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Cover:

This year, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* is focusing on Chebeague Island’s fishing boats and its fishing industry.

Pictured on our cover is a veteran of the fleet, Raymond Hamilton’s *Nimbus*, now owned by Michael Porter.

Ray had the 38' *Nimbus* built in 1952 by Herman Morse of Harpswell, who built 66 similar lobster boats, including one for Cliff Leonard. The boat was originally powered by a 301 Palmer, but its third and current engine is a 455 Oldsmobile.

Ray fished aboard *Nimbus* year round for over forty years.. He ran as many as 500 traps (a small number by today’s standards), saying “that was enough for me.” He always fished alone, except when he allowed a kid to tag along. David Hill was one of those kids, who was (over)paid a buck a day for his efforts in the stern.

In 1993, Ray passed *Nimbus* on to Michael Porter, confident that his constant friend and servant would be well cared for and would sail on for years to come.



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Since 1998, the Chebeague Island Historical Society has published the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* originally sponsored by the Island Council. This report to all those interested in the Island is a cooperative venture by the nearly 25 organizations of all sorts involved in the well-being of Chebeague, the largest “non-connected” island in Casco Bay. If it succeeds in summarizing what went on last year, this is due to the help and cooperation of many people who contribute their time and skills without reward. We appreciate their contributions to this publication and hope that our total effort meets with their approval. If there are any organizations from whom we didn’t hear, it is only because they’ve been too busy doing all the good things they do for Chebeague!

The cost of publication is underwritten as before by the Historical Society. It is one of that organization’s contributions to the social and (if you will pardon that rather grandiose term) intellectual life of Chebeague. But to be effective we must reach as many readers as possible; we urge you to help us spread the word of the availability of this report. If you miss getting your copy hot off the press at the Fourth of July Picnic, it is available for \$6 at the Library and at the Cobbler Shop Gift Shop, and from the Historical Society at our meetings. Copies can also be mailed to any address in the United States for an additional fee of \$2.

The *2001 Annual Newsletter* and prior year *Newsletters* are also available from the Chebeague Website (www.chebeague.org) and can be downloaded by those technically-apt as a PDF format file. The illustrations in this case will be in color.

The editors wish to thank Kim Munroe for her contribution of much of the digital photography used throughout this *Newsletter*.

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

Boatbuilding on Chebeague



Kelley Anne, built and owned by Sherman Rich



...and the proud builder

Chebeague Island has a long and proud history of boatbuilding that dates back hundreds of years

Over the past couple of years, it has become evident that the tradition is alive and thriving, as evidenced by the photographs on this and the next two pages.

— The Editors



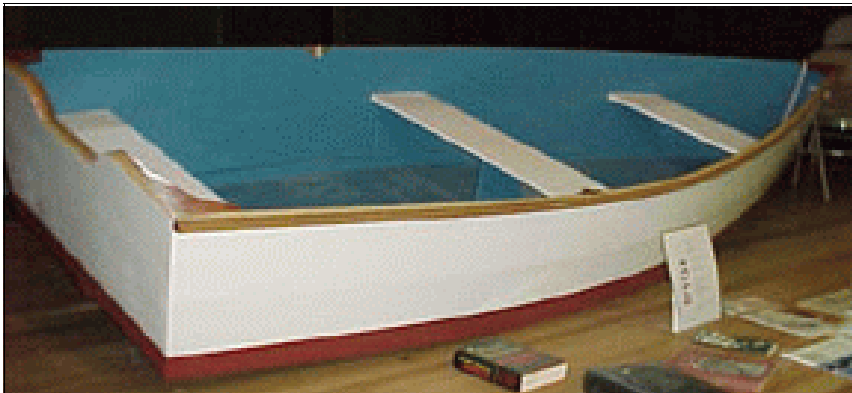
John Jordan's boat, Catarina, built by John Jordan and Mike Robinson



Michael Porter with Quiet Presence, built for Dodge Morgan



Catarina under construction last year



*This punt was built by David Stevens
and has been generously donated to the Library raffle*

Casco Bay Island Development Association



The Casco Bay Island Development Association enjoyed a better than usual attendance at its Annual Meeting 2000, held in September to avoid conflict with the numerous island summer activities and in Portland to avoid the complications of island hopping. An added attraction was a speaker: Jeff Monroe, Portland's Director of Transportation and the Waterfront, gave an overview of Oceangate and its plans for reorganizing the eastern end of the waterfront after Bath Iron Works leaves its present site next year.

The most significant activity of the year was the change in status to 501-c3 which makes our dues and gifts tax deductible. Under recent legislation CBIDA will be able to continue any lobbying because the Association, as a rule, does not spend its money on these efforts. Members, attending and/or speaking before legislative committees and other similar groups, provide their own transportation and take themselves to lunch. Membership support is most important because it is very helpful to be "speaking for a bay-wide organization of --- number of members."

A recent review of our membership list showed that many on that list had not paid dues for a significant number of years. Since CBIDA does not require a great deal from its members, we realize that dues can easily be overlooked. Please check your checkbooks to see if you are up to date. Dues - still \$7.00 single and \$10.00 double - are due January 1st or may be paid at the preceding Annual Meeting (many people find this more convenient).

In its usual watchful waiting role, CBIDA is keeping an eye on the future of Cow Island off Great Diamond. The island, a part of the Town of Long Island, is currently for sale. CBIDA would encourage any group willing to continue the present public access to this popular picnic area.

In the spring CBIDA was happy to support the Peaks Island Land Preserve group in its successful attempt to receive a conservation easement from the City of Portland for the city owned parcel on that island. This property of about 100 acres was given to the city in the late 1960's by CBIDA for open space. In those days it did not seem

necessary to include restrictions in the deed. How quickly times change! CBIDA was able to provide the Peaks group with copies of articles in Nor-By-East of that period that indicated clearly the intent of the gift as well as Senator Muskie's interest in it.

To celebrate Clean-Up Week CBIDA collected appropriate drawings from the island schools and hung them in the Ferry Terminal waiting room. Each participating school received \$50. For the teachers to use for some special need.

A project-in-progress is a CBIDA history pamphlet similar to the annual boating pamphlet. The 2001 boating pamphlet, with information about the islands and the marinas and boatyards around Casco Bay, will be available for Memorial Day. They are distributed on our island by the Chebeague Island Boat Yard.

CBIDA continues to provide an island representative to the Casco Bay Estuary Project Management Committee and to the Waterfront Alliance and continues to support the Casco Bay Island Transit District as well as the Chebeague Transportation Company.

The CBIDA Steering Committee meets at the Ferry Terminal Conference Room on each first Saturday of the month, at 9:30 am. The public is welcome. The support of all island people - winter and summer - and those interested in preserving the island way of life is encouraged (translation: eagerly sought). For more information call President Virginia Fisher at 772-3616 or Jean Dyer at 846-4188.

— Jean Dyer, Island Representative



Chebeague Care Resource

CCR's Directors thank the individuals, organizations and foundations who contributed over \$30,000 from May 2000 through April 2001. In addition, we greatly appreciate the generous community volunteer participation at various programs and fundraising events. Because of this, we are able to continue to increase Island Commons endowment to assure access for all resident all the time.



*Of particular note were contributions given in memory of:

Grace P. Banker — Clyde Bowen — Herman Boxer — Earle E. Doughty — Steve Graves — Ellen Hamilton — Eleanor R. Hanscom — Elizabeth Harmon Lashure — Gard & Jeanne Layng — Emily & George Leonard — Phyllis Millinger — Edward Bailey Moulton — Ray Newcomb — Brooke Olsen — M. Frances Otey — A.J. & Pete Rodman — Jim & Etta Ross — Lewis Ross — Scotty St. Cyr — Lewis B. Sawyer — Bill Shuttleworth — Solveig C. Wethe — Bob Wheldon

*and in honor of:

Ginny Ballard — Ginna Ensign — Karen Hamilton — Louis F. Leonard — Pat St. Cyr — Polly Wentling — Debra Willson —

CCR programs include our Senior Lunch, Health & Wellness Library, Community Workshops, and Island Commons (our adult family care home). This year we completed three major upgrades at "the Commons." The driveway and parking area are paved; the little red Studio is refurbished and painted, ready for resident, family, staff and board use; and Island Commons is now a licensed Adult Day Service provider - for respite or full-time day care. As with our residential program, day service fees may also be paid for by Medicaid or privately.

Valued volunteers and financial contributors help CCR to continue to advocate for quality health and care on Chebeague. Thank you!

CCR's dedicated Board of Directors are:

Sally Ballard — Ann Belesca — John Birkett — Alice Bowman — Bob Brown Pommy Hatfield — Ester Knight — Cynn timer Sheketoff — Jean Whitaker

CCR's SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

This past year was fantastic! With increased attendance – about 30 people at each lunch – and continuing volunteer cooks, servers, deliverers, and dishwashers, the program remains a most popular and enjoyable time for all. The food gets better (with helpful suggestions from diners) and the folks stay longer (sometimes 2-3 hours). A very special thanks is due Joan Maxon, Fran Calder, and the Island Commons kitchen for making sugar-free dishes available.

Under the direction of Jean Whitaker, several volunteers appeared regularly to assist: Jane Frizzell, Jenn Hamilton, Shirley Barker, Mona Calthorpe, Ruthie Houghton, Ginger Sharpe, Alice Bowman, and last but not far from least, Mabel Doughty.

— Pommy Hatfield



Mabel Doughty, "A volunteer extraordinaire!"

