

Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association

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

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YEAR BOOK 2013

IN MEMORIAM

Langton Baker (Cottage 44)
January 11, 2013

Helen Isabel Brisbin (Cottage 111)
September 24, 2012

Robert George Ronald Beattie (Cottage 65)
October 7, 2012

Mary G. Dunlop (Cottage 177)
June 22, 2012

John Cameron (Fred) Eaton (Cottage 61)
October 15, 2012

Averil Ann Elcombe (Cottage 105)
February 5, 2013

Catherine (Kay) Fallis (Cottage 10A)
January 22, 2013

Thomas (Tom) Allen Holton (Cottage 105)
March 27, 2012

C. Winnifred Johann (Cottage 93-2)
April 29th, 2012

Donald "Peter" MacDougall (Cottage 133)
April 5, 2012.

Peter J. Mackersie (Cottage 12)
November 16, 2012

K. Douglas MacLennan (formerly Cottage 149)
February 26, 2012

Dr. John W Martyn (Cottage 86)
February 23, 2012

Lois Verna Matthews (Cottage 33)
November 10, 2012

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 2012-2013

President.....Bruce McKelvey [48 Tout's Circle]..... bruce@digiclair.com
Vice-President.....David Grant [139 Gordon St] .. davidalexandergrant@gmail.com
Past President.....David Tiernan [168 Bruce Beach Road].... tiernanfam@aol.com
Secretary.....Susan Davidson [49 Tout's Circle]..... smdavidson@rogers.com
Treasurer.....Melanie Clark [100 Bruce Beach Road]..... melc@tnt21.com

COUNCILLORS

South Bruce Beach..... Nan Grant [139 Gordon St]
McCosh Grove..... Ruth MacLean [23 Tout's Grove Hill]
Tout's Grove..... Laurie Hamilton [32 Tout's Grove Hill]
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 [178 Bruce Beach Rd]

RESOURCE PEOPLE

Historian-- Frances Stewart [34 Tout's Grove Hill] frances.stewart@mail.mcgill.ca
Comm. Coordinator-----Ross Klopp [35 Tout's Grove Hill] tie-guy@sympatico.ca
Year Book Coordinator-----Peter Newson [104 Bruce Beach Rd] pnewson@ivey.ca

MEETINGS

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

Saturday **July 20** at 10:00 am at Golf Club House.

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

Saturday **August 3** at 10:00 am at Golf Club House. (*Chairs will be provided.*)

COTTAGE FEES

1. The annual fee is \$35 per cottage. 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

Communities can be built in a number of ways. Here at Bruce Beach we are fortunate to experience many of them. Enjoyment of cottage life happens through family members traveling, sometimes great distances, to share experiences and restart conversations that were interrupted by last year's Labour Day. New generations of children are proudly introduced to the joys of building sand castles, beach bon-fires and making new "best friends" just as their parents did. And for the adults our social opportunities keep expanding. Old friendships flourish and new ones are made on the deck, the ball diamond, tennis courts, playing golf....or just strolling the beach.

More recently communities of common interest and action have been formed around a number of environmental matters that demand our attention and in some cases highlight different points of view. Life seemed so simple a few years ago when we only had zebra mussels to contend with. Now low water levels, wind turbines, invasive vegetation and algae, nutrient runoff, nuclear plant proximity and Asian Carp have all joined the parade. Regardless of different opinions it's important to acknowledge, understand and, when appropriate, influence those issues that impact the beach now or will in the future.

As your Association President I look forward to enjoying beach life with you and together with other Executive members soliciting input and representing cottage owner views on a number of matters. The high level of response to our 2012 Beach Survey was both appreciated and showed the depth of feeling there is on the condition and management of our beach. This year we will continue to facilitate information sessions on a number of topics. Thanks again to Erin Research Inc. for constructing a survey tool that allowed us to gather your opinions professionally.

Next year we will have a Municipal election. Please take time to read the enclosed information flyer and encourage all eligible family not currently on the voters list to register now.

We will also continue to have fun. David Grant, Anne Pottier and our dedicated volunteer team will be putting on another great community BBQ. Other activities will flourish because of the hard work of many and no doubt there will be pitched battles on the baseball diamond.

And while all this is going on Bruce Beach will continue to shine on the shores of Lake Huron.

See you at the Beach!

