

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association

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

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YEAR BOOK 2012

IN MEMORIAM

George Jaffrey Auchterlonie (Cottage 50-2)
November 24, 2011

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

Kenneth Brobst (Cottage 140)
April 2, 2011

Donald Alexander Brown (Cottage 73)
April 6, 2011

Erwin George (Tim) Clark (Cottage 120)
November 5, 2011

Kimberley Ingle Gordon (Cottage 118)
October 30, 2011

Margaret Louise (Peggy) Lawson (63 Snowdon Lane)
July 11, 2011

Nadine MacLennan (Cottage 52)
September 2, 2011

Pat Gene MacMasters (Cottage 150)
January 4, 2012

Robert Pollock (Cottage 89-2)
April 16 2011

James H. Stewart (Cottage 125)
October 18, 2011

Frances Trewin-Frey (Cottage 145)
February 14, 2012

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message on Sunday, March 18, where the temperature is a warm, balmy, 24 degrees centigrade and have spent the afternoon walking my dog in shorts thinking of Bruce Beach. It won't be long until we all can experience an early spring at the community our predecessors have built over many generations.

As we come into the New Year, we are being increasingly connected into the larger environment around us as key issues are affecting our beach-front community including wind turbines, water quality, invasive weeds and grasses not natural to our habitat, and nuclear disposal. The BBCA Executive now has to effectively communicate our positions on these issues to the Huron-Kinloss Township, Bruce County, the Provincial and Federal Legislative bodies responsible for our environment, and other beach communities such as Point Clark and Lurgan Beach. This past off-season the BBCA Executive has made significant strides communicating our community's viewpoints via meetings with our township and municipal leaders such as Mitch Twolan, Mayor Huron-Kinloss; Lisa Thompson, MPP of Huron-Bruce; and Ben Lobb, MP of Huron Bruce.

It is the Executive's opinion we need to take a more active stance in the matters that affect our community and effectively communicate our positions to the Township, County and Province. During the coming year we will be asking the BBCA constituency to assist the Executive in two ways: 1) Continue to respond to the Surveys that the BBCA sends out to our members to determine a clear position our membership wants the Executive to take; and, 2) Register to vote municipally in the Township elections.

Municipal Voting Registration: The Township of Huron-Kinloss relies heavily on the Lake Huron lake shore permanent and seasonal property owners for a majority of their tax revenues. As seasonal residents, Bruce Beach cottage owners have been traditionally passive in our view about Township matters in the past due to our seasonal occupancy nature, the requirement for a physical presence to cast ballots, and the lack of knowledge that cottagers are eligible to vote in Municipal Township elections.

To have a voice in the decisions made by the Township, it is crucial that Bruce Beach residents register to vote municipally. The process of registering is easy as all balloting is performed electronically by phone or via the internet. You do not need to be physically present to vote. Even if you vote in another municipality as a permanent resident, you are also eligible to vote in Huron Kinloss. Please take a minute to read the Voter Registration page insert in the Bruce Beach Cottagers 2012 Year Book to determine eligibility requirements and contact information from MPAC on how to register.

Wind Turbines: During our past Wind Turbine Survey sent out to the Cottagers in October of 2010, 89% of Cottagers were against the development of onshore and offshore wind turbines. Based on the results of the survey, the Executive will continue to take the position of opposing all new wind turbine fields that are planned or proposed for Huron-Kinloss Township and neighboring areas, as well as in the waters of Lake Huron, while noting that there may be minority differences of opinion that exist among our membership. We will continue to update our membership with the most recent developments on the wind turbine developments in the Bruce Beach area.

Beach Quality: During the past year one of the largest issues that have been raised to the Executive has been the algae that continue to foul our beach during the summer. The phosphate and nitrogen content in the runoffs into the Pine River and beach gulleys appear to be the main culprits for the algae. We will be scheduling meetings with a local farmer who has suggested more environmental friendly ways to fertilize, will meet with the Township regarding the use of the algae raker to clean the beach, continue our efforts to impact the beach quality through our meetings with the Lake Huron Coastal Center for Conservation, Saugeen Water Conservation Authority and the Ministry of the Environment.