Chebeague Island Council

The Chebeague Island Council continues its primary mission: to sponsor and support the Island medical clinic located in the Community Center between the Hall and the Library. We work closely with our island's primary health care provider Virginia M. (Ginny) Ballard PA and her assistant Joan Robinson. We sponsor the annual flu clinic and the newly established Samaritan Fund administered by Ginny Ballard.

The Council sponsors and coordinates the community annual Fourth of July parade and picnic. We publish a free brochure (with a map by Michael Porter) to help visitors explore our community, and we publish the monthly Calendar, edited by Karen Hamilton, that provides current information about many Island activities.

Our Treasurer, Gail Miller, not only manages our monetary resources; she also provides support to the newly established, and as yet informal, Chedemption project to recapture beverage container deposits for the benefit of the Island non-profit organizations. This new activity is described elsewhere in this Annual Newsletter.

In the past year the Council established the Samaritan Fund to assist financially strained islanders with medically-related expenses. Donations are gratefully received and then expended privately by Ginny with policy supervision by the Council's board. The Council's share of the Chedemption receipts are currently contributed to the fund and it is augmented by other donations solicited by the Calendar. In the first year of its existence this fund has shown its value to the community.

Membership Chairman Cliff Barker maintains our membership roster and records. He supports the monthly mailing of our publication, the Calendar, to all off-Island members. The Calendar is bulk mailed to all Island residents free of charge as a service to the community. All of these services are supported by members' dues.

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at the Parish House on Saturday, August 11th at 9 am. The present officers will present brief summaries of the state of affairs of the Council. A slate of nominations for all officers and three board members will be sent to members prior to the meeting; nominations can also be made from the floor prior to the vote. Please attend and participate in our annual meeting for all members.

Chebeague Island Fire Department

Officers 2000-2001:

President Mac Passano
Vice-President Jane Abrahamson
Secretary Susie Stavropoulos
Treasurer Gail Miller
(ex officio: Ginny Ballard)

Board Members:

Three years Louise Doughty
Karen Hamilton (editor: Calendar)
Mark McGee
Two years Nancy Adams
Cliff Barker (Membership Chairman)
Banú KomLosy
One year Mona Calthorpe
John Maxon
Claire Ross

Nominating Committee for 2001:

Ann Belesca
Sue Burgess
Ester Knight, Chair
Michael Porter

— Mac Passano, President



*Chandler's Cove Wharf under reconstruction
on a very stormy day*

We have some 20 active members on the Chebeague Department at the present time. We meet twice a month. In the winter months we have a supper and meeting the first Monday of every month, and on the third Monday we have a practice/drill with the trucks and equipment. We have five trucks at our station. Our station is getting full; we hope to get two new bays built on within the next year or two.

Engine 8 was replaced this winter. The new truck has a larger pump, enabling us to pump 1000 gallons per minute. The pump on the old truck was only a 500 gallon per minute pump.

We now have our thermal imaging camera, thanks to all who donated money for its purchase. The camera will be shown at our open house this summer. It is the most significant fire and rescue tool of our time. It helps you see through smoke to locate victims and any hot spots to help determine if a fire has been put out. Day or night. We would also like to thank all the people and all the organizations on the Island who contributed to the fund for the extraction equipment we hope to get this fall. This is also a very valuable piece of equipment to have for fire and rescue calls. We could not get these things without your generosity; thank you again.

It is time to check batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Remember: should your monoxide detector go off, close all windows and doors and make sure that everyone goes outside, including pets!

We now have the 999 emergency number for fire and rescue calls going directly to our dispatch in Cumberland Center. No delay.

All outdoor burning fires must have a burning permit; we get the designated class of the following day from Cumberland around 8:30 each evening. Call Med Bowen at 846-4956, Tom Calder at 846-8758 or Dianne Calder at 846-4176 to obtain a permit for a burn the next day. We have had very few fire calls in the past few years because of your cooperation in obtaining the burning permits. Be careful and have a fun summer. Remember: only you can prevent fires. Again, thank you.

— Med Bowen, Deputy Chief, Chebeague Station

Chebeague Island Garden Club

The Chebeague Island Garden Club is in its second year; we meet monthly at the Island Commons the second Wednesday of the month.

We have been committed to two Island Beautification community projects from our beginning. The first project is that of a perennial and annual garden in front of the Island School. Last fall the club planted crocus next to the existing burning bushes in the flagpole area. In April we spent some classroom time with the children doing a seed planting workshop, and the preschool and kindergarten children planted Burpee “teddy bear” sunflowers and the older children planted Burpee yellow marigolds. Each child’s seedling, identified by their name on the “popsicle” stick accompanying each seedling, was transplanted in May into the garden, allowing each child to follow the progress of their own plant during the summer and into the fall. The Garden Club members take turns throughout the summer months weeding and watering the garden.

Our second project is the Lewis Ross Memorial Garden at the second tee of the golf course. We plant and maintain this garden as well as the “quiet reflection bench” at this same setting. We order our annual plants from Doughty’s Market and plant before the opening day of the Golf Club. We received many compliments on the beautiful flowers last year. Members weeded this garden also throughout the summer and into the fall. Last year this garden was watered by Wink Houghton when he did his own which saved us from “lugging the water in buckets in our cars.” Thank you, Wink! This coming year we will be able to water with the newly installed golf course watering system.

We are a small garden club but we have accomplished a lot in two short years.

— Mona Calthorpe, President

Chebeague Island Historical Society

It was another banner year for the Society. The All Island Campaign started with a kick off dinner. Donna Damon, Development Chair rallied the workers, put out a special edition of **the Sloop’s Log**, and organized an old fashioned lobster bake on the Ferragamo’s shore. Over \$300,000 in cash and pledges was raised plus donations to the Endowment Fund. Thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success. Now we are working towards 100% participation as **the Museum of Chebeague History** will be a place for all.



Joan Robinson, Merchandising Chair, with help from Donna Damon and Sylvia Ross selected thirteen Chebeague sites for a beautiful throw. The Historical Society once again won first place in the Fourth of July parade. A hardy group commemorated the Society sponsored trip to Jordan.

The public bathroom has been built thanks to the hard work of Mark Dyer, Contractor, Wayne Dyer, and Jon Rich and Beverly Johnson, Chebeague Plumbing.

Some of our programs over the past year included: “A window from the past,” Chebeague's social history and the evolution of the community through the centuries, presented by Donna Damon; Chebeague Island landing sites and vessels over the past 100 years, presented by Jim Millinger; “Chebeague Cemeteries -Do You Know Where They Are? “; and a presentation by Ralph Stevens on the Sardine fishing industry.

The firm of UJMN and Carol A. Wilson Architects of Philadelphia, PA and Falmouth, ME was awarded the contract for the restoration, conversion and remodeling of the District 9 School House. The final design was presented at the Annual Meeting.

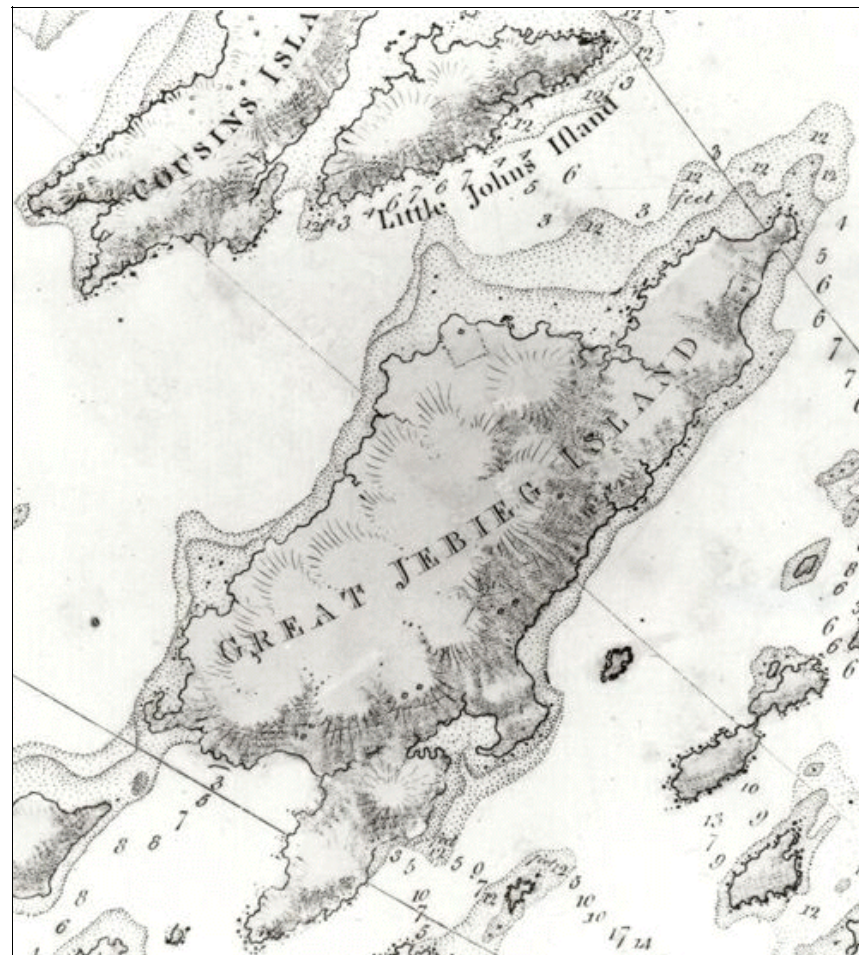
We could not accomplish this all without the hard work of our Board; Vice-President Phil Jordan, Treasurer Kenneth Hamilton, Recording Secretary Jane Frizzell, Corresponding Secretary Joan Robinson and Board Members Marianne Brenton, Sue Burgess, Nancy Chamberlin, Dot Colbeth, Donna Damon, , Jennifer Hamilton, Jim Millinger, Marjorie Munroe, Mac Passano, Sylvia Ross, Nancy Sharp, and Al Whitaker.

