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Each year, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* features a specific aspect of life on Chebeague. So much is happening on Chebeague now, it is very difficult to select a single theme, but we believe it is important to recognize our emerging history.

One of the most significant changes for the Island in 1999 has been the establishment of Virginia Ballard P.A.-C. as the resident care giver for the Island. This year the editors wish to acknowledge this development by featuring Ginny, her dog Sasha and the volunteer office manager for the Medical Clinic, Joan Robinson, on the cover of the *Annual Newsletter 2000*. A short informal history of our medical care on Chebeague since World War II is to be found on Page 50.

There are many other developments as well. There is a new chapter in the seemingly unending negotiations over the CTC landing and parking lot on Cousins Island which is summarized in the report from CTC on Page 42. Progress is also being made in the ongoing conversion of the old Number 9 Schoolhouse, later on the town garage, into the new Museum of Chebeague History. Finally, at the request of the Cumberland Town Council an *ad hoc* committee was formed in the middle of 1999 to make long-range plans for the Island. This is currently a work-in-progress; it is expected that the committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Town Council by the middle of this summer. However a preliminary report is given on Page 31 of this volume.

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Foreword

For the third year, the Chebeague Island Historical Society presents the Annual Newsletter of Chebeague Island, a cooperative undertaking of all of the societies and other organizations of our community. We wish to thank all of the spokespersons who have contributed the reports gathered here; these annual volumes would not be possible without their participation.

Copies of the Annual Newsletter are available from the Historical Society by mail for the cost of \$6 plus \$2 for first class mailing costs. For a total of \$10 we will send you both the current volume and the volume from last year. The Annual Newsletter is also available from the Chebeague Island Library and The Cobbler Shop gift shop.

The 2000 Annual Newsletter is available from the Chebeague Website (www.chebeague.org) and can be downloaded as a PDF format file. In this case, the photographs are in color.

— The Editors:
David R. Hill
Beverly S. Johnson
L. M. Passano



*Ken Hamilton and Roy Jackson
touching up the Hall*

Brown-Tail Moths

They're gone! What more need we say!

— The Editors

Casco Bay Island Development Association

The past year was a quiet one for Casco Bay Island Development Association -- there is not always an occasion for the watchdog to rush forth and bark. In its forty-odd years of existence CBIDA has served the Casco Bay Islands by keeping aware of possible threats and/or benefits to island living and taking appropriate action. Its mission is vital but not always headline grabbing.

Each island has its own civic association, by whatever name, CBIDA is a bay-wide civic association, concerned with all the islands, having members from all the islands, and, insofar as possible, at least one Steering Committee member on each island. A major advantage of such a combined organization is that there is a larger pool from which to draw when attendance at a legislative hearing is needed. When Casco Bay Lines was privately owned, CBIDA made itself heard on the matter of rate increases, which put the Association on the scene when it became obvious that a Transit District, owned and operated by the island residents, was not an impossible dream but a necessity. The Steering Committee immediately formed a Task Force with members from all the islands to go to the legislature, and the present Transit District became a reality, able to present a reorganization plan to the Bankruptcy Court and make Casco Bay Lines its own. CBIDA is proud of the plaque presented by the Transit District in recognition of the Association's role in its creation. The plaque currently hangs in the Ferry Terminal Conference Room where the Steering Committee meets, and CBIDA continues to monitor the District's activities.

One of its early projects was making the Seashore Drive on the ocean side of Peaks Island a public road rather than part of a fenced-in private area. Later on, CBIDA created Oceanside Conservation Trust,

a bay-wide trust accepting conservation easements from individuals who want to see their property protected.

Great Diamond Island was the focus of the “Battle of Fort McKinley” which resulted in a development of the Fort property of a size more appropriate to an island than the developer’s original plan. CBIDA takes pride in noting that, as yet, no developer has threatened any of the other islands in such a fashion. It should be worth mentioning that the “battle,” waged through the Portland Planning Board, Portland City Council, and State Board of Environmental Protection, took seven years and a lot of money, CBIDA was pleased to have the help of Maine Audubon and the Island Institute in this major project but does not forget that its finger was the first in the dike.

There was a time when the islands lacked opportunity to be heard even in matters important to their well-being, This is no longer the case. Casco Bay Island Development Association provides a voice for the islands and does not hesitate to introduce itself. It played a part in getting Casco Bay nominated as part of the National Estuary Program. Steering Committee members worked on the creation of the Casco Bay Plan to clean up and prevent future pollution, and now that the Plan is in the implementation phase, CBIDA is charged with providing an island member for Management Committee.

CBIDA has a representative on the Waterfront Alliance – a group whose mission is to preserve and protect the marine interests on the Portland waterfront. CBIDA supports the fishing industry in Casco Bay whether the issue is the right whale or bottom leasing. Letters on the letterhead and signed by the president go when and where needed. One such letter, it hardly needs to be said, went to Commissioner Melrose in support of Cousins Island access for Chebeaguers. This issue is a regular item on the Steering Committee agenda and is monitored closely to be ready for any further action. CBIDA is also part of the Move Maine Coalition which is concerned with all transportation in Maine.

An ongoing project is the Boaters Pamphlet, issued every year in order to be up-to-date with information on the islands, marinas, places to eat, how to care for on-board sewage, etc.. These are free and available on Chebeague at the Chebeague Island Boatyard.

While term limits makes it difficult to maintain a recognized reputation in Augusta, the CBIDA Steering Committee, at the

beginning of each biennium, invites the area legislators and all islanders to a get-acquainted meeting. The weather never cooperates but Chebeaguers can be proud that its legislators show up anyway.

Membership in Casco Bay Island Development Association is open to all island residents, summer or year-round, and anyone interested in the islands. The annual meeting is sometimes held on one of the islands, giving an opportunity to get acquainted with the different communities. For a change of pace, this year’s meeting will be in September at DiMillo’s Floating Restaurant. Obviously, a large membership is important because the larger the membership the louder the voice. Becoming a member is easy: Just send a check for \$7.00 dues to Ruth Mistark, Cliff Island ME 04019. CBIDA encourages you to come to Steering Committee meetings on first Saturdays at 9:30 A.M. In the Conference Room of the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal. All meetings are open to the public. Come and get acquainted.

For more information call President Virginia Fisher at 772-3616, Jean Dyer at 846-4188 or Marjorie Rice at 846-4864.

— Jean Dyer



*Launching of “Quiet Presence” August 25, 1999
Michael Porter - Designer & Builder
Dodge Morgan - Owner*

Casco Bay Island Transit District

During the past year Casco Bay Lines has continued to strive for improved service for both its passengers and its freight customers. A new boat was added to the Sunday morning schedule in the Fall, Winter and Spring, providing an early Sunday morning trip from Portland departing at 7:45 and leaving Chebeague at 9:05 a.m. With this change, the early Sunday morning trip has become a year-round feature of the CBL Chebeague Island schedule.

With respect to freight, CBL continues to explore methods of improving freight handling and freight management issues. CBL is continuing a process of reviewing its vessel needs for the future in order to determine how best to improve its freight services to the down-bay islands, including Chebeague.

Design work has been completed for the renovations to the wharf at Chandler's Cove. The project is expected to be put out for bid in the early summer of 2000 with construction commencing before the end of summer.

Uninterrupted service will be provided with the use of temporary ramps and perhaps a barge in order to maintain U.S. mail and other freight deliveries during construction.

— Jim Phipps, Director



Chebeague Care Resource



Chebeague Care Resource (CCR) is a non-profit Maine Corporation. Now five years old, CCR has become an established, active, community supported service for both health and care on Chebeague. CCR is directed by a nine-member board: Pommy Hatfield, Ester Knight, Beth Williams, Cynthia Sheketoff, Jim Phipps, John Birkett,

Jean Whitaker, Alice Bowman and Ann Belesca.

CCR's programs include:

- Island Commons, an Adult Family Care Home for residential and day services
- Senior Lunch Program
- Community Workshop Program
- Health and Care Library and Resource
- Volunteer Program



CCR offers these programs through extraordinary individual donations of money, generous gifts of food and furniture items, hundreds of precious volunteer hours, and public and private grants. These contributions implement and enhance our programs, and also increase our Island Commons Endowment Fund.

In addition, CCR receives numerous thoughtful donations in memory of individuals who have made a difference to Chebeaguers. Since September 30, 1999 (our fiscal year-end) the following people have been honored through such memorial gifts: Virginia Woolfrey, Clyde Bowen, Ida and Bill Stilphen, Bob Howard, Steven Ross, Emanuel Stewart Fasanella, Lewis B. Sawyer, Gard Layng, Marian S. Wessell, Thornton H. Ross, Leo J. Belesca, Alice and Harriet Lindberg, Harry and Isabelle Mansfield, Emery C. Hamilton, Priscilla Plat, Bertha Graves, Rory and Mabel Campbell, Margaret and Gordon Trower, Ruth Ballard, Catharine C. Ballard, Ruth Goodrich, Dick MacCormack, Ruth P. Millinger, Stephen Graves, Barbara Graves, Mauritz Fronding, Eleanor Johnson, Rita Bowen, Edward N. Morse Sr., Bud Robinson, Lorraine and Morgan Ash, Ellen Hamilton, Phyllis Millinger.

CCR's Board of Directors is indebted to you who help to make these programs possible. To learn more about CCR and the many ways in which you can participate, please call 846-6141.

— Pommy Hatfield

Chebeague Island Council

The Chebeague Island Council has had a productive year. We have been able to improve and continue to supervise the medical clinic on the Island, sponsor the annual flu clinic, publish the free brochure with a map and a brief description of the Island for new visitors, sponsor our traditional Fourth of July celebration, and continue our monthly Calendar that helps coordinate all activities on Chebeague.

Our Membership Chairman, Cliff Barker, maintains our membership roster. He has organized the mailings of the Calendar to all off-island members who desire it, while continuing to build our membership whose dues support our activities. The Calendar is bulk mailed automatically to all Island residents.

During the past year Joan Robinson has taken over running the medical facility at the Community Center. The Island is exceptionally fortunate to have a lifelong summer resident, Ms. Virginia Ballard PA, return to our community to offer regular, dependable medical care at the clinic. Ginny keeps regular hours here twice a week and is available at other times when needed. She also regularly visits the Island Commons and makes house calls to shut-ins requiring visits. She has participated in a survey to determine what further medical services are needed by Islanders.

Officers 1999-2000:

President	Mac Passano
Vice-President	Ester Knight
Secretary	Jane Abrahamson
Treasurer	Gail Miller

Board Members:

Three years	Louise Doughty Karen Hamilton John Maxon
Two years	Mona Calthorpe Fred Martindale * Susie Stavropoulos

One year Nancy Adams
Cliff Barker (Membership Chairman)
Banu KomLosy

(ex officio: Ginny Ballard)

Nominating Committee:

Cliff Barker
Ann Belesca, Chairman
Sue Burgess
Michael Porter
Jeff Summa

* resigned March 2000

— Mac Passano, President



Public rest room takes shape in back of the Historical Society building

Chebeague Island Fire Department

We have 25 active members on the Island Fire Department at the present time. At our station we have five trucks. Four are pump trucks and one is a tank truck, 4500 gallons of water on wheels. We have three dry hydrants each located on different parts of the Island. One at the East End - the new one on the Golf Course, one in the Center of the Island on Fire House Road and one on the John Small Road.



