

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association

P. O. Box 282 Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 2Y7

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YEAR BOOK 2011

IN MEMORIAM

Josephine Annett (12A Tout's Grove Hill)
September 20, 2010

Corrine "Rennie" Benson (6A Tout's Grove Hill)
August 24, 2010

Richard Davidson (48 Tout's Circle)
December 23, 2010

Betty Jane House (3 Tout's Grove Hill)
January 20, 2011

Jane Kusser (11A Tout's Grove Hill)
April 25, 2010

Joan MacEachern
(32 Tout's Grove Hill/41 Tout's Circle)
November 3, 2010

Pat Outerbridge (89 Martyn Lane)
August 2010

Dawson Pollock (89-2 Bruce Beach Road)
January 25, 2011

John Butler Wadland (62 Snowdon Lane)
January 2011

John Whiteside (8A Tout's Grove Hill)
July 20, 2010

Elva Whitmore (133 Gordon St.)
May 4, 2010

Andy Wilson (7A Tout's Grove Hill)
April 8, 2010

BRUCE BEACH COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

Since 1910, cottagers at Bruce Beach have worked through their Association to protect and preserve the interests and environment of the unique community that is Bruce Beach. The Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association was incorporated in 1978.

OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

President	David Tiernan [168 Bruce Beach Road]	tiernanfam@aol.com
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Area 1	Nan Grant [139 Gordon St]
McCosh Grove	Ruth MacLean [23 Tout's Grove Hill]
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Snowdon Grove	Dick Mackenzie [59 Snowdon Lane]
Area 5	Diane Bryant [71 Tennis Lane]
Area 6	Diane Bryant [71 Tennis Lane]
Area 7	Heather Ingham [93 Bruce Beach Rd]
Area 8	Victoria Birkett [114 Bruce Beach Rd]
Cameron Grove	Anne MacDougall [133 Bruce Beach Rd]
Area 10	Joyce Pottier [152 Bruce Beach Rd]
Area 11	Brian MacEachern [2671 Concession 10]

RESOURCE PEOPLE

Historian	Frances Stewart [34 Tout's Grove Hill]	frances.stewart@mail.mcgill.ca
Year Book Coordinator	Peter Newson [104 Bruce Beach Rd]	pnewson@ivey.uwo.ca
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MEETINGS

The Joint Meeting of the **Board of Directors and the Councillors**

Saturday **July 16** at 10:00 am at Golf Club House.

The **Annual General Meeting of the Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association**

Saturday **July 30** at 10:00 am at Golf Club House. *(Bring your own chair)*

COTTAGE FEES

1. The annual fee is \$35 per cottage. Mailed to PO Box 282 Kincardine ON N2Z 2Y7
2. The first name shown in the directory is listed free. Additional listings \$5 per listing.
3. Fees are due by June 30. There is a \$5 fee for late payment.

Note: The \$35 fee is for Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association membership only. Most cottagers also belong to an Area, Grove, or Division, for which dues are collected separately.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message at the beginning of March after another large snowfall has turned our thoughts to spring when we can start our annual trek to the beach to renew old friendships, make new friendships, and experience the unique community we call Bruce Beach. When I try to explain to my local friends why we spend so much time at Bruce Beach during the summer, it's hard to convey the sense of community, the Beach traditions, and the fun our children have participating in the activities that bring all of us together.

And yet Bruce Beach is rapidly becoming connected to the larger communities and environments that surround us. For many years Bruce Beach has been able to perpetuate our unique community in an almost idealistic, isolated, setting that has allowed us to maintain our traditions from generation to generation almost unchanged. But the local area is rapidly changing. We are now challenged by wind turbines (off-shore and on-shore), Cladophora algae, invasive Phragmites Australis weed species, plastic pellets that wash up on the beach, and fertilizers that wash down into the lake. Add to this local and provincial politics that often find our beach community funding initiatives that frequently benefit the rest of inland Huron-Kinloss Township with little direct benefit to our beach community, it is apparent that Bruce Beach needs to connect and work at the local, lakeshore, and provincial level to affect the policies that have such a direct impact on our community.

