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President's Letter

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It is hard to believe another year is coming to a close at the Cape. It has been a very productive and successful year thanks to the efforts of our past president Dan Vucolo and your hard working board of directors. At the closing stockholders meeting Ray Danner delivered a speech describing the "Magic" of Cape Breton which was my own inspiration for assuming the role as your president this year. As I reflect back on this past year, and all the years I have spent in Cape Breton I consider myself fortunate as I hope all of you do to have the privilege of residing in an area where community and commitment to neighbors is still alive and well. As a community we have the best and most active facilities on the Metedeconk, we continue to have well attended and fun events every year and all with a sense of togetherness that is rare in today's world.

It is important as we move forward that we focus on preserving what we have built and value. This will only be accomplished with forward thinking and carefully planning and commitment. As your representatives the board will make this our first priority as always. As we begin to focus on our plans for 2010 it is primary that we have your input to be successful. A survey has been enclosed to determine the priorities and focus of you our stockholders. The results of this survey will guide our plans for the upcoming year.

A primary concern for our community is maintaining and preserving our facilities and ability to provide service to our stockholders. This cannot be accomplished without careful financial planning and forward thinking. The Finance committee will be meeting over the winter to develop a plan and strategy

to accomplish this goal. The resulting plan will be presented at our first stockholders meeting in June for your comments and approval.

Each of our committees will be working hard over the fall and winter to plan for 2010 to accomplish another fun, activity filled summer season. A new committee has been formed as a result of the success of this past years Scavenger hunt, which will focus on planning events and activities which will inspire community involvement such as beach games of volleyball and many other fun times. A listing of the new committee chairs is enclosed and as always we encourage you to contact them with any ideas and suggestions you have for the upcoming year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy winter and look forward to another successful year in the Cape!

Denise Swan, President

Special Stockholder's Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the stockholders on Saturday, March 13th, at 11:00 AM, at the clubhouse, to approve the hiring of a contractor to complete the siding project at the clubhouse., which has become too extensive for completion by volunteer labor. The Board of Directors is recommending an expenditure of \$11,500 on this project. If you cannot be in attendance, please complete the attached proxy and mail it to P.O. Box 944, Brick, NJ 08723 or it can be faxed to (732) 546-3901.

Entertainment

Greeting friends-We the entertainment committee hope that all of you enjoyed the events of the last year. We had some great turnouts and saw many smiling faces. This year we hope to be met with the same success. Those inflatable slides at the beach parties gave the kids hours of fun, and if you stayed late enough you saw that the adults had a little fun too. Our 2010 season will start with our St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 13, 2010. The Entertainment committee is made up of the entire Board of Directors. So, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to approach any of the directors-we would love to hear from you. As always all this happiness doesn't happen without a lot of work, so please think about donating some of your time to help these events take place.

Judy Danner
732-477-2843



Membership

Greetings from Cape Breton Membership. Our thanks to all our friends and neighbors for another successful year at the Cape. Since we are always looking for new members and ideas, we ask that over the winter months you think about any new ideas to help us with membership. Please keep in mind that members do not have to live in the Cape. Also, if you know a family that may want to join, but is having financial hardships to let us know. We are always interested in Cape news as well. If you know of a family that has had a special event such as a birth or family loss please let us know.

Sandy Lidz Cummings
Chairperson

Keep the Magic Alive



There is a certain MAGIC that exists here in Cape Breton. It is born out in the HISTORY that exists here. Families have grown up here—kids have grown up and find a way to return to raise their families here. All you have to do is be on the beach during one of our beach parties and watch the faces of the children having the times of their lives. Come to one of our dinners and see the faces of neighbors and friends talking, remembering, and laughing together. That's MAGIC folks!! Look at those who are at one of these events for the first time—In a time when most people keep to themselves and don't know their neighbors — The look on their faces is truly MAGIC — and they want to be a part of the MAGIC.

The MAGIC just doesn't happen- it is perpetuated by the efforts of the directors who work tirelessly to create it. I applaud those who give so much of their time and efforts to make the MAGIC happen. Each year it seems to get harder to get people to run for Directorship, thereby making it harder to make the MAGIC happen.