Bruce McKelvey

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2013

Church Services Every Sunday from July 7 to August 25, 4:00 pm
BBCA Directors & Area Councillors.....Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am
Sports Day.....Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am
Bruce Beach Cottagers' Association AGM.....Saturday, August 3, 10:00 am
Bruce Beach BBQ.....Saturday, August 3, 5:00 pm
Annual North/South Baseball Game.....Sunday, August 4, 10:00 am
Billy Open.....Sunday, August 4, 1:30 pm
Games Day.....Saturday, August 10, 9:30 am

GROVES & AREAS MEETINGS

South Bruce Beach	May 18 , 10:00 am, in the Park President: David Grant [139 Gordon St]
McCosh Grove	August 10 , 10:00 am, in Golf Club House President: John Michaluk [27 Tout's Grove Hill]
Tout's Grove	July 6 , 10:00 am, in the Church Grove President: David Matthews [33 Tout's Grove Hill]
Snowdon Grove 72)	July 6 , 10:00 am, at Recreation Centre (behind
& Areas 5 - 7	President: Jim Steeds [70 Tennis Lane]
Cameron Grove 125)	June 29 , 10:00 am, at Cameron Grove (behind
& Areas 8, 10, 11	President: Doug Dickenson [Cottage 149]

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 7 to August 25, and will take place in the Church Grove behind cottage 37, or in the Golf Club House behind cottage 16, in inclement weather.

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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 another perfect Bruce Beach evening, Saturday, August 4th, 2012, over five hundred cottagers gathered together at the Bruce Beach Golf Course for the annual Bruce Beach BBQ. This year's successful event celebrated great company, great food and great music. Once again horse-drawn wagon rides were a hit for kids of all ages and the provision of tables was appreciated by everyone there. Cottagers and guests enjoyed an excellent meal provided by local caterer Wayne Burke, and grooved to the live music courtesy of AMC. The evening continued with dancing under the tent to music provided by DJ James Taylor.

Planning for the 2013 BBQ is well under way. We have again surveyed attendees and asked for feedback on the event. We will continue to provide tables and chairs for your convenience. Prior to dinner, wagon rides will be provide for the kids, AMC will again provide music during and after dinner followed by dancing with our DJ James Taylor.

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 15th of July will be at \$17 and \$8 respectively for adults and children. Purchases made after that date will be \$19 and \$9. At the gate, tickets will be \$20 and \$10.

Your 2013 BBQ ticket order form is among the inserts. Karen Stief at 80 Cameron Lane (395-4967) will sell tickets to cottages south of the 8th and Heather Ingham (395-0962) at 93 Bruce Beach Road will handle tickets sales north of the 8th.

We hope you will mention the event to your friends, neighbours and relatives. Renters/owners, "Beachers" of all ages, let's have another great turnout!

Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's BBQ – mark the date on your calendar – **Saturday August 3rd, 2013**

David Grant
(138 Gordon St. N)

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.

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).

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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 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 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 4, 2013**. Please come to play or watch.

SPORTS DAY

The August long weekend would not be the same without Bruce Beach's Annual Sports Day. The hot humid weather, the large number of participants, the tireless volunteers, along with the friendly dogs on the golf course, all come together to make for a great morning of Track and Field. Champions will be determined. We'll see everyone again this year, on **Saturday August 3rd**.

Why not start training now?



GAMES DAY

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We had another great day at Games Day 2012. Tout's Grove was full of participants and spectators all enjoying the activities on a beautiful day. Our younger participants ranging in age from 2 to 5 were divided into two teams and had fun running through mini obstacle courses, noodle races and tossing water balloons. Our second group of participants were divided into four colour groups, Red, Blue, Yellow and Green. They ranged in age from 5 to 12 and were lead by our energetic and enthusiastic Team Leaders.

The laughter and cheers coming from the participants and the spectators could be heard across the grove as the kids shouted out their team cheers and then tried to: find their shoes in the shoe scramble, hop around in the sack race, navigate the obstacle course wearing lifejackets, goggles and flippers. The team leaders were great sports as they sat with paper plates full of whip cream on their heads and let their team members toss jellybeans at them, trying to land them on the plate. The morning ending with two favourite activities from games days, the water balloon toss and the candy scramble for all of the kids.

Thank you to all our team leaders and to our volunteers whose time and effort leading up to games day and during the event helped to ensure a great time was had by all. We encourage all of you to come out and help again this year and bring some friends too.