— Jill C. Malony, President



Jon Rich, Mark Dyer and Ken Hamilton

Chebeague in 1776



(Courtesy of the Osher Map Library, University of Southern Maine)

This remarkable and seemingly very accurate chart of Casco Bay was made by the British navy in the early 1770s and printed as part of a book of east coast charts of North America, the “Atlantic Neptune” by J.F.W. Des Barres of London, in 1776. We were intrigued by the clear depiction of nine dwellings on the Island including one at Division Point and a pair at Chandlers Cove.

We are a disposable society. Much of the record of our personal history ends up in the trash. We are inundated with unsolicited mail to

the point that many of us will leave only an inch or two of documents to record our time on earth. Our birth certificates, deeds, and diplomas give very little information about the real us! Thus historians must use a variety sources to learn about the past. Maps and charts are sources that any researcher worth their salt will review looking for clues that will tell us more about the past.

Cartographers frequently record more than the physical landscape, so their maps give us clues about the location of houses, businesses, and wharves. Some maps such as the 1857 wall map of Cumberland County [donated to the Chebeague Historical Society by Sandra and Malcolm Rice] prominently display drawings of private residences. The researcher must determine why these houses were chosen and not others. While we welcome the clues supplied by maps and charts, they sometimes generate more questions than they answer. Such is the case with the accompanying map of Casco Bay by published in 1776.

The eighteenth century spelling of Chebeague does not come as a surprise to people familiar with the island's history. Documentary evidence suggests that both J and Ch were used throughout the nineteenth century.

The shape of the island in 1776 resembles the map of today. However, we are all cognizant of the fact that the island had more land surface then than it has today. The natural erosion caused by wind, water, and ice has taken its toll. Large boulders currently lying on the beach may indicate the shoreline as it existed during the period that the island was being cleared for farmland. Oxen may have been used to haul the rocks from the soil and drag them to the edge of the bank where islanders dumped them on to the shore, which is now far from the edge of the bank.

Without a detailed key, much interpretation is left to the imagination of the researcher. Small dots appear on the 1776 map at various locations on the island, usually grouped in twos. Does this mean that there was a house and barn once standing in all of these locations? Settlement appears to be scattered. Some locations had dots, and the surrounding area of land was colored yellow. Was this just meant to be an artist's touch or does this differentiation have another meaning? Were these yellow areas clearings? Were they cultivated farmland or did they show the locations of places where people actually lived?

To answer these questions one must undertake a careful analysis of existing documents from this time. The story goes that by the mid-eighteenth century the Chandlers owned the West End of the island while the Waites owned the East End. Zachariah Chandler transferred land to Job Cole, Ebenezer Cole and Ambrose Hamilton. By 1761 Hamilton acquired the Cole brother's property. The three parcels were contiguous and located to the southwest of Division Point. This area is shaded on the map. We know this was Hamilton's homestead. Can we assume that shaded means homesteads wherever it was used?

Jonathan Chandler acquired the parcel of land, which includes the present Chandlers Cove beach and cemetery, in the late 1740s. Census records and land valuation records indicate that the property was developed at this time. David Chandler, son of Jonathan, was 24 in 1776 and may have already been homesteading on the property, which could be the reason that it too is colored. Evidence also exists that some of the Chandlers may have been homesteading on the shore of Duck Cove, now known as Johnsons Cove, in the vicinity of the present Ross house. By the 1790 census Rufus Chandler [b. 1766] was living there and this map indicates that he was not the first.

Several Waites may have lived on the East End at one time, but unlike the Chandlers they did not officially subdivide their property until the early nineteenth century. However, deeds refer to the remnants of an old timber landing below the present hotel and Robert Waite's picket fence on the southeast side of the island near Ben Webbers Point. Colonel John Waite built a substantial house before the Revolutionary War somewhere on his side of the island. The map shows several possible locations.

After the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, the British cruised the Maine coast hoping to squelch any potential insurrections. The islands were on alert and Chebeaguers such as Ambrose Hamilton enlisted in the Continental Army patrolled the shores watching for any signs of the British. Colonel Waite became so concerned that he abandoned his holdings on the island and moved back to Falmouth [now Portland]. He settled in just in time for the British under the command of Captain Henry Mowatt to burn the city. Over 400 buildings were destroyed and Waite lost many possessions. Ironically Chebeague escaped unscathed. Family tradition has it that Ambrose Hamilton's wife Deborah and her small children watched

Falmouth burn from Chebeague. This would have happened at the same time the map was being drawn.

Maps such as this peak our curiosities and make us hope that someone will find a box with pieces of paper that will answer these island mysteries. Check your attics; read every piece of paper before you throw it away; for from time to time people do find those little treasures that have been passed on from generation to generation that illuminates a bit more of the past. But until then much about everyday life during the mid-nineteenth century on Chebeague remains a mystery.

— Donna Miller Damon



If negotiations with Yarmouth and the Maine Department of Transportation collapse, at least one person will be able to cope!

Chebeague Island Library

The year 2000 was a year of transition at the Chebeague Island



Library. Martha Hamilton, the library's only librarian ever retired after 35 years of devoted service! Several parties were held in her honor.

Ellen Wood from Yarmouth was hired to replace Martha. She successfully led us through that first hectic summer

without Martha. In the fall she decided to resign, and Debbie Bowman was hired as the interim library director. In February the Library Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Debbie as the permanent librarian. Sheila Putnam, has been hired as the children's librarian and Laura Summa continues as an evening library assistant.

Susie Stavropoulos and Peggie Jones, who have both worked at the library in various capacities both as a volunteers and staff resigned recently. Susie has been a valuable employee and the patrons will miss her knowledge of the collection and her contribution to building the audio book collection. For many years she was a trustee and single handily inventoried the gravestones at the cemetery. Peggie has most recently been serving as substitute staff, and her efforts as a 20 year volunteer and former trustee have been greatly appreciated.

Despite all of these staff changes the library continues to be a thriving island institution. Thanks to an infusion of grant money from the MBNA Library Grants program, the library has upgraded its reference collection, expanded its children and young adult collections and entered the twenty-first century as far as technology is concerned! We now have three public access computers and a scanner. We are anxiously awaiting the return of our shelf list, which has been prepared

for automation. Yes, by fall the Chebeague Island Library will be fully automated. We hope that this will help us be more efficient and make our collection more accessible to patrons. The grants have also allowed us to expand our hours and offer an evening homework lab four nights a week throughout the school year. The library was the happening place for students this past winter! We are now open 36 hours per week.

Much of our success goes to an outstanding board of trustees that has worked diligently during this year of transition; the staff who are outstanding; and our dedicated volunteers who are the heart and soul of the whole operation. Lastly the Chebeague Library would not exist if it were not for the caring community who support our efforts, read our books and watch our videos!

As always we welcome your suggestions. Let us know what you think about our new hours, new books you would like to read or programs we should offer.

Please stop by the library and see what is happening!

— Donna Miller Damon for the Library Board of Directors



Ray Newcomb with his flowers

Chebeague Post Office

As of this writing our new postal facility as well as many others has been put on an indefinite halt due to a moratorium.

I am very pleased to announce that a very familiar face has joined us as a part time worker at the Post Office, Martha Hamilton! Martha brings a great deal of enthusiasm and local knowledge and is not unfamiliar with the Post Office as she served many years ago as a clerk.

The E-911 system is still not in effect as far as the postal system is concerned, so please continue to use your rural route or P.O. Box numbers until you are notified via a letter from the U.S. Post Office. It may still be a few months away.

The summer hours for incoming mail will start June 19th and end September 1st.

Thank you for your patronage of our Chebeague Post Office and have a good year.

— Gina Ross. Postmaster



Getting ready to start the Fourth of July Road Race

Chebeague Island Pre-School

The Chebeague Island Preschool Class of 2000-2001 had a great year. Although we were only four students strong, we had a large presence at the school and were very proud to be there!



Gen Dyer, Timothy Calder, Anna Hamilton and William Robinson with Vicki Riddle Todd

Our mornings together always seemed to fly by as we were very busy playing and doing projects. We also had jobs that changed every week, which we took very seriously. They included: Calendar Helper, Name Singer, Light Flasher and Plant Feeder. We all participated in clean-up and did an excellent job when we sang the “Clean-up Song” as we picked

up puzzles, blocks, trucks, coloring books, or whatever else we chose to play with during “Free Time.”

Our projects were numerous: we sang, danced, painted, read books, flew kites, went on nature walks, dressed up and performed. We learned about seasons, months, numbers, letters, shapes, manners and about each other.

We will miss Gen and Anna as they are on their way to Kindergarten, but are looking forward to all the new preschoolers who will join our class in the fall.

I feel very fortunate to be known as “Mrs Vicki” to the young population of Chebeague and am constantly reminded of my days in the very same preschool classroom with Pam, Jarrod, Stephen, Stacey and Rob.

