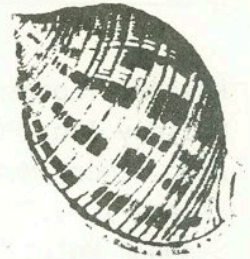


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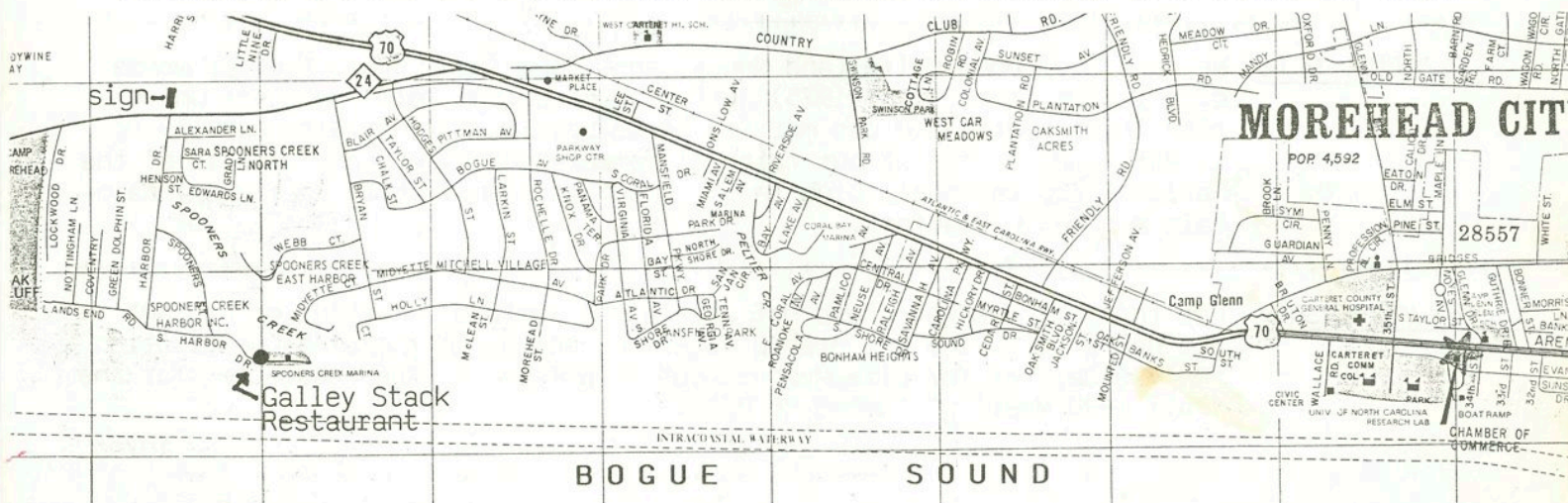
WELCOME TO 1990 - SHELL CLUB'S 34th YEAR

Galley Stack Restaurant
at Spooners Creek Marina

1990 ANNUAL BANQUET MEETING

Saturday, 17 November 1990
(low tide about 2:15 pm)

- 7:00 pm Social Hour . . . There will be a cash bar for wine and beer (only) and for set-ups; you are welcome to BYOB if you wish, but punch will be provided, with cheese balls and crackers
- 8:00 pm Dinner Pasta salad, tossed salad, creamed seafood (shrimp, lobster and flounder) over rice, chicken over puff pastry, roast beef au jus, glazed carrots, corn pudding, fresh fruit plate, sticky buns, pumpkin cheesecake and coffee or tea !! All of this for just \$9.00, including tax and gratuity !! But . . . you must send in your paid reservation to Walt Wenzel (address above) by Monday, 12 November 1990. Must ! Please use the form included with this newsletter.
- After dinner A really interesting movie-and-slide program from . . . **Dr William M Kier**, Asst Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Bill specializes in the study of the muscles of squid and octopi (octopusses?) and he has titled his program . . . **"Squid, Nautilus & Octopi: Moving with Skeletons of Muscle"**. (And we bet you thought, having done so well in High School Biology, that skeletons and muscles were different things.)
- Followed by A little Club business and election of officers for 1991.



A FEW PLACES TO STAY FOR THE BANQUET (Unless shown otherwise, all are on Salter Path Rd, NC Hwy 58, Atlantic Beach NC 28512; all rates for 2 persons/2 dble beds; all rates plus NC tax.)