As my predecessors Keith MacDonald and Barry McPherson have emphasized the past four years, we need to expand our efforts to work with our lakeshore fellow communities of Boiler Beach, Lurgan Beach, Point Clark and Amberly Beach as well as at Huron-Kinloss Township, Huron County, Provincial and Legislative political levels. We need to continue to lobby the MP and MPP of Huron/Bruce on the issues that are most important to Bruce Beach. This has never been more evident than today based on the continued building of wind turbine farms, the deterioration of the quality of our water, and the loss of our beach to invasive weed species. While the Provincial Government recently announced it is not proceeding with proposed off-shore wind projects citing the need to conduct further scientific research regarding the impact of the turbines, it has become apparent this is a political moratorium until the October elections. Depending on the outcome of the election, off-shore wind turbines could once again become a threat to the Beach. Many of our neighbors have made progress with the local Township, County and Province voicing their concerns regarding the quality of our water and providing suggestions on preventing the nutrients of agricultural run-off to enter Lake Huron. In the coming year the Executive will be working with these interested members to formalize a Bruce Beach position and request definitive action from our local, lakeshore and provincial representation.

During 2010 the Lakeshore Presidents Group (Point Clark, Lurgan Beach, and Bruce Beach) met with the Township of Huron Kinloss' Mayor Mitch Twolan, Administrator Mary Rose Walden and Treasurer Jodi MacArthur to voice our collective concerns to the council. One of the positive outcomes of this meeting was the Township's agreeing to clean our collective beaches of algae starting in May after the long weekend and lasting until the Labor Day weekend. The three Presidents stated that regular algae cleanups by our membership will help our beach communities feel that there is a more equitable allocation of our tax dollars being spent along the beach.

Last year the BBCA Executive made use of formal, independent surveys to better understand our members' views on a variety of topics that affect our beach community. The Executive's goal for the use of surveys was to understand our members' views and to determine if our constituency wants the Executive to represent their views to various third parties when necessary on certain key topics of interest to the beach. During 2010 we issued three surveys, one regarding input on the Bruce Beach Barbecue and two on our members opinions regarding on-shore and off-shore turbines. The use of these surveys greatly assisted the Executive in being able to accurately represent the views of our membership and we will be looking to expand the use of surveys on key topics that affect our beach in the future.

An additional change that the Executive will be looking at implementing this year will be expanding the role of the Councilors from each Bruce Beach area. The Councilors represent a subset of the beach, approximately 20-25 cottages each, and we are looking to expand their role and responsibilities in serving as an advisory group to the BBCA Executive. We will be reaching out to the current councilors to gather their input on what they feel these expanded responsibilities should be.

Bruce McKelvey will be organizing the BB Barbecue this year and will be welcoming cottagers' input on how to improve our annual Beach get together. As many of our cottagers

have indicated via surveys that the Bruce Beach Barbecue is the key event that pulls our community together, please feel free to contact Bruce with your input on the Barbecue.

With the beginning of a new summer season rapidly approaching, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the following members of the Executive who have provided me with guidance and support during my transition to President of Bruce Beach: Keith MacDonald, Barry McPherson, Bruce McKelvey, Ross Klopp, Janice Gibson, Sue Davidson, and Peter Newson. I greatly appreciate their input and assistance in rapidly coming up to speed on the issues that affect our beach community.

In summary, I am greatly honored I am able to assist Bruce Beach to address the issues that are challenging us today. I cannot overemphasize the need for our Executive to work with our beach membership and to continue to work with our Township, County, and Provincial governments on the challenging issues that affect Bruce Beach. I look forward to hearing our cottagers input on the issues that affect us so the Executive more accurately represent the beach. It is up to us to ensure that Bruce Beach continues our unique community and maintains our traditions so we can pass them on to future generations.

Sincere regards,
David Tiernan, President

BRUCE BEACH HISTORY--TWO HISTORIC EVENTS IN 2010

The Bruce Beach Golf Club. Restoration of the clubhouse was the most important event at Bruce Beach in 2010 but a museum display in Kincardine was also significant. Following Rev. Bradley's (1938) precedent of recording yearly events in his *Souvenir History of Bruce Beach* and relying on it for information on the beginnings of golf at Bruce Beach, this year's note gives a slice of the history of golfing at the beach and a peek into our museum display.

