

The Bon Harbours Gazette

Bon Harbours Association of Virginia, Inc.
Newsletter for association members
February 2008

Current Board Members:

- Carolyn Saffer
- Pat Baker
- Helen Walker
- Wesley Goodwyn
- Billy Trigg
- Fairfax Conquest
- Blair Dobbins
- Brad Bailey
- Steve Hollins

Mark O'Brien -
Treasurer

Individual Highlights:

Brief History
Board Initiatives
Fun Facts
Members remembered
New Neighbors

Are You Surprised Yet?

A newsletter from Bon Harbours. As far as we know, it's a first.

Your Board thought to assemble this for informational purposes and to help bolster communications within our community.

Another potential surprise...did you notice the inclusion of the letter "u" in our name. All of the original documents spell it this way, as the name was chosen from the French words for "good harbors" or Bon Harbours. Even today, there is a friendly controversy over its spelling.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural Newsletter and we would appreciate your feedback, comments and any contributing articles for the future.

A Brief History of our Community...

A well known doctor from Richmond, Henry Liebert, was looking for real estate to purchase in the Northern Neck of Virginia. An early consideration was the land that today is Indian Creek Country Club. Then, in the late 1950's, a large site was found along the Yeocomico River in Northumberland County. We understand that the cost was as little as \$5 per acre...wow! Dr. Liebert teamed with a group of Richmond businessmen to create a new community for families to enjoy weekends at the river.

The Bon Harbours Association of VA was

born. Some of the early families include: James, Woodroof, Trigg, Goddin, McGehee, Brown, Halsey, Scott, Pratt, Gilchrist, Adams, Cox, Burgess, Goodwyn, Donohue, Gilchrist, and Irby. [Please pardon any that have been overlooked] All of the structures built at that time were merely "cottages" with little or no heat / air conditioning. In fact, when the last family left on Sunday evening, the gates that stood at our entrance (the "green gates") were closed & locked until the following Friday. During the summer months, many families stayed all

summer, with dads coming each weekend. The first families to make Bon Harbours their permanent home around 1970 were the Donohue and Goodwyn families.

Slowly more and more people came to live and built all-season dwellings. This has resulted in a thriving community that unite "live here's" and "summer people".

The Bon Harbours Gazette

Board Initiatives at this time...

Your 2007/08 Board is hard at work on your behalf. Some of the important initiatives include the following:

- Looking to revamp our by-laws to bring up to today's standards
- Evaluate our dues structure to ensure a viable future
- Closely watching the condition of our roadways
- Review our options for the repair of the "causeway"
- Considering options on the common areas known as the "marina"
- Looking to establish a BH website
- Planning for the planting of seedlings in the areas that were timbered



Do you remember when...

- * Saturday morning sailing races
- * The summer that horses were leased and kept in a corral across from the marina
- * The "white gates" (pillars), which stood just off the Lewissetta Road turnoff
- * The covered boat slips, gas pier (honor system), and boat ramp that made up the marina
- * The "local" mail box, located at the "triangle"
- * Annual July 4 fireworks display at the Lieberts
- * Biking and boating to area general stores for candy at Cherry Point and the "cannery"
- * Playing volleyball and horseshoes during the Labor Day Olympics
- * Party-lines on the phones
- * Paddle Tennis was king
- * The Cave in Callao
- * Soft Shell crabs were plentiful
- * Delmar Brown doing his unexpected back flip at the pool after his President's speech
- * In 1976, the George Washington crossing the Delaware reenactment (Coleman McGehee in the pool)
- * The roads were made of sand
- * The "T" – where Cornish Creek Drive meets Barn Point Road
- * Most families owned a "kite" – small sailboat
- * The "adult" trips to Piney Point
- * The never-ending search for arrowheads
- * River Rats vs. Gold Coasters



The Bon Harbours Gazette

Meet some of our new neighbors...

A list of special people from the BH family that we have lost recently:

Gene Dobbins
June Marilyn Adams
Doc Saffer
Dr. Joe Cox
Marjorie Walker
Delmar Brown

Please share your
comments & articles:

**Bon Harbours
Association of VA, Inc.**
P.O. Box 272
Lottsburg, VA 22511

In May 2007, we were joined by Bob & Laura Peery. The Peery family lives in Richmond, with daughters Madelyn (11th grade) and Liza (9th grade). Their son Camp is a freshman at UVA. The happiest of all to be at BH is their dog, Blaze. Their house is located at 523 Barn Point Road – was owned by the Foor family and before that the Gilchrists.

In June 2006, Wes & Cheryl Goodwyn purchased the home from his older brother Bobby. It is located next to his parents, Bob and Sara. Wes is happy to be back in BH. He & Cheryl spent much of their time with their children and 4 grandchildren.

In September 2005, a home on Bon Harbor Road was purchased by Charlie Thomas and Judy Julian. They have a daughter and are both active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Their home was previously owned by the Chiltons and affectionately referred to at the time as the "Chilton Hilton".