— Vicki Todd, teacher

Chebeague Island School

The 2000/2001 school year was a great success. Carin and I are both very proud of the progress the students have made. It is always difficult to focus during the last few weeks of school. But, with cool days and a few projects and presentations to complete, the kids finished with energy to spare. The size of our school increased from 22 to 28. Still, we feel lucky, in that our school population is the accepted size for many classrooms on the mainland. We continue to realize and appreciate the student/teacher ratios we enjoy here on the island. So much more is accomplished when there are fewer heads to count.



Front row, left to right: Chrisy Phipps, Dennis Johnson, Arianna Stefanilo, Anna Maine, Alissa Hamilton, Conrad Birkett. Back row: Helen Chabot (Island Institute Fellow), Darya Johnson, Britny Bernier, Josh Doughty, John Summa, Lee Robinson (Teaching Assistant), George Birkett, Mia Taliento, Tyler Weagle, Lida Munroe, Vance Benoit (teacher)

Elaine Doughty continues to cook up many tasty treats for all of us. I can't think (and I am being truthful here...) of a time this year that I overheard any complaints about what was being prepared. These kids are very lucky to receive the fine lunches they do. Elaine also continues to serve as our school custodian.

Lee Robinson continues to act as a third leg for Carin and me. Her valuable support and knowledge of learning goes far towards insuring success for all kids.



Front row, left to right: Tyler Campbell, Chloe Dyer, Tracy Calder, Benjamin Hillicoss, Julia Stefanilo and David Hamilton
Second row: Mrs. Willson, Julia Maine, Megan Munroe, Emma Todd, Theresa Partlow, Caroline Summa, Amanda Campbell, James Weagle, Cassidy Jeffers and Lee Robinson

The older students in grades 3-5 studied many interesting subjects this year. In doing so, they were visited by a Union Soldier dressed in full regalia sporting all the necessary provisions of the period. It may be important to note here that “hardtack” is truly hard! These students also learned about the human body, Latin America, and Canada. What better way to experience our knowledge of Canada than a visit to that country. Thanks to the support of MBNA, Recompense Foundation, and the Island Institute, we enjoyed a three day stay in Quebec City. During our stay we visited many historical sites including the Chateau Frontenac, The Plains of Abraham, and the Ursuline School. The kids had the opportunity to present Chebeague Island to this all girls school (the oldest in North America by the way...) during an afternoon visit. Afterwards, we tried to converse with students from one of the classrooms. With the help of our fellow, Helen Chabot, from the Island Institute we were able to manage quite well.



Dr. Swan gives students a taste of Civil War life, complete with hardtack bread

remembered!

The Chebeague Island School graduated no sixth graders this year. Due to this occurrence, the school population will swell to 30 next fall.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy summer!

— Vance Benoit, Teacher



Chebeague Island Yacht Club

Among all the highlights of the 2000 yachting season on Chebeague, most will agree that the Annual Cruise ranked at the pinnacle. This event has been on the calendar for years, but unfortunately had suffered from a lack of participation until the year past. Much of the success of this year's cruise can be attributed to the choice of destination - Snow Island - courtesy of Fleet Captain Manny Morgan and club member Dodge Morgan. We explored the island, swam, feasted on lobster and traded lies. The 2001 cruise this year certainly will be one not to be missed.

The racing season was equally successful. Many non-boat owners joined in the racing program as crew members, and the Yacht Club strongly encourages young and old, experienced and inexperienced, to contact the active racers to make known their interest in racing around the buoys on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Meanwhile our fleet of Ensign class sailboats continues to grow.

The results of the 2000 season were as follows:

Round Island Race:	First	Tom Rothchild	Lyra
	Second	David Burgess	Evangeline
	Third	Reg Babcock	Quicksilver
Shattuck Cup:	First	David Burgess	Evangeline
	Second	Reg Babcock	Quicksilver
	Third	Manny Morgan	Andiamo
	Small Boats	Tom Damon	420
Bates Island:	First	Tom Rothchild	Lyra
	Second	Reg Babcock	Quicksilver
	Third	Manny Morgan	Andiamo
Small Boat Overall:	First	Robert Ernest	Eastwind
	Second	Dick Freeman	Gritty
	Third	James Freeman	Tad
Ash Trophy	First	David Burgess	Evangeline
	Second	Ralph Ragan	Ariel
	Third	Tom Rothchild	Lyra
Harper Brown Trophy:		Robert Ernest	Eastwind

Club Champion:	First	David Burgess	Evangeline
	Second	Tom Rothchild	Lyra
	Third	Ralph Ragan	Ariel

Bungle Trophy:	Reg Babcock	Quicksilver
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The Club also operates the Chebeague Island Community Sailing School - open to all. Under the direction of its able staff (Peter Hahn, Barbara Marks and Jeremy VanFleet) the School advanced the seamanship and water safety skills of 35 young sailors. The Sailing School regatta and picnic on Rose's Point capped a great season with students competing against their classmates and honing their racing strategies.

The Club sponsored one Power Night and one Lobster bake in 2000, group trips to favorite restaurants accessible by boat. These very sociable events are perennial favorites and there is always passage available for interested participants. The only requirements are the enjoyment of good food and the camaraderie of boaters.

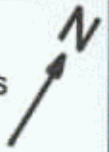
— Reg Babcock, Commodore



*Jane Frizzell, Jerry and Kit Johnston and John Ash
at the Yacht Club's lobster bake at Manny Morgan's*

Chebeague lobster buoys

(homes & access sites, see list)



Chebeague Lobster Fishers

Lobstering is an important activity on our island. The color centerfold in the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter* attempts to display the buoy coloration used by the over 40 lobsterers who fished from Chebeague in 2000. Since access to the water is a vital necessity for this endeavor, the color sheet also shows the access sites of each person and, approximately, the location of their homes on the island.

#	Name & Address	Boat	Access Site
1	Steve Johnson 14 Soule Rd	Osprey	stone wharf
2	John Jordan (off island)	Caterina	“
3	Leland Hamilton 112 North Rd	Lady K.	“
4	Ralph Munroe 53 School House Rd	Lida and Megan	“
5	Alex Todd (off island)	Misty Jade	“
6	Wink Houghton 1 Capps Rd		“
7	Wink Houghton Jr 1 Capps Rd	Sea Smoke	“
8	Nate Doughty 6 Flag Ave	Retriever	“
9	Andy Todd 35 Meeting House Lane	Emma Rae	“
10	Jeff Putnam (off island)	Ruthie J. 2	“
11	Sherman Rich 85 John Small Rd	Michelle Rae	“
12	Erik Ross 4 Aarons Wharf Rd		“
13	Dave Vintinner (off island)	Silver Penny	“

14	Ray Hamilton 48 South Rd		back shore
15	Ernie Burgess 8 Mansfield Rd	Susan Adams	Springettes
16	Skip Dyer 33 Fenderson Rd	Big Girl	Fenderson Lndg.
17	David Miller 36 Fenderson Rd	Gail Elaine	“
18	Billy Munroe 27 Fenderson Rd	Poppy & Ollie	“
19	Gene Robinson 230 South Rd	Kitty Hawk	Central Landing
20	Mike Robinson 109 Roy Hill Rd	Enterprise	“
21	Mark Olsen 354 North Rd	Woodcutter's Daughter	“
22	Ken Hamilton 227 South Rd	Jeanette-E.	“
23	Jeff Hamilton 15 Church La	Andrew & I	“
24	Jason Hamilton 79 Firehouse Rd	Allysia	“
25	Elery Fowler 12 Flag Ave		“
26	Bob Putnam 49 Charleston Rd	Sheila Gail	Waldo Point
27	Brother Ross 194 John Small Rd	Sylvia R.	Johnson Cove
28	Poochie Ross 142 John Small Rd	Polaris	“
29	Gary Ross 194 John Small Rd	Wanderer	“
30	Peter Johnson 19 South Shore Dr	Brenda and Deborah	Coleman Cove
31	David Campbell 16 Meetinghouse La	Amanda Elizabeth	“
32	Bill Dyer 6 Western Landing Rd	Elva Jean	“

33	Sky Yenco Littlefield Rd	Miss Cricket	“
34	Dick Dyer 57 South Shore Dr	Silverfox	“
35	Lee Bowman 70 Deer Point Rd	Caitlin Marie	Black’s Cove
36	Mark Bowman 70 Deer Point Rd		“
37	Bruce Hutchinson 4 Bennett Cove Rd	Heide Mae	Bennett’s Cove
38	Chris Rich 82 School House Rd	Pamela	Chandler Cove
39	Herb Rich 18 Casco Bay Landing Rd	Priscilla J.	“
40	Patti Rich 17 Littlefield Rd	Resistance	“
41	Cecil Amos Doughty 14 Proctor Dr	Dragon Two	“
42	Jim Higgins 34 Secret Rd	Patricia G.	Stone Wharf
43	Barry Riddle 124 North Rd	Shady Lady	“
44	Melanie Riddle 124 North Rd		“
45	Gregory Riddle 124 North Rd	Miss Maude	“

In spite of my efforts I know that the colors shown on the buoys only approximate the real colors. If any individuals have been omitted it is entirely unintentional.

— L. M. Passano, Co-Editor

Chebeague Long-Range Planning Committee

At the time of the publication of the last Newsletter, the LRPC had just presented its Plan to the Island and the Town Council. It was sent to the Planning Board, which held a hearing on the Island on October 14, 2000 about adopting it as part of the Cumberland Comprehensive Plan. It was also referred to the various Town departments for comments on financing and implementation. It is now up to the Council to decide whether to adopt it as part of the Town’s Plan.