One afternoon in 1903, during a game of horseshoes involving most of the "white Indians", Margaret McInnis asked Rev. Robert Martin to demonstrate the game of golf. He went for his "sticks" and they all walked up to our second hole. Martin took out his "mashie" and sent the first ball driven at Bruce Beach soaring over the heads of people positioned in the field to catch the ball. (For young readers, "mashie" is a wooden shafted golf club with an iron head, most similar to the modern five-iron.) Apparently interest soared too; that summer Martin laid out a six-hole course with one hole at each end of Frank Tout's property and one at each end of the two sections of the McCosh property. Four years later, the Bruce Beach Golf Club was formed. Membership was 25 cents per person, beginning the enduring tradition of paying very little to golf at Bruce Beach.

The golf club flourished, but by 1923 there was dissension in the ranks. The female members split off and formed their own Ladies Golf Club. They debated withholding their fees from the male-dominated club where only one female (Margaret McInnes) had been on the executive but decided to relinquish half their fees and to co-operate with the executive of the Men's Club, men who were after all their husbands, fathers and/or brothers. In 1926, the women returned to the original club having won some concessions, particularly equal representation for women on the executive and special tee off times for children under 12 years of age.

The club's response to the latter is first recorded in the 1935 Bruce Beach Association flyer. (Folded, single sheet, flyers were fore-runners to our Yearbook, first so named in 1960.) In 1935, the children's tee off time was between 1:00 and 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. By 1964, the opening time was set back to 12:30 and in addition, 10 and 11 year olds could tee off between 12 and 1 on all the other week days as well. In 1973, golf lessons were offered on Tuesdays at 1:00, and by 1974, children could use the course at any time. Thus, for over 75 years children have been encouraged to learn and play golf at Bruce Beach.

Twenty-two years after Martin's demonstration, on August 17, 1925, Robert McCosh Sr. sold 35 acres for \$3000 to Mr. David Kennedy (#1A/8) and Dr. Gerald Wilson (#2A) for a golf course. The following year, reflecting McCosh's wishes, these two men sold the land to the newly-formed McCosh Grove, Limited (incorporated on October 9, 1926) and cottagers adjoining the property as well as some others bought shares.

Bruce Beach Display at Walker House. Less enduring was a museum display on the history of Bruce Beach. In October 2009, Graham Mahood of the Walker House executive approached BBKA president Keith MacDonald about mounting a display in Walker House on the origins of vacationing in the Kincardine region. The Bruce Beach executive embraced this idea and Keith asked me to coordinate the Bruce Beach efforts for this exhibit.

Rick Clarke, Administrator for Walker House, was tasked by their Board to produce "Gone to the Beach: A History of Vacationing in the Kincardine Area". Rick was concerned about accessing enough material for the exhibit in a short time but fortunately about 100 photographs had been scanned from the Bruce Beach Camera Club albums (1919 to 1921). As well, Bradley's history is available on line at our website and there were the annual history notes in our Yearbooks. Photos and information from these sources, combined with additional photos and objects lent by numerous cottagers resulted in a room devoted to Bruce Beach alone, an addition to a general display on vacationing in the region on the ground floor. The topics emphasized in our room were: the first cottagers, including the Ripley campers and the many ministers; interaction with local peoples, including the farmers and the Saugeen First Nation; our strong interests in sports and in our history, and building and maintaining our structures. The exhibit ran between the May 24th and the Thanksgiving weekends.

Our participation yielded many positive outcomes. Preparing for the exhibit resulted in more photos being added to our archives. Old things stored in our cottages were displayed for others to view and we relocated old trophies. In town, good media coverage, an official opening, and a talk on the history of Bruce Beach resulted in many learning more about our history. Finally, this project enhanced relations between seasonal and permanent residents. Therefore,

this year's note ends with many thanks to all the Walker House executive members, especially Rick and Marilyn Clarke, and to all of you who offered ideas and lent photographs or objects for the exhibit.

