



The Pointer

Autumn 2009

To The Point

As the new editor of "The Pointer, I would like to begin by thanking Pat Williams for the wonderful job she did for the past five years as editor. I would also like to thank her for all the help she has been during the transition. I hope to uphold her high standard.

I have many years of excellent past editors to follow. How do I know that? I have had the pleasure of reading many "Pointers" over the years. In 1981, when Dave and I came to Willis Point, we felt that we had found the perfect place. A small supportive community that resembled the Gulf Islands without the hassle of ferry travel. It wasn't long when DND took care of that and enforced road closures on the part of Willis Point Rd. that went through their shooting range. That aside, it has been a great place to live and raise three children, a springer spaniel and a cat. The community has always stuck together when it counts and gotten big jobs done.

That brings me from the successful Golfoberfest to the next event the Willis Point Community Assoc. AGM. This year, we will hold elections for both the WPCA and the Fire and Rec. on the same day. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 18. Don't worry about dinner. The meeting will be followed by a free barbecue. For those of you that don't know me I will look forward to meeting you then.

Other events watch for: Carolyn's bottle drive -Oct. 3, Allisa's Craft Fair -Oct. 24, the Halloween Party -Oct. 31, and the Christmas Party -? If you have some other ideas bring them forward.

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**Willis Point Community Association
Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**The 2009 WPCA Annual General Meeting will be held on
Sunday 18 October at 4:00 pm
In the Willis Point Community Hall**

- Please forward any suggestions for the Agenda to any of the Executive.
- **Please note** that in addition to the usual WPCA elections, the **Willis Point Fire and Recreation Commission will also hold elections** for commissioners at this meeting.
- Any adult Willis Point resident can run for positions with the WPCA Executive and /or Fire and Recreation Commission and such participation is encouraged.
- Feel free to make your interest known to current commissioners or WPCA Executive.
- There will be a free barbecue following the meeting.

Bill Douglas, Chair
WPCA

**Willis Point Community Association
WPCA Executive**

Chair	Bill Douglas	544-1042
Vice-Chair	Art Wynans	652-5898
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Membership Secretary	Ken Leighton	652-2686
Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jeff Irwin	652-6869

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:

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

For list of positions up for election this year see other side of page.

Willis Point Community Association

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS- 3 POSITIONS

We would like to hear from interested parties to fill the following positions:

- **Vice chair**- current Vice-Chair is stepping down
 - **Treasurer**-past Treasurer resigned
 - **Member-At-Large**-This position probably will be vacant
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Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - 3 POSITIONS

The Willis Point Fire and Recreation Facilities Commission (WPFRFC) will hold its elections on **October 19th 2009**, in conjunction with the WPCA AGM

The WPFRFC was established in 1975 and is governed by CRD By-Law 2336, has the administrative powers of the CRD Regional Board and includes the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facility Commission and the Willis Point Fire Protection Committee. The Commission has 8 voting commissioners - 7 residents and the JDF/CRD Director and meets monthly.

Commissioners are elected for two - year terms (three people one year, four people the following year). The JDF/CRD seat is permanent. WPFRFC responsibilities include:

- Appoints the Fire Chief;
- Establishes the annual property tax levy for the Fire Department and Community Hall and oversees the annual budget for both the Hall and Fire Department;
- Responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance, major repairs and management of the Community Hall and Grounds.

If you are interested in running for one of the 3 positions or in nominating someone, please contact : **Vernon McConnell, Chair (250 – 652 – 2996)**.
Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the WPCA AGM.

Information about the WPCA Executive from an email sent by Art Wynans:

The Willis Point Community Association is looking for your help. The WPCA is managed by nine directors each serving two year terms. The WPCA provides a democratic voice to the members of the community, and safeguards the public processes which provide for community input.

The director roles of the Association are:

Chair
Vice-Chair
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Member at Large(x2)

If you are interested in helping our community as a director on the WPCA, please contact Art Wynans or Bill Douglas
art_wynans@hotmail.com or mandbdouglas@telus.net

Thanks,
Art

BOTTLE DRIVE

October 3 at 9:30

My name is Carolyn Orr and I am a member of the Claremont Sports Institute. We are raising funds to send our rowing team to the **Head Of The Charles Rowing Regatta** in Boston Massachusetts on October 14th to the 19th. To raise funds we are having a bottle drive on October 3rd. If you would like to support us with a donation of your bottles, please call me in advance to arrange for us to pick up your bottles or leave them at the end of your driveway on Oct.3rd. We will start collection at 9:30. I would like to thank you in advance on behalf of my club for your kind support of this event.