Creating a new fire pond in front of the golf club

This year we have new four-inch hose which is a big upgrade from what we have had in the past. We also have a new Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector so if your CO monitor goes off in your house, call 829-5211. Close all doors and windows and go outside. When we arrive we can tell where the CO is coming from. Remember this gas; it is a silent killer. You cannot see, smell or taste it. Also I would like to remind you to test your fire alarm batteries and if your smoke alarm is over 10 years old it should be replaced.

There are several other pieces of equipment that we have received that make our job as fire fighters easier, thanks to our new Fire Chief Dan Small of Cumberland.

You may wonder why Engine 4 goes out on rescue call with Rescue 2. It is because some of our rescue members work on the mainland and the firemen come to assist in lifting when the Rescue is

short handed.

If you need Fire or Rescue the number is 829-5211. 911 will work but it takes longer as it goes through Yarmouth.

Remember that all fires need a burning permit. To obtain one call:

Medic Dianne Calder 846-4176

Capt. Tom Calder 846-8758

Dept. Chief Med Bowen 846-4956

Have a fun and safe summer and remember that only you can prevent forest fires.

— Dept. Chief Med Bowen



Chebeague Island Garden Club

The Chebeague Island Garden Club was started on May 26, 1999 with 16 members showing up for the first meeting. We have approximately 11 year round members and meet monthly at the Island Commons with their residents joining us for our monthly meetings. Our first meetings were low key, educational, let's-swap-ideas type of meetings; we have rapidly progressed from there.

We have had a very busy first year and for starters we have done seasonal arrangements for the front and back doors of the Commons.

Our big projects have consisted of a major overhaul of the Chebeague Island School gardens which have been sadly neglected over the years. At one time the Grange had undertaken plantings and when the Garden Club started re-doing the gardens, we saved many of the original plantings and relocated them. We had a seed planting workshop with the school children in April and the pre-school children planted Burpee sunflowers and the children in grades 3-6 planted Burpee marigold seeds which we planted in the garden in front of the school and added them to the new perennials in front of the school. We made sure each child's name on their identifying popsicle stick was placed in the garden with their plant so they can find their flower later in the season.

We added two new burning bushes in the flagpole area and in the fall we will add crocus bulbs around these new bushes. We also planted a pink dogwood tree beside the school facing the new ballfield area and in the future this will be a perfect spot to hang a bird feeder.

Our second big project was the undertaking of an annual flower garden on the second tee of the Chebeague Golf Course. We were asked to do this as two golf club members had been doing it themselves for quite a few years and we willingly agreed. We ordered our plants from Doughty's Market and had a few perennials added to the mixture. We also filled an oak bucket on the 2nd tee and then added a few flowers to a "quiet reflection bench" by this same setting. Considering we have only been active for one year, it has been a busy, productive and enjoyable year.

— Mona Calthorpe, President

Chebeague Island Hall Community Center

In just three more years the present Chebeague Island Hall will be seventy-five years old! Same walls but with new wallboard, same windows but painted, same ceiling but with new lights (electricity has come), same doorways on the East side but with new doors, and the same roof but shingled several times. Same stage but with a new stage curtain. Same clapboards, painted many times, but siding on the front (1999). Still, there have been changes and additions over the years.

The bathrooms and lobby were added in 1983; the kitchen was revamped in 1989; a new floor was built in 1997. Still the Hall stood alone until the Library and the Medical Clinic were built onto the West of the Hall in 1990.

Presently things are quiet but we are very excited over a beautiful all handmade quilt made and donated by Shirley Burgess to raffle for the Hall's benefit. A multicolored pinwheel pattern, double bed size (it could also be used as a coverlet for a queen size bed), should blend in



nicely with any color scheme. It is absolutely gorgeous! We appreciate this gift more than we can express. Shirley was previously on the Hall Board and she is still

interested in all that happens. Thanks, Shirl, so very much.

Shirley's quilt will be on display at many occasions and events around the Island all summer so keep watch for tickets on sale. Cost: \$1 each or six for \$5. For further information you may call me at 846-4117.

Suppers, dances and Hall rentals still prevail as our most common

means of raising money for the Hall's upkeep. In the present year 2000, in January we had a Twelfth Night Dinner (baked beans and casseroles). Martha Hamilton was the chairman and managed to get a bunch of men on the stage to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas. In March we held a Saint Patty's Boiled Dinner ... You should have seen the huge shamrock hanging from the ceiling compliments of Boopie Tellinghuisen. Also Bev Johnson made some adorable tickets to sell for the occasion. And in April there was a most delicious clam puff supper with Mabel Doughty at the helm. The clams were dug and donated by my husband James (Brother) Ross and our son Gary. Chebeaguers provided the potato salads, casseroles, pies, cakes and brownies for all these suppers. The community spirit demonstrated at these suppers is really great.



Our Chebeague license plates and bumper stickers are selling well. They are on sale at the Library or you can call me at 846-4117. The prices are: Bumper stickers \$2, license plates \$6 or two for \$10. These items are not only used on cars. They make good souvenirs, gifts and decorations for dorm rooms.

This year expenses have been significant due to the following Hall improvements: To Mike Plourde for siding the front of the Hall; to Atlantic Hardwoods for refinishing the dance floor; to Chebeague Plumbing for installing new toilets; and recently to Water Treatment Equipment, Inc. For installing a filter system to the water supply in the Hall. This is a vast improvement and long overdue. We thank the Island Council for getting the project off the ground ... And to Nancy Adams for taking this complaint to them. Since the whole CICHH complex (Library and Health Care Clinic and Hall) is affected by the condition of the drinking water, the project was evenly funded by all three organizations at a cost of \$900 each. The water is now clear of any rust or sulfur taste, in fact it tastes like spring water, the way it should be.

The question keeps emerging of how much money we receive from

the Library, and do we get money from the town. The answer to this question is: It is the Library, not the Hall, who is subsidized by the Town. The Hall does not receive money from the Town. The Hall receives rental directly from the Library in the form of utility bill payments, partial insurance payments and partial janitorial payments. The Hall is the landlord, the Library is the tenant. The Library pays compensation to the Hall with money that the Library acquires from the Town as a subsidy. Out of that subsidy the Library payments to the Hall amount to between four and five thousand dollars annually. This covers all use of the Hall property (where the Library stands), the bathrooms, the kitchen and the main hall itself.

Fund raisers for the summer are still in the planning stage. One thing for certain is our quilt raffle.

We would be remiss not to thank Cindy MacNeill for her past two and a half years as President until she left us during November last year because she was just too busy. She was a hard working gal and we miss her. Also to Karen Hamilton and Ruth Houghton who never got to finish their terms due to other commitments. We miss you, too.

However, we are very fortunate to have the following members of the Board: Darren Hillicoss, Vice-President; Martha Hamilton, Recording Secretary and Booking Secretary; Bette (Boopie) Tellinghuisen, Treasurer; Dianne Brewer, Corresponding Secretary; Mabel Doughty, Byrle O'Neil, Pat St. Cyr, Beverly Johnson, Virginia Calder, Leland Hamilton, Roy Jackson and Sylvia Ross, President.

By the time you read this, Bingo will have started on the 7th of June for the tenth consecutive year!

Many thanks to the Quilters for their contributions towards the floor and the water filter system (\$200) and to the Yoga group for their donation (\$150) for the water filter system. This helped tremendously. Thank you.

There is no end to the amount of thank-yous we have written over the years. No doubt we have overlooked many. But the Hall is Chebeague and is supported by Chebeague ... And Chebeague says: Thank you very much!

— Sylvia Ross, President

Chebeague Island Historical Society

What a year!.....and the best is yet to come!!

Two more editions of the **Sloop's Log** came out and were positively received. There were many articles of interest, including, Donna's popular column, "Then.....and Now," Ken's "The Past," and "Letters Home" written by Lewis Ross during WWII.

The Program Committee, Sylvia Ross, Chair; presented an outstanding selection of programs this past year including, a boat cruise to Long Island where the Long Island Historical Society hosted a tour of the Island and their Historical Society, readings from old Town reports, an annual favorite: "So You Think You Know Chebeague!," and the "Life Cycle of the Lobster."

Another successful house tour was held, with homes opened by the Shattucks, the Trainas, the Marks, and the Millers.

The hard work of board member, Suhail Bisharat and Vail Traina produced another exciting, exclusive trip to Jordan. The Chebeague "13" (it would have been "15" except the Trainas had to cancel at the last minute) left for Amman the end of March. Our tour this year was called "Long Stay in Jordan" as most tours do not spend as much time in Jordan. A great time was had by all, and we saw the mid East from a very different viewpoint. Highlights of the trip included a swim in the Dead Sea, a visit to Jerash to see sights from the 7th century BC, a visit to Suhail's family olive tree farm with a dip in the mineral spring pool and mud bathes for just about all, the lost city of Petra, and St. Catherine's Monastery, just to name a few.

Our plans for the **Museum of Chebeague History** continue to move along. The well is in, although it took two tries! The first one produced salt water! Next on our agenda is the building of the free standing public restroom. Doug Damon has drawn plans for the facility which will blend in with the existing school house. Mark Dyer will be the contractor.

Lead donors are being contacted and we have raised over \$100,000 towards our goal of \$300,000. The all-Island campaign kicks off in June and we hope to reach our goal by the end of the summer.

We could not accomplish this without the hard work of our Board; Vice-President Mac Passano, Treasurer Kenneth Hamilton, Recording Secretary Nancy Sharp, Corresponding Secretary Nancy Chamberlin and Board Members Shirley Barker, Suhail Bisharat, Richard Bowen,

Sue Burgess, Donna Damon, Louise Doughty, Jane Frizzell, Jennifer Hamilton, Jim Millinger, Marjorie Munroe, Joan Robinson, and Sylvia Ross.

— Jill C. Malony, President



Chebeague Island Library

Greetings to all friends and supporters of the Library.

Our computer log tells us that 11,146 persons visited the library in 1999 (some were repeats). More than half of these visitations were in the summer months. The average daily attendance in June was 45, with 96 daily in July and 116 daily in August, for a total of 5,612 in those three months. Total circulation for the year (books, periodicals, audio and video tapes, and miscellaneous puzzles, games, etc.) was 15,802. Included in this figure are the block loans of videos to Prince Memorial Library. This year we were able to initiate a reciprocal program of audio tapes loaned to us by Prince Memorial which we hope will continue as there is an increasing demand for these tapes.

A Dell Dimension computer with a Windows NT operating system began serving as a multi media PC available to all patrons, early last year. It has a color printer but not a scanner as yet. We hope to add one soon as we became the recipients of a \$12,000 grant from MBNA this January to update the technology of the library especially for the benefit of young people who go off Island to school in Cumberland. This is a three year plan with great potential for everyone. MBNA has been working closely with the Island Institute to benefit island libraries in Maine.

We repeated the popular reading program initiated in 1998 which is open to children of all ages, either readers or those read to. By completing a book or books, each participant is rewarded by receiving a coupon which can be redeemed at various places on the Island. Once they complete the Island tour they are eligible for a free evening cruise on the Marie L. Needless to say, readers and their parents have enjoyed the program.

Our story hour at the library had a special guest in July. Daisy the pot bellied pig and her owner Paul Minor came and entertained a fascinated group of all ages! Daisy is well known in her Connecticut home town where she presides over various events. Since her family are frequent visitors to the Island we hope she may come visit us for a story hour again.

“BJ” Abrahamson has been setting up exhibits in the library for several years now of the bronze sculptures he does in the winter months in Mexico. We trust that he will continue to do so, as the bronzes are attractive additions to library decor and a drawing card for

visitors. He donated one of his Clam Diggers for a library raffle last summer that was won by Wink Houghton.

