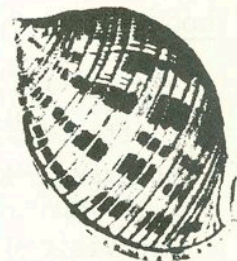


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WELCOME TO 1990 - SHELL CLUB'S 34th YEAR

Topsail Beach / Surf City NC

SPRING MEETING

March 9th and 10th, 1990

Meeting place: Surf City Town Hall, 210 North New River Drive, Surf City NC
(turn left at stop light in town after crossing bridge on NC Hwy 50)

Friday, 9 March 1990

7:00 pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; identifying shells; whatever !

8:00 pm Comments by President Wenzel

The 1989 NCSC Shell Show in Wilmington by Carl Truckner; again, our official photographer has captured on film the highlights of the Show (also, see Chairman Weber's report on the Show in this newsletter)

Wildlife, Scenery and Shells of Alaska by Dorothy and Dean Weber; slides of their latest vagabonding (our memories are still fresh and envious from the show of their travels last year to Mexico & Baja; where to next, Webers ?)

Announcements; door prizes; suggestions for Saturday's shelling spots

Saturday, 10 March 1990

7:00 pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; "find of the day" award

8:00 pm Business meeting

Shelling in Grenada by Alta VanLandingham; another sure-to-be inimitable and fascinating review of a shelling trip by the Club's most experienced world traveller (Alta has not previously shown the Club her Grenada slides, 'tho she did write about a trip in the Winter '88 newsletter); be sure to be with us on March 10th !

Door prizes; other announcements including information on May meeting

Lodging for Meeting (all rates subject to change and subject to NC 8% motel tax)

✓ Topsail Motel, 1195 N Anderson Blvd (P O Box 3064), Topsail Beach NC; tel 1-328-3381; oceanfront; rates not yet available as Motel is closed until early February; may have special rates for Shell Club members (when applying or registering, be sure to make it known with this and other lodgings that you are attending the Shell Club meeting to gain any special rate); accepts several credit cards

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Lodging for Spring/March Meeting (continued)

The Jolly Roger Motel, Ocean Blvd, south end of NC Hwy 50 (P O Box 3008), Topsail Beach NC 28445; 1-919-328-4616; oceanfront; \$54 standard room and \$58 with kitchenette; 3-story (request upper floor for better views); MC and Visa credit cards

Breezeway Motel, Channel Blvd & Davis Rd, Topsail Beach NC 28445; 1-919-328-7751; on Topsail Sound; \$37 standard room and \$46 with kitchenette

Sea Vista Motel, 1521 Ocean Blvd, Topsail Beach NC 28445; 1-919-328-2171; oceanfront; \$34 standard room and \$42 with kitchenette; MC and Visa credit cards

Sea Star Motel, Hwy 210 North (P O Box 2508), Surf City NC 28445; 1-919-328-5191; \$37 standard room and \$39 with kitchenette; MC and Visa credit cards

Several realty companies offer multi-room and condominium units: Topsail Realty Inc, 1-919-328-2301; East Coast Real Estate, Surf City, 1-919-328-2323; Century 21-Action Inc, Surf City, 1-919-328-2511; Ward Realty Corp, Surf City, 1-919-328-3221; call them for availability of these units for groups of you to share

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR REST OF YEAR

Summer Meeting

May 18th and 19th 1990

Ocracoke NC (tentative)

The Board had hoped to be able to use the Ocracoke School Auditorium for this meeting but, due to the School's activities, the Auditorium (the only suitable space in the School) will not be available on these dates. Other Ocracoke facilities for a meeting of our size may be available but, with all the facility owners/managers having flown (further) south for the winter, we cannot settle on any of these until they return in late February or early March. You will be notified at the March meeting (if not sooner) how "we made out" and if a suitable facility will be available at Ocracoke.

The alternative location will be the Fort Fisher Aquarium, one of the three managed by the State, the others being at Manteo and at Pine Knoll Shores. Fort Fisher is located on the point of land south of Wilmington between the Atlantic Ocean and the Cape Fear River and, incidentally, is regularly undergoing archeological digs. Lodging would be available at Kure Beach and Carolina Beach, either a short distance from the Fort.