Carolyn Orr 250-652-0896



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Pat Sloan 652-0226

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Available in **dark or light and with/without nuts**

Also **Sugarplums:**

- box of 8 - \$11.00
- package of 2 - \$3.00

To place an order call **Mariann at 250-544-1681**

I am pleased to announce the opening of my practice in **Traditional Chinese Medicine**.
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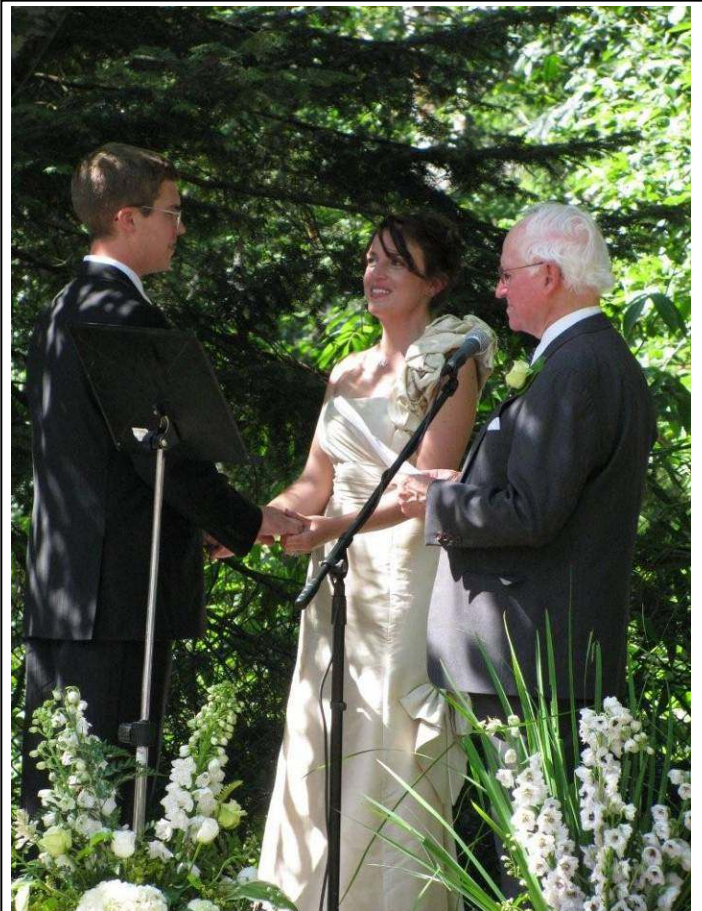
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Wedding Congratulations



**Kendra Tombu and Mike Beaudoin
Married in Hamilton, Ontario
June 6, 2009**



**Chester Cotter and Marissa Olson with
Judge Don Medhurst, Marissa's Grandfather
who married them on July 4, 2009**



**Lauren Scott and Jonathan Thon
Married in Boston
August 3, 2009**

Fire Department Report

The fire department responded to the following calls:

July 17th - Drug overdose involving 2 patients at Durrance Lake

July 21st - A report of a brush fire on Willis Point Rd during the "extreme fire season" (turns out that the fire was out of our district, Saanich Fire extinguished the blaze)

July 31st - strong smell of smoke reported at night from a resident on Mark Lane

August 17th - a vehicle travelling northbound on Willis Point Rd went off the road and over an embankment and finally landed on a driveway, the driver was trying to make room for a larger truck coming up the road but lost control from the loose gravel on the shoulder, no one was injured.

Sept. 2nd - Medical call for an unconscious patient

Membership

Every year the department responds to an interesting variety of emergencies and although we're not as busy as other larger departments the same can not be said for the countless volunteer hours put into training for such emergencies. Our Deputy Chief and Lead Fire /Rescue trainer Darren Pine provides excellent training for all members so that we are well prepared for any situation that comes our way. Recently our department was complimented by the ambulance service for the excellent quality of care at a medical call. All our first aid training was put to the test in dealing with and managing a difficult airway on a patient. Thank -you Captain Kathy Crawley for your many hours of great first aid instruction and review, your training has saved the lives of people in our community.