While official adoption has been discussed, the Committee has continued to meet monthly to work on implementation of various parts of the Plan. In line with the priorities that we found in the planning survey, groundwater issues have been the first thing we have focused on. The Town has commissioned an update of the 1992 groundwater study by Sevee and Maher. Chebeague has also been designated by the State DEP for a grant to replace old home heating oil tanks. The DEP is working initially with islands along the coast because of their vulnerable aquifers, trying to prevent groundwater contamination rather than having to clean it up after it occurs. Sam Ballard has been working with Wayne Dyer to develop a system for making regular pumping of septic systems easier. Finally, we have had some discussion about how to effectively get junked cars off the Island.

The most visible public issue that the LRPC has been involved in since presenting its Plan to the Town has been the reconsideration of the building cap of three houses per year on Chebeague adopted by the Council in June 2000. Coming, as it did, in a boom building year, it took many islanders by surprise and led to the rapid development of a long waiting list for growth permits. After a series of hearings on the Island, and the mainland, and several proposals from the LRPC, the Council in March adopted changes that allow houses to be built in approved Island subdivisions and provided growth permits on a one-time basis for immediate use by people on the waiting list. These two changes together meant that all the 23 people on the waiting list would be offered a growth permit. Prompted by the LRPC’s proposal for an exemption for year-round, working Islanders, the Council also proposed development of a Town-sponsored program for construction of affordable housing on Chebeague.

A new Stone Wharf Committee is in process of being organized at the urging of a number of fishermen. The spring has also brought consideration of how to implement the Plan's proposal to allow food carts on Chebeague. The idea was to have a "peddlers' ordinance" in place by this summer. But, as with most issues on Chebeague, there are many pros and cons, and providing adequate opportunity for public discussion takes time. So this is still in process.

Councilman Jim Phipps has been central to the formation of the LRPC and the development of its Plan. He is leaving the Council as this Newsletter goes to press. The members of the LRPC hope that, whichever of the three candidates takes his place, they will continue to support and use the Long Range Planning Committee's work.

— Sam Ballard, Co-Chairman



*No particular reason for this picture being here –
just a good picture of a good man: Archie Ross*

Chebeague Parents Association

The CPA started its fiscal year in summer 2000 with the Second Annual Lobster Roll Lunch fundraiser. This year the lunch was in conjunction with the Fisherman's Fair held at the CIHCC. Everyone had a good time and the CPA sold lots of lunches. Over \$800 was raised. Other fundraisers were the Sally Foster wrapping paper drive and the Fifth Annual Silent Auction; each bringing in roughly \$1,500. Although both were considered successful events neither brought in record sales revenue.

With summer fundraisers over, fall brought us to our annual Halloween Party; an island favorite. Debbie Bowman led the action packed evening as M.C. Activities included a Parade of Costumes, Cake Walk, Apple Dunking, and Piñata. Thanks to the CIHCC for once again donating the hall free of charge for this event. Next, the CPA in conjunction with the Ladies Aid, Historical Society, Island Council and The Grange sponsored the Annual Christmas Party. The grade school children sang Christmas Carols to a full church and Santa Claus arrived with a bag full of goodies for good little girls and boys. Thanks to the Methodist Church for donating the Parish House free of charge for the evening.

The CPA was proud to financially support many worthwhile organizations and school programs in 2000.

\$80 to Mr. Benoit's class, to purchase model skeletons for Human Body studies

\$100 to the music program to purchase sheet music

\$200 to the preschool to purchase classroom supplies

\$700 toward the purchase of new playground equipment that is now ordered and should be installed this summer. The portion of equipment sponsored by the CPA will be named in honor of the many island lobstermen that have faithfully contributed to our cause time and again.

\$100 to the Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

\$50 to Greeley Drama Club Booster

\$100 to Project Graduation

\$80 in Gift Certificates to Junior High and High School graduates

\$100 to end of year teacher and support staff gifts

The CPA sponsored preschool had four students this year; Genny Dyer, Anna Hamilton, William Robinson and Timmy Calder. Vicki Todd did a great job in her first year as teacher.

Thank you to all who donated funds to us this year. We are always looking for interested bodies to join the CPA. We meet the first Tuesday of every month during the school year. Year 2000 officers include Virginia Tatakis-Calder (President), Susan Campbell (Vice-President), Caroline Partlow (Treasurer) and Karen Hamilton (Secretary). The 2001 officers are Virginia Tatakis-Calder (President), Alnah Robinson (Vice-President), Karen Hamilton (Treasurer) and Caroline Partlow (Secretary).

— Caroline Partlow, Secretary CPA



Chebeague Piecemakers

It has been a quiet year for the quilters of Lake Wobegone, aka the Chebeague Piecemakers. The real world has been impinging on us: Several regular members have been temporarily or partly lost to jobs – Joan to the Health Clinic, Louise to the Blanchard Lot and Donna to MSAD 51. Others traveled – to Hawaii, Italy, Alaska, and other closer places. Several such as Sylvia and Jane Harrington, were having hard times. So some days we have been down to as few as six people. But even absent members are still members and do return.

We've also broadened out. As well as quilts, several people have been making hooked rugs. Joyce has been "finishing" a needle point piano bench cover. Sometimes ladies bring their knitting, the curtains they are making or even clothes to be taken in because of Weight Watchers. This Spring Peggy and Louise, inspired by Susie Stavropoulos, have begun to do traditional embroidery.

But quilting, socializing and eating still bring us together every two weeks throughout the "winter," and once a month during "summer." Many people have continued this year to work on projects begun the year before. Good quilts take time, despite the "quilt in a day" projects that got many of us started. The colorful whirly-gig and kaleidoscope patterns of the "stack and wack" quilts from Lola Armstrong's class last January carried many people (Nancy, Cheryl, Sylvia, Jane, Suzanne, Audray, Louise, Peggie, Donna and Jeanette) through to this summer. Some are still with us.

Martha Hamilton's gift last year of unassembled, 50 to 100 year old quilt squares has been an inspiration to several of us. Beth assembled a set of "pineapple" squares made out of silks and velvets into a quilt celebrating Martha's retirement as librarian. Martha promptly returned it to be raffled as a benefit for the Hall – an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned. Louise made some "four square" blocks into a wall hanging. Peggie is making blocks out of 1930s reproduction materials similar to some of the ones in Martha's collection. And Joan has been assembling a lovely set of butterfly applique squares from one of her great aunts.

Our yearly excursion in May was to fabric outlets in Waterville. We also had a fabric outlet of our own on Chebeague when Peggie had a sale of many of the pieces of fabric that she has acquired over the years but has never made into quilts.

Because of all the wonderful dinners prepared over the winters, the Piecemakers are planning a quilters cookbook. Just as everyone contributes dishes to dinners, we will all be contributing receipts. We've been talking about this for some time, but maybe it will come to pass in the coming year. So look for its publication, and if you like to sew, come to the Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month (only the second Tuesday in July and August) and join us.

— Beth Howe



*Teamwork does the trick (and gets the bucks)
at the Council's Fourth of July Picnic*

Chebeague Recreation Center

The CRC continues to grow in its role as provider of social, recreational, and educational programs for Chebeaguers and visitors of all ages as we enter our fourth summer of operation. The core year-round staff remains as Virginia Tatakis-Calder in her second year as Recreation Director, Beth Dyer in her fourth year as Administrative Director, Rob Friedlander in his fourth year as volunteer Pool Director, and Ken Hamilton in his third year as Custodian. However, many seasonal and part-time employees are needed to provide CRC's services and programs and the CRC has emerged as a major island employer. 21 people, 14 of them year-round residents, were employed by CRC during 2000.



Under Rob's direction, the pool flourished once again in the summer of 2000. Unfortunately he could not control the weather and it was a rainy and cold start to the season. The flumes proved to be a very popular addition to the pool with the kids. Swim lessons were provided to over 100 children, lap swimmers increased by quite a few, and the pool BBQ's were a lot of fun. CRC staffers and Board members liked to say that instead of “**fundraisers**” - we wanted to do some “**funraisers**” and many people enjoyed three evenings of good food, company, and pool fun. Rob instituted a new incentive program for lap swimmers called “Swim Great Chebeague.” 36 swimmers kept

track of their mileage and completed the equivalent of a swim around the island, earning special T-shirts. This summer it will be “Swim Great Chebeague *and* Little Chebeague.”



*Linda White and Etta Hill
“goin’ country”*

There were, of course, several fundraisers though throughout the year. The major one was “The Good, the Bad, & The Ugly” Golf Tournament and Ho'Down at the Inn in August. Anyone at the tournament could attest to the fact that there were,

indeed, good, bad and ugly players there! Sue and Warren Bogle and their large cast of volunteers did a great job coordinating that event. Caroline Partlow and her cast of helpers put on a fabulous party at the Inn with a Western theme. Flamin' Raymin' and Sizzlin' Suzzin' provided the entertainment and got everyone dancing, and there were



Jon Rich knew that manning the Kissin' Booth would be a tough job, but someone had to do it!

lots of fun games including a Kissin' Booth and Jail. Another major fundraiser was the annual Winter Carnival with Polar Plunge to raise money for the Teen Center. A Talent Show kicked off the weekend and once again, the audience was treated to some unique and enjoyable numbers such as Bob Brown's prize-winning original oration of "You Know You're a Summer Person If..." For the plunge, it was a beautiful January day with little wind but the plungers claim the water was still quite cold despite the comfortable spectators. This year we added a "Chili & Chowder Challenge" and many contestants entered their tasty dishes. Nancy Hill walked away with the first prize for chili and Shirley Barker took home the prize for her chowder. There were many satisfied diners at the event! Some came back that night to dance it off with our returning friends Flamin' Raymin' & Sizzlin' Suzzin'.