Our ongoing three day book sale in July, repeated in August, was not only popular but a rewarding event. Another Island artist has created a special item for us as a fund raiser. Gail Miller of Miller Designs has fashioned our library logo seagull into a very attractive ornament or a combined pin and pendant in nickel or brass. They are much admired and are selling well.

The Library sponsored social event of the summer was a dance held in the adjoining Island Hall with a quartet of live musicians playing “danceable” music of the ‘40s - ‘60s. Our Friends and volunteers sold utterly delicious desserts and coffee and punch. It was not profit making but it was a very nice family affair attended by people of all ages who actually did dance and/or just enjoyed listening to the music.

We discontinued the pass program to the Museum of Science in Boston but thanks to the Recompense Foundation we still have passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and to the Children’s Museum in Portland.

The year 2000 will be the 35th anniversary for the library and the 10th year in our new building as of June. It will also be the last month for me as Librarian. Since I was one of the original founders in 1965 I can truly say that we have come a long, long way indeed from the one room we occupied in the Island School that first summer. I can’t really express all that it means to me but I can and do sincerely thank everyone who has had a part in making it happen and wish my successor as much joy and satisfaction as I have experienced over the years.

— Martha O. Hamilton, Librarian

Chebeague Island Library History

A. “CHEBEAGUE ISLAND LENDING LIBRARY”

Well, it looks as though the Chebeague Island Lending Library is about to be born and, we hope, will survive to a vigorous old age.

A word about its inception: Three very interested summer residents are anxious to lend their active support to the founding of a library, one even being a trained librarian. In the meantime, the Methodist Youth Fellowship decided to make a Lending Library this year’s project and already have a fine nucleus of books housed in the Parish House. Out of these two we can visualize the formation of

- 1) a Summer Residents Library Committee
- 2) a Junior Auxiliary Committee

So now we need a Year-Round Residents Library Committee, and even that is in the formative stage with

Martha Hamilton, Chairman and
Binkie Dennett, Assistant Chairman

All right! What next? It would seem to be a place to house the Library and, hopefully, the Cumberland School Board will allow us to use an unoccupied room in the Chebeague Schoolhouse. This will be taken up with the School Board.

One more need is books, but we feel that all of you will help out on this. And some of you may even want to make gifts in conjunction with others of encyclopedias, reference books, magazine subscriptions, etc. And, lastly, (as of now) and very importantly comes the question of money. Do you have any ideas for some fundraising projects on the Island this summer?

Any suggestions, any offers of assistance, or any donations of books can be addressed to the Chairman or Assistant Chairman and will be, we assure you, much appreciated.

B. A REPORT, PROBABLY IN 1965, TO THE ISLAND COUNCIL

The Chebeague Island Library in its present form started as a committee of two early in 1965. With the interest and cooperation of many people, the following has been accomplished.

Permission was granted by the superintending School Committee for use of a room at the Island School; This includes heat and light.

A budget for initial supplies was submitted to the Board of

Selectmen and they approved an appropriation of \$200 for the year, with the understanding that an annual appropriation would be asked for at town meeting next year and thereafter.

Supplies were purchased including two double sets of steel shelf units. Since then two more sets have been purchased, one through a donation for that purpose. Another type of shelving has been donated for reference books and periodicals. We also had a new standard typewriter equipped for library work donated and a table for it.

Some shelves and a desk were included in the schoolroom and six children's chairs have been donated but we have no table for them yet. We have an adult reading table available but no chairs.

We are insured for liability and \$2000 on the contents of the room with the same company with which the school department is insured to avoid confusion – and at a reduced rate.

Needless to say, many people have been very generous. We have had well over 1500 books donated thus far and more are arriving all the time. We again express our appreciation to the Methodist Youth Fellowship for their contribution of their books from the Parish House. The fact that most of the books received are ready for circulation and that the library was prepared to be open at all this summer is entirely due to the work of two very devoted and seemingly tireless summer residents, Mrs. J. Howell Healy and Dr. Janet Clark. I would like to suggest that the Council Secretary be directed to write them a special note of thanks for the hours and hours of work they have put in at the library.

We have one recurring problem with the gate in the schoolhouse hall; however it should be solved to the satisfaction of all concerned early in September.

We now have a governing board of seven members: Chairman, Martha O. Hamilton; assistant chairman, Eleanor Dennett; secretary, Banu KomLosy; treasurer, Joseph McLellan; three trustees who are in charge of library personnel, Mrs. Healy, Dr. Clark and Gerry Ross.

The balance in the treasury is ____ (?). We are in no way connected to the Council treasury and have not, as yet, sought any funds from it.

We are working on a set of By-Laws, or more specifically, a list of duties of officers and library policies in general.

Much has been accomplished but there is still much to be done in cataloging and shelving and particularly in building up a good reference library for the schoolchildren who commute to the mainland and can

not always take advantage of the school library there. The Maine State Library will be a great help in this respect.

If you have not visited the library yet, we hope you will, either on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 or Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9. There is no charge for any resident, summer or winter, but any donations will be gratefully received and are tax deductible.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha O. Hamilton, Chairman

C. REPORT ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY TEA

Report on First Anniversary Tea

Chebeague Island Library

Held from 2 to 2 (sic) p.m.

July 14, 1966

Shortly before 2 p.m. Mrs. F. Howell Healy, Mrs. Janet Clark and Mrs. Louis B. Dennett met at the Chebeague Island Library in the Schoolhouse to prepare for the First Anniversary Open House. Mrs. Healy brought a beautiful Anniversary Cake purchased from Cushman's Bakery, complete with yellow candy roses, and Mrs. Clark brought some cookies made and donated by Mrs. Dorticos. The punch bowl was borrowed from the Parish House with ladle and punch prepared according to a recipe obtained from Mrs. Alden Brewer. Paper cups and plates and yellow paper napkins were used.

The guests included:

Dr. Richard Britt	Betty Ballard
Tracy Britt	Ambia MacDonald
Helen Miller	Harris Putnam and three children
Priscilla Dyer	Marcia Wood and one child
Augusta Breed	Roger Howell
Miss Joanne Arkman	Marian Friis
Dianne Brewer	Tancy Healy and two children
Caroline Tanner	Jim Healy
Jane Pascoe	Alice Hall
Helen Slowik	Kitty Mayer and two children
Bertha Gray	Dorothea Collis
Ethel Dorticos	Mr. Whitman
Caroline Craighill	Mrs. Whitman and three children
Margaret Albert	
Clare Havemeyer	

We all regretted the absence of the Library Chairman, Martha Hamilton, who was unable to attend although she and her mother, Mrs. KomLosy, came at the end.

— From Chebeague Island Library records



This spring, Chebeague was graced by a visit from a northern neighbor, a Willow Ptarmigan, a bird supposedly found only in the arctic region. The Maine Audubon Society confirmed the identification and said that it was only the third sighting in Maine. Be sure to see next year's Newsletter for a detailed article!

Chebeague Island School

Greetings From The Chebeague Island School...

What a great little school we have! As they say, "big things come in small packages." Our little student body of twenty-two children has done many BIG things during the 1999/00 school year. Miss Douglass and I could not be happier with all that they have accomplished. Their growth makes us excited about next year's possibilities. In addition, we had nine children in the community's preschool program. Eight of these little ones will make up next fall's Kindergarten class.



4th - 6th Grade

Sitting: Mia Taliento, Britni Bernier, Denis Johnson, Lida Munroe, Katie Phipps

Standing: Lee Robinson, Jim Stefanilo, Josh Doughty, John Summa, Christi Bernier, George Birkett, Vance Benoit

Given that Carin and I were new to the school last fall, we started the year off getting to know the kids and the island community. It was a change that both of us welcomed. It did not take long for us to realize the uniqueness of this school and all the privileges that come with it; the teacher/student ratio, the flexibility of program offerings,

the support and closeness of the Island families ...etc. We are glad to be returning in the fall.

Lee Robinson continued to offer support to Carin, myself, and many students in her role as Educational Technician. She adds great value to our program, and we would have been lost without her. We're glad to say that Lee will also be back with us in the fall.

Elaine Doughty continues to grace us with her culinary skills. She is also our school custodian. The kids enjoy the privilege of asking for "extra sauce," or "no cheese on my hamburger please." I guarantee that they would not have such requests honored on the mainland. Many thanks to Elaine for all she does.



*Seated: Megan Munroe, Christy Phipps, Alissa Hamilton, Reeseey Partlow, Julia Maine
Back row: Lee Robinson, Caroline Summa, Anna Maine, Arianna Stefanilo, Darya Johnson, Emma Todd, Amanda Campbell, Carin Douglass*

This year, Carin's class (K-3) studied many interesting subjects including dinosaurs, rocks and minerals, birds, and Native Americans.

In the fall they traveled to the Peabody Museum in Boston to observe a variety of rocks and minerals. Her Native American unit culminated with an evening celebration where the children presented their reports and projects. They also performed a Native American Pow-wow (singing and dancing) for their parents.

Last fall, the older students (grades 4-6) enjoyed learning about the Revolutionary War. Their understanding was expanded with a trip to Boston to walk the Freedom Trail and learn about the significance of many historical sites. Shortly thereafter, they learned about the exploits of Lewis and Clark and the effects that the Corps Of Discovery had on Westward Expansion.

In May, the older students received a grant from the MBNA foundation and the Recompense foundation to enjoy a three day hike to Zealand Falls in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Here, they participated in many activities designed to enhance their knowledge of land forms, weather, and biomes. The weather held out and with the help of many parents and community members, they were able to hike a 4000 ft. peak!

We graduated four sixth graders this year (Katie Phipps, Jim Stefanilo, Sarah Brown, and Christi Bernier.) They will all make the big move to Greely Junior High School. We wish them well in there transition.

Yes, we really do have a little educational gem here on Chebeague Island. We will keep it quiet so the mainland teachers don't catch on.

— Vance Benoit, 4-6 Teacher / CIS Coordinator

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND PRESCHOOL

What a wonderful year we have had at preschool. The activities and surrounded monthly themes such as Apples, Bears, Using our Senses, and I Am Special. We've also had a shape and color of the month, along with seasonal celebrations.



Front row: Julia Stefanilo, Tyler Campbell, Gen Dyer, David Hamilton

Back row: Assistant teacher Vicki Riddle, Cassidy Jeffers, Tracy Calder, Chloe Dyer, Benjamin Hillicoss, teacher Kathy Zema

Each morning the children have had an hour of free choice to play with blocks, cars or animals; do fine motor activities or puzzles; dress up in the house corner; or do art. We've also had group time for calendar, singing and sharing. This was usually followed by a story, snack and an art activity. In nice weather, we would then head outside to play.

Some examples of art activities we've done are: Feather collage turkeys; apple cinnamon Christmas ornaments; string mobiles; and many types of murals.

The children love to sing and dance. They especially liked: "There Was An Old Witch," "Tacky the Penguin," "The Bean Bag Boogie," and "Animal Action."

Story time has been a special part of the day. Some favorites were: Annie and the Wild Animals, I Like Me and Little Blue and Little Yellow.

We've done a variety of cooking projects to go with our monthly themes. We have made applesauce, pumpkin bread, fruit kabobs and mini pizzas.

The children have traveled a bit this year. In the fall, we went to Wolfe's Neck Farm in Freeport, and at Christmas time we visited the Island Commons to sing and share some treats. We also had a special visitor in March. Tom Werley from the South Portland Public Library came to the Island to read to the children.