I can't say enough about the great team work from the Officers in our department, many extra hours are put in to ensure the smooth operation of the department. Thank you Captain Graham Orr for all of your extra time you've spent maintaining the apparatus and small engines that we so vitally depend on.

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking Captain Al Campbell for taking on the extra role as the department's Safety Officer over and above his Captain duties.

The department enjoyed a meet and greet with the local coast guard over the summer. Our plan is to conduct joint practice sessions in the future to ensure a strong working relationship. In some extreme cases (ie road closure or forest fire) the coast guard may provide a valuable means of evacuation for fellow Pointers. Thank you Lieutenant Jeff Irwin for arranging this very important meeting.

Thanks go to Lieutenant Gord Hawkes for orientating the new members, Jim Potvin for all of your hard work as President of the association and also a big thanks goes to JC Patchell for always taking on extra assignments and lending a helping hand for the betterment of our department and community. JC your hard work and unselfishness is greatly appreciated.

A problem that exists for many volunteer fire departments is the lack of enough members who are able to respond during normal business hours. I would like to recognize Darren, Uwe, Aran, Harrison, Marie, Jeff, Art, Sharon, Cathy and Ben (forgive me if I missed any other names). These members have left their paid job on one occasion or more to come to the aid of our community.

A big thank you to the whole department, your continuing dedication and outstanding teamwork keep our community safe.

I would also like to thank the Leighton family for the use of their beautiful waterfront property year after year for the fireman's picnic, it is truly the perfect spot for such an event.

Please check out our website at www.willispoint.ca for some important tips on fire wise landscaping for your home and property.

We hope to lift the burning ban mid to late October, we need more rain !!

Hope everyone had a great summer !!

Sincerely,

Greg Elvedahl
Fire Chief

Willis Point Fitness classes start September 29th!

As the daylight hours get shorter and shorter, for most of us, it's time to move fitness activities indoors. Starting Tuesday September 29th, you are invited to exercise twice per week at the Willis Point Firehall.

On Tuesdays from 7-8pm, Deanna Roozendaal will teach step aerobics classes for all levels of participants. You choose how hard you want to work, and how high you want to step, by adding risers underneath your step platform. We will start the step class slowly so beginners are most welcome.

On Thursdays from 7-8pm, circuit classes will be led by Jennifer McLeod or Mary O'Rourke. Again, this is a great class if you are a beginner or a fitness buff. At different stations, you'll use hand weights as well as exercise balls, weighted bars and stretch bands. With cardio stations added in, you'll work your muscles and get your heart pumping as well.

These classes are the **best workout bargain around!** For just \$3 per class or \$20 per month, you can get a good workout close to home, and get to know your neighbours. The fitness classes are organized and led by a team of volunteers, and all collected monies are used to pay for hall rental and fitness equipment.

**If you'd like more information about the classes,
please contact Deanna at 250-744-4891.**

Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours By Ken Leighton
853 Melody Place (formerly Martins)

Steve and Carolyn Rowins, plus Tristan 14, Kieran 11, and Ethan 10 have come from Saskatoon, and before that Vancouver.

Steve is a geologist with a PhD. from Perth Australia. He is Director of Geosciences at B.C. Geological Survey.

Carolyn graduated from Carlton University in Ottawa. She teaches French and English.

They are glad that they came to Willis Point.



Support Your Fire Fighters

The Willis Point Fire Fighters Association is now on the “Spirit Board” at the **Tru Value Grocery store in Brentwood Bay, number 79**. You can help support the operation of your Volunteer Fire Department by choosing 79 when you’re asked for your 1%; the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association helps fund the Fire Department by supporting day to day operating costs and specific capital projects.

For those of you that aren’t familiar with the “Spirit Board”, it is designed to promote community non profit organizations. When you shop at Tru Value you can choose one of the organizations on the board and they will receive 1% of the value of your purchase.

Thank you in advance for your support.

JC Patchell
WPVFFA Vice Chair

Willis Point Community Arts & Craft Fall Fair

This event is set in beautiful Willis Point - just a 20 minute scenic drive from Victoria. It features the work of 15 talented individuals.

Items range from wood craft, watercolour paintings, recycled art, rubber stamped cards, designer necklaces, decorative pillows and throws, kimonos, handmade soy candles, Christmas ornaments and cakes, jams and jellies, teas, quilted articles and much more.

