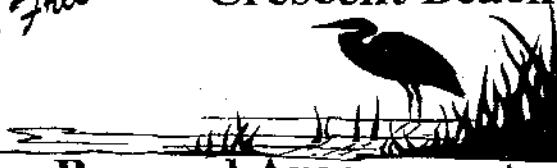


*The Friends of* **Crescent Beach**  
  
**Green Bay and Area** *Society*

Membership Newsletter

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### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

"Juan, Two, Three Strikes You're Out!"  
Not members of Friends though. Many were on base first thing after the hurricane! Many thanks to Paul Sampson of Department of Public Works and Transport (DoTPW) on ensuring the necessary repairs needed were done as soon as possible. As Chairman, I was immediately hard at work trying to raise funds for the immediate repairs. Ian Lawyer of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has advised us, however, that no funds were available since the Provincial Parks and the Metro area were damaged extensively. Clearly, the logs placed during the year thanks to Bowater, DoTPW and DNR helped save the dunes but obviously more armour rock is needed. This is slated to become a new and probably on-going project.

Many of us were surprised and pleased to see the swiftness with which the Department of Transport repaired and widened the road to Bush Island. This extra space may alleviate the parking, but we recognize it creates a need for some way to provide safe access over the dunes to the beach, perhaps at several points. The Beach Committee is currently addressing this question.

The Beach Projects that you read about in our

last Newsletter and heard at the AGM in August are going ahead as planned. Bruce Raymond has reported to the Board that the fence post placement has been completed. Installation of Interpretative Panels with art work by Don Pentz. is on schedule according to Linda MacDonald.

Other Board members keep busy with on-going work. Burpee Meisner has just finished a successful membership drive and Captain Bell continues his efforts to clarify the legal situation at Sperry's Beach.

The Board has indeed been working hard on your behalf, and we hope that any of you who have not yet done so will renew your Annual Membership. A membership to Friends would make a great Christmas gift! Remember, too, that donations are income tax deductible.

*On behalf of the Board  
Members may I wish you all a  
Happy and Healthy Holiday  
Season.*

*John Nichols, Chairman*

## Crescent Beach Action Plan

### **“To respect is to protect”**

In September 2001, Friends instituted an Action Plan with five major components. The scientific study and the recycling bins projects were completed during 2002. Progress during 2003 on the remaining items include:

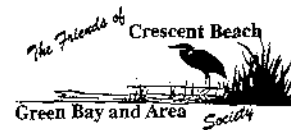
- 1. Restoration of the revetment** (the wooden cribwork protecting the dune). The crib was installed many years ago and was becoming unsightly, quite dilapidated, and a hazard. Its repair has been financed by using funds raised by Friends. Hemlock logs, donated by Bowater, were sliced into 3-inch thick rough "planks". To replace rotten, damaged or missing planks, several hundred of the new planks were fastened to the posts which had been previously repaired. The work was done over a month-long period in the spring by Department of Transportation and Public Works (DoTPW) staff.
- 2. Roadside parking.** Vegetation is the very best method of maintaining the dune which is essential to the preservation of the beach. A series of posts has been installed along the roadside to localize parking and so contain the damaging pedestrian traffic over the dunes to selected locations. This is intended to favour the growth of vegetation along the remainder of the dune. The posts were installed as part of a DoTPW contract, once again funded by Friends.
- 3. Installation of interpretive signs** We intend to install two attractive interpretive signs this year. Local artist Donald Pentz is providing paintings of many of the birds seen in the beach, marsh and dunes.

### Hurricane Juan

On September 28, with a hurricane expected, Bob Taylor (beach specialist for Geological Survey of Canada ) requested that Friends observe and report on its effects. He had previously stated that the dunes have been slowly rebuilding over the last several years. On September 29, damage done by Hurricane Juan was revealed. Heavy seas had attacked the beach and waves washed over the top of the dunes, particularly toward the west end of the beach. Several inches of sand were deposited on parts of the road, and, in a few limited areas, the dune was washed through. The recycling bin at the west end of the beach was pushed back several feet from its position near the road shoulder and partially tipped over the bank behind. (A Friends volunteer crew has since restored it to its rightful place.) The fill supporting the salt flats side of the road was also attacked so that the edge of the pavement was in peril, and was promptly repaired by DoTPW. An after-storm set of sand depth readings, part of the on-going Friends beach monitoring program, were provided to Mr. Taylor. See 'Friends on the Web', below for two sites providing pictures of the damage.

