



Scusset Beach/Cape Cod Canal Aerial view - photo by Wayne Theroux

Lions Club Donation

Thank you to the Regional Lions Club 33S and Ray Moreau, District Governor, for their generous donation of \$1200 towards playground. It's a big step toward Stage Two.

We have received many donations from others, as well. We thank you. They are all really appreciated.



Scusset Playground – Phase One

Scusset Beach Friends

President: Elise Smith
Vice-President: Charlie Colson
Treasurer: Linda Porazzo
Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria
Secretary: David Harris

What's New....

The next Friends meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, July 26th at 10 am**, at the Nature Center, outside.
Hope to see you there!



Scusset Camping - photo by Dave Harris

Events for 2014:

The Friends have two more Safari Field Campouts planned for this season - July 24 –Aug 3 and Sept 11– 14. Download form from the website, or email scussetfriends@live.com.

On Saturday, July 12th at 4 pm, Camping Kitchen will be presented at the Nature Center, by Priscilla Geigis, State Parks Director - Healthy camp cooking.

2014 – 100th Anniversary of the Cape Cod Canal
Scusset Beach is celebrating with Family Fun Day
Sunday, July 27, 2014 – from 2:00 pm to 5 pm
Face Painting, Music, Arts & Crafts, Kids programs - Fishing, Coastal Wildlife, Marine Mammals and more. Parking fees may apply.
Lots of fun....join us at Scusset Beach on the Canal!

3rd Annual 5k Race/walk

- Sept 13, 2014 – 9:00 am

More information will be available on the website.

Annual Friends Meeting & Elections

- Sept 27, 2014 - 10:00 am



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A Few Words from John....

Happy summer everyone,

The season is well underway with seasonal staff coming on board, campers and fishermen coming in and even a few beach goers have been seen.

The toll booth project is done and the new building looks great and should function well.

We were able to secure a Department of corrections crew to paint the campground bathroom building as well as the concession stand interior.

I was also able to secure some funding to purchase fence for the playground area (and some other areas) which means we will not have to take it out of Playground money so that money can be used on equipment.

After much lobbying we got the aquatics program to add 2 more lifeguards to our roster, bringing us up to 7 positions. Now we need to work on filling them. This is great news for beach Safety

Once again park serve day was a huge success, thanks to everyone who helped.

We continue to plan for Family Fun Day & the 5K as well as the crowds anticipated from the canal 100th anniversary



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

Lastly, I would like to thank the Colson's and the Santoro's for all their hard work on the Fishing derby. Pat & Charlie Colson became fixtures outside the office every morning doing registrations.

Welcome back summer

John



Getting Ready For Summer

Striper Derby Sign up

Scusset Beach State Reservation www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm

Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Friends Groups www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm

Camping Reservations:

Reserve America website: www.reserveamerica.com or Telephone: 1-877-422-6762

Friends of Scusset Beach - website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

email: scussetfriends@live.com

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

The President's Corner

Summer Greetings,

Lots of things are happening at Scusset Beach these days. The new ticket booth is finished. The students at Upper Cape did a wonderful job, thank you. The summer staff is back – welcome. The swings at the playground are in daily use.

The Cape Cod Canal celebration camp out is almost full (14 slots for 7 days are left). And Scusset Beach Family Fun Day is coming together for July 27th, from 2 – 5 pm. Our next Friend's meeting will be Saturday, July 26th, at 10 am outside the Nature Center. Our grant for the second phase of the playground has been approved.

Looking forward to a warm and sunny season.

Elise

The Friends of Scusset Striper Fishing Derby was held May 30th, 31st, and June 1st.

to help raise money to purchase additional playground equipment for the new playground here at Scusset Beach.

The prizes were \$250, for the largest striper caught, \$100, for the second largest striper caught, and \$50, for the third largest.