Please join us for another fun Games Day this year on **Saturday, August 10th, 9:30 a.m.** at Tout's Grove. Anyone interested in contributing prizes or helping out should contact Mike or Kelly Buchanan of Cottage 11 at 519-395-3791 or mikeandkellyb@rogers.com

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 Hill]



On your mark . . .

BRUCE BEACH GOLF CLUB REPORT

The Bruce Beach Golf Club Board of Directors Officers

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Bruce Eaton
Dave Mochi
Jim Pennington
Heather McKay

Members

Anne Wright, Brian Cass, Bruce Corneil, Dave Grant, Dave Prang, David Gregoris, Doug Pottier, Hooks Johnston, John Buchanan, John Fallis, John Lichtenberg, Larry Wright, Liz Corneil, Liz Martin, Rob Parker, Roger Crysler, Susan Johnston, Terry Parsons, Ward Wright

It has been another year of dramatic improvement to the Bruce Beach Golf course. Early last summer the excavation work was completed on all of the greens with the exception of #9. It was decided that the ninth green would be maintained in its original form and surface material as a reminder of the historical significance of our little course. The new sand and soil mix on the new greens continues to improve year after year and has significantly improved play.

The 8th hill has been cleared of the overgrown cedars and junipers and has been replanted with slower and lower growing trees and bushes that will preserve the improved visibility from the upper and lower tee boxes. Additional planting will continue in hopes of adding some seasonal color to the landscape. The second green has been replaced and moved more to the center of the fairway. This past fall all of the raised tee boxes were flattened and widened with a sand and soil mixture to make it easier to grow grass and plant a tee. Additional landscaping will be done around the new tee boxes this spring. Maybe families sponsoring holes will contribute to this effort. We are also in need of some new benches around the course. The hedge behind the second tee box has been removed and will be replaced with a split rail fence and some landscaping. This should serve to keep out snowmobiles in the winter, but allow for improved visibility up and down McCosh hill. The overgrown cedars and brush by the third tee box have also been cut back to allow cars entering the grove from Lake Range Road to be seen by golfers on the tee and vice versa. The steps to the first green have been moved to the south side of the hill where it is not as steep making it a much easier climb. Improvements to the steps on the 8th hill and from the 2nd to the 3rd hole continue to be a high priority this spring.

The most significant change in the golf course this past year has been on the financial end. As the course has improved it has been enjoyed by more cottagers and visitors. The golf club board has worked hard this past year to encourage cottagers to invest in a membership and pay their dues. This effort combined with cost saving measures has allowed the club to continue to make improvements to the golf course. This past year grass cutting expense was reduced by 2/3 with the purchase of the tractor and a reduced rate to cut the course. The first annual fundraising tournament was held last July at the Ainsdale golf club, and the annual Billy Klopp Open continues to be our largest fundraising event. Many thanks go out to the individuals and families that support the club with donations of their time and money.

2013 will also bring continued improvements to the golf course. This spring the fairways will be rolled with a highway roller to flatten out bumps and clumps that cause erratic ball bounce. Continued improvement will be made to the tee boxes with focus on the boxes at #1, #8, and #9. Improvements to the steps and pathways on the 8th hill and the hill from the 2nd hole to the third tee will continue. Creative landscaping will also be a focus this year, to create areas for non golfers to walk and enjoy the golf course. There are plans for a wildflower garden near the old barn, and additional benches in areas out of play for cottagers to sit and enjoy the area.

The annual work bee to open the golf course and clubhouse will be held on **Saturday June 8th**. The Second Annual Fundraising

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Tournament will be held again this summer at Ainsdale on **Saturday, July 13th**. The 8th annual Billy Open will be held on **Sunday August 11th**.

The Clubhouse is available to cottagers to hold functions on a limited first serve basis. It is suggested that the clubhouse be reserved at least 45 days prior to a function where alcohol will be served. Inquiries should be sent to Nan Grant. (139 Gordon St)

Special thanks to Al MacKay, Jim Pennington, Dave Grant, and Terry Parsons who continue to contribute above and beyond to make the golf course better each year.

