



Sand in Our Shoes



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Columbus Day Dawn at Scusset Beach -

Photo by David Harris



Safari Campout September 27th – 30th, 2012

Scusset Beach Friends

Chairman of the Board: Elise Smith
Vice Chairman: Paul Loisel
Treasurer: Linda Porazzo
Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria
Secretary: David Harris

What's New...

The next Friends Meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 24th, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Nature Center. Hope to see you there!

Scusset 5K Race/Walk

The weatherman provided excellent race weather; we had lots of participants and lots of fun; and it was a great success.

The 2nd Annual Scusset 5K Race/Walk is already planned for September 21st, 2013 at 9 a.m. Sponsors, race results & raffle winners on page 6.

The Friends are planning three Safari Campouts in 2013, and the Pancake Breakfast on the Saturday after Labor Day is an annual event.

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Amazing bear woodcarving for the Race Raffle...
Carving by Wayne DeMoranville

A Few Words from John....

Happy Fall everybody.

Summer is over and what a summer it was. The park was extremely busy. This year, for the 3rd straight season, we set records in sales and attendance. I guess everybody else is finding out what we already know that Scusset is a great place to be.

With a little creativeness, we were able to stretch this year's grant project from landscaping and painting the front of the beach buildings to landscaping the front and painting the whole thing. A Department of Corrections paint crew provided the labor and the grant money provided the paint. Over ½ the building is done and the crew will be back in the spring to finish. Many "friends" volunteered to work on the landscaping and it is a vast improvement over what was there.

The road Race was a success. Many of the runners told us that they could not believe it was our first year as we were well organized. Overall we made \$2,500 towards our future playground. I hope we continue to run this event in the future. Paul is already hard at



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

work on the grant for next year to get phase 1 of the play ground done.

Commissioner Lambert came in July to announce our grant award and was very impressed by the crowd we were able to muster on a weekday. A special thanks to our friends from FMCA, who were in the field for boosting our numbers.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your dedication and hard work to help make Scusset the best that Massachusetts parks have to offer.

John DeCosta, Park Supervisor



Scusset Beach State Reservation

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm

Department of Conservation and Recreation

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>

Department of Conservation and Recreation Friends Groups <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm>

Camping Reservations:

Reserve America website: www.reserveamerica.com

or Telephone: 1-877-422-6762

Campground map:

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/images/pdf/ScussetCamp.pdf

Friends of Scusset Beach

<http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org>

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.

1st Annual Scusset 5K Race/Walk – September 15, 2012
Photos by Dave Harris



An early start and lots of preparation....



The Starting Line



Race Sponsors

**Dolan Construction
Majors RV
Club 92
Hyline Cruises
Macomber Sanitation
Linda and Paul Porazzo
Tedeschi Food Shops**

**Club Ex Fitness
Rock Bottom Seafood
Mr. G's Pizza
Paul & Linda Loiselle
Dune Dogs Café
Friendly's**

Special thanks to the Lions Club for a donation of \$250.00 presented by the District Governor for the playground.

1st Annual Scusset 5K Race/Walk – September 15, 2012

Race Results 1st – 6th place		
Place	Name	Bib#
1st	Ryan Gattoni	Bib 51
2nd	Brian Baker	Bib 4
3rd	Dan Kelly	Bib 65
4th	Linda Bates	Bib 49
5th	Jamie Gosselin	Bib 92
6th	Ellen Addy	Bib 2

Full list of results located on the Friends website
www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

Raffle Winners

Raffle Item	Donated by	Won by
Carved Wooden Bear	Carved by Wayne DeMoranville	Leanne Kelley
2 Nights camping At Scusset	Friends of Scusset Beach	Betty Ann Needham
Dinner for Two at Home	Susset's Chef Jim Simon	Jean Hatch
Fee Parasail Flight	Cape Cod Parasail	Leanne Kelley
Tower of Hess Trucks	A Friend of Scusset Beach	Gagne
Table Decoration	The Harris Family	?
1 yr. Membership Heritage Plantation	Heritage Plantation	Tim Caswell
Simply Tasteful Gift Basket	Brette Blette/Simply Tasteful	Mary Lou Riendeau
Christmas Basket	Linda Porazzo	Linda Libby
2 all Day tickets for Water Wizz	Water Wizz	Carlene LeBlanc
Mary Kay Gift Basket	Pam Carroll/Mary Kay	Rich Sherman
Boy's Gift Basket	A Friend of Scusset Beach	Larry Belcher
Girl's Gift Basket	A Friend of Scusset Beach	Marcia Cole
Breakfast for two at Percy's	Percy's	Rich Sherman
Trader Joe's Gift Basket	Trader Joe's	Linda Porazzo
1 year Membership Heritage Planation	Heritage Plantation	Tim Caswell
Table Decoration	The Harris Family	Carolyn Baker
Cape Tire Front End Alignment	Cape Tire Service	William Jones
Cape Tire Front End Alignment	Cape Tire Service	Carlene LeBlanc
Tower of Games	A Friend of Scusset Beach	C. Bulgar
2 Tickets for Edaville Railroad	Railway Productions	Rick Smith
Autumn Gift Basket	Russ & Marcia Cole	Cathy Hanson
Pancake/Maple Syrup Basket	Linda Porazzo	Odin Velantzas
Rolling Cart	Porazzo Family	Carolyn Weber
Reeboks Tote Bags w/goodies	A Friend of Scusset Beach	Barbara Harris
Reeboks Tote Bags w/goodies	A Friend of Scusset Beach	Doreen Ptina
Sarah Michael's Foot Care Bag	Porazzo Family	Varnaham Family
Lunch for 2 at Percy's	Percy's	Jean Hatch



