



# Sand in Our Shoes



## FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Winter's almost over – and  
what a winter it has been, but...



Throughout the winter camping goes on at Scusset on weekends only. Cold weather usually doesn't deter the off-season campers, but this year has definitely slowed it down.

We have quite a winter with enough snow for the

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## Scusset Beach Friends

The last Friends Meeting –  
November 28th, 2010 – 10 AM  
at the Scusset Beach Nature Center

### Meeting Notes

At the meeting, the discussion focused on plans for the next project and applying for a grant for it. In the planning stages is a walkway between the streets in the campground to provide easier access to the campground bathhouse - a benefit to the handicapped and to all campers.

More fund raising ideas and plans were discussed. Also, two campouts with Friends in the Safari Field are planned this year with all proceeds to go to the Friends. The dates for these are:

**May 12-15, 2011 & Sept. 15–18, 2011.**

The sign up sheets for each Safari campout are on page 7 & 8 this newsletter. They will also be available on the Friends website and will be posted on the Good Sams website as well.

The Friends will be doing a breakfast on May 12<sup>th</sup>, on Sat in the field and are planning to do the Annual Friends Breakfast outside at the interpretive center in Sept. Activities are planned for May, too.

The Friends of Scusset Beach will be holding their next meeting on

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10 AM  
at Scusset Beach Nature Center**

in the campground. Please feel free to come on down if you'd like to attend. We'd love to have you there.

## What is the Friends of Scusset Beach?

The Friends of Scusset Beach is a non-profit group, established in 2009, by a group of people who enjoy and care about Scusset Beach. They are dedicated to supporting specific Scusset Beach State Reservation through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy, and their mission is to aid in care and maintenance of the park.

Elected officers for the group are:

**Chairman of the Board: Elise Smith**

**Vice Chairman: Paul Loiselle**

**Treasurer: Linda Porazzo**

**Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria**

**Secretary: Pat Ridge**

## What does a Friends Group do?

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities. These can include work days at the park to help with a project, organizing fund raisers to help purchase much needed equipment or supplies, or serving as an advocate for the park when needed.

Friends groups are essential partners in protecting and enhancing DCR's parks. More than 70 groups are working across the state to enhance our forests and parks system.

## Who can join the Friends of Scusset Beach?

Anyone who is interested in the care of the Scusset Beach State Reservation is welcome to join.

Your level of involvement is up to you. Some people are very active in their friends groups; serving on the Board of Directors, attending all meetings, working on a specific committee. While other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will go for the support of the park. The level of involvement is up to each individual member.



## What has the Friends of Scusset Beach accomplished to date?

- Organization of the Friends of Scusset Beach group and setting up non-profit status for it.
- Attending training for Friends groups in the State.
- Painting the campground camp site numbers and traffic arrows.
- Non-profit status allowed the park to receive a generous donation of power tools from an estate in Plymouth for the park's use.
- Initial fund raising through pancake breakfasts allowing the group to apply for and receive a matching State grant to build a boardwalk from the Jetty parking lot to the Canal service road.
- Attending Park Serve Day this Spring to help prepare the park for Summer visitors.
- Building and dedicating the board walk.
- Activities, park activities, and we have the Scusset Beach newsletter "Sand in Your Shoes".
- A website has also been established for the Friends group.

The Friends of Scusset Beach website can be viewed at: <http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org>

## Why Now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time to help the Friends group. Scusset Beach Friends Group will help us leverage funds from the Departments Matching Partnership grants to improve the park as well as assist with projects and fund raising.

## I'm interested - So what's the plan?

Interested in joining us to help make Scusset Beach even better? Fill out the form on page 6. It can be mailed to us, or dropped off at the Scusset Beach office, with your check, payable to Friends of Scusset Beach.

Friends of Scusset Beach  
Scusset Beach State Reservation  
140 Scusset Beach Rd.  
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815  
email: [scussetfriends@live.com](mailto:scussetfriends@live.com)



**....And get a little sand in your shoes!**

## A Few Words from John....

Winter is finally on its way out. 2011 promises to be another challenging yet exciting year here at Scusset Beach.

Seasonal rosters are out and once again funding is down somewhat. Latest information is the seasonal budget took a 9 % hit. This, for us at least, means shorter seasons for some of our staff. I have not seen the final roster yet so I am not sure if we took position cuts. I do know that our early staff is starting a couple weeks later than normal.

The exciting part, however, is through a stroke of luck we received \$120,000.00 for renovations to the campground bathrooms. While it will not fix all our problems, it will go along way to addressing many of our needs in that building.

The second item is by the hard work of vice president Paul Loiselle, we were once again awarded a Matching partnership grant to start construction on the campground pathways. This was a 2-1 match, which means the Friends are putting in \$1500.00 they raised and the DCR has awarded us \$3000.00 as their part of the project.