The first season of Camp Chebeague, the CRC's summer day camp, was a huge success with over 150 kids participating. Many campers came from the mainland every day, giving them an opportunity to get to know the island, meet and appreciate the commute of some of their future classmates from Chebeague. Aside from this "cultural bridge-building," the program also brought in some

much-needed funds for the CRC. We are pleased to report that the 2001 camp sessions were sold out by April.

Other popular kids' programs were Virginia's art classes, Pottery with Towanda, the early release Wednesday program (with up to 25 kids per day), and running. The Teen Center continues to provide a place for kids to congregate and play ball, watch a movie, or do any of the other games and activities offered. It was open 6 nights per week during last summer and averaged 20-40 kids per night. This year kids can try the newly installed pegboard in the gym, which tests upper body strength. Elizabeth Hill will be stepping down after her one-year tenure as Teen Center President and her replacement will be chosen early this summer. Thanks to Elizabeth for her hard work and attendance at many lengthy Board meetings.



The summer theater groups once again produced awesome shows that dazzled audiences island-wide! The Chebeague Players under the direction of Deborah Gordon presented *Oklahoma* to sell-out crowds. They are planning expanded performance times this summer to accommodate everyone who wants to experience what promises to be another winning production - *South*



Pacific. The Children's Theater group under the direction of Rachel Damon performed a rendition of *The Sound of Music* that was excellent and plan to present *Annie* this year. Many adults and teens are using the fitness room now, and the gym became extremely popular over this oh-so-snowy past winter for walkers. Fitness with Shirley remains a popular way for folks to get the blood flowing two mornings per week and Weight Watchers is still an active group, as are the Rug Hookers.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate our newest and perhaps most daring program: *Maine Island Adventure*. Six-day sessions in the shoulder seasons of June and September will bring a limited number of participants to Chebeague to kayak, hike, bike, sail, spend a morning with a lobsterman, do yoga, and enjoy our local culture, entertainment, and scenery. The CRC has partnered with L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to provide high-quality outdoor adventure. If this program succeeds, it is the CRC's hope that the need for major fundraising will be reduced substantially.

As always, none of this would be possible without the help of countless workers and volunteers. Special thanks go to the 2000-2001 Board of Directors:

Shirley Barker, Sam Birkett (VP), Leila Bisharat, Warren Bogle, Debbie Bowman, Erica Formisano, Jeanette Hamilton, David Hill (Treasurer), Elizabeth Hill, Nancy Hill, Ginger Hobart, Beverly Johnson (Secretary), Eldon Mayer, Gail Miller, Jarrod Smith, Geoff Summa, Al Traina (President), Vail Traina, Erik Weagle.

— Beth Dyer, Administrative Director



“Volunteer Field” takes shape and is irrigated

Chebeague Rescue Services

Things do not change much from year to year for the Rescue Department. We are down to six EMT's on the Island: Dianne Calder, Ester Knight, Louise Doughty, Alnah Robinson, Bill Calthorpe and myself. In the summer a medic comes over from the mainland three to four days a week to stand in for us. We also have the pleasure of working with Christina and Michael Feinberg. Christina is the daughter of Dick and Kitty Freeman and spends a lot of time on the Island; we hope to have them back aboard this summer. They are both paramedics and work in Massachusetts as rescue personal. As most of you know Kathy McCollom who was on our rescue squad has moved to Littlejohn Island, but she also will be spending time on the Island and will respond to some of our calls.

We meet twice a month to practice with new and old equipment, and also have classes to keep up to date with the new protocols for the state or the town. We have received several new pieces of equipment which make our job easier. We have a new wheel chair which we leave on the Islander for people to use if needed.

I would like to thank each and everyone for their donations and support for the rescue unit. We had 69 rescue calls last year that resulted in taking the person to one of the local hospitals in Portland. CTC takes us to Cousins Island to meet the Cumberland Rescue; they take the patients to the hospital. I want to thank the CTC and the crew for always being there when we need to transport a patient to the hospital. It could not work without you!

It is time for all the insects to come out. Make sure that you have your bee sting kits renewed. Unfortunately there are still brown tail moth caterpillars around on the island. It might be a good idea to have some Benadryl capsules on hand for the rash caused by their irritating hairs. Have a happy and safe summer. The telephone number now to call for either the Rescue or the Fire Department is now: 911.

— Marlene Bowen, Captain, Chebeague Rescue 2

Chebeague Transfer Station

We have had another very busy year with a slight increase in volume. Bulky Weekend was a smashing success. I still cannot figure out where it all comes from, and sometimes what it was or is. Thanks to everyone for making the bulky weekend run as smoothly as possible. Please remember that any trash left outside the gate is littering and illegal. People who rent their houses please be sure to let your renters know the hours of operation and how the transfer station works. It seems that some days the transfer station is more of a social gathering than a place to leave your trash, especially in the spring and fall when the seasonal folks arrive and depart. After all, that's traditional!

The bottle redemption is not part of the town operation, but it does save the town a large amount of money by taking the large volume of beverage containers out of the waste stream that would otherwise cost the town to dispose of. With the "Chedemption" project, all the refunded deposits of 5 and 15 cents go to the various non-profit organizations of the Island.

One thing that we can all do to reduce litter is to bag up those pesky packing peanuts. They blow around if not bagged or boxed, making a mess of the station grounds. We all enjoy how clean the yard is kept, so let us all help keep it that way.

There are occasions when the transfer station may be closed during regular hours, such as an extended power outage. If the power is out or there is a real bad storm please call ahead to be sure that we're open.

Thanks to Dick Collins for helping out, as well as Marlene Bowen and Dianne Calder for filling in during emergencies. Also, thanks to everyone for using caution and driving slowly to help keep the Transfer Station safe.

— Tom Calder

Chebeague Transportation Company



There's the Year of the Dragon, the Year of the Woman, how about the Year of CTC? There have been lots of changes this year. The satellite lot on Route One was open the entire year. In fact, some of the Cousins Island parkers preferred the wide open spaces of Route One to the cramped snow-drifted parking lot on Cousins.



CTC's bus drivers

Other firsts included: A handsome mural painted at the warming/freight shed at Cousins Island by the pre-teens from the Rec Center. A bench as donated for use at the warming/freight shed. The students from the Chebeague Island School entered a contest to re-name the *Big Squaw*,

the CTC winter boat. The teens at the Rec Center chose “*Dirigo.*” In case you’re wondering why you haven’t seen the new name yet, we’ve been waiting until we paint the boat.

We’re also in our second year of enjoying beautiful gardens that greet us when we drive up or bussed up through the Cousins lot. If there is a nook or a cranny IT IS filled with colorful plant. Incidentally, any water you can bring is always appreciated.

Other changes include increasing the deckhands to three full time employees.



Don Blanchard, Louise Doughty

This means that when one deckhand goes on holiday or gets sick the remaining deckhands aren’t stretched so thin. We now have four Boat Captains. This will help us with our expanded barging program. Not only is CTC barging from Cousins but we are also no running from the Royal River. This allows us to barge more days and also allows us to barge larger and heavier items.

One of the most wonderful features about CTC is watching the way the employees have absolutely committed themselves to making

their/your/our company better. They are helping to write the articles for the Calendar, they reviewed the CTC brochure that’s in the boat/bus. The employees are taking up paint brushes between boat



runs so that the overall cost to paint the boat by professionals is less. The bus drivers are finding the best deal for an oil change. The radio operator get on the radio early and stay on late when there’s a storm. The office staff is doing the “regular” CTC work plus the various requests from the Board of Directors. So the next time you see a CTC employee say, “THANKS,” for a job well done.

CTC EMPLOYEES

Bus drivers:

Bruce Doyle
Don Fish
Jim Murray
Diana Copp
Lisa Arsenault
Willie Doyle
Bonnie Twomey
Paul Twomey

Parking attendants:

Don Blanchard
Louise Doughty

Captains:

Lindy Smith
Don Buxbaum
Leon Hamilton
Jim Millinger

Office Staff:

Dianne Calder
Louise Todd
Gloria Brown

Deckhands:

Kim Munroe
Alnah Robinson
Darren Hillicoss

— Ginny Ballard, Public Relations Committee



Leon Hamilton, Kim Munroe, Alnah Robinson, Darren Hillicoss, Gloria Brown, Dianne Calder, Louise Todd, Don Buxbaum

Chedemption

“Chedemption” is the Chebeague Island Bottle and Can Donation Project, “For the benefit of our community.” In the winter of 1999-2000 a group of Chebeague citizens decided to do something about the huge amounts of returnable beverage containers found in the Transfer Station bibs. A meeting was scheduled calling all island non-profit organizations to discuss the situation. It was agreed that getting these cans and bottles to a commercial redemption center on the mainland would not only keep Chebeague beautiful but it would save our Town money by reducing significantly the amount of rubbish that is carted away.

The Town of Cumberland was very supportive. Sanford and Mabel Doughty were pleased because they wanted to retire from the Island Pond can and bottle donation project; they were hopeful that someone else would attend to the large numbers of returnables donated by the Chebeague Inn.