Nuclear Waste Repository: During the off season there has been much discussion regarding the disposal of nuclear waste in the Kincardine area, especially in the light of the nuclear catastrophe in Japan. Bruce Beach residents have asked to see more detail on the Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for low level nuclear waste disposal at the Bruce Nuclear Facility. The DGR would see the waste from the nuclear plants at Bruce Power, Pickering and Darlington, stored in a vault 680 meters underground at OPG's Western Waste Management Facility located at the Bruce site.

In 2012 the BBCA Executive will send out a Survey asking the Cottagers opinions on how the Executive will represent the Bruce Beach in terms of the DGR. In addition, an alternative speaker with a contrary point of view regarding the DGR (as opposed to OPG's view) will be pursued for the BBCA Annual Meeting in late July.

Member Surveys: The use of Surveys sent to our membership to assist the Executive in accurately assessing our Cottagers' viewpoints will be continued and expanded in 2012. In order to make sure that the Executive truly represents the majority viewpoint of our membership, we need to understand your opinions and views. The surveys allow us to take statistically relevant and defensible positions with regard to the Cottagers wishes. Please continue to provide the Executive with feedback when you receive requests to fill out surveys.

Bruce Beach BBQ: The Barbeque is the one large event that brings generations of Bruce Beachers together. Last year we had approximately 500 Cottagers gather at the Golf Course for the Bruce Beach BBQ. From attendees' feedback, the providing of tables was appreciated by everyone and horse drawn wagon rides were a hit for the kids. We have again surveyed attendees and asked for feedback on the event. This year even more tables will be provided and more kid oriented events will be added including face painting and balloon sculptures. We hope you will talk up the event with your friends, neighbors, relatives, renters/owners, and Beachers of all ages.

As this will be my last year of communicating and serving you as Bruce Beach President, let me say it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as President. The BBCA Executive has strove to represent the Bruce Beach Cottagers' viewpoints, opinions, and wishes as accurately as possible and to the best of our ability.

Sincerely
Dave Tiernan, President



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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2012

Church Services Every Sunday from July 1st to August 26, 4:00 pm
BBCA Directors & Area Councillors Saturday, July 21, 10:00 am
Games Day Saturday, July 28, 9:30 am
Sports Day Saturday, August 4, 9:00 am
Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association AGM Saturday, August 4, 10:00 am
Bruce Beach BBQ Saturday, August 4, 5:00 pm
Annual North/South Baseball Game Sunday, August 5, 10:00 am
Billy Open Sunday, August 5, 1:30 pm

GROVES & AREAS MEETINGS

South Bruce Beach May 19, 10:00 am, in the Park
President: Bill Murphy [143 Gordon St]
McCosh Grove August 11, 10:00 am, in the Golf Club House
President: John Michaluk [27 Tout's Grove Hill]
Tout's Grove July 7, 10:00 am, in the Church Grove
President: Jim Maxwell [28 Tout's Grove Hill]
Snowdon Grove & Areas 5 – 7 July 7, 10:00 am, at the Recreation Centre (behind 72)
President: Jim McBurney [69 Tennis Lane]
Cameron Grove & Areas 8, 10, 11 June 30, 10:00 am, at Cameron Grove (behind 125)
President: Gillian Norton [146 Bruce Beach Road]

CHURCH SERVICE

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 1 to August 26, 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 30th, 2011, we had almost five hundred cottagers gathered together at the Bruce Beach Golf Course for the annual Bruce Beach BBQ. The event was once again a success and enjoyed by a large gathering – we celebrated great company, truly excellent food and great music supplied by our DJ. In addition horse-drawn wagon rides were a hit for the kids and the provision of tables was appreciated by everyone there.

Planning for the 2012 BBQ is well under way. We have again surveyed attendees and asked for feedback on the event. This year there will be more tables provided as there were some shortages because of the number of signups late in the month. The community focus will continue and we will add face painting and balloon sculptures in addition to a repeat of the wagon ride for kids. A line dancing instructor will get us in a western mood after dinner.

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, ticket

prices for orders placed prior to the 16th of July will remain at \$16 and \$8 respectively for adults and children. Purchases made after that date will be \$18 and \$9.