Fall Meeting

September 14th and 15th 1990

Pine Knoll Shores NC

The meetings will be at this Aquarium and lodging will be available at Atlantic Beach, Morehead City, etc.

The Friday night session will be occupied principally with our annual auction . . . please be thinking of the contributions you will make to the Club for this event . . . think "big" and think "much" !

Shell Show

October 19th, 20th and 21st 1990

Wilmington NC

The Club will again avail itself of the generous hospitality of the Independence Mall, 3500 Oleander Drive (US76), Wilmington.

This Show has unquestionably become one of the best in the southeast USA, arguably including those pretenders in Florida !

Dinner Meeting

November 17th 1990 (Saturday night)

Morehead City NC

The place for this scrumptiousness has already been determined to be the Galley Stack Restaurant at Spooners Creek, at the west edge of Morehead City where NC Hwy 24 (from Swansboro) meets US Hwy 70. Those of you who have dined at the Galley Stack will surely applaud the selection of this place.

Convention and Show News

American Malacological Union (AMU) at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod; this the world-famous 100-year old oceanographic center, as well as other related research institutes.

From June 3rd 1990 and the Sunday afternoon reception thru June 7th 1990 and the Thursday evening banquet, there will be full schedule of activities to attend and to enjoy. On Friday, June 8th, there will be a choice of marine, freshwater and other field trips for those who stay over. There are many lodgings in Woods Hole and the other nearby Cape towns; three very nice motels in Woods Hole have committed all their rooms to AMU at a special rate of \$65 per night.

And, of course, visiting the rest of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket are added inducements . . . an extensive rewarding vacation can be planned around going to this AMU Convention. Contact Marj & Bob Tomlinson for more details.

Conchologists of America Inc (COA) at Melbourne, Florida, from Monday, July 9th 1990, thru Friday, July 13th 1990. Headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Melbourne Oceanfront, 2600 Hwy A1A, Indialantic FL 32903; 1-305-777-4100; this is a complete resort hotel though rates should be special and reasonable.

Several field trips will be included and it is possible, but not yet certain, that the previously active Port Canaveral "scallop dumping" areas may be reopened by then.

It hardly needs mentioning that there are dozens of other nearby places to visit . . . the hotel is just 4 miles from Epcot and Disneyworld, etc, etc. Also, an early start can include the Broward Shell Show (Fort Lauderdale) from July 5th to 7th and even earlier start the Jacksonville Shell Show from June 22nd thru 24th 1990.

Contact Marj & Bob or Alta for more details.

Greater Georgia Shell Show in Atlanta . . . closer to home . . . from April 20th thru 22nd 1990 at Market Square, Lawrenceville Hwy (US29/GA8), Decatur GA. Exhibit information forms from Bill and Bunny Fulton, 3878 Granger Drive, Chamblee GA 30341, telephone 1-404-451-3441; deadline for submission to them: 19 March 1990.

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Meeting Refreshments

We have to thank Nell and Scott Uzzell for graciously accepting the duties connected with providing coffee and tea at the 1990 meetings . . . although our dear Prez told them he might have to twist their other arms in order to obtain an "affirmative".

Soft drinks and edible refreshments for each meeting will be provided by local members, upon the requests by said Prez, and these favors will be acknowledged at the meetings. Any volunteers for keeping the meeting attendees well fed and happy, albeit more weighty, would be welcomed, of course.

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It might be of interest, particularly to the newer members, to reprint the . . .

List of Club Presidents

	1976	Hugh J Porter	
1957-58-59	Rev G Scott Turner	1977	T C (Van) VanLandingham
1960	Charlotte G Johnson	1978-79	Mary D Mobley
1961-62	J E (Jim) Wadsworth	1980	Douglas Nunnally
1963-64	Carl Withrow	1981-82	Charlotte W Dexter
1965-66	Paul R Jennewein	1983	Sally Zimmerman
1967-68	Wade Gillis Brown	1984-85	Ruth S Dixon
1969-70	Hugh J Porter	1986	T C (Van) VanLandingham
1971-72	Walter G Lowry	1987-88	Carolyn C Smith
1973	Douglas Wolfe	1989	T C (Van) VanLandingham
1974-75	Ruth S Dixon	1990	ol' whatzisname

1989 SHELL SHOW

The show was somewhat smaller than the past few shows but contained some very fine exhibits. Marion R. Magee made it all the way from Indiana once more, while Jim and Linda Brunner came up from Florida. Vicky Wall helped the show enormously with seven exhibits. Karlynn Morrison brought an excellent novice collection and two other exhibits. Herman Lindsey was back after a two-year absence. The list of awards follows.