MEMBERSHIP AND GREENS FEES

<u>Month</u>	<u>Season</u>	
Cottage Membership (3 or more families)	\$250	
Family (parents /dependent children	\$100	\$50
Adult (15 and up)	\$50	\$30
Daily _ _ _ _ _ \$5	Junior (1/2 Adult fee)	

IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Work Bee -----	Saturday, 8 June 9:00am
2 nd Annual Fundraising Tournament -----	Saturday, 13 July
8 th Annual Billy Klopp Open -----	Sunday, 4 August 1:30pm
BBGC Annual Meeting -----	Saturday 10 August
9:00am	



At the finish

BRUCE BEACH HOCKEY

Bruce Beach 5 - Port Albert Oldtimers 4

Many thanks to the fans that turned out to support the Bruce Beach Hockey Team on Sunday at the Lucknow Arena. We (the players) were impressed with the large number, in spite of how cold that arena was. We appreciate your support and this year it was a 'thrilling game'. For those of you that couldn't make it, we won 5-4!

Cumulative Win/Loss after 15 years --- 7/7/1.



Back Row L to R

Kyle Wheeler, Andrew McLean, Andrew Corneil, Brian Corneil, Mike Buchanan, Eric Pennington, Jim McDonald, Sandy Henderson

Front row L to R

Russ Sutton, Brad Murray, Richard Keeso, Bill Droine, Dave Brisbin, Brent Stief,

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(Editor's Note: As the preceding pages tell us -- Bruce Beach is BBQs, Sports and Games. It is Golf, Baseball, Hockey and Tennis. It is Church Services. But for many of us, Bruce Beach is more. Dakota Wilhelm (Cottage 131) -- who winters in Maryland -- expressed it eloquently in this untitled work.)

Canada is not the cold tundra people think. It is my place. I look forward to visiting every year. Warm sand greets my aching feet. Melting sunsets soothe my tired eyes. Friendly faces calm my calloused hands. Intoxicating smells of home cooked dinner invite my empty stomach to sit at the table. I am welcome here. I belong.

The next day there are things to do; nothing. Jobs up here are hobbies; things to pass the time, not work. There is nothing urgent, pressing on your cranium, nagging at your conscience. Empty headed, down to earth, with clarity, I walk on the beach. The sand between my toes is nature's sock. Shells up here are plentiful; reminders of past lives on this beach. Calm waters roll up the shore now as they did when these shells had life in them.

Make my way back to the cottage. No rush. My mind wanders on the way. My entire life I have come here. My entire parents' life, they have come here. My entire grandparents' life, they have come here. Unlike the shells, there is no sign they were here, except that I am here. I am a small shell on this vast beach in life; but the water still rolls up the shores of this holy place.

Dakota Wilhelm 2012



BRUCE BEACH HISTORY -- THE CAMERONS

The first Cameron settlers in the Bruce Beach region were Hugh and his wife Ann McArthur. According to his tombstone in the Kincardine Cemetery, Hugh was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1815. I could not find records of when they came to Canada nor when they married. However, the 1861 census shows their third child was born in Scotland in 1846 whereas their fourth was born in Canada in 1848. Land records show that the Crown granted Hugh the eastern halves of Lots 39 and 40 on July 6, 1868. However, a table in Robertson's 1906 *The History of the County of Bruce* lists Hugh Cameron on Lot 39 with a "Date of Settlement" of Sept., 1850 and "Clearings" of 10 acres. No buildings are recorded and Lots 40-42 were vacant. The 1852 Census describes Hugh as a Presbyterian farmer and boat builder.

Unlike most settlers who stayed close to the lake, Hugh Sr. and Annie farmed the eastern halves of Lots 39 and 40 first. An 1880 county map shows only one building on the eastern half of Lot 40, close to the North Branch of Pine River. Land transfer records reveal that the western halves of Lots 39 and 40 only became Cameron property in 1899 (Lot 40) and 1923 (Lot 39). Apparently, Hugh Sr. and Annie, like Alexander and Margaret McCosh, valued being inland and close to Pine River more than being on the lakeshore, possibly because it was easier to get the children to school from there.

Hugh Sr. and Annie had many children: John (1841), Margaret (1843), Isabella (1846), Alexander (1848), James (1852), Hugh (1855), Jessie (1857), Mary (1860), and William John (1862). Hugh Sr. died (August 4, 1887) at age 73 after being thrown out of a wagon. The attending physician was Kincardine's famous Dr. Secord. Hugh's great granddaughter, Isabel Cameron McConnell, wrote in *Families and Farms of Huron with its Hub Ripley*: "In 1890 the youngest son, William John ... took over the family farm" and then in turn, in 1919, their son "William Hugh ...took over the farm".