If you have never explored this part of the Peninsula, we promise visiting our event will inspire you to return!

Date: October 24, 2009
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Place: Willis Point Community Hall
6933 Willis Point Road
Admission: \$2 per adult

Driving Instructions from Victoria:

1. Head north on HWY 17N towards Broadmead.
2. Take the Royal Oak Drive turn off.
3. Turn left at the lights and continue on Royal Oak Drive until you reach West Saanich Rd. (3rd set of lights).
4. Turn right on to West Saanich Rd and continue until you pass the Red Barn Market.
5. Make the next left on to Wallace Drive.
6. Take 2nd left on to Willis Point Road.
7. Continue on Willis Point Road. Ignore the sign that says "No through road". Continue driving for approx 5 mins.
8. The Community Hall is attached to the Willis Point Fire Department on your right.



(Here is another installment from Nick)

Dear Willis Point Neighbors,

For those of you who stopped to greet me by name when I was walking on Willis Point Road with Peter – or running through your yard, thank you for letting me know that you enjoyed my last letter. I'm easily encouraged and love praise. I'm writing you again.

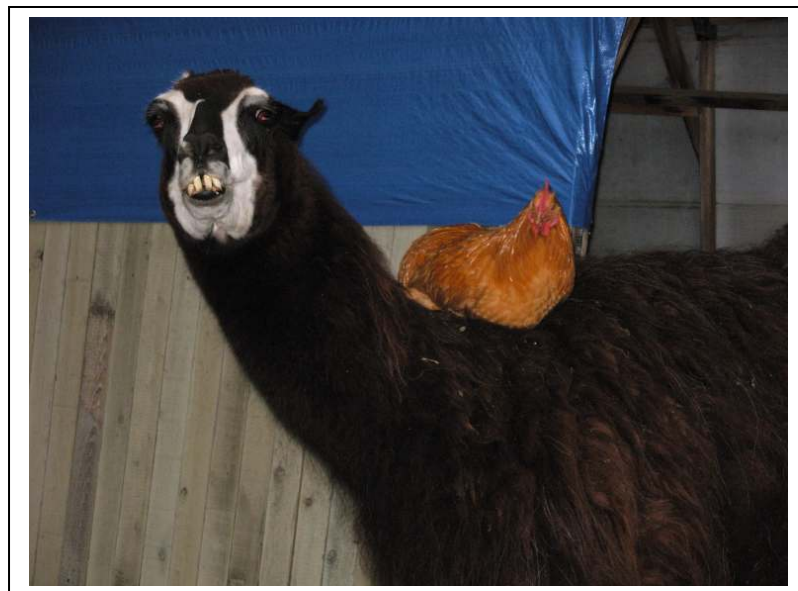
Some of you already know that the place I live is a bit odd. I mean, really. Jordan, who is a great old-girl, turning 13 on October 31 seems to have the best attitude about the place. Sleep, eat and do your business. That's it. There's a cat – she's a story for another time. And there is Fred. A loud mouthed, mean 39 year old Amazon parrot who thinks that grasping my lip with his claw or beak is somehow an enjoyable act. He'll get his one of these days. There's a Betta fish, but he's not very interesting.

It's the creatures who live outside. Not the fish, but the chickens and the llama, Pierrot.

The chickens are all named Mildred, or they were up until recently. But I jump ahead.

The Mildred's were here when I arrived last October. They had numbers: Mildred 7 – 12. In April, a mink entered their house and killed number 7 – 11. Judy could be heard urging Peter to hit the mink on the head with the shovel – 'cause the fur might make a nice collar. Well, the mink got away, the coop was reinforced once more and Mildred 12, the sole survivor ceased egg production. She thought she could rest on her laurels forever.

Low and behold, Peter found the Christmas Tree Farm place on West Saanich ... they had layers for sale. More like little peepers if you ask me. Shows you how he thinks. He wanted 6, paid for 7 and brought home 8. They were named Mildred 12 – 20. Those chickens ate. Fat girls. No eggs. More feed. No eggs. About a month ago, they started coughing up one egg every couple of days. 9 chickens. 1 egg. You do the math.



I bark and whine like a dog possessed to get closer to them but those people keep me away. Something about stymied egg production.

There are still no eggs. Should let me get to the girls and give them a run for their money.