My thanks go to Alta Van Landingham, who only agreed to recruit judges and dealers but who did much more when I disappeared for three months. She obtained the du Pont and COA trophies and collected exhibitor applications among other things. Carl and Janet Truckner and Dorothy Weber were devoted and expert helpers. Carl again took slides of the entire show. "Van" Van Landingham looked after the dealers and accompanied the judges on their Friday morning rounds.

In 1990 I would like to welcome back former exhibitors who were absent this year. And I hope the 1989 people will return again too. It is definitely not too early to start thinking about next year's entry. The Show dates are October 19 thru 21, 1990, again at the Independence Mall, Wilmington NC.

Dean Weber, Show Chairman

du Pont Award: Jim & Linda Brunner for "Invasion of Grenada"

COA Award: Dean & Dorothy Weber for "Good Beach Finds!"

N. C. Shell Club Trophies:

Best exhibit: Alta Van Landingham for "What's Wrong with that Shell???"

Best Self-collected Exhibit: Jim & Linda Brunner for "Invasion of Grenada"

Best Shell in Show: Nancy W. Gilfillan for Cypraea leucodon

Best Self-collected Shell: Dean & Dorothy Weber for Atrina oldroydii

Most Beautiful Exhibit: Marion R. Magee for "Spondylus"

Best Novice Collection: Karlynn Morrison for "Grenada - A Nice Place to Become a Shell Collector"

Best of Arts and Crafts: Ruth Hood for "Hooked Tapestry - Kwajalein Remembered"

Judges Special Award Ribbons

Karlynn Morrison for "Grenada - A Nice Place to Become a Shell Collector"

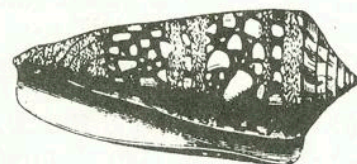
Ann Buddenhagen for "Busycon Contrarium, the Lightning Whelk"

Jim & Linda Brunner for "Benedictine Hues"

Vicky Wall for "Those Beautiful Bivalves"

Nancy W. Gilfillan for Adelomelon ferussacii

Ruth Hood for "Hooked Tapestry - Kwajalein Remembered"



1989 SHELL SHOW (continued)

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons by Category:

Family or Genus Collection

1st: Marion R Magee
2nd: Vicky Wall

Novice Collection

1st: Karlynn Morrison

Regional, Self-collected

1st: Jim & Linda Brunner
2nd: Payne Daniel

Scallop Dump Shells

1st: Vicky Wall

Specialized Collection

1st: Alta VanLandingham
2nd: Ann Buddenhagen
2nd: Jim & Linda Brunner
3rd: Vicky Wall

Land Snails, Regional

1st: Herman Lindsey
2nd: Vicky Wall

Land Snails, Worldwide

2nd: Herman Lindsey

Worldwide, Any Source

1st: Vicky Wall

Worldwide, Self-collected

1st: Dean & Dorothy Weber

Miniature Collection

1st: Karlynn Morrison

Single Shell

1st: Nancy W Gilfillan
1st: Nancy W Gilfillan
2nd: Jim & Linda Brunner
3rd: Vicky Wall

Arts & Crafts Using Actual Shells

1st: Rose Bunch

Arts & Crafts, Cross Stitch

1st: Vicky Wall
2nd: Karlynn Morrison
3rd: Beth Gilfillan

Arts & Crafts, General

1st: Ruth Hood
1st: Louise Mason
2nd: Herman Lindsey



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Two New 1989 "Coffee Table" Shell Books from American Malacologists

P O Box 1192, Burlington MA 01803

Nature in Photography: SHELLS by R. Tucker Abbott

Large size 11 x 13 gift book with 160 pages of full color photographs of shells in spectacular seaside panoramas around the world taken by Peter Carmichael and Tucker Abbott. A lively 12,000 word text takes you back through Rome and Pompeii to the shell collecting habits of Cro-Magnon man, the entrancing life of the world's greatest shell collector who found 19,000 species, including 3,000 new to science, and the details of the slave and cowrie trade. View today's great shell collections and the myriad uses of shells. Destined to be a classic admired by the general public, this giant book from Portland House is only \$19.95 plus \$2.05 shipping.