Atlantis Lodge, PO Box 310; tel 1-800/682-7057; \$38-44 (efficiencies \$51)
Holiday Inn, PO Box 280; tel 1-919/726-2544; \$52 (oceanfront \$67)
John Yancey Motor Hotel, PO Box 790; tel 1-800/682-3700; \$40 (w/refr \$45, effic'ncs \$55)
Ramada Inn, PO Box 846; tel 1-919/247-4155; \$44
Seahawk Motor Lodge, PO Box 177; tel 1-919/726-4146; \$35
Whaler Inn Beach Club, PO Box 220; tel 1-919/247-4169; \$40 (efficiencies \$45)
Windjammer Inn, Salter Path Rd; tel 1-919/247-7123; \$50-55
Beaufort Inn, 101 Ann St, Beaufort 28516; tel 1-919/728-2600; \$59 incl breakfast
Buccaneer Motor Lodge, 2806 Arendell St, Morehead City 28557; tel 1-800/682-4982; \$38
Comfort Inn, 3012 Arendell St, Morehead City 28557; tel 1-919/247-3434; \$39-42

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IN MEMORIAM

We deeply regret having to report that . . .

Lucy Piper (Lucille Royal Piper) passed away on 29 August 1990, at 94. She was one of our few Life Members and, as noted in the last newsletter, she shared her home, her boats, her collection and her knowledge of North Carolina shells with the entire club. Although she had not been able to attend Club meetings for several years, she was frequently mentioned with great love and affection. She lived in Gloucester NC (near Harkers Is.) and her remains rest in the cemetery at the Straits Methodist Church.

We also deeply regret having to report that . . .

Alice Weston, one of the Shell-Belles, passed away on August 9th 1990.

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PLAUDITS

There are **many good workers** in our Club and it is probably "dangerous" to single out any of these for a little extra praise, but the Editor thinks that everyone will understand if we do heap some praise on and give thanks to . . .

Dorothy Watkins for her hard work and faithful performance of **all** of the duties involved with being Treasurer;

Dean Weber for doggedly assuring that there **would be** a good 1990 Shell Show, when matters were getting to be quite discouraging; and

the Uzzells and many others for the realization of great refreshments !

AND, KUDOS TO

Ann Buddenhagen for receiving the John J Carey Award from Catholic Social Ministries for her social ministry work. F. Joseph Gossman, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, presented the award, which is named for the former diocesan director of the Ministries who retired in 1989. Hearty congratulations to our Ann !

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A PERSONAL NOTE

We hear from **Doug Wolfe** (and Nancy) that daughter Cynthia (junior member of our Club from c.1967-1975) just graduated from Colorado State University in Fine Arts and was married September 8th. Doug, although living in Maryland, is one of our faithful members and a veritable pillar of the National Capital Shell Club in DC. Doug and Nancy still (we think) maintain a home in Beaufort.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

For those of you who could not attend the September meeting or had not yet heard . . . the membership voted to include in the Club Constitution the "Guidelines for Life Membership" as printed in the newsletter for the "Fall 1990 Meeting" (dated "8/90").

Thomas Clifford Van Landingham, known to the Shell Club as "Van", originated in California but has claimed North Carolina as "home" for more than 25 years.

Van has belonged to the North Carolina Shell Club since 1972 and has held the office of president for three different terms. For a number of years, he has been the "auctioneer" for the club's annual auction. He has also been involved with setting up shell shows since 1976.

His favorite family of shells is "Murex", and, at one point a number of years ago, he had in his collection all of that family except a few very common Murex from Europe that were so common, no dealers ever bothered with them!!

Van joined the US Marine Corps when he was only 16 years old, lying about his age. Later, he got his age straightened out on the records, and, when he retired at 36, was the youngest officer ever to retire after a full 20-year tour of duty from that branch of the service.

During military years, Van was in Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Viet Nam, and several stateside locations, including two tours at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. On his off-time, he did stock-car racing in California and North Carolina and raced sports cars in Hawaii for the famous "Doc White" of White Sewing Machines. He also built several of his own cars, raced them, and won!!

After retiring from the military, at Ocracoke, he was in home construction for about ten years. You will see many examples of his cabinet building at our annual shell shows!! Van not only builds display cases and cabinets for the exhibitors but has also built many of the shell dealers' display arrangements!!