We have enjoyed the year so much. Chebeague Island School has such a wonderful atmosphere. The staff and parents are all so nice, and the children have been enthusiastic, happy and so much fun to work (play) with.

Thanks for a great year,

— Kathy Zema and Vicki Riddle



New "flumes" at the Recreation Center

Chebeague Island Yacht Club

The Chebeague Island Yacht Club energetically pursued its multiple missions in 1999 that included management of the racing and sailing school programs, but above all else, fun and good cheer.

One departure in our racing program from prior years was the establishment of a permanent starting buoy just south of the “freshets” (sort of mid way between the Boatyard and Hamilton Beach). This location removed racing starts from more congested areas, and was much appreciated by our race committee volunteers to whom we always are eternally grateful.

At the Annual Meeting on September 4, 1999, the results of the racing season were announced, and are as follows:

Large Boats:

Shattuck Cup Race - Ralph Ragan in Ariel

Ocean Race - Tom Rothchild in Lyra

'Round Island Race - Ralph Ragan in Ariel

Bates Island - Ralph Ragan in Ariel

- Overall:
1. Ralph Ragan in Ariel
 2. Dave Burgess in Evangeline
 3. Tom Rothschild in Lyra

Small Boats:

'Round Island Race - Bob Earnest in Eastwind

Brown Trophy - Rob McCollom

- Overall: Bob Earnest in Eastwind

Club Championship:

Ralph Ragan in Ariel

Dave Burgess in Evangeline

Tom Rothschild in Lyra

The highlight of the awards ceremony every year is the nomination and presentation of the Bungle Award. Most, but not all, honorees have accepted this honor with grace and good humor including the 1999 winner, Jerry Johnston, for being in a punt without a paddle.

The membership formalized its new dues structure for the Club, much too complex to recount here. Suffice to say that membership in

the CIYC remains a bargain of depression-era proportions.

In other business, the Club expressed its heartfelt appreciation to the Charles Hilly family for its generous contribution of \$2,500 in a matching gift campaign to benefit the Sailing School, in memory of R. Harper Brown. The Hilly family also donated a perpetual trophy as a memorial to Harper Brown, to be known as the “Harper Brown Trophy” and awarded each year to the winner of the Hamilton Beach Race - small boat division.

The Club continued its quest to find a waterfront location for a permanent home. Several possible sites have been scouted, while the Club’s requirements and criteria for such a move are being refined.

The members also elected the following individuals to the positions indicated, for two-year terms:

Commodore - Jane Frizzell

Vice Commodore - Reg Babcock

Rear Commodore - Jeff Hahn

Fleet Captain - Manny Morgan

Secretary - Peggy Rothschild

Treasurer - Sally Ballard

The Chebeague Island Community Sailing School, a separate 501(c)(3) entity, enjoyed another successful season developing the sailing skills of young people on Chebeague in our fleet of seasoned 420s and Zephyrs. The program was overseen by the indefatigable John Ash as Immediate Past Commodore of the Yacht Club, and conducted by Sarah Corson, herself a product of the Sailing School.

The year 2000 promises to be another successful one for the Sailing School and for the Yacht Club’s busy schedule of racing and other vital water endeavors. We invite everyone who is interested in “messing around in boats” to join us.

— Reg Babcock, Vice Commodore

Chebeague Long-Range Planning Committee

The Chebeague Long-Range Planning Committee was appointed in May 1999 by the Town Council to explore growth management and other issues on Chebeague and to make recommendations to them by March 2000. It seemed a good time to do this kind of long-range planning: The comprehensive tax reassessment of the previous year had raised a lot of peoples' consciousness about rising property values and property tax impacts. The mainland was doing growth management planning and there was some movement on the Cousin's Island landing issue which suggested that perhaps there might be a time when it would not be a pervasive concern.



With March 2000 in view, the Committee had about 8 months to identify issues important to Chebeague and to develop proposals to the Town for dealing with them. So we have worked very hard, and made our report to the Island and the Council only a couple of months "late."

Near the beginning of the process, in the fall of 1999, The Committee did a number of things to try to get ideas from residents in general about issues that were important and should be worked on. We sent a survey to people "connected" to Chebeague – year round and summer property owners and other people who come to the Island and belong to Chebeague organizations. We got back 537 responses – a good rate of return – and they have been useful in defining issues and indicating priorities people place on them.

We also held two public meetings at the Hall. One introduced the planning effort and the survey. The other focused on groundwater issues, a particularly important Island concern.

After this public start, we settled down to the real, but not very visible work of analyzing the issues and developing goals and recommendations. The various subcommittees listed below did their own research. We were helped by Mark Eyerman of Planning Decisions, Inc. who was able to bring an outsider's perspective and a wide knowledge of planning in surrounding communities to bear on our debates.

The final result has been a Summary Plan with all our many recommendations, and a series of background papers on the various topics that were examined. We held a meeting to report on our findings to the Island on Saturday June 10th, 2000, and a workshop with the Town Council shortly thereafter. The first draft of this report may be viewed on the Chebeague Island website at www.chebeague.org/longtermplan.

The central findings of our studies are: That people on the Island want to keep Chebeague in its rural state and that they want to maintain the present diverse year round and summer population and economy with a strong component of resource based occupations such as fishing. Achieving these two goals poses a dilemma. If land is preserved as open space and removed from the market, competition for the remaining land is likely to drive up its value and the taxes on it. This, in turn, would make it more difficult for people and families of modest income to remain on Chebeague.

The central recommendations of the Committee are to work actively both to preserve open space and to use every means possible to keep assessments on land down. There are a number of possibilities for achieving the latter, including a constitutional amendment that passed last year to allow a Town tax rebate for historic and scenic

houses, and another that will be on the ballot in November 2000 to allow current use taxation for commercial marine uses on the shore. Increasing the supply of affordable housing is another strategy that can help in this regard.

In addition, the Committee included among its high priorities:

- working toward a resolution of the continuing controversy over CTC's landing and parking rights at Cousins Island;
- creating a new Stone Wharf Committee to work again on parking and multiple uses at the Stone Wharf;
- developing a plan for bottom leasing for mussel growing in order to provide protection for the lobstermen;
- continuing and increasing support for the Library and Recreation Center and
- various provisions to help protect Chebeague's groundwater.

A plan is only as good as its implementation. We have made a number of recommendations to the Town for studies, changes in Town ordinances and administrative actions. But many of our recommendations require active participation by Island organizations such as the Chebeague Island Council and the Cumberland Mainland and Islands Trust. In other cases we have proposed that additional committees be set up on the Island to work on specific issues such as parking at the Stone Wharf and affordable housing. We hope that both year-round and summer Islanders will be interested in and willing to work on these committees.

This plan has been developed to try to accomplish what residents said they wanted for the future of Chebeague. But actually accomplishing this will not be easy and will involve lots of work by Islanders as well as the Town. We hope that people will undertake this work.

— Beth Howe, Secretary

Chebeague Piecemakers

The Chebeague Piecemakers number about 20 year-round quilters, and another ten who join us in the summer. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Hall, where we can spread out our sewing machines, rotary cutting mats and quilts in various stages of completion. In summer, because of the press of other things and the need for the Hall, we meet only on the second Tuesday.

The highlights of this year were:

A trip to The National Historical Park in Lowell, MA that celebrates the history of the textile industry in New England. In particular we went to the New England Quilt Museum with its beautiful collection of traditional and contemporary quilts. On the way home we stopped at the Red Barn quilting store for a bit of shopping and immense, delicious ice cream cones.

Various quilters and other people doing cross stitch and embroidery contributed quilt squares for several notable occasions:

Martha Hamilton's birthday – that quilt was assembled by Peggie Jones.

Jane Abrahamson's birthday – those squares were delivered unassembled at the request of her children, so we get to see her make up the quilt.

The birth of Jennifer and Paul Belesca's son Ethan – that quilt was assembled by Jeanette Hamilton.

As usual, we had a festive Christmas party accompanied by exchanges of gifts and "fat quarters" – 1 ½ x 1 ½ yard pieces of quilting fabric. This year the feast was especially delicious because it was catered by Arlene Dyer.

To chase away the midwinter blahs, Lola Armstrong taught everyone how to make "stack 'n whack" quilts. This technique involves transforming fabric with a large, repeating pattern into stunning pinwheels which are then assembled into the quilt. It seemed that the brighter, even the more garish, the fabric was, the more splendid was the result. We had striped balloons, butterflies in the jungle, nautical motifs and several more gentle pastel flowers quilts that looked like spring gardens.

In appreciation to the Hall, which makes this kind of social, collective quilting possible, we donated money to the Hall's general fund and to special funds for refinishing the still-wonderfully-new floor

and for installing a water treatment system to get rid of the rusty-sulphur taste that everyone has complained about for years.

So, if you like to sew and enjoy a low-key sociable day from time to time, come and join us.

— Beth Howe



Chebeague Post Office

If you haven't already heard, the Post Office will be moving sometime within the near future. We have outgrown our present facility and are in need of an upgrade. The future location is still unknown.

As for the new addresses for the Enhanced 911 system: They have still not been adopted and therefore you should still use your present address for postal purposes until we notify you.

Starting June 16th this year the mail will be delivered earlier and dispatched earlier to the Casco Bay Line boat. Just as we did last summer, the change in the ferry schedule causes the change in the mail delivery and dispatch to destinations off Island. Mail that is going to off Island destinations must be in the Post Office by 1 pm Mondays through Fridays. This will include all mail picked up by the carrier. There is no change for Saturday dispatch.

Thank you to all of you who support the Post Office with your patronage!

— Gina Ross, Postmaster



Fred and Donna Martindale changed their address from Chebeague to California. Any bets on when they'll be back?

Chebeague Recreation Center

As CRC enters the third summer of operation, there is much to write about. Through the dedication and hard work of the Board of Directors, staff, and many volunteers, CRC can boast of many accomplishments over the past year. CRC restructured its staffing and we were fortunate to hire a full-time Recreation Director in December. Virginia Tatakis-Calder has a BA in Physical Education and Recreation, has years of experience in teaching and coaching, and is a year-round Island resident. Virginia is responsible for all programming, staffing, and scheduling at the CRC, and the Center has really blossomed under her direction over the past six months. Beth Dyer is the part-time Administrative Director, responsible for business functions, and Ken Hamilton remains as our custodian and all-around handy man.



*Denis Johnson & Christy Phipps
tapping away*

We had a very successful summer of 1999, and the warm sunny weather made for an excellent pool season! Over 70 children participated in swim lessons, and 12 kids successfully completed the “Guard Start” course to learn early life guarding skills. Hopefully, some of them will be our future lifeguards. At our Volunteer Appreciation Day held poolside on Labor Day weekend, Doug Ross was honored as “Volunteer of the Year” for all of his hard work on the pool committee and in other areas of CRC.

The 1999 theater season was also very exciting, with commanding summer performances by the adult cast of “Carousel” and by the young upcoming thespians in “Miss Hannigan Returns.” We were also treated to a couple of fun talent shows during the year with everything from preschool tap dancers to poets to rappers. The talent on this island is unique!

The CRC has continued to offer opportunities for Chebeaguers to get in shape. Besides the many pool programs, adults have participated in Cardio Kickboxing, tap dancing, Fitness with Shirley, and Weight Watchers. The latter has become a continuing program and as of this writing its participants have lost 290 pounds as a group! We also have more people using the fitness room than ever before, and have at least 30 “regulars” now. Kids have been tapping, ballet dancing, hiking, running, playing basketball, swimming, and are learning martial arts in our new Jukado program.