Frances Stewart
Bruce Beach Historian

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS 2011 COUNCILLORS AND OFFICIALS

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LAWN WATERING

Lawns can be watered only from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM from June 1 to Sept 15. Even numbered cottages can water on even numbered days; and odd numbered cottages on odd numbered days.

PHRAGMITES GRASS CONTROL

Information about the prevention and control of invasive Phragmites Grass is on the website: <http://www.huronkinloss.com>. Click on Municipal Office and then Documents Library, scroll to Information & Guides – Phragmites Australis

GARBAGE COLLECTION

1. **Garbage collection is on Tuesday.** From the 6th to the 8th Concessions, pickup will commence the week of May 2nd and will end the week of October 24th. From the 8th to the 10th Concessions, pickup is weekly year round.
2. All garbage must be placed in plastic garbage bags with Township Tags (\$2.00 each). Garbage bags must not exceed 25 lbs (11.5 kg). There is a limit of 4 bags per household. Only kitchen garbage is accepted and garbage bags must be tied. No leaves or grass cuttings – please use your composter.
3. Township tags may be purchased for \$2.00 each at the following locations:

Zehrs	Sobey's
Mac Adams	Knechtel's
HK Municipal Office	Highway Variety
Ripley Food Market	Huron Landfill site
4. Recycling facilities are available at the Huron Landfill Site (See Insert *Your Blue Box*).

5. **Blue box pick up is every other Thursday, starting May 5th.**
6. There is no township-arranged heavy garbage
7. **Open hours at the Huron Landfill Site.**
Year round ...Tues, Fri. & Sat. ... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please note: All material disposed into the Huron Landfill trench will be charged at a rate of \$75 per tonne with a \$15 minimum charge per load.

Brush, tires, scrap steel, durables, white goods and most electronics are free of charge.

FREE LANDFILL DAY

There is one free landfill day – **Saturday, June 18th**. All material delivered to the Huron Landfill trench that day will be accepted free of charge with the exception of non-tagged refrigeration items.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

Residents of Bruce County are encouraged to dispose of household hazardous waste at one of the County of Bruce Household Waste Events held in July and August. There will be two Saturdays for Kincardine's Valentine Avenue site: May 28th 9:00 – 2:00 and August 27th 1:00 – 4:00.

You can visit the website at www.brucecounty.on.ca or watch the local newspapers for further details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COTTAGE SECURITY

Cottage security is primarily the responsibility of the individual cottage owner. The success in keeping our Bruce Beach area a reasonable safe and secure place is greatly enhanced by all doing their share and working together. Our Beach Patrol also reports on serious situations related to intensive wind and snow storm damage. This year, the fall and winter seasons were relatively quiet from vandalism and weather damage. In addition, we are indebted to the OPP for their on-going support. If you require OPP assistance, dial 1-888-310-1122. Inquiries and information can be made locally by contacting Constable Kevin Martin, community services officer, at 396-3341 or by calling the Walkerton detachment at 519-881-3130.

SECURITY/COMMUNICATIONS LISTING

The Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association endeavours to communicate with the cottagers via e-mail to pass along information pertaining to our cottage life and the security of our cottages. To enable us to do this, we require up-to-date information regarding home phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This list will be used only to communicate with the cottagers by the Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association. At no time will it be released for commercial use.

Please notify Ross Klopp if your information changes or, if you wish to be added to the e-mail communication list.

Contact for Ross Klopp

E-mail: tie-guy@sympatico.ca

Residence: 2 Callary Cres., Collingwood, ON L9Y 4Y1 (705)445-8632

Cottage: 35 Tout's Grove Hill, Bruce Beach (519)395-2740

YOUR DOG AND BRUCE BEACH

The beach is a paradise for both people and dogs, but for both to enjoy this some rules have to be followed.

1. Dogs should be on a leash while walking on the beach.
2. Under no circumstances should a dog be allowed to run free, either on the beach or behind the cottages.
3. Dogs playing in the water must not interfere with people or other dogs.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

For incoming mail addresses contact: Canada Post, Customer Service at 1-800-267-1177.

