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WELCOME TO THE SHELL CLUB'S 41ST YEAR



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MEETING DATES: APRIL 25 & APRIL 26, 1997

LOCATION: Ocracoke

MEETING PLACE: Ocracoke Recreation Center

SCHEDULE: Friday April 25th

7:00 pm: Registration

8:00 pm: "Mostly for Beginners" by Nancy Wolfe on "Wentletraps"

8:15 pm: Our Program will be by Ruth Dixon on The North Carolina Shell Club: People, Shells and Shelling.

Saturday April 26th

7:00 pm: Registration

7:30 pm: Social Time, Find of the Day judging.

8:00 pm: Mostly for beginners...Tim Blades will talk about "Scallops".

8:15 pm: The topic will be "Shelling Expedition to the Goodland Mudflats & Sanibel" By Mark Johnson.

You will need to take the Cedar Island Ferry to Ocracoke Island.

Schedule as follows:

9:30 C15
The ferry leaves Cedar Island at 7:00, 10:00 a.m and 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. The ferry leaves Ocracoke Island at 7:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.. The cost is \$10.00 per auto and it will hold 50 cars. A pedestrian may go over for \$1.00. Reservations recommended.

FOR RESERVATION CALL: 1-800-856-0343
or 1-919-225-3552 for Cedar Island
1-919-928-3841 for Ocracoke

DIRECTIONS: From Morehead City take Rt. 70 to end (Cedar Island)
There will be signs to the Ferry.

SATURDAY, April 26: FIELD TRIP TO Portsmouth Island [There is a cost for the Ferry ride {Approximately \$15.00}] Details will be made available at the meeting Friday evening.

PLACES TO STAY...Call as soon as possible...Also..tell them you are with the North Carolina Shell Club.

PONY ISLAND MOTEL: Rooms \$58.00 double occupancy -old part
1-919-928-3584 \$63.00 1st Floor -new section
\$73.00 2nd Floor -new section

ISLAND INN: Rooms \$54.00 per night (two beds)
1-919-928-4351

P.O. Box 9
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From the President:

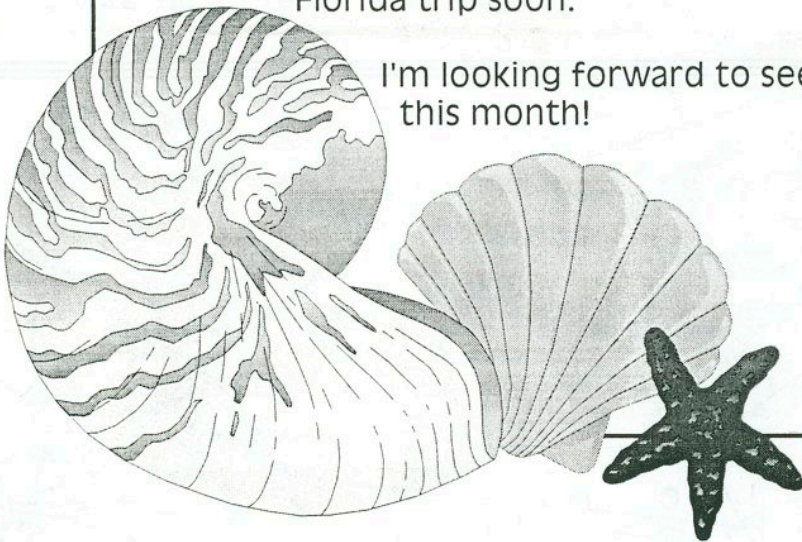
Hello everyone!

The first meeting of the year was held at Ocean Isle and was a blast. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Special thanks go to Dean and Dorothy Weber, Betsy Roberts, and John Timmerman for the excellent presentations.

Field trip guru Dean Weber and his unruly gangs have finished their assaults on some nifty South Carolina beaches as well as Cape Lookout. A good time was had by all and some nice shells were found. The Goodland, Florida trip was also a good time as well as some productive shelling. Expect more news on the makings of another southwest Florida trip soon.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Ocracoke later this month!

Happy shelling,



From the desk of Herman Lindsey:

The latest information on ferry transportation to Cape Lookout...There are presently three locations that will ferry personnel over to Cape Lookout. There are no others according to those I spoke with. The large ferry boat, The Pristine Mistress, was sunk during Hurricane Fran. There are only water taxis used to shuttle everyone over.