Ah ha. As I thought, something was amiss in that hen house. And I was right. Turns out that two of the Mildred's were imposters. Two of them were really Max's. Guess they can't have any of that.

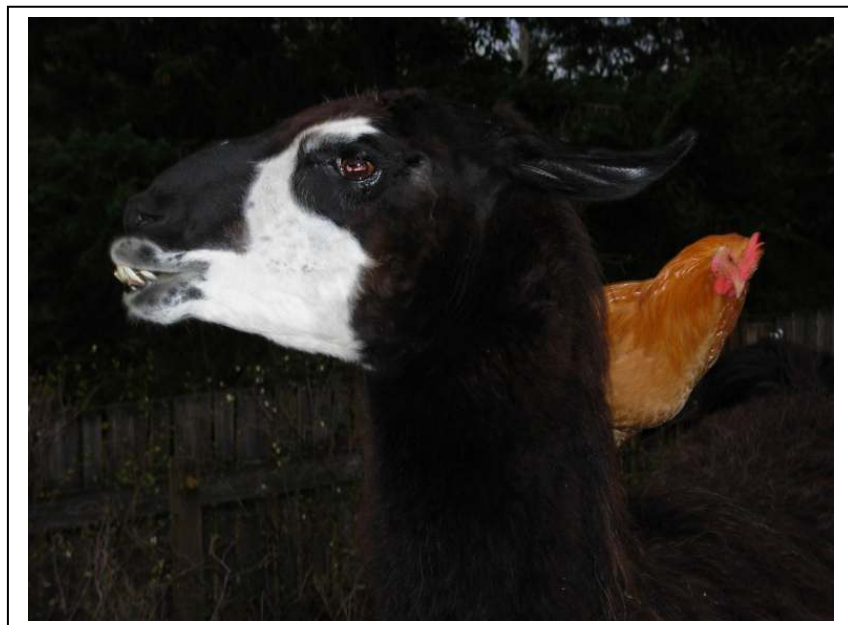
I think having baby chicks to chase would be a blast, better than running to Melody Place, but no go. She culled out Max 1. He vanished into thin air. Not a feather. Not a peep. Not a cock-a-doodle-do. Nada. Nothing. Gone. I never got to chase him or anything. One day of freedom. Guess he didn't know how to get to Mark Lane.

After Max vanished, Max 2 was removed from his life of luxury and forced to live in the wild with Pierrot. Smart guy, though, that Max 2. He was last seen standing on Pierrot's back, surveying the world. Not a raccoon or mink in sight.

Oh, ya. Thank you to Don Gorling, JC, Dave and the great kids next door who have either brought me home or ratted me out letting them know where I was playing. My people made me say that. Not the ratting out thing. Just the thank you.

Nick

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



Please Don't Feed The Animals

Here at Willis Point we are surrounded by wildlife living in the forests and it is our great privilege to observe these creatures on a daily basis. Many kind-hearted folks are tempted to feed the animals but this article asks you to reconsider and please don't feed the wildlife. Our good intentions towards our wild neighbours can actually be harmful to them.

When animals come to rely on human food instead of their natural diet, their health suffers. Growth and development can be disrupted if baby animals are fed the wrong foods. When wild animals are attracted to populated areas by food they may become habituated and lose their healthy fear of people. This poses risks to both humans and wildlife as well as pets. Most injuries treated by wildlife rehabilitation centres are human-related.

Feeding wildlife disrupts normal population and migration patterns. Animals adapt to an artificial abundance of food, but when food becomes scarce, as in winter or when people stop feeding them, animals can face starvation. When we attract 'harmless' wildlife, we also encourage their larger predators and other animals such as rats. Feeding draws unnaturally large numbers of animals to the area of the food source. These gatherings can increase the spread of disease among animals.



What To Do

If you have outdoor garbage containers, make sure they are wildlife-proof. Keep garbage cans in a shed or garage. Use sturdy bins with secure lids. Clean containers regularly. Wait until pickup day to put the garbage out, not the night before as animals often feed at night. If you do put it out at night make sure the lid is secure. If you compost fruit or vegetable waste, use a covered composter. Pack any food waste out of parks and wilderness areas and dispose of it properly in covered containers. Feed your pets inside and store pet food inside the house or in a garage or shed.