BRUCE BEACH FIRES

Every year, we have received enquiries and complaints about unattended bonfires on the beach. There is no question that one of the memorable events at the beach is a family gathering around a fire on the beach. Bonfires appear to be harmless, but unfortunately they may not be. Of major importance is how well the fire is built and how well it is extinguished. Each year fires start up again after cottagers have gone to bed, thinking that it was out. Beachers have suffered serious burns to the feet after walking over a hidden and poorly extinguished fire site.

Here is a list of fire regulations that should be followed when having a beach fire.

BEACH FIRE REGULATIONS

1. Only light beach fires when there is an OFF-SHORE breeze.
2. Build the fire in a pit dug in the sand.
3. Keep all fires to a manageable size.
4. NEVER leave a fire unattended.
5. Have a rake, shovel, water pail and/or hose handy
6. When leaving a fire, douse with water and cover fire remains with wet sand. (Be generous with the sand; nighttime winds blow sand away and can rekindle fires).

7. Do NOT rake embers into the lake.

COTTAGE FIRE REGULATIONS

The Ontario Fire Code, as of December 2005, requires a working Smoke Alarm on every level of Ontario homes, as well as outside all sleeping areas. This law applies to cottages and includes bunkies and sleep cabins. Non-compliance with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$25,000. (www.ofm.gov.on.ca/english/).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2011

BBCA Directors/ Area Councillors Meeting..... Saturday, July 16, 10:00 am
Junior Golf Tournament TBA
Sports Day Saturday, July 30, 9:00 am
Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association AGM Saturday, July 30, 10:00 am
Bruce Beach BBQ Saturday, July 30, 5:00 pm
Annual North/South Baseball Game Sunday, July 31, 10:00 am
Billy Open Sunday, July 31, 1:30 pm
Games Day Saturday, Aug 6, 9:30 am

GROVES & AREAS MEETINGS

Area 1 May 25, 10:00 am, at Grant's cottage, 139 Gordon
President: Bill Murphy [143 Gordon St]
McCosh Grove August 6, 10:00 am, in Golf Club House
President: John Michaluk (27 Tout's Grove Hill)
Tout's Grove July 9 at 10:00 am, in Church Grove
President: Jim Maxwell [28 Tout's Grove Hill]
Areas 5 – 7 July 2, 10:00 am, at Recreation Centre (behind 72)
President: Jim McBurney [69 Tennis Lane]
Areas 8 – 11 July 2, 10:00 am, at Cameron Grove (behind 125)
President: Gillian Norton [146 Bruce Beach Road]

BASEBALL

Morning Baseball: Morning baseball is for all those Bruce Beach kids (12 & under) who enjoy baseball and want to make new friends or catch up with old friends. The baseball facilities at the North end have guaranteed a fun time for all. Everyone goes home a winner!

The activity takes place from 9.30 am to 10.30 am Monday through Friday every week during July and August. The ball diamond is located next to the Cameron Grove tennis courts behind Cottage 125. To join in and play, come any day of the week before 9.30 am and bring a glove.

There is a real need for weekly volunteers as our facilities have attracted a greater turnout of children. What would really be great is if we can have new volunteers for coaching who have never coached before – it's a great way to have your children meet other children on the beach and establish relationships with their parents.

Since Dave Tiernan has taken over as President of the Bruce Beach Cottagers Association, he is very interested in handing over the coordinator's role for morning baseball to a willing volunteer in time for this year. Dave will be "retiring" as coordinator of youth softball effective April 1, 2011. If you are interested in becoming coordinator for youth softball, please contact Dave at tiernanfam@aol.com (Home), 248-347-0681 (Home), dave.tiernan@riverbed.com, (Work), or 248-330-4151 (Cell).

Wednesday Evening Baseball: Wednesday night baseball is for youth ages 12 and up from 7 to 8 pm at the Huff-Clark Baseball Diamond off Ball Park Lane (behind 51 Ball Park Lane). This is a great opportunity for teenagers to meet and get to know other fellow beachers. This year parent volunteers are needed to continue the success of this recreational activity. Please sign up at the ball diamond on Wednesday nights for your turn. Thanks to all who support this fun activity!