Volunteer of the Year Doug Ross

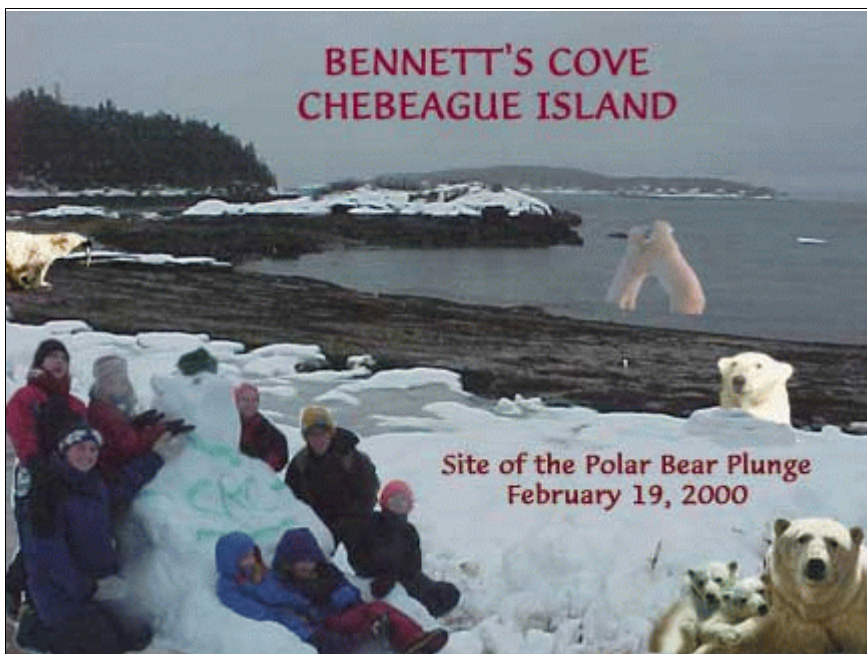
C R C continues to focus on arts and crafts with many opportunities for creativity. Rug hooking remains a popular program, teen crafts, early release craft programs for kids, and much more. This summer Virginia will be teaching

several children’s art classes, and teens and adults can learn wheel pottery from a professional instructor.

This summer we look forward to many other exciting programs. Of note is our new day camp called “Camp Chebeague.” We expect over 100 children from the mainland and Island to participate in this great program. We also have sports and swim lessons for kids, gymnastics, theater, and lots more. We will introduce the new pool “Flumes” – and are proud to say that we are the only pool in the region to offer this fun

feature. We are planning several family barbeque pool parties this summer for folks to get together and enjoy the CRC on a hot summer evening.

This article can't be complete without mentioning the highly successful 1999 CRC fundraiser "A Midsummer Night's Frolic." Hundreds of Islanders shared delicious dinners at the homes of our gracious hosts and hostesses, and all converged at the beautifully decorated CRC for dessert, coffee, and a fabulous auction. The event was the largest single-day fundraiser ever done on the Island, and raised over \$20,000 for the CRC. This year's major fundraiser will be the golf tournament and Ho'Down scheduled for August 2nd. Hope to see y'all



there, (you can come to just the golfing, just the party, or both)! Lastly, talk of our unique fundraising efforts would not be complete without mention of the Polar Plunge, where 15 brave souls dunked into the Atlantic Ocean at Bennett's Cove on February 19th and raised over \$4,000 for the Teen Center. We were also fortunate this past year to establish an endowment fund for the CRC and will be gearing fundraising efforts to that in the upcoming years. The fund will



help lessen the need for major fundraising on a yearly basis. The bulk of our operating expenses continue to be paid by user fees and fundraising, since the Town and school department's allocations account for only about 25% of our budget.



Special appreciation to Ray Newcomb

As you can see, things are hopping at the CRC and it would be impossible to describe everything we've done over the past year. If you have taken advantage of our programs in the past, thank you, and we hope to see you again! If you haven't, please give us a try - we really are "A Place for Everyone."

Special Thanks to the 1999-2000 Board of Directors:

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Jeannette Hamilton
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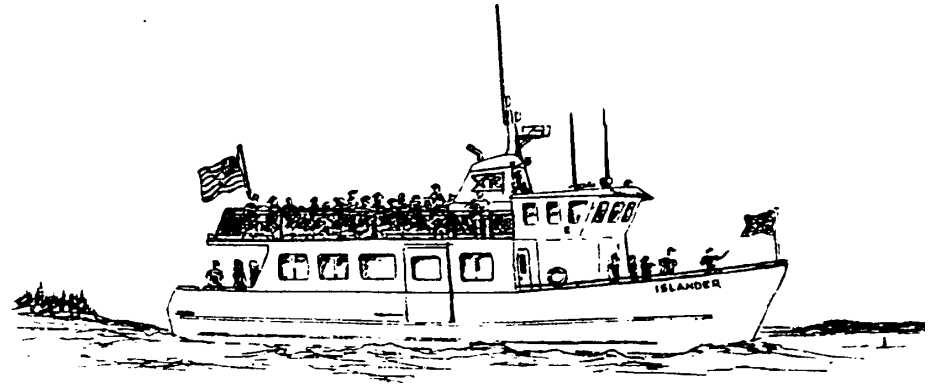
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— Beth Dyer, Executive Director



Chebeague basketball, pre 1998

Chebeague Transportation Company



In the past year, the Chebeague Transportation Company has been working harder than ever to provide service to the people of Chebeague. Each week has brought more negotiation with Cumberland, Yarmouth and the State of Maine, as the prospect of landing on Cousins Island sputtered and faded, but kept aflame. Even after the State took the Blanchard Lot by eminent domain proceedings, Nancy Blanchard pressed suit, and depositions are still being taken at this date.

A new satellite lot on Route One and very close to Exit 16 of Route 95 opened early in December of 1999, and has been successfully operating, with the usual break from January to April. It is much more convenient, and appears to be filling with seasonal customers. More paving, striping, and eventually better lighting are being finished.

On the “home” front, the internal workings of the Company are being studied by the Board and the employees, with restructuring to follow. Policies are being clarified and updated, customer and freight rates are being changed in order to improve our financial health. Many, many meetings are taking place; progress is evident. A vision statement will be developed.



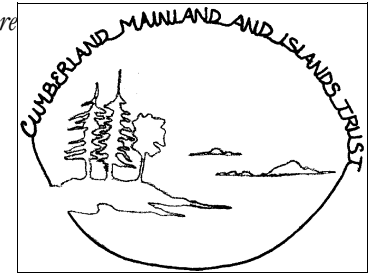
There are some new faces: Allen Malony has been doing a wonderful job as Treasurer and has been indispensable in the transition from Claire Ross as Office Manager to Gloria Brown and Gail Todd as interim bookkeepers, to Gloria Brown as permanent Office Staff. A Personnel Committee has replaced the old Rates and Compensation Committee, and a new Finance Committee has been formed. Glenn Kersteen stayed on as Clerk, and has been a tremendous help, as well. In fact, every member of the Board has been a key player in some way this year.

— Ruth Houghton, President

Cumberland Mainland and Island Trust

“Man is Born to Die, His Works are Short-lived, Buildings Crumble, Monuments Decay, Wealth Vanishes. But Katahdin in All its Glory Forever Shall Remain the Mountain of the People of Maine.”

Gov. Percival Baxter, 1941



Percy Baxter in 1930 recognized that he was in a unique position to preserve as “forever wild” one of the most spectacular land tracts in North America. The 5,760 acre summit tract he initially sought to protect was purchased by Percy for \$25,000 from Great Northern Paper after his earlier efforts as Governor to convince the Maine legislature to do the same were unsuccessful. From this remarkable beginning the park has grown to over 200,000 acres with a stewardship trust exceeding \$51,000,000. While few if any inhabitants of the islands and mainland of Cumberland are in the position to put a parcel of this size and quality into “forever wild” protection, there are a growing number of us who wish we could, either individually or collectively. As the urbanization of Greater Boston continues north we have a chance to create some local “Katahdins,” in our own neighborhoods. Building a high quality of life is a key ingredient in building a successful local economy.

The Trust continues to receive strong and growing support from the members of our community. In 1999 we added two additions to our conservation portfolio of parcels and conservation easements. The Trust now has ten properties totaling nearly 300 acres of protected land under its ownership or under conservation easement. We also have been able to invest our membership contributions funds which we are building to help facilitate future conservation opportunities as they arise as well as support our ongoing conservation oriented stewardship, education, and tax savings programs. With the 1999 passage of the \$50 million Land For Maine’s Future Program, we are in a stronger position than ever to raise capital and human resources to help us protect areas of natural beauty for our future generations. To help with our programs or to stay abreast of current developments, please contact any members of the Board of Directors at any time.

BATES CONSERVATION AWARD

The 1999 BATES CONSERVATION AWARD was presented to the Indian Island Company for granting a conservation easement on 25 acres of exquisitely beautiful ocean frontage on Chebeague Island down near the Little Chebeague bar.

MEMBERSHIP

The Trust is a publicly supported, private, non-profit organization and is a qualified charitable organization under section 501(3)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its programs and funding are solely dependent upon the volunteer efforts and membership contributions of the public. We are pleased in 1999 to see our membership grow to 240 families, representing approximately 12% of the households in the town.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

The Trust continues to publish a semi-annual newsletter (Spring and Fall) about Trust programs. We also publish a 12-page booklet, Protected Properties, describing the properties under CMIT management.

Our annual meeting included a captivating talk illustrated with slides by Professor Nathan Hamilton, Department of Geography-Anthropology at USM, on the subject of preservation of ancient settlements in Casco Bay. The Trust will be working with Professor Hamilton toward identification and preservation of these important sites.

CMIT is working jointly with the Conservation Commission of the Town of Cumberland to develop a trail guide for CMIT and Town properties having public access.

Our 1999 Summer Casco Bay Cruise aboard the 42-foot Arctic Seal was a quick sell-out. We will be offering this cruise as an annual event each summer.

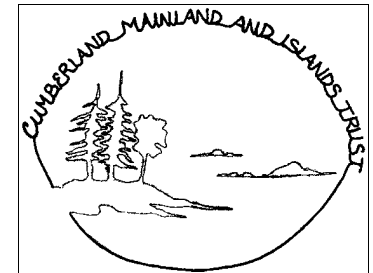
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John Jordan's new boat, Catarina, built by John Jordan and Mike Robinson

From your Cumberland Town Councilor

During the past year the Cumberland Town Council has been heavily involved in issues concerning mainland access for Chebeague including ferry transportation and parking on both Cousins Island and in Cumberland Center. The Town has been working closely with the Maine Department of Transportation and the Town of Yarmouth to address both the expiration of CTC's lease on the Blanchard lot from Nancy Blanchard and the Town's agreement with Yarmouth for continued use of the Cousins' Island wharf beyond December 31, 1999.