What Not To Do

Do not put food out to attract wildlife. Do not feed wildlife in parks. Do not dispose of waste in uncovered containers. Do not litter, especially on roadways which would attract animals to the road. Do not attempt to keep wildlife in your home. Wild animals require expert care and many hand-raised animals are never able to return to the wild because of habituation to humans. There is a risk of disease to people handling wildlife.

What About Birds

Backyard birdfeeders provide supplemental nutrition for wild birds. This type of feeding does not appear to disrupt natural migration and population patterns for wild birds but it may carry some risks. To keep birdfeeders safe and healthy for birds please set up feeders at least 3 feet from any windows to help avoid bird strikes. Window decals may also help. Keep cats inside. Belling cats does not prevent them from killing birds. Cats are the number one threat to wild birds in this area. Clean up the hulls from around birdfeeders and disinfect regularly using a 9-1 bleach solution.

Feeding Hummingbirds

Nectar feeders provide an important food source for hummingbirds, especially in the fall and winter, but they must be cleaned regularly to prevent bacterial growth. Clean feeders with a solution of one part vinegar to four parts water about once a week.

To make nectar, boil water for 2 minutes. Mix sugar with boiling water at a ratio of 1 part sugar to 4 parts water in summer. During the winter use a 1:3 ratio. Never use honey because it promotes bacterial growth. Don't use red dye.

Change nectar solution every few days, especially in hot weather.



The information in this article is contained in the information pamphlet from the British Columbia SPCA's wildlife arm, WILD ARC, and used with permission. An injured or orphaned animal's best chance for survival is to be cared for by a wildlife rehabilitation centre. For more information please contact: WILD ARC 250-478-9453 or info@wildarc.com or their website at www.wildarc.com Also Hinterland Who's Who at www.hww.ca is a good resource.

Debra Halliday

ROAD TAR SITUATION

(Most recent communication in terms of understanding how to resolve your claim. Letter from Jodi Benson:

Insurance adjusters for Mainroad South Island Contracting)

From: Jodi Benson [mailto:jodi.benson@scm.ca]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 3:28 PM

To: Dale Rogoza

Subject: Mainroad Contracting

Gentlemen/ Ladies:

As you are aware, we have finally reached an agreement between the insurers of Mainroad and Axa Pacific, insurers for Shades Tankers. Axa Pacific has agreed to honour all reasonable claims for cleaning tar overspray damage to the vehicles that travelled on the roadway at Willis Point.

Currently our staff is reviewing the estimates submitted and proceeding on settling these claims. For those claims between \$150.00 and \$400.00, these will be settled first as they are straight forward. We will be contacting those claimants and in the case where repairs have not been completed we will be setting up an account with the car detailer and pay those accounts directly with them. In this manner the vehicle owner does not have to pay out of their pocket.

Before payments can be provided to the detailer a Release form must be signed. This will discharge both Mainroad Contracting and Shades Tankers and their insurers from all claims related to this incident.

For those claimants where repairs are completed it will be necessary for them to provide the documentation so that we can assess whether the costs were reasonable and whether they relate to just the overspray. We have seen paperwork where unrelated repairs have been carried out and cannot be considered as part of this claim.

Our contact for this file is Kyler Moore in our Victoria office. His information is as follows:

Kyler Moore
204 – 990 Hillside Avenue
Victoria, BC V8T 2A1
Phone: 250-592-6300
Email: kyler.moore@scm.ca

If anyone has questions please feel free to contact Kyler.

Impact Report on Sewer Treatment by the CRD

The CRD is required to cease pumping screened sewage into the ocean. Instead, treatment plants will de-water and sanitize the sewage. What impact, if any, will this have on Willis Point? The good news is:

- The tax burden will apply only to the areas with municipal sewers.
- The treatment plants will all be located in areas connected by sewer pipes.

The not so good news:

- The CRD is giving serious consideration to spreading the end products of sewer treatment (biosolids) on agricultural and forest lands. Although biosolids contain important nutrients beneficial to plant growth, the treatment methods for producing biosolids from sewage are incapable of eliminating the complex toxic chemicals, heavy metals and pharmaceuticals commonly found in municipal sewage. These persistent contaminants are known to be carcinogenic and to have the capacity to cause reproductive defects in mammals after long exposure. Once the CRD's plans are finalized, the system is expected to be in place for 60 years or more.
- Willis Point is zoned for residential use, so biosolids will not be spread here. However, there are significant agricultural areas to the North and West. We buy their produce. We may share their groundwater. In any case as residents of South Vancouver Island, we have a stake in local matters of public health.