I implore you, DON'T let the Magic disappear. DON'T let Cape Breton as we know it disappear. Yes I've heard "Been there-done that" and "Let someone else do it", -But consider STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE — put your name in for nomination for DIRECTOR in this wonderful community of Cape Breton. Help to keep the Magic alive for the children and adults young and old. Keep the MAGIC going!! PUT ASIDE SELFISHNESS AND DONATE SELFLESSNESS.

The MAGIC must live on!!—It lives because of the DIRECTORS!!!!

Ray Danner

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Dock Committee

The leaves have changed, the nights are getting cold, daylight is getting shorter, and the number of boats on our dock can be counted on one hand. All this means that summer is over and winter is right around the corner. The summer we had this year seemed very short because of the weather and because of this summer just flew by.

This year the only thing that needed to be done on the dock was the water system need to be replaced. After much research a decision was made on what material to use and the job was done. The two people that did this job were Mike Daly and Dan Vuolo. A special thanks goes out to Mike and Dan for a job well done.

A *SPECIAL NOTE*: Starting next year all boat owners on our dock must list 'The Cape Breton Dock' as additionally insured on their boat insurance and this must be on the insurance certificate we have on file. This means that all boat owners must

send in new certificates with their slip deposits even if their policy has not lapsed.

As winter draws near I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable and safe Holiday Season, and hope to see you all on the dock in 2010.

Don Danner
 Dock Chairman



MARK YOUR CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CAPE BRETON 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
						St. Patrick's Day
						Saturday, March 13th
						Beach Clean-up
						Saturday, June 5th
						Stockholder's Meeting
						Sunday, June 6th @ 11:00 AM
						Beach Opens
						Saturday, June 26th
						Open House
						Saturday, June 26th @ 4:00 PM
						July 4th Carnival
						Saturday, July 3rd
						Pancake Breakfast
						Sunday, July 18th
						Luau
						Saturday, August 7th
						Dock Festival Weekend
						Saturday & Sunday, August 21st & 22nd
						Scavenger Hunt
						Saturday, August 28th
						Bonfire Evening of Fun
						Saturday, August 28th
						Stockholder's Meeting
						Sunday, August 29th @ 11:00 AM
						Clubhouse Dinner
						Saturday, September 4th
The rain date for the 4th Carnival and Luau will be July 4th and August 8th respectively.						

Cape Crusaders

The Cape Crusaders thank the members who participated in the Century Club this year. We congratulate all the winners and hope everyone participates in our 2010 Century Club. Here are the winners for this year.

	<u>WEEK</u>	
1.	Dan Siebenmann	\$ 50.00
2.	Andrew Dudek	\$ 50.00
3.	Anthony Calafiore	\$ 50.00
4.	Kenneth Nagy	\$ 50.00
5.	Amanda Calafiore	\$ 50.00
6.	Maria Pilipski	\$ 50.00
7.	Jackie Swan	\$ 75.00
8.	Alice Topoleski	\$ 75.00
9.	Nikki Swan	\$150.00
10.	Loretta Miller	\$400.00

The Cape Crusaders only did the Century Club this year. But The July 4th Carnival could not have happened if not for The Crusaders donation. We along with a few generous donations paid for the cost of the blow up rides and dunk tank. Everyone seemed to have a great time, especially those who stood in line to throw balls at a few of the directors sitting in the dunk tank. And may I speak for those of us who were wet most of the day when I say "we were most grateful for the warmth of the sun".

How about 2010? Before we know it we'll be planning some new events. The Gift Auction will be part of the schedule, but no date has been set. Have an idea? We would love to hear from you, so please **call, email or send a note** if you have a proposal for a fun filled fund-raising event. We can accomplish more with volunteers.

We wish you all the best for the holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2010.

Marlene Nagy, Judy Danner and Committee

CBHC on the WEB

Come visit our website at www.CapeBretonNJ.org, where you will find information about upcoming events, committees, want ads, current members and more. New features are being added all the time, so check back frequently. If you have something to add, send your submission to: info@capebretonnj.org.