Karen Stief at 80 Cameron Lane (395-4967) will sell tickets to cottages south of the 8th Concession and Heather Ingham (395-0962) at 93 Bruce Beach Road will handle north of the 8th.

We hope you will talk the event up with your friends, neighbours and relatives.

Renters/owners, "Beachers" of all ages, let's make this another great turnout.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's BBQ – mark the date on your calendar – Saturday August 4th 2012

Your 2012 BBQ ticket order form is among the inserts.

Bruce McKelvey -- Cottage 48

BASEBALL

Morning Baseball: Morning baseball is for all 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.

To volunteer to coach please contact David Newson. The commitment is typically for one week (Monday to Friday). You can also share the coaching with another to share the joy of helping the kids learn the skills and love of the game. If you are interested in becoming coach for youth softball, please contact David at dfnewson@hotmail.com (Home), 905-471-4247 (Home), david.newson@rjburnside.com (Work), or 905-867-2643 (Cell).



Wednesday Evening Baseball: Wednesday evening baseball is for youth ages 12 and up from 7 to 8 pm at the Huff-Clark Baseball Diamond (behind 51 Ball Park Lane). This is a great opportunity for teenagers to meet and get to know 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 Field. 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 win about half the time – winning the Apsey Cup for the year. We are looking forward to August 5 in 2012. Please come to play or watch.



SPORTS DAY

The cool summer of 2011 started to heat up on July 30 at the annual Bruce Beach Sports Day. Under clear, blue skies, over 60 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 2011

Junior: (8 – 10)	Kylea Dobson	Christopher Cordeiro
Intermediate: (11 – 13)	Natalie Haney	Sam McCuaig
Senior: (14 – 16)	Jenna McCurdy	Del Meyers

We are looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day 2012 at 9:00 on Saturday, August 4, 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 2011! Tout's Grove was the scene of happy children and youth competing in silly team relay races. For the younger set it was Cats versus Dogs, and for the older set it remained the tradition of colour pitted against colour: Red, Blue, Yellow & Green. There was lots of laughter and cheers as the participants tried to: navigate a beach theme obstacle course; cross Lake Huron waving a Canadian flag while perched upon a surf board; run with arms linked back to back; carrying an oversized beach ball; water balloon throw at a bucket; and the icing on the proverbial cake was just that. Each team got to decorate a team leader with a sundry of food items: whipped cream; pudding; Jell-O and the list went on. Also enjoyed by the crowd was the ever-popular water balloon toss candy scramble. The organizers, JJ Jaspersen and Carmen Riekenbrauck, thank all the team leaders and volunteers for their invaluable efforts with team organization on Games Day. 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 2012 taking place on Saturday, July 28th, 9:30 a.m. at Tout's Grove. Anyone interested in contributing prizes or helping out should contact the Buchanans of Cottage 11 at 519 395- 3791.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOCKEY CLASSIC BRUCE BEACH vs PORT ALBERT

Fall 2011 was our 14th Thanksgiving game. Our record is six wins, one tie and seven losses, including a 7-0 shellacking this past Thanksgiving -- the most one sided affair in our 14 years. Again, it was one of the Henderson's - Sandy - that was a turncoat this year. Port Albert was short players and put in a request to 'borrow' a player. Their request was put to the Bruce Beach team and Sandy, after quickly surveying our players and BB's prospects of winning, graciously offered to dress for the Port Albert team!



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]

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB

This past year has been a pivotal year for the Bruce Beach Golf Club thanks to the generosity of cottagers who have contributed to the capital fund, and also some extremely committed individuals who have given huge amounts of time to improving the course. Dramatic improvements to the course have begun and will continue through the 2012 season and beyond.

This past summer the greens on holes 3-8 have been completely restored with improved drainage, and been resurfaced to improve play. The feedback from players has been very positive and the surfaces of these greens will improve even more over time and with the additional care all nine holes will be getting from Bruce Beach families who have stepped forward to adopt a hole. Each of the nine holes has been adopted by a family.