There are three reasons commonly given in defence of land-applied biosolids. [In each case there is a response in brackets.]

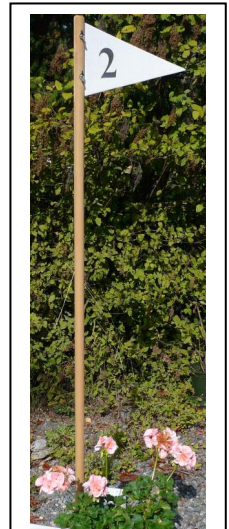
- First, biosolids have been applied successfully to farm land all over North America for many years. [Response: Smoking tobacco has been used "successfully" for hundreds of years by millions of people. Furthermore asbestos was used "successfully" for many years as insulation. But both practices have had devastating long range consequences for public health.]
- Second, we are protected by strict government regulations which establish safe levels of exposure to contaminants. [Response: government restrictions on land application of biosolids are not based on research into the long-range health effects of biosolids. Since virtually all residents of industrial countries are exposed to numerous contaminants it is not feasible to conduct a definitive scientific study into the long range effects of the particular contaminants found in biosolids. Furthermore, biosolids vary in content and the lands to which they are applied vary in chemistry, topography, climate and in relation to the locality's source of potable water. Scientists agree that an inadequate research base precludes specifying safe levels of biosolid contaminants.]
- Third, there is no scientific proof that land-application of biosolids is injurious to public health. [Response: Strictly speaking, that is true. But it should be clear from the preceding paragraph that, equally, there is no scientific proof that it is not harmful to public health.]

The Precautionary Principle: This high-sounding planning tool is based on common sense. Basically, it says that if a practice or policy is known to have the potential to be injurious to public health or the environment over the long term and especially if the harm would be difficult or impossible to reverse, (think of trying to reverse birth defects or even the contamination of our groundwater) the lack of definitive scientific proof that the harm would occur should not stand in the way of rejecting the policy or barring the practice.

Fortunately, there are practical alternatives to land-application of biosolids. Cement plants mix them with other fuels in order to reduce the carbon footprint of their manufacturing process. And a high temperature form of incineration leaves only ash which contains the surviving contaminants. The ash is then land filled in the area reserved for hazardous material. It seems clear that either of these alternatives is preferable to land application.

Larry Resnick (Member of the CRD's Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Sewage Treatment Technical and Community Advisory Committee.)

Golferfest 2009 Pictures



Willis Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Golftoberfest

This past weekend the WPVFFA put on Golftoberfest and once again Pointers enjoyed a great afternoon of golf and dinner with friends and neighbours while enjoying another great day in the Point. The competition was stiff on the course this year, despite only 28 teams being entered, everyone brought their "A Game"; several participants were heard to comment that they felt this was the best course ever in the history of the tournament. This evidenced by a three-way tie for first place in the Adult Team category.

The winners by category were:

Best Score Overall: Darren and Isaac Pine - 33
Adult: George & Elaine Puritch - 38
Dave Connor & Saija - 38
Paul & Pat Williams - 38
Mixed: Darren and Isaac Pine - 33
Youth: Joshua and Jordan Schaffer - 63

It takes a lot of organization and planning to put on an event like this and we would like to extend our **thanks Dave Lawrie for organizing** the course and those that hosted holes:

Hole #1	Bob Wilson
Hole #2	Dave Connor
Hole #3	Bob & Shelly Lane
Hole #4	Darren Pine
Hole #5	Paul & Pat Williams
Hole #6	Al & Sheryl Campbell
Hole #7	Steve & Laurel Atwater
Hole #8	Neil Tregear
Hole #9	Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department

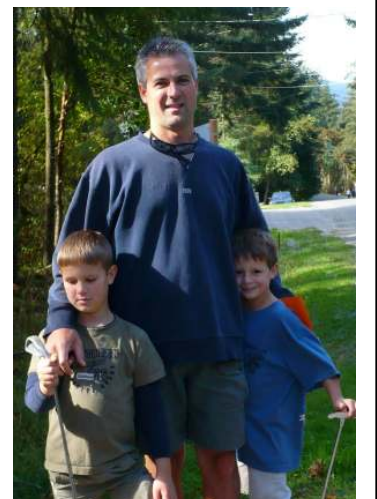
We would also like to thank those corporations that were generous enough to donate prizes for the tournament:

Axa Insurance, Acuity Mutual Funds, Bonnie Manning Canaccord Capital, Claims Pro, Jim Potvin Thunderbird Insurance Brokers, Mark Roozendaal Preferred Homes, Optimum West Insurance, Restoration Services, Schindler, Schneider, Wawanesa Insurance, Belfor Restoration and Butchart Gardens. Their generosity resulted in one of the largest prize pools in recent memory.