He became interested in woodcarving, specialized in shorebirds, and entered many shows. However, his most famous carving is a wooden cigar-store Indian, a project which took about three years from time of tree cutting until the finished product. Van also began painting watercolors of shorebirds, exhibited in shows, and had some of his own shows with these paintings.

Back in the days when the Van Landinghams were operating the Shell Shop and the mail order business, Van made trips to Taiwan, where he did a lot of shell buying and also was honored to be allowed to make a trip one of the famous "Taiwan Fishing Boats". Van speaks Japanese, as do most of the older folks in Taiwan, so he had no problem communicating. He also made trips to the Philippines for buying and collecting.

Van has over a hundred awards, plaques and ribbons for bench-rest rifle shooting. This is a very high-tech type of target shooting that involves the brain more than the brawn!! The actual rifle looks like a machine with a trigger on it.

At present, his hobby is building and flying model airplanes, with emphasis on the World War I models. The latest is a World War I SE5E model, which is one half the size of the real airplane. This is not a kit!! Everything is exactly as the real airplane, including the instrument panel. Even though this is still in an unfinished stage, the project has already been featured on television and in two well-known hobby magazines. Van hopes to have it finished by the end of this year.

When not occupied with any of the above things, he likes to read, play with his large macaw, Turk, and teach Alta's bird, Traveler, things to say to the guests at their home. When Alta is away, he also feeds and cares for the raccoon family.

(Ed. note: Another great job by Dean!)

INDOOR CAMPING, ANYONE ?

As one survey-responder commented . . . the Coast Guard Station at Cape Lookout is now available for groups to use for eating and for sleeping !!! An article in the October 7th Raleigh News & Observer spelled out quite thoroughly the possibilities, but the Editor has requested more detailed information and an application for consideration at January's planning meeting. Each member's comments will be **greatly** appreciated !

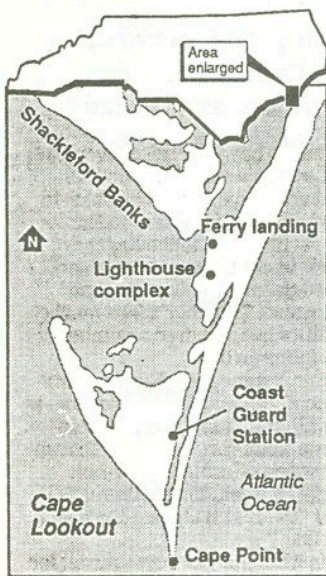
The N&O article concentrated on having a visit headed by Keith Rittmaster of the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort, to avail visitors of his experience and knowledge of the natural features and environmental aspects. But, we can go on our own. Costs for use of the Station are \$100 for day use and \$250 for the first night's stay-over and \$125 for each additional night. Keith's services can be hired for \$150 as instructor and boat captain.

Which brings up a critical point to scheduling a Shell Club trip . . the Coast Guard Station and its dock are **2 miles** down the beach from the ferry landing we are accustomed to on our trips on the Harkers Island ferry ! If we do decide on an "indoor campout" and do not use Keith's services, we must obtain another boat (or boats ?) **or** slog thru the sand each way with all our **stuff** from the accustomed ferry landing. Any other ideas for crossing the briny ?

As for the facilities at the Station . . . actually, there are two buildings: one containing the kitchen and dining room and the other (the main house) has six bedrooms and two bathrooms, complete with showers. In addition, some mattresses are available and, of course, sleeping bags can be brought along. Each person must bring linens. Further, electricity and water use are restricted to certain hours; participants help with the cooking and cleaning; and all trash **must** be bagged and taken off the island. There is no telephone, though there is available radio for contact with the "mainland".

In addition to shelling, there are the possibilities for fishing, looking for sea turtle nests, watching for dolphins, stargazing, whatever. On the dark side, don't forget the insect repellent !

Pro or con . . . let's talk about it !



"TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA" NESTS ?

The latest issue of "COASTWATCH" has an article which provides some very revealing information on **turtle nests** in North Carolina. (If you do not yet receive this informative **free** newsletter issued by the NC Sea Grant College Program, you should get yourself onto the mailing list by writing to the Program at #105 - 1911 Building, Box 8605, North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC 27695.)

