coming from the property of a nearby neighbour during the evening, (fearing that no one was at home) Turned out to be a good old family weenie roast. Better safe than sorry, thank you for the call!

May 28 - smoke inside a residence, which turned out to be a faulty electrical relay for a well system.

June 5 - Brush fire at the corner of Willis Point Road and Sierra Heights. All indications point to a carelessly thrown cigarette or match as the cause of fire. Moderate winds and dry forest conditions that day caused the fire to spread rapidly. The members on scene quickly knocked the fire down and finished it off quickly. The crew used the foam system on our rescue truck to cover the forest floor with a nice thick layer of foam. The foam is ideal in this application because it chokes and smothers the fire that has penetrated the forest floor.

Membership

It is with regret that I announce the retirement of Marie Pearson from the fire department. Marie has decided to hang up her helmet after 13 years of volunteering. Calm, quiet and confident are just a few words that come to mind when describing Marie's demeanour on and off of the emergency scene. On behalf of the Willis Point Fire Department we thank you, Marie, for all of your hard work, dedication and commitment in keeping our community safe. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope to see you occasionally around the Point.

Thank You

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree..... In April we called for the specialized make up skills of Marie's daughter Lisa Bradley to help us create and enhance a multi-casualty incident exercise. With all the recent gang violence, the department's trainers decided to put on a mock gang fight. Lisa's skill provided a true sense of realism to the scenario. She made up five victims with a variety of injuries such as gun shots, broken ribs, stab wounds, lacerations and broken bones with blood and bruising. The RCMP was also part of our training night. The Constable on scene was very impressed with the realism of her work. WOW, what a practice night. Lisa has recently graduated from make up school and is starting her own business called Fillabula. She is available for a wide range of beauty, special effects and even prosthetic artistry. To find out more about her specialities check out her website www.fillabula.com or e-mail fillabula@gmail.com

We would also like to give a big thank you to Paul Williams for coming up to the hall and giving a presentation on electrical safety. Thanks Paul for sharing your time, expertise and stories. The members gained a lot of important information to ensure their safety when working around downed power lines.

Thank you fellow Pointers for supporting this year's muscular dystrophy drive. The department was able to raise over \$ 1100 dollars. And thanks also to Houston Signs for donating a 'No Parking' sign and some stickers to the Department.

Safety

On a safety note the department has heard of more than one story regarding cars crossing the center line on Willis Point Road. That sections of our road do not have a centre line only compounds the problem which increases the chance of having a collision. **Please slow down**, use extra caution and drive defensively.

Does your family have an **evacuation plan** in the unfortunate event of a house fire? Families with young children, will your kids know what to do and where to meet? Please review your family's fire escape plan so that you are better prepared for dealing with this type of emergency. When was the last time you checked your smoke detectors? The recommendation is to test monthly, replace batteries annually and replace units every ten years.

We have included a number of safety presentations on our website, the first section of videos give examples of home evacuation during a fire so that you can make plans with your own family. The second talks about **barbeque safety** and the final video provides some tips on how to deal with a stove top / frying pan fire and, more importantly, what not to do! To view them please log onto www.willispoint.ca

In doing our part for preparedness we are enclosing and updating our FD **Emergency Response Guide (See last page of this Pointer)**. Please answer as much as you can (i.e. door / gate codes, emergency contact numbers, any safety considerations regarding your home, etc). All information will be kept strictly confidential. Taking the time to do this now will save valuable time in the event of an emergency and help us serve you better. There are several ways to return the form. If you would be so kind, **drop the letter in the mail slot at the Firehall Annex door, or you can bring it up to any Wednesday night practice, or simply give it to a WP Firefighter**. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

In summary I can't say enough about the members in the department. Thanks guys and gals for taking the extra time out of your busy lives, away from family and friends, to come up to the hall to practice every Wednesday night, or give up the occasional weekend to take extra training. The list of different tasks that have to be completed to ensure the smooth operation of our service is truly amazing. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication, I consider myself lucky to be associated with such a great group of people.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Greg Elvedahl
Willis Point Fire Chief



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Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

Emergency Response Guide

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____
Email Address: _____
Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____
Special rescue considerations: _____
Pets: _____

Owner's name if different than that of occupant: _____
Phone #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____
Email Address: _____

Does your house have a suite: _____
If yes, name and # of tenant: _____

Does your driveway have a coded gate: _____
If yes, gate code: _____

Do you have a monitored alarm system: _____
Does a neighbour have the code: _____
If yes, name and number of neighbour: _____

Location of water supplies on property over 1000 gal: _____

Location and type of Hazardous Materials: (eg. Fuel, paints, chemicals) _____

Location of propane tanks, how big and where on property in relation to front door:

Type of construction: _____
Number of stories: _____ Basement: Y/N _____
Basement entrance: Outside / Inside _____
Location and number of bedrooms: _____

Type and location of heating source: _____
Type and location of fuel supplies: _____
Type and location of chimneys: _____
Lined: _____ Unlined: _____ Steel: _____
Location of Electrical Panels: _____