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH



The Chairman's Corner

I want to thank everyone who helped out with the 5K race and raffle. We have \$2500.00 to start our playground with from the proceeds of the race. We are planning to do another one next year on September 21st, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

We are also going to continue to have the Annual Pancake breakfast the Saturday after Labor Day. We will be having three campouts in the Safari Field next year as well.

Something that is happening in our neighborhood this fall is a fundraiser for the Cedarville Animal Shelter. They are collecting slightly used shoes. If you have any to donate, please let me know. Email can be sent to friendsofscussetbeach@live.com

Our next meeting will be on November 24th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center at Scusset Beach Campground.

Happy Fall!
Elise

David Harris, Secretary Friends of Scusset Beach

The Friends of Scusset just concluded its third successful year since being founded in 2009. It's because of members like you, that care for and support the group in its endeavor that make Scusset Beach State Reservation a better place.

The 2012 project to paint and landscape the public beach house was a total success. Our first 5K race/walk and raffle to raise funds for a playground was a success as well, giving us a good start. By popular demand, there will be a second annual Scusset Beach 5K race and walk in 2013. Without your support and hard work, none of this could happen.

There are still a lot of day users: fishermen, joggers, canal watcher, and campers who use the reservation who could become friends members; so please spread the word.

In addition to the members, a big thanks goes out to Park Supervisor John DeCosta for his assistance and guidance. Two staff members also deserve a special thanks for all they have done, Marlene Clark and Norma Cotter.

Looking forward to continued support in 2013.
Dave

Welcome new members:

- Rod & Paula Ord, of Marshfield, MA
- Tim & Debbie Wright, of Hopkinton, MA
- Robert Bishop, of So. Easton, MA
- Connie Stacey, of Rehoboth, MA
- Don Hebert, of Attleboro, MA
- Robert Lee, of Marshfield, MA
- Jim & Carol Luce, of Bridgewater, MA
- Joe Callahan & Family, of Rockland, MA





Dedication Day – July 6th, 2012
Campground Walkway and the Painting and Landscaping of the Public Beach Buildings

Helping Hands – 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. 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, including:

- Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Nickerson State Park
- Waquoit Bay & South Cape Beach
- Myles Standish State Forest
- Forefathers Monument
- Wompatuck State Park
- Borderland State Park

Friends Groups Fundraising

- Recycle cans and bottles at Nickerson State Park
- Operate a gift shop at Borderland State Park
- Pancake Breakfasts at Scusset Beach
- Scusset Beach stickers, buttons, and key chains available at the Scusset Beach office.
- Scusset Beach Pancake Breakfasts
- Scusset Beach 5K Race/Walk & Raffle
- Scusset Beach Safari Campouts

Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walk
- 2012 – Beautification of the beach building exteriors.

- Scusset Beach 1st Annual 5K Race/Walk is the start of fundraising for a park playground. A very good start.

Other Activities

- Regular meetings at Scusset Beach throughout the camping season to formulate plans and organize and follow through on fundraising, projects, and grants.
- Design and maintain friend's group website for Scusset Beach friends.
- Participation in Park Serve Day – spring planting and preparing the park for the summer camping season.

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 projects and fund raising.

What can I do?

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. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park. Your level of involvement is up to each individual member.

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

Print and fill out the form on the page 10 of the Newsletter and mail it with your check to:

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

Telephone: 500-888-0859

Fax: 508-888-1183

email: scussetfriends@live.com



And get a little sand in your shoes!



To become a Friend of Scusset Beach State Reservation, please print and fill out the following form mail it to us – or drop it off at our office. Better yet, come to the next meeting. We encourage everyone to become a friend.

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As we begin to create a contact list of friends, your information is very important. This fall, we will contact you with information about the meeting to establish the *Friends of Scusset Beach* and send you our Fall Newsletter to keep you informed and aware of the progress made in establishing this group.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership Dues are:

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

Checks can be made payable to:
Friends of Scusset Beach Reservation Corporation

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: _____

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