SHELLS - JEWELS FROM THE SEA by M. G. Harasewych

Equally magnificent is this 224 - page coffee-table book with 208 color photographs by Murray Alcosser. A close-up study of the best of William Bledsoe's collection donated recently to the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. The author discusses their origin, evolution and diversity with a 3-page preface by Steven Jay Gould. As the priest Buonanni said in 1684, shells are indeed "Recreation for the Mind and the Eye." A stunning book from the house of Rizzoli. \$45.00 postage free. Includes numbered, autographed bookplate.

Changes to September 1989 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Remove: Jennifer & Heather Faircloth
Route 7, Box 270-F
Fayetteville NC 28306

(current members: PLEASE pay your 1990
Dues by 15 April so that your name
won't appear here under "Removed" !)

Change: Beth Miller's address
from: 2425 Heyward Street, Columbia SC 29205
to: 1305 Huntsman Drive, Durham NC 27713

Add: Mary B Brown 2425 Heyward Street, Columbia SC 29205
Linda Sunderland P O Box 130243, Sunrise FL 33313
Bill & Theresa Williams 4214 Pickering Place, Alexandria VA 22309

List of State Shells (please let Editor know of any additions or errors that you find)

North Carolina	Phalium granulatum (Born 1778)	Scotch Bonnet	Adopted 1965
Florida	Pleuroploca gigantea (Kiener 1840)	Horse Conch	" 6-18-69
Mississippi	Crassostrea virginica (Gmelin 1791)	Eastern Oyster	" 4-12-74
Maryland	Ecphora quadricostata	(fossil)	" 1984
South Carolina	Oliva sayana (Ravenel 1834)	Lettered Olive	" 1984
Texas	Busycon perversum pulleyi (Hollister 1958)	Lightning Whelk	" Apr 87
Georgia	Busycon carica eliceans (Montfort 1810)	Kiener's Whelk	" 4-16-87
Massachusetts	Neptunea lyrata decemcostata (Say 1826)	Ten-Ridged Whelk	" 6-9-87
Rhode Island	Mercenaria mercenaria (Linne 1758)	Northern Quahog	" 6-30-87
New York	Argopecten irradians (Lamarck 1819)	Bay Scallop	" 1989
Oregon	Fusitriton oregonensis (Redfield 1848)	Oregon Triton	" May 89
Connecticut	Crassostrea virginica (Gmelin 1791)	Eastern Oyster	" 7-1-89

Seafood Recipe Corner

FILLETS ELEGANTE' Serves four
(that's just French for "fancy fish")

One pound of fresh or frozen fish fillets
(sole, halibut or cod)
Fresh-ground pepper
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
One can frozen condensed cream of shrimp
soup, thawed
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
Paprika

Please send me your favorite seafood and
fish recipes for future newsletters, for
use as space permits. Thanks ! Marj T

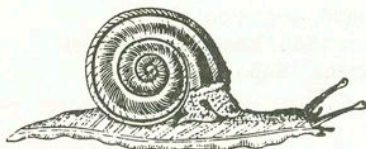
Prepare fresh fillets or thaw frozen
enough to separate
Arrange in buttered 9-inch pie plate
Dash with pepper and dot with butter
Spread shrimp soup over fillets and
sprinkle with cheese and paprika
Bake at 400°F for 25 minutes
Serve with lemon wedges

(from The Washington Post Food Section)

(the following comes to us by way of Vicky Wall, who found it in the International Wild-
life Magazine, and it is by Nonette B Toniguchi of Seattle, Washington)

" LUCKY IN LOVE "

Oh, how lucky in love is the Snail.
When it comes to romance, he can't fail.
For his heart's democratic
and his gender's not static,
So a miss is as good as a male !!!