This summer the improvements to the course will continue as a result of the feedback from an e-mail survey completed by over 130 cottagers this fall. Focus should be put on widening fairways, improving and replacing the steps on the 1st and 8th holes and on the path from the 2nd green to the 3rd tee. Other top vote getters were to improve the ground surface at the tee boxes and aggressive pruning of the trees on the 8th. This spring work will begin to

improve the ground surface at the tee boxes, as well as looking at solutions to improve the steps and paths on the course. This year's work bee will be on June 9th.

Although membership fees have increased slightly, the club will be adding a cottage membership option so that cottagers with more than three individual family memberships can opt for a cottage membership at a reduced cost. A yearly reminder letter will also be sent out in late spring or early summer with membership options and information on how and where payment can be made. Cottagers are encouraged to pay early as membership dues are what support continued improvements to the course and the club house, in addition to the yearly maintenance costs.

The Golf Club will also be hosting a fundraising tournament at Ainsdale Golf Club on July 28th with a BBQ at the clubhouse after golf. The tournament is open to anyone wanting to play. The club is also looking into hosting some family movie nights at the club house. The Billy Open will be held on August 5th.

The support of the golf club and the time that has been contributed by cottagers has been fantastic. It should be noted that non-golfers as well as those who play on the course have contributed financially and by offering their time. With continued support through memberships this great little course is slowly being restored to the pristine condition it once was, to be handed down to the generations that follow.

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB OFFICERS

President ---- Bruce Eaton (61 Snowdon Lane)
Vice President ---Dave Mochi (21 Touts Grove Hill)
Treasurer ---Jim Pennington 91a Touts Grove Hill)

MEMBERSHIP AND GREENS FEES

	Season	Month
Cottage (3 or more families)	\$250	----
Family (parents/dependent children)	\$100	\$50
Adult (15 and up)	\$50	\$30
Daily ----- \$5	Junior (1/2 Adult Fee)	

SPECIAL EVENTS

June Work Bee -----	Saturday June 9 th	9:00am
Ainsdale Golf Tournament -----	Saturday July 28 th	1:00pm
Billy Open -----	Saturday August 8 th	1:00pm
Golf course AGM -----	Saturday August 11 th	9:00am

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

Last summer marked the official ending of the fund drive for the restoration of the clubhouse and the improvement of the golf course. The final sum of money pledged, raised and contributed was \$142,500 representing generosity all the way up and down the beach.

The construction work on the clubhouse is complete; basic kitchen supplies have been purchased and contributed. There is still a desire to improve the furnishings and that will be done at some time in the future.

The improvements to the golf course are ongoing. Six of the greens/browns have been reshaped, a top dressing of sand and soil has been added and they have been raked, compacted and contoured for proper drainage. Drainage channels with piping were put around the greens on top of the hill to eliminate standing water. There was significant weed growth on these greens over the year until the following summer and this is an issue that needs to be addressed. This past summer and fall Jim Pennington, Bruce Eaton and Dave Mochi were all especially dutiful in maintaining the rebuilt greens. A metal mat was purchased which is used for weekly dragging to further smooth and remove small pebbles (thank you Jim!) New cups and flags were purchased and installed (thank you Terry!) And, the flags are now actually in the middle of the greens!

Estimates have been solicited for the improvements to the final three greens, as well as the tees (particularly 1, 8 and 9.) The biggest and most expensive challenge will be the

reconstruction of the stairs on holes 1, between 2 and 3, and down from hole 8. Also on the “to do” list is the trimming of selected trees on the eighth hill. These are all decisions to be made by the golf course executive.

Al McKay of Ainsdale Golf Course has been and continues to be a critical component of this plan. His knowledge of course construction and management, use of his equipment and his direct participation (see photo) and good will have helped to bring all this about.



Bruce Beach History -- The McCosh Family

Donald Whyte's 1986 *A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation*, records the McCoshes coming from Ayrshire, Scotland where William McCosh married Elizabeth Strathom who gave birth to Alexander, on August 29, 1806. Alexander's first wife was Elizabeth Gemmel and they had five children. Their first was William and their second was our Robert W. McCosh Sr., born Feb. 19, 1832. Their last child, Alexander "Sandy" G. was born in 1839 and that same year, his mother died. Still in Scotland, Alexander Sr. remarried Margaret Brown. Alexander Sr. was a Justice of the Peace in Scotland and William was a miner.

