

# The Cape Connection

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## President's Letter

Last year the lead story was the renovation of the clubhouse. We had hoped that everyone would be able to enjoy the refurbished space, but it seems the COVID-19 virus had a different idea. With the arrival of the vaccine, we hope this upcoming summer will become "more normal". We have a few new directors and there are some changes in the chairman. Check the newsletter for a complete list of directors and chairmen.

At the August meeting stockholders voted to change the bylaws and move the first meeting from the Sunday after Memorial Day to the last Sunday in March. The early meeting is to approve the budget, which is included in this newsletter. Unfortunately, like last year, we will not be able to meet to approve the budget. As a result, we will repeat the method we used last year to approve the budget by proxy.

This year's entertainment schedule will depend on the state guidelines for crowd size in both indoor and outdoor gatherings. Based on current rules we will not have our St. Patrick's Day gathering, but there are plans for events from Memorial Day on. Check the event calendar, which is included in this newsletter, for more information.

The dock committee has been working hard to repeat last year's successful season and it looks like they will match last year. We have been fortunate that it has been a mild winter so far. After having a portion of the electrical system repaired an unusually high tide caused the failure of a second section of the electrical system. This section provides power to some of the ice eaters, so we have been lucky. This major repair needs to be addressed and stockholders have approved the expenditure.

There are changes coming to the beach which include a new entrance gate at the end of Bretonian Dr. Other topics will be discussed by our new beach chair Larry Sramowicz in his article. We hope to see even more of our members soaking up the sun.

Our web page has a new look. We hope you enjoy the new look and ease of navigating the site. We plan on adding features to make it more responsive to our membership. Feel free to make suggestions to improve what is being offered. Cape Breton also has a presence on Facebook with a group and page.

If you would like to help by serving on a committee or if you have any ideas or suggestions for the upcoming year, we encourage you to contact any of the members. Make sure you check out the articles from the various committees to find out what they have planned.

You can email us at [capebretonhc@gmail.com](mailto:capebretonhc@gmail.com) or [info@capebretonnj.org](mailto:info@capebretonnj.org). We look forward to another successful year here in the Cape, but this is only possible with the combined effort of every member of our community, working together to continue the magic we have created. That is what makes Cape Breton a special place.

Ray Topoleski, President

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## Stockholder's Meeting

At our August meeting you voted to change the bylaws to move the first meeting of the year to the last Sunday of March unless it is a holiday. Unfortunately, the first year since the change was enacted, the meeting date is on Palm Sunday. With the following Sunday being Easter, the meeting is now scheduled for April 11th. However, since COVID-19 protocols do not allow us to meet, we will be asking you to use your proxy to pass this years budget.

# Beach Committee

Here we are at 2021, a New Year. 2020 was a setback for Cape Breton. There were no events held on the beach last year due to the virus. Hopefully 2021 will be more promising.

Cape Breton has one of the nicest beaches on the River. The beach committee will continue to make new improvements to our beach, to be the best on the Metedeconk River.

There were a number of projects facilitated last Fall. A step was added to the bottom of the staircase leading to the dock, a new dawn to dusk light was installed on top of a 4x4 post next to stairs, a retaining wall was installed for garbage cans next to the stairs, repairs were made to the electrical shed, Crabby Shack received a fresh coat of paint, and a new retaining wall was installed at the east end of beach by the shower.

There will be a new single gate, with a push button code lock, installed at the east end of the beach next to double gate. We will have beach sand delivered and spread over the existing sand. The water will be tested weekly with the results posted on the bulletin board.

We had abundant amount of seaweed wash up on our beach last year. The landscaper spent too much time picking it up and wasn't able focus his attentions on the beach. We will be taking on that responsibility this year and need volunteers to help us with this endeavor. Even if you can only help infrequently, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to join or volunteer on the beach committee, contact Larry Sramowicz, Dan Siebenmann, or Lisa Hessman.

The beach season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, please keep a safe distance and wear a mask, as needed due to the virus.

If you are interested in renting the beach for a party, please contact Larry Sramowicz.

Many thanks to the Garden Club for their hard work on the beach. It looks so vibrant from all the flowers they planted. And, thanks to Cathy and Larry Peter for their Fall leaf cleanup. Great job.

Stay Safe, Larry Sramowicz, Beach Chair.



# Dock Committee

After this year's harsh winter, we can all look forward to spring, summer and boating on the Metedeconk! I'm sure none of us thought we would still be dealing with the pandemic a year later, but here we are. We hope to have it in our rear-view mirror this summer. Let's all look forward to fishing, tubing, sightseeing, and dining "al fresco." Like many businesses, restaurants have been hard-hit, so let's help support our many local waterfront eateries.