In general, the revetment withstood the onslaught and obviously provided dune protection by dissipating some of the energy of the waves. Most of the work done in the spring held up well although some of the older portions suffered. Six posts damaged or displaced must be replaced and about 230 new planks must be installed. It is intended to use planks we stored after the spring work for these repairs.

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There was greater damage done to the dune at the areas where the revetment broke down. The protective value of vegetation was also well illustrated: the worst wash-throughs occurred where the dune was bare. At other locations, where there had been a significant growth of marram grass on the ocean side of the revetment, the sand had obviously been preserved while adjoining areas without grass were badly eroded.

### Future Plans

Friends must now look at possible future projects to restore the beach including the addition of further armour rock, clean-up of debris deposited or uncovered by the storm, repair of the revetment, review of the proposed parking and pedestrian access areas, and encouragement of vegetation on the dune. DNR, which provided some of the funding for the work in spring 2003 is now faced with heavy expenses for hurricane restoration in other areas of the province hit even harder than Crescent Beach. It appears that Friends will have to arrange funding for this future work.

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### History Project

#### *Memories of Crescent Beach?*

Crescent Beach promises to be busier than ever this coming summer as celebrations occur in honour of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's anchorage and exploration of Green Bay and area. His extraordinary map of Crescent Beach is the first representation of our sandy strand and shows us that much remains the

same as it then was. Champlain's explorations led to French settlements around the bay and at the mouth of the LaHave River. This summer the third Acadian World Congress also comes to Nova Scotia and events are already being planned to celebrate the French heritage here.

Indeed such important events as Champlain's landing are historically significant, but we sometimes forget that history happens to all of us and slips away all too readily if we don't record it. Friends board member Captain Doug Bell has written an excellent summary of the history of Crescent Beach from 1755 - 1951. In August, Olga Maxwell turned over to Friends archival information on the LaHave Islands Community Association from 1977.

Interviews with Francis Romkey and John West this past year have led to some delightful stories of Crescent Beach in the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. As well, last spring, students at the Petite School under teacher Jesse Hache put together a collection of further memories.

Does your family have stories, photos, postcards, or other memorabilia of the Beach? We would love to hear from you. Friends is working to put together a brief history of Crescent Beach, complete with pictures, sometime in the near future. Photos, postcards, and other archival material will *be* scanned and returned, or entrusted to the LaHave Islands Marine Museum on Bell Island.

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## Membership

*Friends* wish to thank the many persons who are renewing their membership and thus helping support the Society. Our records show 275 families, which represents about 500 individual members. A membership of this size carries a considerable weight when dealing with Government Agencies and potential Corporate Sponsors. This has resulted in a very supportive rapport with DoTPW and DNR as well as the Municipality of Lunenburg, enabling us to accomplish our Action Plan. More work is planned for the future. These improvements can only be achieved with your continued support.

Memberships expire on May 31 and costs only \$5.00 per household.

Could you check your membership card, and, if you have not renewed, please mail it to:  
*Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay & Area  
Box 1A1, Petite Riviere,  
NS, Canada, B0J 2P0*

(By the way, tax receipts are available for donations of \$10.00 or more!).

*Questions? Please call me: Burpee Meisner,  
membership chairman 688-2211*

## Fund-raising

We currently have several fund-raising efforts ongoing - all make great gifts for Christmas!

**1. T-Shirts.** Our beautiful Teal-blue T-shirts are now tax-free! With our famous Heron logo on them, they cost \$15.00 and are available in all sizes from Small to Adult XL.

**2. SALTSCAPES,** Canada's East Coast Magazine. For every new subscription to this excellent magazine that is sold or donated by a *Friends* member, we receive \$10.00 under their Community Spirit Program.

**3. Hasty Notes,** These feature a great pen and ink drawing of Crescent Beach on the front and our society logo on the back. Packaged in fives, with envelopes, they cost only \$5.00. Available in your friendly neighborhood store, or contact:

*Linda MacDonald 688-2176*

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## Annual Beach Sweep

Every year we organize a big beach clean-up at the beginning of summer, usually in May. In the aftermath of Hurricane Juan we are organizing a special **Volunteer Work Group** in the early spring of 2004, to remove the broken logs and other debris Juan left behind. Please watch or listen for notices in the Bulletin and on CKBW.