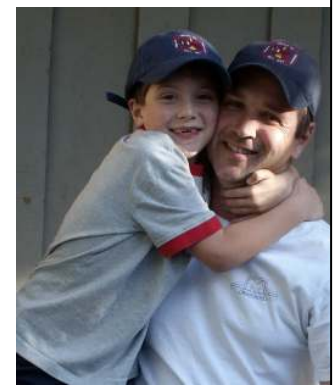
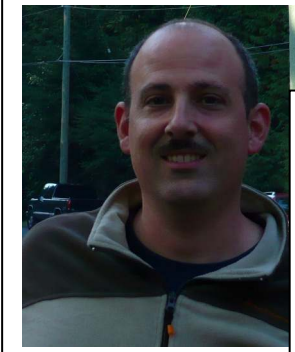
Ultimately it is impossible for any event to be a success without the participation and support of the community. The WPVFFA would like to thank all who attended and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with us; there is no better way to enjoy a day than with fellow Pointers.



Golferfest More pictures



Even More Golfoberfest Pictures



Thankyou

Thankyou for supporting me with my fundraising for my soccer trip to Sweden. We did much better than I expected. **The Gothia Cup Soccer Tournament in Sweden was awesome!** The tournament started with an opening Ceremony similar to the Olympics with great entertainment and fireworks. We were second in our Group. We won 2 games and tied the winner. We made it to the "A" level playoffs where we lost to a British Academy Team. Even though we didn't continue from there, we arranged matches with other teams. One of the teams that we befriended was a team from Sierra Leon who were in Sweden because they had a sponsor who started an Academy for them. If you want to see more about the Gothia Cup they had a tournament website at

www.gothiacup.se/eng/index.php/match.../results-2009/

Jason Connor



Breathing Space

A new mind & body studio has just opened in Brentwood Bay called Breathing Space.

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The Willis Point Real Estate Report

The real estate market continues to be hot, hot, hot! At the time of the last issue, back in June, we were already well into a revival after a very soft fall and winter. That brisk pace has continued throughout the Summer. The number of houses sold in June was up 31% from June 2008, July was up 51%, and August was up 41%. This time last year we were just entering the "recession" and buyers were keeping their wallets close. The lack of demand caused prices to fall over the winter by 8 to 12%. In the spring, as demand picked up, prices started moving upwards as well. Today, homes are once again selling at close to the peak of the last several years. Even with the upwards bounce in value, demand doesn't seem to be weakening. The low interest rates are certainly helping to keep property affordable.

I am seeing one difference though. It seems that we have lost our unbridled confidence, and that is probably a good thing! Before the market softened last Summer, sellers could ask a price above market value and buyers were often happy to pay it, believing that the market would inevitably catch up. This Summer, although sales are very brisk, buyers are much more cautious than they have been in the past. Properties are selling well, but only when they are priced well!

Sales out here at the Point have picked up and that is good news for us all, whether we are currently selling or not. 815 Melody Place has an unconditional offer so we can expect some new neighbours soon. As well, Just this week, I helped a buyer purchase the red cabin including an acre of waterfront at the entrance to Tod Inlet for \$950,000. In fact, after being on the market for a year, I ended up representing two different buyers both competing for the same property! The new owners are very excited about their purchase and plan to vacation here until they eventually build their future home.

I have a couple of listings in the neighbourhood that the owners would sure appreciate your help promoting. Pete & Laura Veasey's home at 6671 Mark Lane is listed at \$679,000. Interest has been very good but this beautiful home is still available - so far! As well, I have a 1/2 acre view lot belonging Dave Lawrie and Gord Sykes for sale at \$320,000. If you have any friends who want to move to our great neighbourhood please tell them about these properties. You can find much more information about them on my web site at www.PreferredHomes.ca. Remember, the faster that real estate in our area sells, the better the future resale value will be for each of us.

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