Once again, our dock is full except for a few slips but it's still early, so we're optimistic we will be full this season.

Remember, last year saw quite a few strong Nor'easters, so it is important that we all tie up securely and safely. Please be sure to read and comply with our dock rules. We will be distributing copies to everyone before the season starts.

Have a safe, fun, relaxing boating season and we'll see you on the river!

Jan Topoleski, Committee Chairperson



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

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# Entertainment News

Welcome new members. The entertainment committee is a group of volunteers that plan and execute activities, and functions to raise money for our beautiful neighborhood. Please see the calendar events for upcoming parties and dates in this newsletter, on our website, as well as our Facebook page, pending the corona virus lock downs.

The entertainment committee consists of myself as Chairperson, Gena, and Maria, and help from neighborhood volunteers.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our events last year so successful. This year I would like to invite all our friends and neighbors to join us again! Each year we remind all our members that participation in the preparation for the party is just as much fun as the event in spite of the hard work.

So far we canceled the St. Patrick's day dinner due to isolation policies.

As of now all functions are on hold until it is safe to gather. I look forward to getting back to normal, so we can enjoy some warm neighborhood fun after the social distancing is over.

Regards, Jacques Hermann



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CAPE BRETON 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>						
						<b><i>Beach Opens</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Memorial Day Open House</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Stockholder's Meeting</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM</i></b>
						<b><i>July 4th Beach Party</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Pancake Breakfast</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Pot Luck Party</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Boat Rally</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Fish Fry</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Stockholder's Meeting</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM</i></b>
						<b><i>Season Ending Dinner</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Bonfire Evening of Fun</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Halloween Party</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
<b><i>The rain date for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Beach Party will be July 4<sup>th</sup></i></b>						

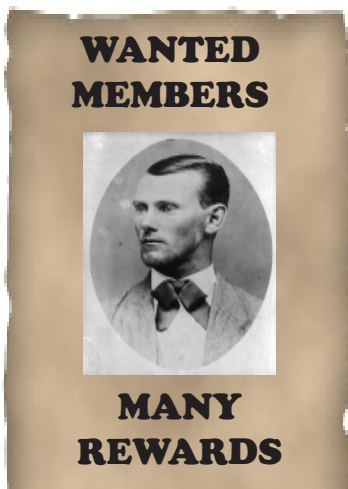
# Clubhouse

Last year a group of volunteers worked with the clubhouse committee and other directors to renovate the clubhouse with the hope of our members enjoying the new look of the facilities. Based on the new COVID-19 projections we hope our members will be able to use the clubhouse for indoor parties.

At this time there are a few small improvements and repairs in the kitchen area and we hope to be done by the summer.

Keep checking the web site and Facebook page for changes in clubhouse availability. At this time the clubhouse cannot be used for normal activities.

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Knowing this has been a long and stressful year, we are looking forward to what we hope will be a much better summer. The membership last season saw a good increase, this year we hope to gain even more members. Please, if you know anyone who would like to join either as a regular or associate member let any of the directors know. You may also give tell them to call me at 732-477-6978.

Maria Pilipski, Chairperson

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If you or someone you know in our community needs a helping hand, please call Sandy C. at (610) 653-2398. This can include food shopping, senior services, transportation, dog walking, and resource assistance.



Hi friends and neighbors!

The garden club is starting our fifth year beautifying and maintaining our community!

This year we are focusing on completing the "B" garden which is located on the top of hill on the beach. This is not only a sanctuary for our wildlife, but to also fulfill the dream of many of our members that are no longer with us. We were able to get free wood and are moving forward to construct a walkway and a brand new bench has been donated by one of our new garden club members...We hope this space will become a favorite spot for all to enjoy while being with our wildlife! We are also hoping to use some of our funds to add some plants to the area!

We would like to thank all of the people who have contributed and supported us...We are planning on having our weekly Friday night card game if it's permitted!

Our members are: Danielle, Lou, JoAnn, Larry, Mary Ellen, Pat, Janet, Pam, Rich and Lenore. We look forward to the nice weather and seeing you all!

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# Book Exchange



We invite everyone to share in our book exchange at the beach. The collection has been replaced with a new set of books for your reading pleasure.

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# Friday Nights

Friday Nights has been unable to meet this past year but is looking forward to doing so soon. We meet on the second Friday of the month for social gathering and friendship. It is open to all adults of the Cape. We do movies, crafts, speakers, games, and holiday celebrations. We are hoping to be able to resume meeting in the near future and hope you will join us. There is no charge for these gatherings. Any questions please feel free to call 732-477-6978. Looking forward to a great year.