The North-South Baseball Classic: Each Sunday in July and August, at about 9:00 am, baseball players 16 and over arrive at the Huff-Clark Baseball Diamond. Lines are chalked, teams picked and the game(s) continue until time runs out. Games are unofficial, with one exception: The

Bruce Beach North-South Baseball Classic, which takes place at 10:00 am on the Sunday of the August long weekend. After a warm-up game at 9:00 am, the South and North ends square off for an official match at 10:00 am. The 8th Concession Road divides the beach into North and South. Good luck and good neighbours have determined that North and South each win about half the time – winning the Apsey Cup for the year. We are looking forward to July 31 in 2011. Please come to play or watch.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOCKEY CLASSIC 2010 BRUCE BEACH vs PORT ALBERT

Although Bruce Beach was down 4-1 at 'halftime', we closed the gap to make it 4-3 but couldn't get the equalizer. (Dave Brisbin, Captain of the Bruce Beach team, personally blames Taylor Henderson and Connor Sedgewick, who were 'loaned' to Port Albert as they were short on players, so our loss was due to that pair of 'turncoats'!)

This is an annual challenge that draws a record crowd of at least thirty Bruce Beachers to the Lucknow Arena every Thanksgiving Sunday, only a slightly smaller crowd than the Michigan-Michigan State game the day before.

BRUCE BEACH TENNIS CLUB

This Tennis Club is a private club situated behind the Bruce Beach Golf Club House. It is for the use of Bruce Beach Cottagers, renters and their guests. We need your help and support to ensure that "members only" use our courts.

	Season	Month	Week
Family Membership	\$75	\$50	\$25
Couples	\$60	\$40	\$20
Seniors (20 years and up)	\$40	\$25	\$15
Youth (under 20)	\$25	\$20	\$10

Daily Fee -- \$5

Contact Bruce or Liz Corneil [19 McCosh]

SPORTS DAY

The cool summer of 2010 started to heat up on August 1st at the annual Bruce Beach Sports Day. Forty athletes ages 8 – 16 competed in the track and field events. A spirit of friendship, fun and sportsmanship was evident throughout the competition. Thank you to all our volunteers as they assisted with the events and as group leaders



Sports Day Champions for 2010

Junior Boys - Scotty MacDonald
 Junior Girls - Christa Rashig
 Intermediate Boys - Lucas Aidan
 Intermediate Girls - Emily McCurdy
 Senior Boys - Jake Barker
 Senior Girls - Sienna Ingham and Laurie Charbonneau

We are looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day 2011 at 9:00 on Saturday, July 30, for racing, jumping, throwing and all the activities that make Bruce Beach special. Bring the whole family to watch.

GAMES DAY

A great time was had by all participants, leaders and spectators at Games Day 2010! Tout's Grove was the scene of happy toddlers enjoying fun activities led by Julia McCuaig, while enthusiastic older children and youth competed in silly team relay races. There was lots of laughter and cheers as the participants tried to: navigate a beach theme obstacle course, bob for apples while perched upon a surf board, run with arms linked back to back, carrying an oversized balloon, wrap their leaders in toilet paper & then paint them in their team colours. Also enjoyed by the crowd was the ever-popular water balloon toss & a beehive pinnate candy scramble. The organizers, JJ Jasperson and Carmen Riekenbrauck, would like to thank Emily Stief for all her sage wisdom and help, Julia McCuaig and all the team leaders for their invaluable efforts with team organization on Games Day; from creating their own team logos to filling, tirelessly, many water balloons. They did a fantastic job making sure that all participants had a terrific time! We would like to encourage all of our experienced team leaders to come out again this coming summer along with any new and enthusiastic recruits!

Come join in the fun at Games Day 2011 taking place on Saturday, August 6th, 9:30 a.m. at Tout's Grove. There are games and activities for toddlers (1- 4 yrs.) and fun team relays and activities for older children (5 -12 yrs.). Anyone interested in contributing prizes or helping out should contact Judy Jasperson at (519) 395-0392 or (416) 452-7713 (cell).