The fund raising committee has been hard at work planning and organizing the first of what I hope will be two very successful camping fund raisers. More information on the two that are planned for this season is located on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the Friends and to Scusset Beach. Think summer and come get a little sand in your shoes.

John



**John DeCosta, Supervisor  
Scusset Beach State Reservation**

Welcome our new year round employee, Dave Gauthier, a 10 year veteran of DCR transferred here from Myles Standish. He will be a great addition to the staff. He has already.

### **National State Park Leadership School**

In January, I went to West Virginia as the Massachusetts rep to a National State Park Leadership school with park managers from all 50 states (year 1 of a 2 year program). A great school, learned a lot, had fun. Best school I have ever been to.

**Park Serve Day will be April 16th** this year and we are planning on working on the paths in the campground that day as it will be too early for flower planting

The Army Corps is planning a canal clean up day the weekend after park serve if anyone is interested.



**David Harris 2010**

**This year it's hard to believe that Winter's chill and snow ...**



**Matthew Dyer Winter 2009– 2010**



**TJ Ashley Winter 2009 – 2010**

**....will soon become this !!! Camping Season starts May 5<sup>th</sup>!**



**Don't forget Park Serve Day  
on April 16th**

## The Chairman's Corner

Snowy greetings:

You know it has been a tough winter when there is snow on the ground for months at Scusset. Even the winter campers have not ventured out too much this year so I know everyone will be looking forward to a warm spring to start camping again. We are looking forward to a great season for 2011.

We have two campouts planned for a fundraiser for Friends of Scusset. We will also still have stickers to sell and we are looking into hats as well. Keep tuned for Park beautification day info to come. Stay warm for now.

And, remember Park Serve Day is April 16<sup>th</sup> this year

Elise Smith  
Chairman,  
Friends of Scusset Beach



## Friends of Scusset Beach News

On December 15th the grant application was sent out. The total request came to \$4,688. If we are a successful recipient, our share will be \$1,500 with DCR paying \$3,188.66. The grant information says that we will be notified by mid January. The grant was approved in January.

Since Park Serve Day is early April 16th this year (way early for flowers) and, since we got the grant would we will be working on the path that weekend's project.

Friends of Scusset Beach website and email links

<http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org> email: [scussetfriends@live.com](mailto:scussetfriends@live.com)

Mass.gov Friends pages links

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm> Scusset Beach State Reservation

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm> DCR Friends Groups

MA Friends Networking website link

<http://www.networkingfriends.net/needfriends.html>



**Just a reminder – Friends of Scusset Beach membership is for one year - Dues for 2011 are now being accepted.**

**Remember dues are payable annually.... \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a couple or a family , and \$25.00 for a business. Checks are made payable to "Friends of Scusset Beach" and mailed to 140 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore Beach, Ma. 02562-2815.**

**Already signed for 2011 are:**

**Ronald Bedaw Family  
Tom & MaryEllen Lane  
Paul & Linda Loiselle  
Rick & Elise Smith**

**Edna & Ponie Faria  
Carlene LeBlanc  
Paul & Linda Porazzo  
Frederick Ware Family**

**Frank & Claudy Gendreau  
Kathy Lena  
Richard & Carol Sherman  
Ronald & Ann Bonofiglio**



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### Scusset Beach State Reservation

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As we begin to grow as a group, we are getting together an email and address contact list of friends; your information is very important to us. We will contact you with information about the meeting dates for *Friends of Scusset Beach* and email our current newsletter to keep you informed and aware of the progress the group is making. Without email?... Please request another means of contact - telephone or mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership wanted: \_\_\_\_\_

My Special Interests & Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in- (Please check all that apply):

- becoming a member of a Scusset Beach Friends Group
- attending meetings
- serving on the Board of Directors
- participating in work days to maintain and clean areas of the park
- assisting in fundraising efforts

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Annual Membership Dues are:

- \$5.00 for an individual
- \$10.00 for a couple or family
- \$25.00 for a business

Membership is for 1 year – renewable in September. Checks can be made payable to: Friends of Scusset Beach Reservation Corporation

**“Get a little sand in your shoes!”**





**Friends of Scusset Beach  
Safari Field Campout  
May 12-15, 2011**

Friends of Scusset Beach invite you to dry camp in the Safari Field at Scusset Beach. This is a fund raiser for the Friends to raise money for improvements to the Park and for Grant Applications. Please come and join us.

\*Early Bird Arrival on Thursday after 1 p.m. \$18.00

\*Arrival on Friday after 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday Breakfast  
Sunday Departure by 3:00 p.m.

\*Weekend fee for 2 people including meal \$50.00  
Additional adults \$15.00 Children \$10.00

\*Variety of Activities – Weather Permitting

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip  
Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Auto Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Early Arrival Thursday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Fee (2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Elise Smith 368 Main Street Plympton, Ma. 02367	Questions or more info call: 781-585-5828 Make checks payable to Friends of Scusset
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