These turtle nests are created mostly by loggerheads, but there are occasional nests of the so-called green turtle. North Carolina is the most northern Atlantic state visited by sea turtles, who mostly prefer warmer waters. Sea turtle activity is carefully recorded by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission on a weekly basis. And, this year the nesting activity, which seems to follow an approximate 4-year cycle for wax & wane, has increased with some nesting 2 weeks earlier than usual, even as early as April, although May and June are normal. In August, baby turtles start hatching in this northerly area. (In the warmer Keys, the Editor watching hatching in June.)

How many turtles actually nest in the Old North State ? The Commission this year reports 50 nests at Caswell Beach (last year just 38), 49 at Long Beach (up from 32), Bald Head Island 88, Holden Beach 38, Cape Lookout 40, Sunset Beach 8 and Hammocks Beach 19. The most northern nesting has been reported at the Currituck Banks.

THE RESULTS
ARE IN !

The membership has spoken its wishes for NCSC meeting locations !
And, the fine response is appreciated by the Editor !

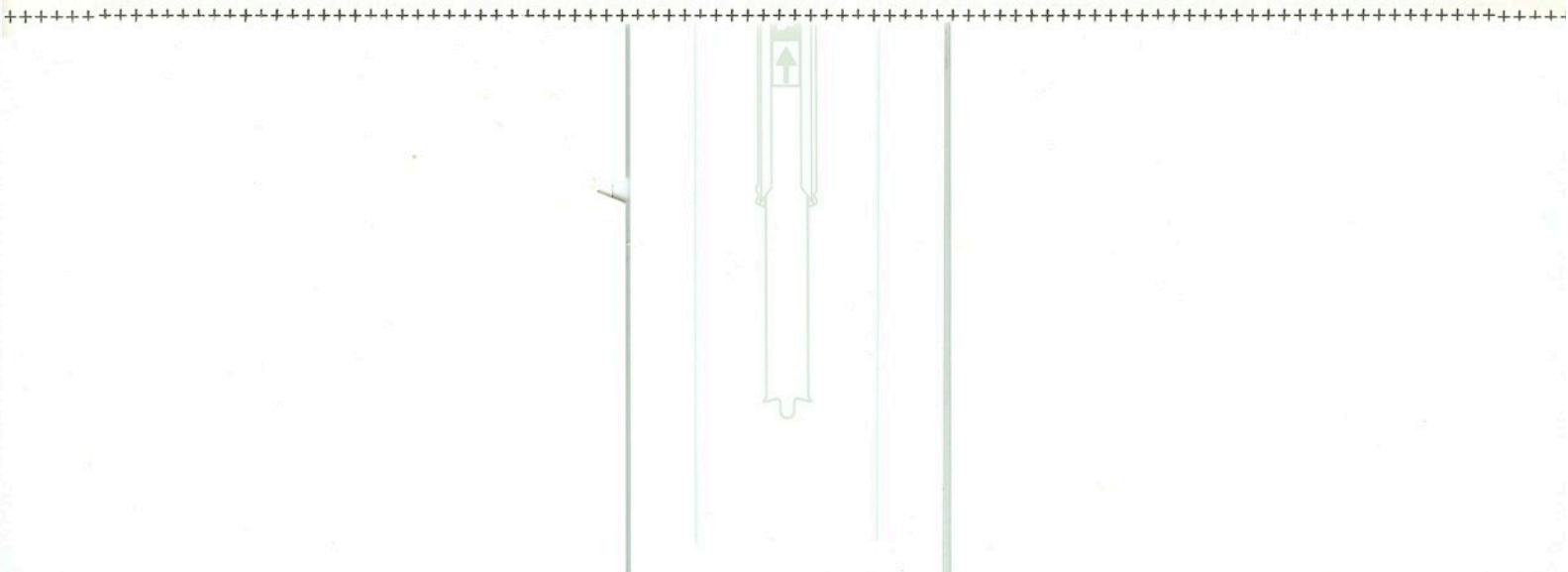
There were 22 replies, some with additional comments, which are certainly welcomed. Inasmuch as it was mentioned that the desired locations might be rated "in order of preference", the results were tabulated both being "weighted" (a score of "3" for a 1st choice, a "2" for a 2nd, and a "1" for a 3rd choice) and "unweighted" (simply counting the picks). The order of finish was the same but "weighting" did emphasize that the 1st choice was well in front and that the 2nd and 3rd choices were very strong followers ! Also we grouped the locations that were logically related (ie, you cannot separate a choice for Morehead City from a pick for Beaufort) although towns/places of a group were mostly singly named. Here they are . . .