Alexander, his children, Margaret and her three children all emigrated to Canada in 1853. After a brief stay in Toronto and Ayr, they settled in Huron. According to Jane Fyfe Yemen's Scrapbook, in 1853 "Mr. McCosh his two sons and our father had walked from Ayr to Pine River and secured their land. Mr. Robert McCosh, so well-known and well thought of by Bruce Beach people, is that Mr. McCosh's son who now [in 1854] came with his oxen and sleigh" to pick up the Yemen family who had travelled to Pine River from Goderich in a sailing vessel (p. 174). Yemen also noted that the men often walked from Pine River to Goderich to procure provisions.

According to an undated newspaper clipping in the Ripley Library, "Huron was a wilderness when Wm. McCosh settled on lots 33 and 34 Huron. Ripley could boast of having one log house at that time (1853). He cut wood in the winter and went about 100 miles south [to] the township of Dumfries to work in harvest, it took him 3 days to walk the distance." Apparently McCoshes were great walkers and they were able to purchase oxen and a wagon at Ayr in 1854 to move to Huron where they acquired much land. Land title records show that by 1889, the McCosh family owned much or all of lots 31 to 34 inclusive.

The first McCosh house was a frame structure built by themselves. In *Families & Farms of Huron*, Gladys McCosh Arnold wrote "The men were carpenters and brought their tools and built a frame house - never lived in a log shanty" (p. 15). This first house was west of Highway 21, north of the 6th Concession, just before the bridge over Pine River and on the west side of the river. In addition to clearing land, building their house and farming, Alexander was elected President of the newly formed Huron Township Agricultural Society in 1866.

Robert W.'s first house was built on the flats near the clubhouse where the southern tennis court is now. Their pump and water trough, used by the first Bruce Beachers, still stands. In 1915, he built the red brick house on top of the hill near the golf course fourth tee. Robert W. was very successful at raising and selling fine cattle. He and his family erected large barns, one of which still stands.

On Valentine's Day in 1862, Robert W. married Ann Turnbull of Ayr and they had seven children. The oldest was Alexander D. who farmed lot 31. The second was Mary Ellen who took over the running of the household at age 12 when her mother died in 1876. Her aunt, Mrs. Wm. McCosh, came by each week to help with washing and baking bread (*Families & Farms*, p. 16). The third child was John, known as Jack, and the fourth was Elizabeth, known as Lizzie, followed by Janet who died unmarried at age 22, and then Agnes. Agnes married in 1884 and had three children. She returned to the McCosh farm when her husband died in 1911 but presumably moved out again by 1926 when she remarried. The youngest child was Robert Thomas, known as Bob. Their mother died when Bob was 13 months old and Lizzie, then 8, went to live with the Wm. McCosh family who raised her.

The last McCoshes to live in the red brick farm house were Robert W., Jack, Lizzie and Bob. These three unmarried siblings and their father were great friends to Beachers. "During the time of their annual holiday upon the Beach, these campers were visited almost every day by Mr. Robert McCosh, Sr., whose farm fronted on the lake, and who jokingly called them 'The White Indians'. Mr. McCosh was a man with a fine sense of humour and his daily visit was eagerly looked for by his camping friends" (*Souvenir History of Bruce Beach*, p. 7). In addition to welcoming the first Beachers and letting them use his well, his flats were used for evening church services and the annual concerts until 1918 (pp. 8, 14, 56). As well, two holes of the first golf course (p. 20) and our first tennis court were on his property (pp. 20, 24).

Robert W.'s son, Bob T., continued in his father's footsteps. The Dobsons (#4) hired Jack and Bob in 1910 to sink a 30 to 40 foot steel pipe for water. In 1913, Bob was paid \$1.50 for work on the golf course and \$2.00 for use of his flats (p. 29). More significantly, in 1925 Bob sold his "property between the road and the lakefront, comprising some 40 acres, for \$3000 for golf purposes [to David E. Kennedy (#1A) and Gerald A. Wilson (#2A)]. Mr. McCosh expressed a

desire that the cottagers behind his property should be owners of the property sold” (p. 32). This occurred in 1926 when the cottagers established McCosh Grove, Limited. Thus the McCoshes were crucial to the beginnings of Bruce Beach, to our golf and tennis clubs, and to the formation of McCosh Grove.