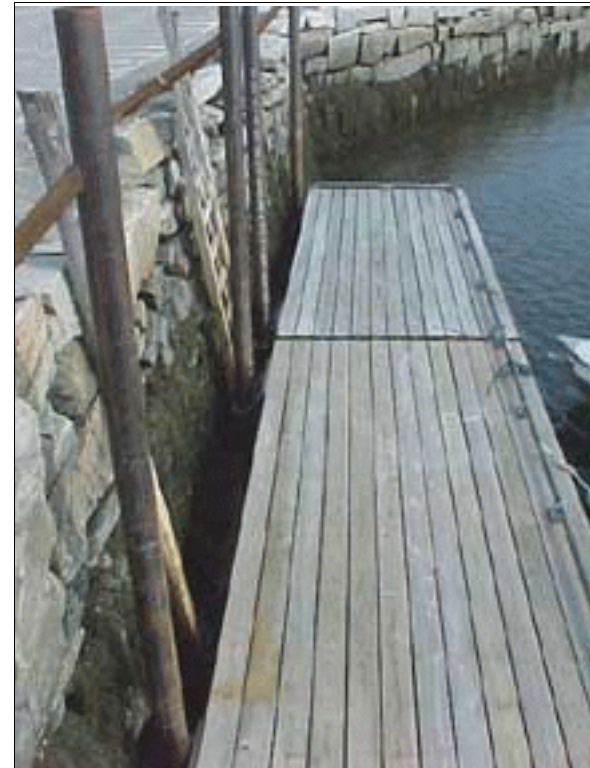
Installing new punt floats at the Stone Wharf

With respect to parking, Maine Department of Transportation offered to design and construct a parking lot on Route 1 near Exit 16 of I-95 and the town worked with CTC to make certain that the lot would meet the needs of CTC and its customers. Maine Department of Transportation also purchased the Blanchard lot prior to the expiration of CTC's lease and leased the facility to the town which in turn sub-leased the parking lot to CTC.

Unfortunately, the former owner of the lot has sued the state in an effort to regain the ownership of the property. This lawsuit has actively been contested by Maine DOT and the town has intervened in this litigation as a party in order to make certain that the interests of the citizens of Cumberland are adequately addressed.

Turning to non-transportation matters, the town council has actively been engaged in detailed studies of suburban sprawl and how to address the pressures of growth both on the mainland and Chebeague. Growth management and open space committees have been working on the mainland and the long-range planning committee has also been working on Chebeague in order to address issues of growth on the Island. A long-range strategic plan addressing Island issues is in the process of being developed and will be presented to the town council this summer. The plan currently has over 100 recommendations for municipal actions affecting Chebeague.

— Jim Phipps, Councilor



Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library began last year with a dance at the hall in August, featuring Herb Maine and Friends playing popular music from the 1930s to the 60s. Fancy deserts and coffee were provided, though on a hot night icewater was a popular item. The dance was attended by a wonderful diversity of Chebeaguers including a large group of teens, some of whom came with their grandparents.

The annual membership letter went out to a larger list of people than just past Friends members. It has produced 234 members, up from 164 in the previous year. As on May 1 they had contributed \$3,060 and letters were still trickling in. This year is a phone book year. The new Chebeague Directory is available at the same time as this Newsletter. It makes the transition from the old system of box numbers to the new 911 street addresses. It will take us all a while to get used to the new street names, but the Directory should help, with both box number and street name maps.

Of course the major item of news this year for the Friends of the Library, just as for the Library's constituency as a whole, was Martha Hamilton's decision to retire, and the hiring of Ellen Wood as the new librarian. As the Library's piece in this Newsletter shows, Martha was one of the major founders of the Library, back when it was in the School. She was the driving force behind the construction of its fine "new" building (now 10 years old) and its expansion into a major year-round Island institution. Big achievements for one small woman. On February 27 there was a big celebration of Martha's birthday, and on June 25, a celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Library, the 10th anniversary of the present building and Martha's central role in the Library's origins and growth. We thank her with all our hearts for her vision, determination and effort and for the informal, friendly, eclectic library she created.

As with many volunteer organizations, Friends of the Library's level of activity waxes and wanes. With the departure, over the past few years, of all the first generation of officers, it has pulled back to its most basic functions of raising money mostly for the Library's book budget. But there are many other things that might be done by the Friends. It needs a new infusion of active people and energy. Anyone who would like to take on this challenge should get in touch with me or Al Traina, Chair of the Library Trustees.

— Beth Howe, Chair

From the "Doctor's House" to present

Progress in health care over the past fifty years



"Doctor's House," circa 1970

We all know of the fabled family doctor of the old days. He knew each of your most intimate secrets (which were much more intimate than they are at present) but never discussed them with anyone else. He (it was always a man) came to your bedside when you were ill, gravely produced a stethoscope from his little black bag to listen to your heart sounds and breathing, judged your temperature with a practiced hand on your brow, and felt your pulse. It was a familiar ritual and somehow made you feel better. Norman Rockwell captured it precisely.

Back at the end of the 19th Century and into the present one now ending, Chebeague was served by a succession of doctors of this model. But gradually medical practice began to change throughout the country. It became more scientific and less folklore; its tools became more complex and its treatments more defined. Most people thought that it was more successful. But it demanded more training, and retraining, of the doctor; the physician. As his social status and his fees climbed, he became less a member of the community and more a highly skilled service provider. Small isolated communities found it harder and harder to attract new physicians when their old doctors left

the scene. With the additional demands of island living, this was even more true of Chebeague, although the style of medical practice was more old fashioned here than on the mainland and for a longer period we had “family doctors.”

While World War II was still in progress, Island leadership led by the PTA began to plan for the recovery of the community following the disruptions and departures of war. They wanted to make the Island more attractive, for the soon-to-be-returning veterans, by improving the school and also by restoring the medical service of a resident doctor [1]. One way to attract a physician was for the Island to offer a house for the doctor and his family. The old Summit House summer hotel on South Road (see illustration), originally built in the 1880's as a private home by Clinton Hamilton, and then enlarged into a summer hotel run by him and his wife Addie for many years, was available after being sadly run down as a private home during the war. It could, with effort, be restored and made available to attract an Island doctor.



*Work crew converting the old Summit House to the Doctor's House.
[Note “summer kitchen still on rear before it was moved to the Porters]*

54 CASCO BAY DIRECTORY, 1930-'32
25 Years Under Ownership Management

SUMMIT HOUSE

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE
Mrs. Clinton M. Hamilton, Propr.

THIS ideal summer hotel is situated on the East end of the island, where the cool air is always stirring. Overlooking the ocean and restful land scenery of field and wood. Every comfort and convenience for guests. Choice of Sea Foods and garden products. Bathing, boating and fishing.

ACCOMMODATIONS WITH COTTAGE 75—Open June 1 to October 1
Rates Reasonable Special Rates for July Booklets on Application
Casco Bay Line Steamers Touch at Nearby Landing

1930s advertisement

The Chebeague Island Council was formed in 1945 .”.. to promote and assist in the development of activities and projects designed to improve conditions important to the inhabitants of Great Chebeague Island.” These collective efforts were led by Phil Seabury, a former telephone company executive with family roots in the Island who had been a “summer native” but who had returned to full time Chebeague living on his retirement. He was described by some as the “Mayor of Chebeague.” Enlisting support from all of the community, year round and summer alike, the Council raised \$4000 to achieve this goal. The old hotel was purchased for \$2000 . Extensive repairs (see illustrations) and modifications were undertaken by volunteers of the community to convert what became known as “The Doctor’s House” into a combined residence and a medical office where the doctor and his family could live and where the doctor could see patients. It was designated a memorial for Dick Seabury, only son of Phil Seabury, who had lost his life in the Pacific theater of operations.

One wing of the original hotel, the old summer kitchen, was detached and taken to another site where it was sold to Howard and Martha Porter for \$1000 (\$300 for the structure and \$700 for the moving). It has now further metamorphosed into the present home of

Barbara and Michael Porter of the next generation of Porters on the Island.

In December 1946 Dr George Loewenstein of Chicago accepted the invitation to be Island Physician and live rent-free in the "Doctor's House." He was assisted in his practice by his wife Hansi, who was a nurse. His tenure here was very successful . He left the Island in October, 1952. Then for the long period of time from June 1953 until 1967, Dr. Herman Petterson was physician on the Island. His wife Ruth was also a nurse who assisted him in his practice. However during much of this time the Doctor's House was empty, only used occasionally for various Island activities; Dr. Petterson preferred to live in a house of his own at Central Landing so he moved out of the Doctor's House in February 1957. Both of these doctors received some financial support from the Town to supplement the fees they received from patients, a continuation of an old practice by the Town of Cumberland.

About this time we received a grant from the Bingham Foundation, dedicated to improving medical practice in rural Maine. This was applied for with the assistance of another person involved in the project, Nils Wessell,

President of Tufts University (1953-66) and a regular summer resident. It did no harm that a key trustee of the Foundation was also a professor of medicine at Tufts Medical School! Be that as it may, Chebeague was ideally qualified for the grant, and the application was successful: A grant of

\$8000 was awarded to the Council that strengthened its resources to support medical services. Indeed, after being involved in the unsuccessful state wide campaign to build a connecting bridge to



Mr. and Mrs Seabury with Nils Wessell (left) at Seabury cottage around 1945.

Chebeague from Littlejohn, the Council became more oriented towards the support of medical care for the Island.

In 1967 Dr. Petterson became seriously ill and resigned his position. By this time it was becoming more and more difficult to attract a replacement to fill the vacancy even though monies were expended to upgrade the Council's house by improving the heating and



Phil Seabury with Hansi Loewenstein in front of Doctor's House, 1945, before renovation

insulation. Finally another doctor was obtained, but Dr. James Guardo only remained 12 months and after that it became evident that it was most unlikely that we could have a resident physician here. Although the Council continued to seek a resident doctor for another six years, it was unsuccessful. The population base was (and is) clearly insufficient to support a practicing physician as the costs of establishing and maintaining a medical facility continued to escalate. These changes in medical economics have

only accelerated in the thirty years from then to the present.

Though it was used occasionally to meet other Island needs, the Doctor's House was often empty and proved hard to maintain. By 1972 it was estimated that it would require substantial expenditures to restore the building and that there would be annual costs of upkeep. Polling its entire membership, both year-around and summer communities, by mail, the Council found that 69% favored selling the house even though there were regrets in selling a house that had come to be viewed as a memorial and in which the year-round community

had invested much “sweat equity.” The house was regarded by many as ill suited for current Island medical use, while the Council’s primary focus was not on other Island needs that the house might have served.

The Council sold the Doctor’s House to Glenn and Laurel Kersteen for \$22,000 in 1975. That was certainly a happy choice and their presence on the Island has been very helpful to the community, but that is another story... . The Council then tried to use its funds to aid in supporting medical services provided by a series of professionals from the mainland, paying ferry fares and parking fees, telephone charges, equipping examination rooms and offices, etc.. The nurse-practitioner Dail Martin (under the supervision of Yarmouth resident Dr David Johnson) helped fill this gap in medical services for the Island, using a room in the new Public Service building provided by the town. Then in 1985 Dr. Charles Radis of Peaks Island started making regular visits to the Island in the course of fulfilling an obligation to the federal government as recompense for a medical scholarship and as part of a government program to assist medically-impooverished communities. At first this service was to assist Cliff and Long Islands as well as Chebeague, but this scheme proved to be too ambitious. After Dr. Radis’ term of service ended in 1988, Drs. Patricia Phillips and Elizabeth Rudenburg succeeded him and maintained a regular schedule of visits to the Island with house calls, supplemented by visits by nurse practitioners, for a decade until further changes in medical economics made that arrangement impractical.