By the middle of June the group of volunteers was ready to start with the returnables from the Inn. Mac Passano and Beth Howe went each week to collect and then sort out their bottles and cans. The Martindale family was kind enough to allow us to use the old shed behind the Nellie G. restaurant for storage. By the end of June boxes were set up at the Transfer Station and attended by volunteers. Each week more volunteers would meet and transport the sorted and packed boxes to the Chandler Cove pier so that the Casco Bay Lines could carry them to Portland for FREE (Thank you!). In Portland they were picked up by Jetport Redemption and now East End Redemption (Thanks, Tony!).

In an effort to keep the Transfer Station neat and tidy the volunteers, with permission from the Town, purchased a small prefabricated shed (thanks to a grant from the Recompense Foundation, and free shipping by Casco bay Lines). With the engineering skills of Frank Durgin and builders/roofers/painters Dick Collins, Marianne Durgin, Beth Howe, John Maxon and Mac Passano we have a Returnable Donation Center which works well and looks magnificent!

In November each of the 12 island non-profits received a check for \$198.89. The project has continued throughout the winter with a

limited shipment schedule due to the construction of the new Chandler Cove Pier

Thanks go to the many volunteers who donated returnables, worked at the Transfer Station, sorted, etc. We are looking at the numbers of volunteers we’ll need this summer. Jobs include: sorting at the Transfer Station; transporting to the storage shed; collecting and sorting from the Inn; shipment to the Chandler Cove Pier. If each organization can guarantee a few people to help this system can continue to work well. Contact Gail Miller at 846-4369 or Beth Howe at 846-7829 to volunteer.

Chedemption Committee: Tom Calder, Beth Howe, Gail Miller, Mac Passano, Al Traina

— Gail Miller



*The dedication of the new Chedemption Center
Frank Durgin, Dick Collins, John Maxon, Mac Passano*

Friends of the Library

The mission of the Friends of the Library is to raise funds, which enable the library to expand its services to all members of the Chebeague community.

Our fundraising campaign started this year in December with a Christmas bake sale and tea party held at the library and capably run by Jean Whitaker. The party enabled islanders to say hello to our new librarian Deb Bowman. Everyone gave their special and most beautifully decorated baked goods. Linda White made a marvelous gingerbread house, which Donna Damon won at the raffle.

The second part of our campaign was a very successful library book and bake sale, held on Memorial Day weekend. At this sale we began selling raffle tickets for a wooden punt made and donated by Dave Stevens and a charming small oil painting titled “Nostalgic Sloop” and painted by A. Keith. The tickets will be on sale all summer at the library, special events, and on some Sundays in front of the store and at the Chandler’s Cove wharf. The drawing will be held September 1 at the opening of Volunteer Field.

Our next fundraiser is a trip to The Maine State Music Theater on July 24 to see OKLAHOMA. A bus will pick us up at the 10 o’clock boat and take us to Cook’s on Bailey’s Island for lunch. We will then be driven to Brunswick and the theater. After the show the bus will take us back to Cousin’s Island and the boat.

You will soon be receiving your Friends membership letter. We have expanded our levels of membership. This will be our major appeal for funds this year. We are hoping for a large membership turnout with some wonderful new ideas for fundraising.

Committee: Mona Calthorpe, Beth Howe, Jean Whitaker, Linda White, Robert White, Vail Traina.

— Vail Traina, Chair

<http://www.chebeague.org>



There really isn’t very much to report on regarding the Chebeague Island website.

I continue to update the news as often as I can, but with everything else going on in my life (as if I had one!), sometimes the updates aren’t as frequent as I would like them to be.

So for those of you who are frustrated and wish I were more diligent, I can only apologize and ask you to bear with me.

The digital camera donated by the Recompense Foundation to the Island continues to serve its purpose well. If you haven’t visited the site lately, please do so – there are all sorts of fun pictures there. With contributions from other photographers (Kim Munroe, Ruth Houghton, David Hill and others) there’s a great variety of pictures chronicling the daily occurrences on Chebeague.

If anybody has any suggestions about how to improve the website or to take better advantage of the “digital age,” please give me a call or, better yet, e-mail me at bjohnson@nlis.net.

— Beverly Johnson, Webmaster



Kay-Kay Hill takes the helm

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid meets every Thursday at the Parish House from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. We take a vacation after the Summer Fair until the end of September.

We bring our lunch, knitting, fancy work and crafts. We have a great time, lots of laughs and all actually accomplish a lot. We welcome all able bodied souls. Our main function in life is to keep the Parsonage in good shape and helping out at the Parish House and Church when needed.

We are fortunate enough to have lots of friends help us out making things for our Fairs and giving us a hand when we make our Christmas wreaths the first Thursday in December. If it weren't for them we would be so many hours longer at these tasks.

This year we hope to take off the old kitchen which is used for storage and make it larger. It appears to be pulling away from the main building. We also plan to insulate under the main hall of the Parish House. It looks like a busy year but we're equal to the task.

— Joan Robinson, President



Celebrating Bertha Gray's 95th birthday

Great Chebeague Golf Club

The Great Chebeague Golf Club had a very busy and successful year and appears to be thriving in the new millennium. Two changes were made to the Golf Club which will be evident this summer: a new irrigation system has been put into place, giving us a green golf course throughout the season as well as a beautiful entry to the island from the ferry. For safety reasons, the entry/parking system has been modified. By driving up the right hand side of the drive and parking carts facing east (or the first hole), some of the danger from the first tee will be eliminated.

Our events continue to be fun and well-attended. As our traditional season opener, the Fourth of July Swatfest was one of the largest ever, with over 70 players and many spectators on a beautiful Saturday morning. The Blanchard Invitational Scramble continues to be a popular event and the Frost Tournament, played on a bright and crisp October day, was again well attended and a fitting end to a successful season.

The Golf Club membership continues to grow as we welcomed eight new proprietary members last year. Information membership is available from Linda Grant at 846-6228 and new members are always welcome.

Sandy Rice's photograph of the clubhouse in all its bright winter glory won Central Maine Power's Commercial Holiday Spirit Award. The beautiful photo was certainly deserving of the cash prize it provided for the club, as well as the glory it brings with it!

— Joanie Dayton, President



“Gramp”

(A remembrance of Jim Rich by his granddaughter. These sentiments are equally applicable to many other grandparents who we have lost over the years. This was passed on to us by Shirley Burgess, who remembers with older Chebeaguers Jim’s devotion to his grandchildren.)



*Chris Rich, Sherman Rich, Patty Rich, Kim Martin,
Jim Rich (and in his lap) John Rich*

His arms were like the limbs of an oak, his hands wide enough to lift us up to the sky, laughing and holding on for dear life. His clothes were worn to a soft velvet, and smelled like the sky on a cool fall day when he held us against him to read us a story, or feed us a pilot cracker lathered with butter. Or better yet, a sip of his coffee sweet with gobs of sugar and smooth and creamy with milk, a sinful little treat that slipped down our parched throats like ambrosia.

He nurtured every moment with us as only a grandfather can. We were his life, as the ocean, the earth and sky were his home. He led us to patches of sweet wild strawberries, blueberries and blackberries; he steered to the best clamming spots, and away from the poisons inherent in the natural world. With his pocket knife he created whistles out of plain alder branches, and gum from the pitch of a spruce tree (the thought of which makes me sick to this day).

He gave us a childhood like no other, but years spent away from home, rushing through the modern world have severed many lines to the past; memories lie there in the depths like stringers of lobster traps cut away from their buoys. Some carry the guilt of a child growing up and moving worlds away from this man who gave everything and asked nothing in return. Some carry sadness and fear for the next generation cut away from their own grandfather. Some days they wash ashore with tears for all that is lost. Most days, when the birds sing, the sun shines warmly on my shoulders and the waters lie still and clear, they bring only joy and thankfulness for all the magic and wonder that still remains.

— Kim Rich Martin and John Martin



Great Chebeague Tennis Club

Tennis players on Chebeague had another good summer last year, enjoying an active program of lessons for the junior players, weekly scrambles for the members and hotly contested tournament play. Our well-maintained clay courts offer a forgiving and nicely-paced surface for tennis enthusiasts of all ages.

The mixed doubles round robins attracted a solid contingent of contestants, including the defending champions from the previous summer. Molly and David O'Donnell swept the field to repeat their victory in the Brown Cup. Vicky Emery paired with Jerry Johnston to inscribe their names on the Perkins Cup. We hope for a greater turnout every year for this fun-focused event.

The club signed a new lease with our landlord, the Golf Club, at the end of the summer for a term of 20 years. Both clubs reserve the right to terminate the lease on three years advance notice.

– Jerry Johnston, President



Linda White, Elizabeth Hill and friend

Meals-on-Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is still working very well thanks to a faithful group of volunteers - Bertha Gray, Beth Howe, Joan Robinson and Alice Bowman - who pick up the meals in coolers, sort them and deliver them. At the present time we have only one person receiving meals once a week on Thursday.

The meals are frozen in microwavable containers with bread and milk for each meal. They arrive via the Casco Bay Lines at the Chandler Cove wharf between 11 and 11:30 a.m..

I coordinate the program with people from the Southern Maine Area on Aging at the meal sites in Saco, Falmouth and Yarmouth. Recipients should be 60 years of age or older and somewhat housebound or have a need for this service for health reasons. It is suggested that when there is the ability to do so, a donation could be made to the SMAA. If you need the meals on wheels or know of someone who might, please call me at (207) 846-4252.