Until then when walking the beach you might carry a grocery bag and pick up some of the flotsam which you find. This will help member Nita Eisenhower (who walks the beach every day!) in her quest to keep the beach clean during the winter.

Because DNR does not pick up garbage during the off-season, the recycling bins have been closed for the winter. However, there is a barrel, emptied by the municipality available at both beach entrances.

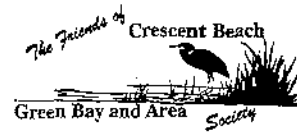
The Doggie Poo Bag Box took flight during the hurricane and was replaced by Pete West, with wood supplied by Sunshine Five Woodcraft. We wish to acknowledge with thanks the assistance of Pharmasave who continue to provide the bags for the box. Dog owners are encouraged to use them ... please!

The directors are looking for ways to solve the problem of household garbage being deposited in or near the recycling bins and hope to have this solved by next spring.

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### Buy a Log Campaign

In December 2002 we were very pleased to have reached the one hundred mark in the 'Buy a Log' campaign. By spring that number had almost doubled. Now with the support of many local year round residents of the Crescent Beach and Green Bay Area we are happy to report that as of November 15 three hundred and ninety five (395) logs have been sold, making the total funds raised to date \$7,900.00!

All names of donors have been recorded in the Book of Friends which may be viewed during the summer months at the LaHave Islands Marine Museum during museum hours. The book and stand on which it sits were prepared by Mary and Bob Fulleman. The sign announcing where to view the Book of Friends was prepared and donated by Ian Macrae of MACRAE'S SIGNS, Pleasantville. It was mounted during the summer below the 'Friends of Crescent Beach and Green Bay Area' sign at the beach entrance. *Friends* acknowledges with thanks Ian's contribution to this project. The names of donors are also attached to this newsletter.

**Thank You ...!!** to all who contributed to the Log Fund. These donations contribute to the "citizens" portion of the matching funds required to access the ACOA (Government) money available to the Crescent Beach restoration project.

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### Friends on the web!

Catch up on the history of Crescent Beach and lots more at: [www.crescentbeach.ca](http://www.crescentbeach.ca)

Keep up with planned activities! Got something you want to share and/or get off your chest? Not sure who to contact?

Email : [info@crescentbeach.ca](mailto:info@crescentbeach.ca) and we'll contact the right person for you.

Hurricane Juan had quite an impact on Crescent Beach. If you haven't seen the result first hand, there are some pictures of the after effects available via our web site, or go to the damage pictures directly at:

[www.pbase.com/gordeaux/cbjuan](http://www.pbase.com/gordeaux/cbjuan)

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In Memory of Bernice & Cecil MacDougald  
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"Verdon" & "TJ"  
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Christopher Blakeney  
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Nancy Norwood  
Gerry & Lesley Marshall  
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Ben Lee  
Christine Lee  
Walker Lee  
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Jason Lee  
Nathaniel Lee  
Jenny Lee  
Ryan Lee  
Lindsay Stockdale  
Jamie Stockdale  
John & Carol Weare  
Marion Sperry  
Bayne Sperry  
Chad Sperry  
Chris Sperry  
Laura Floyd  
Jenna Floyd  
Jeff Floyd  
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In Memory of Daisy Hirtle  
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*The Gordon Family (3)*  
West Dublin Contractors (3)  
Janet & Jean de Saint Sardos  
Mary & John Wright  
Eleanor & Hariand Wyand

## The Book of Friends

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Eric Rafuse

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Myles & Joyce Bush (5)

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Nita Eisenhauer

Penni Eisenhauer

Tanya Eisenhauer

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Sol William Eisenhauer

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In Memory of Eleanor J. (Corkum) Bolivar

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Marnie Troyer

James Paradis

Prataap Patrose

Anonymous (5)

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Kathleen & Leslie Jaeger

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Olga Maxwell

In Memory of Tom Maxwell

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Jim Marin

Chris Marin

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Lydia Anne Seaman

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Lothar Schumacher

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Calvin Tumblin

In Memory of Alvin Tumblin

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Frank & Marilyn O'Brien

Palma Mailman

Robert Getson

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In memory of Jeffrey Navaux

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Charles Sweeny

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Publicover

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Hugh Millar

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Ruby Millar

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Maskell

Jochen Kubitschek & Birgit

Schmidt (2)

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