CHURCH SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chair- Barb Strain (117 Gordon Street)
Secretary-Treasurer- George Sled (159 Bruce Beach Road)
Jean Dancey, Sandy Henderson, Ann Lichtenberg, Ruth MacLean,
June McBurney, Joanne Morris, Leslie Ray

We are continuing our tradition of over 100 years of outdoor worship at the Bruce Beach Church Grove and look forward to welcoming you to our glorious grove. Services will be at 4 pm on Sundays from July 3 to August 28, and will take place in the Church Grove behind cottage 37, or in the Golf Club House behind cottage 16, in inclement weather.

At any service we would welcome your family or individual performances of worship music. Please contact a Church Committee member from your area and we will find a spot for your gift.

We look forward to welcoming you to any or all of our services!

(Please avoid driving past the Church Grove during worship. We will post signs to remind you.)

BRUCE BEACH BBQ

On Saturday July 31, 2010, hundreds of cottagers gathered together at the Bruce Beach Golf Course for the annual Bruce Beach BBQ. The event was once again a huge success – we celebrated great company, truly excellent food, wonderful weather and great music, supplied by our DJ.

Planning for the 2011 BBQ is well under way. We have incorporated a number of excellent ideas provided by your survey responses. This year there will be more total Community focus and a greater number of activities and recognition opportunities for the kids. We are also, based on popular demand, looking at how tables and chairs can be provided for everyone.

Please try and get your ticket orders in early. This can help us immensely in providing the best ever experience for you. We recognize that sometimes exact numbers are tough to pin down but order as many as you can at least three weeks prior to the event. As an incentive to do this ticket prices for orders placed prior to the 10th of July will remain at \$16 and \$8 respectively for adults and children. Purchases made after that date will be \$18 and \$9.

We hope you will talk the event up with your friends, neighbours and relatives. Renters/owners, "Beachers" of all ages, let's make this the most enjoyable year ever.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's BBQ – mark the date on your calendar – Saturday July 30, 2011!

Your 2011 BBQ ticket order form is among the inserts.

Bruce McKelvey Cottage 48

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB OFFICERS

President -- Terry Parsons (2 Tout's Grove Hill)
Vice President – Bruce Eaton (61 Snowdon Lane)
Secretary – Susan Yates Johnson (21 Tout's Grove Hill)
Treasurer – Anne Wright (3a Tout's Grove Hill)

MEMBERSHIPS AND GREEN FEES

Family (parents and dependent children) Season....\$75. Month....\$40
Adult (15 and up) Season... \$35, Month....\$20, Day....\$5
Junior (under 15) – half of the Adult Fee

SPECIAL EVENTS

June Work Bee.....Saturday, June 11, 2010 at 9:00 am
Junior Golf Tournament.....TBA
Billy Open.....Sunday, July 31, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Golf Course AGM....Saturday, August 6, 2010 at 9:00 am at Clubhouse

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Welcome to the third and final summer of fund raising for the Bruce Beach Clubhouse and Golf Course! We have made amazing progress thanks to the many loyal Bruce Beachers with happy memories of hours spent either on the course or in the clubhouse. People from up and down the beach have been incredibly generous. We have received \$142,137 in contributions and/or pledges. We now have a restored, but not yet furnished, clubhouse. There are plans to make the kitchen functional with dishes and cutlery. Some folding chairs were purchased last summer and there is an immediate need for some additional tables, both large and small for potential gatherings. Additional furnishings such as comfortable chairs, a sofa, etc. are under consideration and will depend upon available funds. If you would like to use the clubhouse for a private event, you may contact Ann Wright, #7a, for information.

Attention is now focused upon the golf course. Three greens were resurfaced and drainage systems installed last summer. **Be sure to read the accompanying article written by a visitor last fall.** We will see how these are working this coming summer and will have some data on the amount of maintenance needed. It has been suggested by some that there might be families interested in taking on one green for a period of time, to oversee its care and improvements. Others have suggested naming holes in memory of family members based upon an established monetary contribution. *Feedback about this will be appreciated.* All these decisions will rest with the BBGC executive committee.

Future maintenance is of critical importance going forward. The course has been maintained by a small number of volunteers that participate in "work bees" early each summer, and the modest golf fees support the summer upkeep. The shed at the top of the hill that houses equipment is in need of repair or even replacement.