— Ann L. Belesca



The school children visit Ray Newcomb's flower garden

Recompense Foundation

The Recompense Foundation is a private foundation established in December, 1991 to engage exclusively in activities for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purposes of devoting and applying the funds of the foundation a) for the maintenance, preservation, conservation and beautification of Chebeague Island, b) for the relief of the poor, needy, distressed and underprivileged residents of Chebeague Island, including providing funds to tax-exempt, charitable organizations which provide food, shelter and clothing, or basic services to such residents, and providing funds to individuals and families living on Chebeague Island who are unable to meet the costs of basic medical, health, nutritional and educational needs, and c) for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

The business affairs of The Recompense Foundation are conducted and managed by its Board of Directors: Glenn S. Kersteen, Executive Director; Eldon C. Mayer, Jr., Treasurer and Secretary; Joyce Soucek, Director; Gail Miller, Director; Roy Jackson, Director, Manny Morgan, Director. During 2000, The Foundation supported the following charitable activities. A contribution of \$3,000 was made to the Chebeague Recreation Center in support of its substance abuse survey and its pre-school program. A contribution of \$2,500 was made to Chebeague Historical Society for construction of public restroom facilities. The Foundation also supported the Library Museum Pass program with a donation of \$500, the Bottle Redemption Program with an award of \$500, and the United Methodist Church with \$2,500 for its counseling program. Finally, \$1,011 was contributed to Chebeague Island in support of its island Beautification Program; this year dedicated to the memory of Director Lewis Ross who for a decade devoted his time and energy to the Beautification Program for the benefit of all Chebeaguers.

The Board would appreciate all applications for awards to be submitted by August 15, 2001. A summary of the financial condition of the Foundation is presented below. The market value of cash and securities is \$143,051.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2000

Cash	\$ 13,195
Marketable securities	129,856
Total assets	\$ 143,051
Foundation equity	\$ 143,051

Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2000

Investment income	\$ 2,354
Total income	2,354
Professional fees	40
Taxes and fees	14
Charitable contributions	10,011
Total expenses	10,065
Realized gains and losses	(34,126)
Excess of expenses over revenues	\$ (41,837)

The annual tax return (Form 990-PF) of the Foundation is available for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days by contacting Glenn S. Kersteen, Executive Director, 20 Long Creek Drive, South Portland, Maine (773-2986).

— Glenn Kersteen, Executive Director

Sanford's Pond

This winter's weather shortened the number of skatable days in contrast to years past. We had 43 days/ nights of which 23 were utilized by patrons. For comparison there were 83 total skating days back in 1989.



The pond officially opened Saturday December 9, 2000 and closed for the season March 4, 2001.

A highlight of the year was the installation by Sanford with the help of friends, of a composite floor mat not unlike floors used in Ice Arenas to increase the time that everyone's skates can be used before resharpening. Thanks to all

participants!

The annual skating party was a success, as it always is. Our neighbors from Long Island also enjoyed a day at the pond. Sanford and Mabel made everyone feel welcome and at home.

Thank you Sanford for another banner year.

As in 2000, Sanford will not be accepting bottles and cans for deposit redemption. Please take them to the Transfer Station for redemption by the "Chedemption" project (described elsewhere in this issue of the *Annual Newsletter*). A portion of their proceeds go to Sanford's Pond.

Any people wishing to upgrade equipment should contact the undersigned no later than August 31, 2001 or before the weather turns.

— Chris Doughty



Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

The Stephen Ross Scholarship Committee recently received its yearly fund statement from The Maine Community Foundation. This past year the scholarship funds have increased by \$9401.00. The money included memorial gifts as well as donations from those who believe the Scholarship is a worthwhile charity.

I am aware that the Maine Community Foundation sends their letters of thanks and appreciation to all donors. However the Island Scholarship Committee wishes to thank everyone for favoring the Scholarship when they make gifts in memoriam. To all who make what seems to be a yearly contribution we extend our heartfelt appreciation. Thank you!

Last year we awarded a total of \$2500. to three students. This year, even though the market has been a little rough on investments, we were able to budget \$2730. In award money thanks to the generosity of some very special people. Remember we use only the interest on our investment and are always grateful for additional gifts at any time of year.

The Scholarship Committee met on May 24, 2001 to make this year's awards. It is my pleasure to be able to tell you that two very deserving students received the awards this year, Rachel Damon and Ryan Ross. Rachel will be attending Colby College in Waterville, Maine this fall while Ryan will be a sophomore at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts.

It seems that a college education gets to be more expensive every year. Donations of just \$10 or \$25 can add up to very meaningful awards. I do not believe that any of us visualized this fund growing from \$1400 after the tragic death of Steve Ross to our present balance of over \$60,000. It is time to get on the train, folks!

Committee members:

Hartley Brewer	Susan Burgess	Dianne Calder
Mabel Doughty	Kenneth Hamilton	Bill Ross
Douglas Ross		

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

— Ken Hamilton, President

United Methodist Church



The year has brought both challenges and celebrations, and the Chebeague United Methodist Church continues its service to the community and to Christ. Most of what has happened is not news, but what has been constant for nearly two hundred years - the people of the church declaring God's love and glory. The holiday celebrations have been especially glorious this year, with an Easter Sunrise service that was relatively warm and wonderfully sunny. I'm referring to the weather - the worship was as warm as ever! Bible Study was well attended this year, and has begun again starting June 14th (consider this notice your personal invitation!).

Sunday School had another successful year, with three regularly active teachers and others who were most helpful when needed. Vacation Bible School was also successful, and both programs will continue with Sunday School starting in the fall. Vacation Bible School will already have been held again by the time this report is published.

A historically significant building always means that repairs and renovations will be needed. We continue with our painting of the Church and the Parish House. We have been planning our long-awaited

renovations of the Parish House. We have been offered the necessary funds to install a wheelchair ramp for the Parish House as well, so that our differently-abled friends can join us for meals, meetings and celebrations. The Parish House has also been the center of many community activities as it has since its construction in 1937. The planned refurbishment should provide another 60 years of community service and more.

Our church continues to be a leader among the 510 United Methodist Churches in missions, supporting both local and international missions besides our apportioned mission giving. We collected 13,108 pennies for the Southern Maine Youth Group Penny Challenge. We needed a cart to carry them to the conference.

We are preparing to celebrate the bicentennial of the church as a fellowship in 2002, and the sesquicentennial of the church building in 2005. Our focus during these years will be to so establish the church that the third century of the church will be as productive as the first two.

To paraphrase the old hymn: "we are yet alive and bear each others' woes." Even more importantly, we share our joys and celebrations in the loving God who dwells with all of his children. Praise be to God!

— Robert Leon, Pastor



Chebeague Census

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January 2001. There were approximately 338 people on the island. Of course, last year was the year of the decennial federal census. Figures given to us by the Cumberland Town Office showed a town population of 7159 in the year 2000.

WEDDINGS.....

Carin Douglas to Gary Wilson
Stephen Todd to Vicki Riddle
Bruce Riddle to Cindy MacNeill
Barry Hamilton to Virginia Andreason
Stewart (Buster) Townsend to Bonnie Johnstone
Brian Webber to Mary Reeves
Richard (Sky) Yenco to Margaret Irving
William Putnam to Julianne Legere
Fiona Ann KomLosy to William Cole

ENGAGEMENTS.....

Christina McGuire to Brendon Adelman
Brooke West to John Williams
Julie McDonald to Jonathan Forten
Christopher Brown to Erica Stowell
Heather Malony to Michael Dougen
Joe Vincent to Kathy McCollom
Steven W. Parker to Margaret Sawkins

BIRTHS.....

Lauren Diane to
Susan and Jay Ash

Lillian to
Cheryl and Vincent Benoit

Alieda Ann to
Carol Koskelowski and Peter Brenton

Tiffany Lisa to
Virginia (Tatakis) and Thomas Calder

Heather Michelle to
Chris (Freeman) and Mike Feinberg

John Stanford to
Catarina (Stanford) and John Jordan

Hanna Elizabeth to
Rebecca (Rich) and James Koppman

Acadia Kathryn to
Debora (Pelletier) and Chris LeSieg

Elias York to
Lori (York) and Chris Rich

Korianne Jean to
Donna and Robert Riddle

Wyatt Augustus to
Molly (George) and Mayo Shattuck

Victoria Rose to
Laura (Johnson) and Thomas Zubricki

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Donald and Linda McIntosh:
Twin grandsons, **Harrison and Jackson Cyr**

Eldon (Don) and Betts Mayer:
Granddaughter **Elise Mayer Pang**

Barbara and Charles Marks
Grandson **Willis Moran**

DEATHS.....

Richard Brenton
Anne Marie (Dobush) Chaplin
Marilyn Symonds Hall
Rodney Harrington
Susie Johnson
Jeanne Kennard Layng
Christine Billings Lord
Phyllis Millinger
Raymond Newcomb
Lewis Ross
Carolyn Baxter Royce
Lorena Colbeth Salo
William Shuttleworth
Marilyn Martin Southwick
Horace Stinson
John Stranahan
Vernard Toby
Patience Webb
Robert Wheldon
Barbara Doughty Wilcox
Devona Doughty Wood

CONDOLENCES.....

Barbara Dodd Anderson - husband
Joyce and Donald Soucek - brother
Beverly and Thomas Merrill - mother
Barry and Bruce Hamilton - stepmother
Jill and Allen Malony - sister
Cheryl and Donald Buxbaum - mother
Edna Ross Swain - husband

If you have a birth, death or marriage statistic you would like included in the Annual Newsletter next year, please contact either of the undersigned.

— Census data provided by Dianne Calder
and Marjorie Munroe