Of greater importance was Hugh Sr.'s acquisition of lots slightly further north because it is from these that land was sold to Bruce Beachers. Hugh Sr. bought the 103 acres of Lot 45 for \$500 in 1874 and Lot 46 was granted to him by the Crown that year too. Ten years later, 100 acres of Lot 45 went to his son James and 100 acres of Lot 46 went to his son Alex with the stipulation that both sons give Hugh Sr. and Annie \$50 a month for life. James sold Lot 45 in 1896, but his son, Hugh M., bought it back in 1920.

Hugh M. married his neighbour Mabel Emmerton, and interestingly, in 1946 they sold part of Lot 45 to the Director of the Veteran's Land Act for \$4800 and then bought it back for only \$1.00. A newspaper article on their 60th wedding anniversary in 1976 states "The

couple farmed lots 45 and 46, Concession A, Huron Township until 1945 when their son Mervin took over the operation” and that Hugh M. “was an assessor, a building inspector and also issued building permits in Huron Township after he had finished farming”. Mervin owned Lot 45 from Dec. 1950 until 1957.

Lot 46 passed between brothers Alex and James several times. In 1918, Alex transferred the northern half to his son, Hugh Alex and this half went out of Cameron hands when Hugh Alex sold it in 1925. But Hugh M. still held part of the southern half of the lot and significantly for us, in 1947, he and Mabel sold the lakeshore portions of Lots 45 and 46 to the Cameron Syndicate. This land became Cameron Grove, behind cottages 121 to 136.

There are some interesting facts about other Cameron properties. First, Lot 47 was farmed by a French settler before the Crown granted it to a *woman* (Joanna Berthune) in 1877. She and her husband sold it to John Gentles who, *less than a month later*, sold it to Hugh Sr. Like Lot 46, Alex got Lot 47 from his father and later turned it over to his son Hugh Alex who sold it in 1925. Second, much of Lot 48 was acquired by James in 1912 and 1924. In 1941, Hugh M., as executor for his father James, acquired this land for only \$1.00. Third, *in the 1950s*, Hugh M. and Mabel sold part for a road allowance and building lots along the western side of the road. Finally, Hugh M. acquired Lot 57 where the Aintree Trailer Camp is now but he held this lot for four years only, selling it in 1920.

The land from Lots 45 and 46 severed for Cameron Grove was officially transferred on August 7, 1947. There were several reasons for purchasing this property. An important one was access to the cottages. In 1943, the road from the south came only to cottage 117 and from the north, there was only a path from the 10th Concession. According to Ruth Wright (cottage #136) and Marion Dyer Bond (formerly #113), Hugh M. had a cattle path to the lake and cottagers used it to go to the Cameron farm for milk and eggs and to get phone messages. But Hugh M. charged each family that accessed their cottage through his land. Secondly, Barry McPherson (#122) recalled that talk in 1941 of a road going through from the 8th to the 10th raised concerns that another row of cottages might be built along it or even worse, a Wasaga Beach situation could develop. Road dust and greater public access throughout the year were also concerns.

Another precondition supporting purchase was the local playground and tennis courts which had existed since the 1920s. According to Gordon Lane (#130), for about 20 years prior to the formation of Cameron Grove, the land these occupied was leased from Hugh M. Buying this land would ensure continuation of these sport facilities and eliminate the yearly rental costs. Finally, Hugh M. was

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getting out of farming at this time so his traditional arrangements with the cottagers might change.

These preconditions resulted in an Articles of Agreement between Hugh M. Cameron and the Cameron Syndicate in August of 1944. The five members of the Cameron Syndicate were: William M. MacKay (#124), James A. Hay (#127), Andrew Lane (#130), E. William Jewitt (#133), and J. T. Thomas (#136). What they agreed to purchase was “the West Part of the Lot Number Forty-five and the South half of Lot Number Forty-six ... being situated below the hill, consisting of five acres of land ... more or less including the Sport Field”. The total cost was \$850, \$550 being paid with the signing of the agreement. When the final payment was made three years later, including interest at three percent, the land title document of August 7, 1947 records the transfer of the land to the Cameron Syndicate with a right of way allowance for Hugh’s son Mervin and his heirs to allow access to Lake Huron. Thanks to Gordon Lane copies of both these documents have been added to our archives.