Clubhouse Committee

Hello everyone! As you know most of the Cape's events involve the clubhouse in one way or another. The clubhouse, dock, and the beach are Cape Breton's main ambassadors to the general public, so we always want them to look their best. With that in mind, the clubhouse committee has a wish list of things we would like to accomplish. On the exterior of the building we would like to finish the roof and siding. Inside the building we are thinking of refinishing the wood floor or possibly putting another type of flooring over it. Outside we would like to re-grade the ground and replace the retaining wall. Yes, this is a big list and we must think long term in getting these things accomplished. We pledge to do our best with the resources we have to make the clubhouse a place that we can continue to be proud of. We still have many dates open for rentals. Our rental rates are \$125.00 without kitchen, \$200.00 with kitchen this is for a 6 hour block of time. Have a great Holiday Season and if you see us working on the clubhouse, come on over and give us a hand! Remember – it's always better to give, than receive. If you have any questions, please contact Judy at 732-477-2843 regarding general info and rentals. Contact Dan Vuolo at 732-895-2321 regarding construction, renovations and clubhouse projects.



Crabby Shack News

After another successful season at the beach, we are gearing up for an even better lunchtime reason for gathering together, enjoy a meal and chat with our neighbors. Crabby Shack was organized for the purpose of having our neighbors meet, chat and get to know each other.

There is no profit motive, just enough to cover our expenses. Each weekend in July and August a family (yours) is afforded an opportunity to man Crabby Shack, prepare some of your favorite dishes and serve your friends. Those who have participated have all enjoyed the experience and have presented a chance for families to work together...Dads cooking, Moms taking orders and manning the cash register, children dispensing soda or acting as waiters. Its a family affair! So think about which weekend you would like to serve and even if you cannot participate behind the counter, come on down to the beach and have some lunch and meet your neighbors. Sign up sheets will be out in the spring.

Tootsie Roll Pop - The Last Straw

Asbury Park Press

Staff Reporter: Stan Liebermann

Cape Breton, NJ – The summers usually come and go quietly here in the quaint river front community of Cape Breton. The waves lap up on the shore as the sailboats whisk by the beach under the river's steady breezes, a rather idyllic scene. Every once in a while, however, trouble is stirred up by a seemingly innocent action. The trigger this time was the 2009 Scavenger Hunt on the beach. Tensions rose to a fever pitch as team was pitted against team. An hour and half seemed like an almost impossibly short time to gather up the almost endless list of obscure items.

As the deadline approached, teams were seen rushing to the judges table, blowing their whistles, signaling their last step was complete. Opposing teams were silently eyeing each other, wondering if anyone found all 50 items. A few taunts of bravado could be heard. Everyone was at the edge of their seats, holding their breath as the judging team of Maria and Ronnie scrutinized each entry. For every incorrect item, a disappointing sigh could be heard from the team members but these were sometimes muffled by quick shouts of joy from opposing teams for now they had a better chance of winning. Each team knew which items were right on, which items might squeak by, and which items would surely be disqualified, but hope springs eternal in these hotly contested games. The first team to have a chance of reaching the pinnacle of 50 items was Team Topoleski. You could just feel the exuded confidence as they proudly offered each item that was requested by Maria. When they turned in the "salt water" taffy in a jar, they thought the prize was within their grasp, they could almost taste it. Further down the list, two Tootsie Roll pops, but only needing one, no problem, Jimmy solves that problem by giving one to Erin. And the judging goes on. But wait, a kink in the smooth procession of success comes up with the "South Pacific" theatre stub. The judges confer on the matter and a ruling is handed down, "The theatre stub is disqualified, it is not a movie stub." Team Topoleski erupts if frantic shouts of disbelief. But no amount of arguing would convince the judges and the ruling stands. After a while the team settles down, surely even 49 items should win.

Then Team Siebenmann approaches the judging table. With rapid fire action, item after item is produced and checked off. Could an upset be in the making? Nobody knew, it was still too early in the judging. When it came to the Tootsie Roll pop item in the list, a familiar pop was presented. Instantly shouts of disapproval and fear rose up from Team Topoleski, "That shouldn't count!", "That

was ours!", but the judges courageously kept their course and checked off that item. At that point, the tide had turned; momentum had just swung to Team Siebenmann and was never lost.

A week has passed and rumors have been heard through the streets of Cape Breton. Nothing definite or obvious but there is an undercurrent of questioning. It seems the Council of Topoleski Elders will be holding a summit on the fate of Jimmy Topoleski, to decide if he shall be shunned from Team Topoleski in further Cape Breton contests.