	<u>weighted</u>	<u>unweighted</u>
Atlantic Beach/Morehead City/Beaufort/ Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium	55½ points	23 picks
Ocracoke	29½	13
Holden Beach/Ocean Isle/ Long Beach/Southport	20	12
Nags Head/Manteo Aquarium	9	8
Topsail Beach/Surf City	7½	5
Wilmington/Wrightsville Beach	6	6
Washington NC/Aurora fossil pit	4	2
Myrtle Beach	2	1
Swansboro	1	1
Cedar Island	½	1

In addition to naming the locations that became the 1st choice, six replies also named the Cape Lookout trip as part of the preference for these locations. (See the article on another page re "indoor camping".) Also, certain months for certain locations were singled out: September or November or May for the 1st choice location(s); May for Topsail/Surf City; and "spring" for the Washington/Aurora fossil trip.

Again, **thank you** all for your help ! The officers, at the January "planning" meeting, will certainly focus on this survey in determining the 1991 meeting locations. (If you have **not** submitted your votes yet, please do and they will be added to the above.) And, the Editor thanks you all for not including a single comment for "burning at the stake" or "hanging in effigy" ! (Seriously, the Editor **does appreciate** the favorable comments you included or have mentioned along the way.)

DOES ANYONE KNOW if there is any form of ban on shelling at the Cape Lookout National Seashore ??? One survey reply mentioned this possibility. As you know, Florida has enacted a law unfortunately lumping shell-collecting with fish-catching and requiring a license. And, there are restrictions in various worldwide places on live-collecting. But . . . Cape Lookout ?



SHELL POSTCARDS

Perhaps some of you noticed with envy the booklet of **beautiful** shell postcards that was sold at the September Auction. Do you want your very own personal set ? These are being offered, for fundraising purposes, by the new Shell Museum at Sanibel. Each booklet has **24** "continental" size (4"x6") removable cards portraying excellent color photos of unique shells. The photos were selected from the 20,000 slides now in the Museum collection. All proceeds from the sales go to the Museum building fund. A single booklet (24 different cards) costs \$6.00, postpaid; if you would like two booklets, send \$11.00 to: Shell Museum Office, Suite 9, 2440 Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel FL 33957.

Speaking of the Museum, the campaign for funds to build the Museum has passed the one-third point . . . over \$400,000 out of \$1,250,000 needed. If you wish to add to the campaign, send your contribution (tax-deductible) to the same address as for the postcards, but marked for the fund.

SHRIMPS

Who doesn't like them ? For eating, that is. The latest issue of the "COASTWATCH" newsletter (for ordering this newsletter, see the article herein on turtle nests) is devoted almost entirely, and very interestingly, to **shrimp**.

QUICK ! From whom does the USA import the most shrimp ? And the next ? And the next ??? Give up ? We import over 100 million pounds (that's eight naughts) a year from China ! And within a shrimp-whisker as much from Ecuador. A close third is Mexico. And all of the importing adds up to **75% of all** the 800 million pounds of shrimp eaten annually in the USA. Further, the food consumption of shrimp increases at an annual rate of more than 8%. That's a lot of cocktail sauce and frying batter !

In this area there are three "types" of shrimp . . . "brown" shrimp harvested from late June until October; "white" shrimp from August thru November; and "pink" (or "spotted" or "night") shrimp which are more plentiful in September and May (these latter have a higher tolerance for "cold" water). So much for this month's lesson on crustaceans !

"SHARK CREOLE", ANYONE ?

Have you fisherpersons wondered what to do with your catches of triggerfish, amberjack, sheepshead, black drum or even a skate ??? The NC Sea Grant Program has a cookbook for these "unwanted" fish, titled . . . "Recipes With a New Catch: Cooking Non-Traditional Fish". It can be had by sending \$2.00 to Box 8605, NCSU, Raleigh (the same address as noted in this newsletter for "COASTWATCH") and asking for Publication UNC-SG-86-06. And let us know how you did with the Cajun Catfish or the Baked Triggerfish or the Smoked Mullet (shades of Swansboro).

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