In 1952, Cameron Grove was established as an undeveloped green belt and on August 17, 2009, it was incorporated as the Cameron Grove Cottagers Association. By-Law 1 lists the purposes of this association. These are to protect the undeveloped land, serving as stewards of the forest and greenbelt for future generations and to advance the cultural, recreational and social interests and activities of the owners, in part by owning facilities (2 tennis courts, a softball field and a picnic meeting area) for the members and their visitors but also for others along Bruce Beach. Another purpose is to continue the system of private lanes and roadways for members and their guests. Finally, membership in Cameron Grove goes with the cottage not the individuals occupying it. Thus, the formation of Cameron Grove with its protectionist environmental practices and its social purposes has not only benefitted those people in cottages 121 to 136 and Division 4 but also the Bruce Beach community as a whole.

Frances L. Stewart

BB Historian



Bruce Beach Before Vehicle Prohibition

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

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

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**.

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/).

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.

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.

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.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS
2013 COUNCILLORS AND OFFICIALS**

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Hanna, Don Murray, Carl Sloetjes

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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 7th** and will end the week of **October 29th**. 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	Village Market
Sobey's	HK Municipal Office
MacAdams	Highway Variety
Lucknow	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 2nd.**
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 \$95 per tonne with a \$20 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 15th**. 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 from April through September. **There will be two Saturday drop offs at Kincardine's Valentine Avenue site: May 4th 9:00 – 2:00 and July 13th 1:00 – 4:00.** Also, there will be one drop off at **Lucknow's Bruce County Highways Garage (545 Ludgard Street): Saturday September 7th 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

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

Bruce Beach Association Year Book 2013

July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 Baseball 9 am Church 4 pm	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 Baseball (12+) 7:00 pm	4 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	5 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	6 Tout's Grove 10:00 Snowdon Gr. & Areas 5-7 10:00
7 <i>(Same as above)</i>	8 <i>(Same as above)</i>	9 <i>(Same as above)</i> GARBAGE PICKUP	10 <i>(Same as above)</i>	11 <i>(Same as above)</i> RECYCLE PICKUP	12 <i>(Same as above)</i>	13
14 <i>(Same as above)</i>	15 <i>(Same as above)</i>	16 <i>(Same as above)</i> GARBAGE PICKUP	17 <i>(Same as above)</i>	18 <i>(Same as above)</i>	19 <i>(Same as above)</i>	20 BBBCA Directors Area Councillors' Meeting 10 am
21 <i>(Same as above)</i>	22 <i>(Same as above)</i>	23 <i>(Same as above)</i> GARBAGE PICKUP	24 <i>(Same as above)</i>	25 <i>(Same as above)</i> RECYCLE PICKUP	26 <i>(Same as above)</i>	27
28 <i>(Same as above)</i>	29 <i>(Same as above)</i>	30 <i>(Same as above)</i> GARBAGE PICKUP	31 <i>(Same as above)</i>			

Bruce Beach Association Year Book 2013

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	2 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	3 Sports Day 9:00 BBCA AGM 10:00 BBCA BBQ 5:00
4 N/S B'ball 10:00 Billy Klopp Open 1:30 pm Church 4:00 pm	5 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	6 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am GARBAGE PICKUP	7 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am Baseball (12+) 7:00 pm	8 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am RECYCLE PICKUP	9 Jr Baseball (5-12) 9:30 am	10 Games Day 9:30 BB Golf Club AGM 9:00 McCosh Grove AGM 10:00
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"Be Prepared
Not Scared"



Immediate Emergencies

Fire/Police/Ambulance Call 911

Power Emergencies

Emergency Management Ontario recommends that all residents have a 72 hour Emergency Kit. For more information call Public Enquiry 519-395-3735 or check out www.huronkinloss.com.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss "Community Emergency Management Coordinator" (CEMC) is Mike Fair at mfair@huronkinloss.com.

Emergency Survival Checklist (Three-day supply per person)

First-aid kit	Clothing & footwear (one change/person)
Spare batteries	Toilet paper and other personal items
Playing cards, games	Backpack/duffel bag (to hold kit)
Flashlight and batteries	Blankets or sleeping bags
Extra car keys and cash	Food and bottled water
Candles & matches/lighter	Important Papers/ID
Whistle (to attract attention)	Medication
Radio & batteries/crank radio	Utensils