Meanwhile in 1989 and 90 a small medical clinic was built together with the new Library and the existing Hall as part of the reconstituted Community Center. This was aided, after an extended and sometimes acrimonious debate, by a grant of \$25,000 from the Council of much of the money obtained from the sale of the Doctor’s House. This facility was a marked improvement over the space in the Public Safety Building in providing a place to examine and treat patients. However the Island has sorely missed the luxury of a resident physician available at all hours that they once had with Dr. Loewenstein and Dr. Petterson. An appropriate plaque at the entrance to the clinic recalls the Seabury Memorial role of the old Doctor’s House.

After many years of these shifting arrangements, notable progress has been made recently. Since the summer of 1999, Virginia M. Ballard, a board-certified Physician’s Assistant (PA-C) trained at the Physician Associate Program, Yale University School of Medicine, has been

seeing patients regularly at the Medical Clinic and making house calls when necessary. Ginny’s family have been summer residents of the Island for at least four generations and have a long and generous history of supporting Island life, so her ties to Chebeague are exceptionally close. And her training and experience in the relatively new specialty of Physician’s Assistant make her eminently qualified to provide today’s form of health care for a small community. She can diagnose simple illness and prescribe appropriate medicines. Her work is supervised by two physicians on the mainland, Drs. Hugh Harwood and Stephen Martin, but she can also take on patients with other primary care doctors.

While Ginny is technically only an Island resident in the summer months, living in nearby Yarmouth in the winter, she has equipped herself with a pager that makes it easy to reach her out of regular office hours. She draws blood for regular tests and takes the blood samples to the laboratory, saving many patients trips to the mainland. The Clinic is now managed by a volunteer, Joan Robinson, who has taken on the office duties long done by Gerry Ross. Thus for “minor” emergencies and many routine office procedures our Island medical needs are now met here on the Island.

For over 25 years there has been emergency transportation from the Island to the Portland hospitals by the Town Rescue Service which is supported by the Town of Cumberland. The coordinated responses of the Island Rescue Squad, the CTC and the Cumberland Rescue Squad have allowed emergency evacuation from the victim’s Island home to hospital emergency rooms in under one hour, as I can vouch for by personal experience. In this way one element of the medical needs of island life has been solved. As reported elsewhere in this annual report, at present volunteers [2] with specialized emergency medical training participate in this service.

Other medical needs are now being met by a variety of ways. Brooks Pharmacy in Freeport delivers prescriptions to the CTC boat every afternoon. A small supply of prescription drugs is maintained at the Medical Clinic. Public health needs – the annual flu clinic, the meals-on-wheels program, the volunteer programs to combat alcoholism and drug abuse, available patient supplies such as crutches, etc., on a free-loan basis – are aided by grants from the Council and by volunteer efforts by the community.

A medical service in podiatry was established by Dr Shannon Meredith of Falmouth a few years ago and has proven to be valuable to patients living on the Island. And now, with the establishment of the Island Commons by Community Care Resource (CCR) we have an alternative for elderly Islanders unable to continue living in their own homes but who wish to continue in this community, or for those still living at home who need regular medical care that can be provided at Island Commons. This could serve as the nucleus of a system to provide for extended care for patients with chronic illnesses. Unfortunately the care-providing network established in the state is often unable to be stretched to cover persons on the Island because of the time and cost of transportation from and to the mainland. Outpatient care also is more difficult to arrange, yet this is the face of the current changes in medicine regionally and nationally. This gap remains a significant challenge in our health coverage, but is one that CCR is trying to fill.

In the past half century there have been enormous changes in medical care both nationally and in this area of Northern New England.. There are now layers of professional medical specialists of which the physician is only one part. In some aspects of this complex basket of medical services Chebeague has made real strides; in others we still have unfilled needs that remain to be addressed. Yet at the center of this integrated effort is the presence and dedication of both volunteers and professionals determined to provide the best possible medical services to Chebeaguers of all ages in our community.

— Mac Passano [3]

[1] It had long been considered that the presence of a doctor on the Island was an indicator of the quality of the community. It also served as an advertisement inducement to attract summer visitors to Chebeague. In an undated booklet that is perhaps 70 years old, entitled “Summit House and Cottages,” the author (Mrs. Clinton M. Hamilton) says: “For the benefit of those who do not like to go where the services of a good physician are not available, or where there are no churches, we mention the fact that Chebeague is favored in both these respects.”

[2] The current membership of the Island Rescue is: Marlene Bowen, Captain; Dianne Calder, Bill Calthorpe, Louise Doughty, Ester Knight, Kathy McCollom and Alnah Robinson.

[3] I wish to thank Dianne Calder, Donna Damon, Martha Hamilton, Pommy Hatfield, Ester Knight, Michael Porter, Gerry Ross and Nils Wessell for help in gathering information for this article; however the factual errors that may have crept in, and the opinions expressed, are solely those of the author.



Gerry Ross receiving appreciation from the Island Council and Dr. Pat Phillips for all her work running the Chebeague Island Health Clinic.

I continue to add to the “Chebeague Page” which I created in 1996. The address <http://www.chebeague.org> will get you to a simple index highlighting the most viewed Chebeague Pages. The Anchor Page is a major index for all websites related to the Island or Islanders and some links of importance to the Island and me.

The most important page is the Island News which is comprised of a people section as well as a daily (sometimes weekly) update of what is happening on the Island. It is very helpful for me if people would e-mail me with upcoming events so I can pass the information on. It is hard for anyone to realize, but I really don’t always know what is going on. Sometimes very important events are missing from my page. I am also told that this page has become the “historical record” for the Island and needs to be as complete as possible.

I am especially appreciative of the Recompense Foundation who has supported my efforts with buying a digital camera (which has been used by me and others for every organization on the Island) and then they paid for the extra web space needed to show all the pictures which show up on my website.

Please stop by and visit the site and add or check the accuracy of your e-mail address on the e-mail page.

— Beverly Johnson, Webmaster



The Jolly White Giant

The following article was submitted by someone who, for obvious reasons, has chosen to remain anonymous. We appreciate these reminiscences from a supposedly reformed juvenile delinquent.

— The Editors

There are many traditions on Chebeague that enjoy varying degrees of acceptance and celebration. Tales of outhouse-tipping and cows on the roofs of fishhouses have evolved to adventures involving devil’s fiddles (using only the best Aunt Lydia’s thread, of course) and several carbide and black powder cannons.

But one tradition has its roots in the 1960s and involves three bored teenagers inspired by the ghosts of Andrew Dickson White and Ezra Cornell. It seems that tradition has it that if a virgin were to cross the Cornell University quadrangle at midnight, the statues of the college’s two founding fathers would walk across the quad and shake hands. To commemorate this event, footprints have magically appeared on the central pathway between the statues on the quad, marking the passage of the bronze apparitions.

One summer night, our three teen miscreants were discussing this phenomenon while listening to the Kingsmen belt out their latest hit, *The Jolly Green Giant*. One thing led to another, and pretty soon the idea of a visit from a large-footed creature was born. He would land at the Stone Wharf and take a leisurely stroll to the Lobster Pot, the teen hangout and snack bar next to Doughty’s Market.

A four-toed footprint template was fashioned (it’s still stored away in some barn on the Island!), brushes and paint were procured, and the project began. Since only white paint was available (actually, it was requisitioned without authority), the creature assumed a “white” identity. The first footprint went on the float next to Smitty’s *Polly-Lin II*. Remnants of the second footprint may still be seen on one of the granite blocks of the Stone Wharf near the telephone booth. The tracks then proceeded up the road from the wharf.

Concerns for the amount of paint being consumed, combined with the effort involved in applying the paint to the road led to two decisions: First, the stride of the visitor would be lengthened (thus leading to his gigantic proportions) and, second, a shortcut would be taken across the golf course exiting by the tennis courts. Certainly, a

giant couldn't leave footprints on the fairways, but he could (and did) leave a mark (still partially visible) on the flat rock near the cemetery.

The teen trio was riding in a flat gray 1953 Rambler with a British green racing stripe. Largely constructed from recycled Campbell's soup cans, this "car" sported multiple horns and carried the name "The Outer Limit" on its rear fenders. The boys carefully and quietly parked near Earle Doughty's store to complete their mission.

When they returned to the car, they were surprised to find a small stick figure sitting on the windshield. What was this, voodoo? A precursor to the *Blair Witch Project*? Actually, it was a clear message that they had been seen and identified. But Earle never admitted any knowledge of this incident and, to the best of my knowledge, he never revealed the identities of the midnight artists.

So who were these mis-guided youths, shamelessly defacing public property? It would be inappropriate to divulge names, but one is a prominent local auto repair specialist, one went on to become the chief of police in Lewiston before entering state government, and the third eventually chaired the Yarmouth School Committee. And who says vandals can't succeed in life? Thank goodness for the statute of limitations.



Since that warm summer night in 1965, several generations of road artists have given us turkey tracks, bird tracks, alien footprints, bear tracks, lobster claws and, most recently, the Y2K stars. The visitor continues to walk up the road from the Stone

Wharf, but nowadays he/she/it heads up the hill to the Chebeague Inn, presumably to slake a thirst that has been building for decades. But it all started with the Jolly (ho, ho, ho) White Giant.

— Anonymous

Ladies Aid

The Chebeague Ladies Aid have had another busy year. Our main goal is to support the church and contribute to the upkeep of the Church, Parish House and Parsonage buildings. We give to many other worthwhile causes also.

We are very proud that Ladies Aid is the oldest surviving organization on Chebeague, and that our dues are the same as when we began back in the early eighteen hundreds. Of course back then, dues might be paid quarterly (25¢). I am sure that a dollar was worth quite a bit more than it is today!

This winter we have averaged ten or twelve members meeting each Thursday from 10:30 a.m. To 2 p.m.. Later on, when some will be returning to the Island we have around fifteen or twenty attend.

All our business meetings begin with devotions and prayer. Betsey Ross (our card sender) sent 461 cards last year to shut-ins, former Aid members, sympathy and many, many "thinking of you" cards that seem to be enjoyed and appreciated.

We lost two very dear members the past year: Leah Webber and Geneva Dobson.

We look forward to seeing you all at our summer fair on August 3rd from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

— Victoria Smith, Secretary

Great Chebeague Golf Club



1999 was another extremely successful year for the Golf Club. We succeeded in golf beautification projects, sound financial management and most importantly, conducted many, many successful tournaments and events – we had a lot of fun!

Wayne Dyer, Wink Houghton and Bob Jones saw to completion the new pond alongside the second fairway, which not only add to the beauty of the course, but the entire Island. Further, it was made available to the Fire Department, which has now “plumbed” it for an extra tank refilling resource. So, it is very pretty and functional - and managed to keep itself full even in an extremely dry, mid-summer period.

Under the guidance of our Treasurer, Sky Grant, and our Business Manager Cynnie Sheketoff and her very capable staff, the club managed to run on a continued financially sound basis. This allows making the course available occasionally to not-for-profit fundraising activities. 1999 was Chebeague Care Resources conducting a fundraising tournament, which was spearheaded by John and Annie Thaxter and Vicky Marion. It was an enjoyable event, and did succeed

in raising a nice chunk of money for CCR. Any not-for-profit Island organization that might like to use the course – or even the clubhouse – please let us know.

The Blanchard tournament – for year-round residents – was moved to August on a trial basis. It was successful, but the consensus was that it would be better moved back to early September. Look in your Calendar for this year’s date (just after Labor Day), Sunday, September 10th. The winners now receive newly donated trophies – the “Doc Houghton Cup” for the 18 holers (won by Hartley Brewer) and the “Shekeholt Family Trophy” for the 9 holers (won by Nicky Wheldon).