Friendly relations continued after the sale. The McCoshes had a right of way over the road to the lake, use of the well, orchard fruit, pasture land, and fallen timber in return for cutting the hay and grass each year to June 1st (p. 94). In 1927, Alex was “engaged as caretaker of the grounds” (p. 97). The 1930 McCosh Grove, Limited minutes record that Bob was authorized to eject people playing golf on Sunday or otherwise misbehaving. In addition, the McCoshes sold wood, kerosene, and food, particularly milk, butter and eggs but also other produce to Beachers. Jack rented out his horse and buggy so cottagers could go shopping or pick up people from the train in Ripley or Kincardine. Ian MacEachern (#32) recalled that Bob lent the Bruce Beach Association \$300 which was used to publish Bradley’s Souvenir History of Bruce Beach. Beyond these financial interactions, cottagers went to the McCosh farm for their mail prior to delivery along the beach, which began in 1937, for furniture deliveries, to pick up and leave cottage keys and just to visit.

In A History of Bruce Beach, the daily trip for milk and other supplies and the friendly welcome from Lizzie and her brothers were mentioned by several people. She would let children try to crank the cream separator and taste the cream and the milk. She would take us to collect eggs or to see piglets and calves or watch the milking. Barb Metherell (#1A) remembered the McCoshes allowed children to play in the hay lofts, ride the wagons, and pick rhubarb. Florence Roulston (#45) recalled that her father kept his horse in their pasture. Mildred Parker wrote about going fishing in Pine River at the old McCosh farm. Tom Walsh (#159), a grandson of Robert McCosh Sr., remembered helping to make the greens for the first golf holes, cutting the grass, providing wood and straw for mattress to the first campers, and helping to build the first tennis court. Marjorie Dobson’s (#4) comment “since the beginning the McCosh family always extended a helping hand to the cottagers” (p. 55) echoes Andrew Wilson’s (#7A), who wrote: “Robert McCosh Sr. was the true ‘Godfather’ of Bruce Beach and his mantle was inherited by his son Bob who, together with Jack and Lizzie, carried on as the patrons of Bruce Beach. ... Bob epitomized the friendly concern and generous attitude by patiently introducing small children to the wonders of farm life...” (p. 40). These glimpses into farming by such nice people were a huge asset to our holidays. Even as Bob and Lizzie aged, they continued to invite visitors in for a cup of tea and biscuits. This family was ever kind to Beachers.

Frances L. Stewart, BB Historian



New Years' Day – we can hardly wait for tennis!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COTTAGE SECURITY

Cottage security is primarily the responsibility of the individual cottage owner. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

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 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

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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 under control while walking on the beach.
2. Under no circumstances should a dog be allowed to run free, without supervision, either on the beach or behind the cottages.
3. Dogs playing in the water must not interfere with people or other dogs.

MAIL DELIVERY

For seasonal delivery, letters should be addressed:

RR6 Kincardine ON N2Z 2X7

You will need a mail box at your cottage to receive mail.

Seasonal delivery begins June 15 and ends September 15.

Permanent residents have arranged for locked boxes at designated pick-up points. There are two postal codes for permanent addresses and year-round delivery: N2Z 2X3 and N2Z 0B3.

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.

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.

LINE SQUALLS

A Line Squall is one of the most severe and hazardous weather phenomena to be experienced at Bruce Beach. Most line squalls give only 15 or 20 minutes of warning. All sailors should immediately head for shore to the nearest location. Squalls can vary in intensity, but everything along the lakeshore should be secured in anticipation of very strong winds, heavy rain and lightning.

WARNING SIGNS

- Distant thunder over the lake
- Dark grey cloud and water
- A heavy line of cloud on the horizon

Please heed the Line Squall Warning Signs, and ensure that children of all ages also understand the danger and the limited warning time.

SMOKE ALARM 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/).

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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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 **April 30th** and will end the week of **October 28th**. 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
MacAdams	Lucknow Village Market
HK Municipal Office	Highway Variety
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 3th.**
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 16th**. 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 26th 9:00 – 2:00 and August 25th 1:00 – 4:00.**

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