In talking with a sunbather laying on the beach, it was learned that the Topoleski's have won many contests over the years: running races, three-legged races, Crisco-coated watermelon contests, and others. But that some of the losses have been painful. The sunbather recounted a time, years ago in Ocean County Park, when during a softball game, Ray lent a softball glove to Stephen Kraemer on the opposing side after a lace broke. Nobody thought anything about it until Steve caught a pop-fly with the glove, ending a rally that could have won the game for the Topoleski players.

Surely one event years ago wouldn't cause a family that much pain, but in talking with another person walking a baby in a stroller, other circumstances provided a clearer picture of history. She mentioned the time, around 1996 or so, when Jimmy lent Luke Pilipski an extra spearing from his bait bucket during a Cape Breton fishing contest. Who would guess that the winning fish was caught by Luke with that bait, beating out by ½ inch the nearest Topoleski entry! Or a few years later, during a Cape Breton Sand Castle Building contest, when Mary Alice lent Dana Siebenmann a shovel since they had plenty and Dana was looking around for something to help her family add on to their castle. Who knew at the time the shovel was instrumental in building a winning castle.

This reporter is getting a glimpse into the little publicized side of Cape Breton and can only hope that everything works out for Jimmy. Years from now when Jimmy Jr. is browsing through Uncle Jan's theatre stub collection and picks out a taped together stub of "South Pacific", Grandpa Ray will sit back in his rocking chair, take little Jimmy Jr. and sit him on his knee and say, "Let me tell you a story about your dad..."

Postscript: Some of these events could not be directly verified but the people interviewed were fairly sure they occurred.



Beach Committee

I'm hoping everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer at Cape Breton beach. The beach has been winterized and we're keeping our fingers crossed for a mild winter. Special thanks to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to help keep the beach in great shape.

Please watch for announcements on our website <http://www.CapeBretonNJ.org/> and on bulletin boards regarding upcoming dates for the Spring Beach Clean-Up.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the beach, please contact either Maria Pilipski or Dan Siebenmann, Beach Co-Chairpersons, at 973-471-3069 and 732-389-4518, respectively. Also, if during the winter you happen to see any problem on the beach or dock, please contact one of the Directors so that we may address the problem quickly.

Maria Pilipski, Dan Siebenmann
Beach Co-Chairpersons



Survey

There is a survey attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to the Board of Directors by mailing it to P.O. Box 944, Brick, NJ 08723. It may also be faxed to (732) 546-3901 or you may hand deliver it to the stockholder's meeting on March 13th.

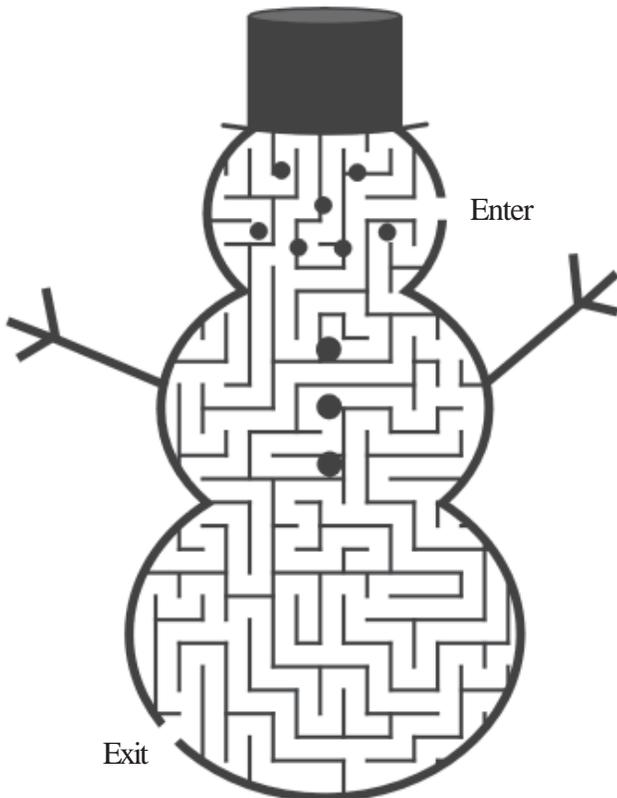
As the elected representatives of this association, the Board of Directors needs your input to effectively plan for the future. This is particularly important in light of our aging infrastructure.

Thank you for your participation.



Editors Note:
This newsletter was originally planned with a December mailing in mind. As such, please excuse any references to the holiday season or winter activities.

Kid's Activity Center



Connect the Dots