- **First Place \$250 – Bill Fitzgerald - Striper 18 lbs. 9 oz.**
- **Second Place \$100 - Paul Tokarz – Striper 16 lbs. 9 oz.**
- **Third Place \$50. – Jerry Gonsiewski – Striper – 13 lbs. 7 oz.**
- **Raffle Winners:**
 - **\$150 in Restaurant Gift Certificates – Diane Heagney**
 - **\$150 in Sporting Goods Gift Certificates – Mike Leazer**

Our thanks to Seafood Sams for giving us a \$100 donation. We had raffles for \$150 in Gift certificates for restaurants and wish to thank the following for donating gift certificates:

\$25 The British Beer Company	\$25 Mezza Luna
\$20 Leo's Breakfast	\$25 Charlie's Place
\$25 Seafood Shanty	(5) \$1 off coupons for The Lobster Pot
2 fish and chip dinners from Rock Bottom Seafood.	

We also had \$150 worth of gift certificates from tackle shops and wish to thank them for their donations:

\$50 Canal Bait & Tackle	\$50 Bass Pro Shops,
\$50 M & D Tackle in Wareham	\$25 Red Top
(2) hats and (2) subscriptions for "On the Water" magazine,	(2) fillet knives from Fishbone knives



Safari Field Campouts:

- **July 24 – Aug 3**
- **Sept 11 – 14**

Plan early, the available space goes fast. We've got some great weekends this year, and there will be a lot going on for the Canal's 100th Anniversary. Sign-up forms are available on the website. Email Elise at scussetfriends@live.com if you have any questions.

If you have never camped in the Scusset Beach Safari Field, it is a large camping site adjacent to the Cape Cod Canal for groups or clubs with self-contained camping units. Sorry – no tents allowed. Self-contained camping only...No water, electricity, or septic hookups are available. Generator usage is allowed from 8 am until 10 pm. There is all the fun of camping with a friendly group enjoying each other's company in a very beautiful place with lots of enjoyable things to do!

**3rd Annual Scusset Beach
5K Canal Run/Walk
September 13, 2014 at
Scusset Beach State Reservation**

Join the Friends of Scusset Beach for a certified and sanctioned (USATF) 5K road run/walk along the scenic and historic Cape Cod Canal.

- Registration is online through www.racemenu.com (3rd Annual 5K Canal Run/Walk)
- If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact EdnaFaria by email at EdnaFaria@hotmail.com for more information.

**Now available
Scusset Beach Hats!**



\$15

Proceeds go to park improvement projects by the Friends of Scusset Beach.



Also: Scusset Pins - \$1, Scusset Stickers - \$2, and Scusset Postcards \$1

Thanks to all who have who have helped the Friends of Scusset Beach and with projects, events, fundraising and donations. You aren't just helping us, you are helping to make Scusset Beach even better, and that's the place we all love.

Thanks for your help,,, and thanks for caring about Scusset Beach.



On the Friends wish list is a playground for Scusset Beach. Phase 1 of it has been completed. The Friends are working toward completing Phase 2 with the fundraising events they have planned for this year.

The 3rd Annual Scusset Beach Run/Walk, and two more Safari Campouts are scheduled for 2014. Proceeds to go to the Playground, Phase 2.

Hope to see you there!

What is a Friends Group?

Friends groups are organizations dedicated to supporting specific DCR properties through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy.

What does a Friends Group do?

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities, which can include workdays 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.

Why Now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time for a Friends group to aid in making improvements to Scusset Beach possible. The Friends Group can help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Matching Partnership grants to improve the park. as well as assisting with the projects and their fund raising.

What can I do?

It's 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. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park...or somewhere in between. The level of involvement is up to each individual member. Stop in at the next meeting - get to know us and what we do.

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

Want to join the Friends of Scusset? Print and fill out the membership form printed from the website and mail it with your yearly dues to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
Scusset Beach State Reservation
20 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859
website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org
email: scussetfriends@live.com

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.

Scusset Friends Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walkway
- 2012 – Beautification of the beach building exteriors
- 2013 – Fundraising for Phase 1 of the Playground
- 2014 – On to Phase 2 of the Playground

get a little sand in your shoes!