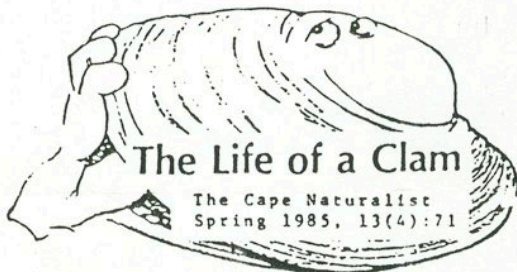


On Walking the Beach

Picking up shells is a lot of fun,
Wish it could be done by everyone;
My wife and I daily walk the beaches,
It's the next best thing to cream and peaches;
We still go out in a little bit of rain,
But we do stay home if thundering's raising cain;
If you have cares or worries of any kind,
Walk the sandy beaches and you will find;
They'll go away like the morning dew,
And show this world in a sunnier view.

Happy Shelling !

Walt Wenzel



The Life of a Clam

The Cape Naturalist
Spring 1985, 13(4):71

(Illustration by Robert Braunfield)

The clam he lives a lonely life,
He never even sees his wife.
His children float on ocean swells,
While he in deep seclusion dwells.
Between two shells.

Upside down, he stands on his head,
He rarely ever gets out of bed.
His foot is used when very small,
To plough the sand and have a ball,
Wandering at a crawl.

Although he crawls, jumps, and burrows,
Upon his shell he forms some furrows.
Near the furrows rings appear,
To tell his age, year by year,
Growing like a tree.

John Ropes and Anonymous

DOOR PRIZES, ANYONE ???

We've decided everyone likes to be a winner !

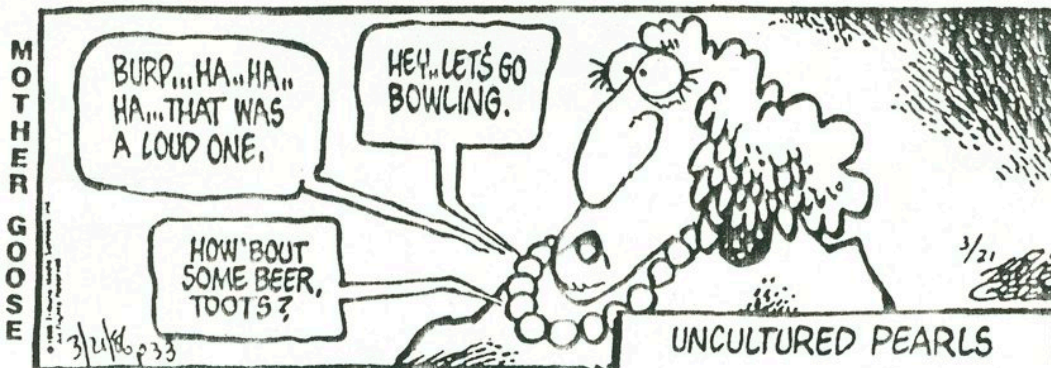
So . . . we'll continue to give door prizes
at our meetings.

That is . . . WE WILL if you donate some !

Homemade or bought items MOST WELCOME !

Bring some along to the Topsail meeting in March !

AND . . . the May and September meetings !



B. C.

GREAT PLACE TO BUILD,
EH, MAUDE?... OCEAN VIEW,.....

BEACH FRONT...
PLENTY OF SAND,
...AND NO...

IT'S
LOVELY!

OIL, NO!

YAWN

CLANDOMINIUMS!

I want to express sincere appreciation to my husband, Bob, and to all others who have helped so very much with my first attempt at publishing the newsletter. I will welcome your ideas, suggestions and/or contributions for future publications. Marj T

YOUR DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!!

Dues for the North Carolina Shell Club are \$5.00 per year for an individual member, and \$8.00 for a family. New members or members who have lapsed and re-join are required to pay an extra \$2.00. This extra \$2.00 covers only the cost of adding a name to our mailing list. Our mailing list is handled professionally, by Commercial Printers in Wilmington, N.C.

If you have a change of address during the year, please send it to Dorothy Watkins, Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

During the year, if you do not receive the newsletters and you know you should have received them, please notify Dorothy Watkins.

Members not paying dues by 30 days after the first meeting of the year will be dropped from the mailing list. We regret this, but the costs of printing and mailing make it necessary.

DUES NOTICE FOR 1990

NAME Leonard, Carolyn, Chris & Tori Smith
ADDRESS 5300 Fairrocks Rd., Durham, NC 27712
PHONE NUMBER (919) 477-8853

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HELP YOUR OFFICERS SERVE YOU BETTER IN 1990

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