While the golf course is on McCosh Grove property, it is here for the enjoyment and use of all the people of Bruce Beach. It has been gratifying that the support has been widespread and it is hoped that the use and participation in planning and maintenance will be widespread as well.

New and Old Classic Golf Architecture

I have recently had the opportunity to host some more friends and family at my favourite local pasture golf experience at Bruce Beach GC. I can't tell you exactly where it is, or they might have to kill me. Or at least never let me play again. These two photos exhibit firstly the left pic is the new #3 green slightly elevated, but still made out of "dirt", while the right photo is of #6 green with the great original bunker on the older green site.



If you look closely at the new greens picture you can see the drainage trench lines exiting at the sides of the green. Upon closer inspection I see they have installed 2" - 4" drainage laterals in the subsurface to relieve the subsurface groundwater issues they were experiencing before this minor restoration. So, without actually being involved here, I am thrilled at their chosen methods of construction, and the fact they have left the greens as the "browns". Which keeps the local heavy golfing traffic to a minimum, while they have improved playing conditions on three holes with new greens and modern drainage.

A little background on the property, although the locals don't want any publicity, as they are a private community with a 9 hole golf club touted as the oldest in Bruce County built in 1903 by a Scottish minister. The club has remained relatively unchanged in its 108 year existence and I really enjoy a round there with my hickory shafted old time clubs as it brings me back to golf's roots. All the while playing "golf" as it was meant to be played on loosely manicured pastures maintained without heavy environmental impacts. Recently, I have brought some visiting family and friends by for the Bruce Beach experience, and the reaction is one of awe and unique beauty in its cottage cove off of Lake Huron.

But, I digress back to the "*Poor Old Dirt & Grass Farmer*" in me and let me indulge in the next steps of the new green restoration at Bruce Beach. The three greens being restored were continually unplayable, and or underwater this past wet summer. The drainage pipe installation to lower the gravitational groundwater in these new green sites was paramount to the long term agronomic success of these dirt greens. Once, the drainage tiling in the new greens was completed a finely sifted, local sandy topsoil was placed on the green sites to elevate them approximately two feet in the maximum areas, and then blended/feathered out quite naturally around the edges.

As of August 28th they resemble tabletops until some natural settling occurs inevitably. Also, they are very slow to putt on as they are not compacted enough as of yet, and a little precipitation on these new dusty greens would be ideal to soften the contours.

It seems always, the best defence against par at Bruce Beach are the tiny, fast and unpredictable green sites. All of which lends best to a non-aggressive golf approach being able to land your ball just short of the "browns" and let it bounce on to the putting surface. Still seems like the best way with 1903 greens or 2010 greens, at this venerable old 1903 test of golf.

Poor Old Dirt & Grass Farmer (aka Mark Luckhardt – Amberley Beach)

July 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		GARBAGE PICKUP			¹ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	² Areas 5-7 AGM 10 am Areas 8-11 AGM 10 am
³ Baseball 9 am Church 4 pm	⁴ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	⁵ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am GARBAGE PICKUP	⁶ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am Sr Baseball (12+) 7 pm	⁷ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	⁸ Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	⁹ Tout's Grove AGM 10 am
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August 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	2 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am GARBAGE PICKUP	3 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am Sr Baseball (12+) 7 pm	4 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	5 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	6 BB Golf Club AGM 9 am McCosh Grove AGM 10 am
7 Baseball 9 am Church 4 pm	8 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	9 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am GARBAGE PICKUP	10 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am Sr Baseball (12+) 7 pm	11 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am RECYCLE PICKUP	12 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	13
14 (Same as above)	15 (Same as above)	16 (Same as above) GARBAGE PICKUP	17 (Same as above)	18 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	19 (Same as above)	20
21 (Same as above)	22 (Same as above)	23 (Same as above) GARBAGE PICKUP	24 (Same as above)	25 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am RECYCLE PICKUP	26 (Same as above)	27
28 (Same as above)	29 (Same as above)	30 (Same as above) GARBAGE PICKUP	31 (Same as above)			