Another highly successful Junior Clinic year, headed by Ruthie Houghton, had over 70 youngsters partake during the summer. This program is bearing fruit, as the competition for the Junior Championship has drawn many more entrants and you should see these kids play. Come on out and watch!

Finally, among many other projects accomplished by the Club during the year, the bridge connecting the ninth tee was completed, and on Memorial Day was dedicated in memory of Dave Buxbaum. Thanks go to Chris Burgess, Bob Jones and many others for this sturdy, yet aesthetic structure.

— Robert Buxbaum, President



Great Chebeague Tennis Club

Last year was an active one for the Tennis Club, both on and off the courts. The court surfaces were maintained at a high standard, due to Jeremy Van Fleet's dedicated work (with an occasional assist from other Van Fleet family members). The by-laws of the club were extensively revised and updated, thanks to Bob Whitman's perseverance.

A new slate of officers was elected at the August annual meeting: Jerry Johnston has succeeded Ron Formisano as President; Vicky Emery and Carl Tubbesing were elected Vice Presidents. Vicky will oversee court instruction and special events, Carl's specific responsibilities encompass the club's facilities with particular attention to court maintenance. Jim Van Fleet continues as Treasurer, safeguarding our strong financial condition. Tineke Breed inherits the Secretary's responsibilities from Erica Formisano. Newly elected directors are Jeff Hahn, Bob Levey, Molly O'Donnell, Phil Secrist and Tee Taggart. Ron Formisano remains on the board for a year as former president. And of course the club continues to benefit from the advice and guidance of a number of our founding members, who also serve as directors.

One major development last summer was the decision of the Golf Club to introduce a cancellation clause (on 3 years notice) in renewing our long term lease. The possibility (hopefully remote) of being forced to abandon our facilities and relocate argues for continued prudence in managing our resources and strengthening our financial reserve.

Mark your calendars for our summer round robins, the second Wednesdays of July and August, July 12th and August 9th.

— Jerry Johnston, President

Sanford's Pond

This past winter was an eventful skating season as most are at Sanford's Pond. There were 36 total open skating days, of which only 31 were used by patrons. Out of these 31 skate days only 17 were night skates due to weather conditions.

Volunteers helped Sanford perfect the outside lighting system, which is fabulous. All the community help was greatly appreciated as there is much upkeep. This summer there will be renovations to the pond. Stop by and see!

Sanford would like to thank everyone for all the bottles and cans donated over past years. He regrets that he must inform everyone that he will no longer be accepting cans or bottles this summer or in the near future.

Any children who skate needing equipment for the 2000-2001 season should let Chris Doughty know no later than August 15th of this year.

Thanks, Sanford, for yet another great season!

— Chris Doughty



Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

I am happy to announce that the Stephen Ross Scholarship Board of Directors has voted to place our funds with the Maine Community Foundation (MCF). This foundation is a public foundation that receives and manages charitable funds of any amount from individuals, families, businesses and other charitable organizations. Because MCF is a public charity, not a private foundation, there is a distinct advantage for us in the administration of scholarship funds. We will not be subject to the IRS rules, which have caused us to spend money and get headaches in return. All gifts to the scholarship will remain fully tax-deductible.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Island Library, Greely High School, or at Ken Hamilton's as in the past. One important change is that all applications must be either returned or postmarked by May 1st. There can be no exceptions.

The Island Board of Directors will continue to review and decide on the granting of the scholarships. Last year we made awards to Rob McCollom, Flora Brown and Chris Towle.

As we have done many times before, we ask that you keep the Stephen Ross Scholarship in mind if you are able to make a donation or a memorial gift. Our principle has grown from \$1400 to over \$50,000 since 1964. This has been possible through your donations both large and small. We were the beneficiaries of \$5000 from the Elizabeth Weiss estate this year. Other gifts totaled \$3,180; over \$2000 was received in memory of Leah Webber. We also thank the Chebeague Parents Association, the Island Council, Jim Millinger, Marianne and Dick Brenton and Jill and Allan Malony.

Won't you please take the time to write a check to the Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund for 10, 20 or 50 dollars so that we can double our money in the next few years. Remember we award only the interest so your gift keeps on giving. We are waiting to hear from you.

This fund was established in 1964 in honor of Stephen Ross the son of Gerry and Lewis Ross who was killed in an automobile accident while a senior in high school. The scholarships are available to high school seniors and college students entering their second year. The Directors of the fund at the present time are: Mabel Doughty, treasurer; Dianne Calder, secretary; Ken Hamilton, president; Bill Ross, Doug Ross, Sue Burgess and Hartley Brewer.

The Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund
Route 1, Box 204
Chebeague Island, ME 04017

— Ken Hamilton, President



Looking for infant lobsters with Diane Cowen of the Lobster Conservancy

United Methodist Church



We start the new millennium with celebration. This year, we had a record attendance at both Christmas and Easter services. The Sunday School has operated through the winter to the delight of the children attending.

Our Church buildings continue to be repaired and improved. We are working on a painting job now, and have done roofing and porch work in the last calendar year. The Church's mission giving has placed our congregation in the top two percent of mission support per capita in the New England Conference. When our love and concern goes out to so many places as well as our own, we are truly a part of the universal church.

We have enjoyed several fellowship meals, including our first barbecue, which will continue over the summer on a once-a-month basis.

Best of all, we look forward to our upcoming bicentennial of 1802, which celebrates three centuries (well, part of three centuries) service to the people of this blessed place. Pastor Bob has started his sixth year with us, and we continue to be a lighthouse for all who would rejoice in God's love.

Join us in worship, in praise and in service.

— Robert Leon, Pastor

Whalers

Last summer after our annual concert here, we were invited back to Cliff Island where we sang to a nearly full house as guests of their summer concert series. This was indeed fun, but not as much fun as the lobster boat ride home where on that hot and humid night, we serenaded the entire Casco Bay with Down By The Old Mill Stream and By The Light Of The Silvery Moon. Some things never change... we are still our own best audience.

After our summer hiatus, we jumped right into Christmas preparations, warming up with a short but meaningful bout of caroling at the Island Commons. Then, together with an impressive handful of Whaler Wannabes, we drove caravan style throughout the east, central and west ends of the Island, caroling till we dropped.



*Ruth Houghton, Louise Doughty and Jessie Rousseau
en route to a Cliff Island Concert last summer*

We finished off the season as promised, with a renewed attempt at bringing Hollywood to Chebeague (see Newsletter '95) with our unique adaptation of "White Christmas." This year's cast starred our very own Miss Vail Traina (as Rosemary Clooney) and Miss Sue

Burgess (as Vera Ellen) who honored us with a guest appearance. Mistrs Ruthie Houghton and Carol Lynn Davis (as Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye) made these unlikeliest of couples oh so complete, and Mme Martha Hamilton (aka Carousel's Starkeeper) thankfully tied it all together with her hole-filling narrative. The remaining cast was more than supporting, with an especially memorable song and dance routine by the lovely Miss Eleanor Morse, now available on videotape. In any event, and regardless of the more critical reviews, this event was a highlight for us. How to top this in 2000...now there's a challenge!

In February, we thought we had figured out a possible solution to



*And in the stern:
Eleanor Morse, Khaki Habig,
Carol Lynn Davis and Deborah Gordon*

the midwinter Island blahs by offering a Sing-Along-Through-The-Decades Night, to whichever Chebeaguers hadn't yet fled to Florida. It was an evening of sentiment and nostalgia for all of us, with extra coziness provided by (artificial) candlelight and

(authentic) desserts. Before we could say crocuses, we were back in church with our musical Easter offerings and now, already, so soon, where did the year go, we are planning again for a summer concert on July 2, the theme being: Water. All kinds...

As always, we thank you for sailing through another year with us and, as always, we couldn't nor wouldn't be able to do it without you. We remain, respectfully,

— Deborah Gordon, Director, and the Whalers:

Sandra Birkett		Eleanor Morse
Banu KomLosy		Khaki Habig
Dianne Calder	Diane	Caroline Partlow
Leon		Martha Hamilton
Carol Lynn Davis		Joan Robinson
Joan Maxon		Ruth Houghton
Louise Doughty		Vail Traina



Vail Traina, Carol Lynn Davis, Sue Burgess, Martha Hamilton

Chebeague Census

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January of 2000. There were approximately 340 people on the Island. Of course, the official federal census is being carried out at present, so we will probably be able to provide you with a more accurate figure next year.

WEDDINGS.....

Lisa Shattuck Osgood and Robert Halpin
Regina Hartman and Edward Leonard
Rebecca Rich and James Coppmann
Patricia Perkins and Robert Watanabe
Rebecca Grunko and Alex Kerr
Gertrude Putnam and Robert Ross
Nancy Emery and Omer D. Lizotte

ENGAGEMENTS.....

Vicki Riddle and Stephen Todd
Mary Reeve and Bryan Webber
Margaret Ewing and Richard (Sky) Yenco
Pamela Brewer and Richard Leydet
Kimberly Hamilton and Holden Basch

BIRTHS....

Nathaniel Merrill-Anthony
to St. John and Judith Hall

Spencer George
to Mayo and Molly Shattuck

Elizabeth Paige
to Dianne (Freeman) and Ed Smith

Anna Marie
to Robert and Mary Phipps

Nicholas Clifford
to Brenton and Theresa Bennett

Hannah Cushman
to Gwenth (Whitman) and Gregory Aebnick

Trisha Lee
to Leland and Karen Hamilton

Luke Alexander
to Erhardt and Grace Groothoff

Graham Andrew John
to Malcolm and Lynn Dugliss

Ashton Forbes
to Angela (Varney) and Erik Weagle

Devan Faith
to Roslyn (Weagle) and Frank Glassock

Autumn Rae
to Robert and Joyce Parker

Carleigh Anne
to Kirsten (Abrahamson) and Bruce Steele

Orson Ali
to Melissa (Erder) and Kelly Wright

Amaya Kamalani
to Victoria Garcia and Peter Gurulé

Ethan Merle
to Jennifer (Smith) and Paul Belesca

Cody James
to Brenda (Bennett) and Ernest Colello

Henley Marie
to Fiona (Shepherd) and Steve Davis

Hannah Rose
to Heather (Boxer) and Joseph Hutchins

CONGRATULATIONS...

Joseph Vincent
grandson **Maxwell Vincent Regan**

Clifford and Shirley Barker
granddaughter **Gracie Marie George**

Samuel and Margaret Gaston
great granddaughter, **Cassidy Elizabeth Pancerella**

Cynthia Sheketoff
great grandson **Devon Robert McBeigh**

DEATHS...

Donald Bennett
Susan Little Bennett
Robert A. Brown
Judith Worthen Caldwell
Richard Mac Cormack
Geneva Dobson
Oscar Mauritz Froding
Ellen C. Hamilton
Phyllis Hoyt
Eleanor Soule Johnson
Paul Lakin
Al Lanouette
Mary Ross Newcomb
Jane Goodwin Pizarro
Diana Prescott
Harry Ross and Larry Rich
(Long Island fishermen lost at sea)
William F. Swann
Mildred Mansfield Thomas
Kathy Jean Townsend
Leah Hamilton Webber
Sylvia Wethe

Condolences to the following people who have also lost a loved one:

William and Mona Calthorpe
Virginia Dyer
Peggie and Robert Jones
Natalie and Bob Parker
Florence and Herbert Rich
Ethelyn and John Sullivan
Herbert Maine and Carol White
Nina Wood

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