(1) Harkers Island Fishing Center

Cost: \$12.00 per person

6.00 Children under six

\$15.00 for Overnight Camping

Telephone: 1-800-423-8739

1-919-728-3907/3908

Transportation to Beach is \$3.00

Transportation to the Point is \$8.00

(2) Sand Dollar Ferry Service

Leave: Barbers Harbor Marina

Cost: Same as Harkers Island Fishing Center

Telephone: 1-919-728-6181

(3) Calico Jacks Marina

Cost: Same as others Telephone #: Unknown

Hammocks Beach State Park will resume Ferry service in April, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM with Ferry departing every hour to Bear Island. In May, services are extended to Wednesday through Sunday Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, the park will operate ferry service on a daily two boat schedule with ferries departing every half hour from am to 5:30 PM.



This was sent by Bob & May Tomlinson, From The Herald-Sun (6/23/96)

Dr. Beach's (University of Maryland Prof. Stephen Leatherman) top twenty beaches:

1. Lanikai Beach, Hawaii
2. Kailua, Hawaii
3. Caladeski Island State Park, Florida
4. Kaunaoa, Hawaii
5. Wailea, Hawaii
6. Hulopoe, Hawaii
7. Cape Florida State Recreation Area, Florida
8. Fort Desota Park, Florida
9. Hanalei Beach, Hawaii
10. Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Recreation Area, Florida
11. St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, Florida
12. St. George Island State Park, Florida
13. Ocracoke Island, North Carolina
14. Perdido Key State Recreation Area, Florida
15. Sand Key Park, Florida
16. East Hampton Beach, New York
17. Westhampton Beach, New York
18. Bald Head Island, North Carolina
19. Coast Guard Beach, Massachusetts
20. Clam Pass Park, Florida

Best Walking Beaches:

Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.
Hammocks Beach State Park, NC
Crescent Beach, Siesta Key, Fla.
Carmel Beach, Calif.
Kailua Beach, Oahu

Best Wild Beaches:

Jasper Beach, Maine
Cumberland Island, Georgia
Padre Island, Texas
Shi Shi Beach, Washington
Kalania Beach State Park, Hawaii

Proposal is made to protect mussel

From The Sunday SUN March 30, 1997

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charlotte, NC - State transportation officials have paved the way for an effort to protect a 2-inch long endangered freshwater mussel in Union County, NC.

The Department of Transportation will pay for a biologist to educate landowners about the need to maintain clean water in Goose Creek in order to protect the Carolina heelsplitter mussel.

John Fridell, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, said remnant mussel populations in Goose Creek and Waxhaw Creek in Southwestern Union County face extinction from rapid development along the streams. vulnerable to pollution and runoff or discharges.

To protect the species, wildlife officials are working with DOT,

The filter-feeding mussels are which is building a highway loop in eastern Mecklenburg County, including an interchange at Mint Hill through northern Union County.

To help offset damage, the highway department and the Federal Highway Administration will provide \$150,000.00 for three years to the biologist.

Goose and Waxhaw creeks may have fewer than 100 individual heelsplitters, with no recent sign of reproduction, Fridell said.

Last week, the wildlife agency completed a recovery plan to boost mussel numbers. The 10-year plan relies heavily on local planing and voluntary efforts by landowners to protect mussel habitat. No new land-use Fridell said.

Fridell said the agency can provide money to the landowners to fence cattle out of streams and to restore eroded

requirements will be imposed, banks with vegetation. Strategies such as setting aside buffer zones along the streams and building storm water retention ponds keep water clean, he added.

The greenish-brown to dark-brown mussels once are believed to have lived throughout the Catawba, Pee Dee and Savannah river systems in both North and South Carolina.

The two known S.C. populations fare better than their N.C. counterparts. Officials estimate that perhaps thousands of heelsplitter mussels live in Lynches River segments in Chesterfield, Lancaster and Kershaw counties and in other streams in Edgewood County, S.C.

In 1995, discovery of mussel populations in Sumter National Forest prompted S.C. environmental groups to challenge logging plans there.

field house for a brief rest before we headed for the lighthouse and beach for more shelling. Sunday morning we shelled from 10-12 in the morning on the sound where we were to be picked up by the boat to return us to the mainland.

Friday evening Dean talked about Shell Classification and shell books after which, Keith spoke about his major interest, Dolphin identification and research. Saturday evening, Dean spoke on shell collecting, sharing that he thought the 'high tide line' seemed to be the most productive area, especially if you can manage to be the first one to walk it.

The shelling was not quite as good as last year, probably because of the decreased time at Shackleford Banks, but people were very pleased with their Scotch Bonnets, Wentletraps, Fighting Conchs and Helmets (Betty Muirhead found a nice whole one).

Sunday Morning, Doreen Prager, Virginia Loester and I were given a tour of the solar panels and wind generator set up in the yard as the sole source of electricity. We were shown how the wind and sun energy charges the batteries kept in the basement of the field house.

The food as usual was excellent and plentiful.

Sunday on the return to Harkers Island, the boat which Doreen and I were on had motor problems and we had to be rescued. Two boats came out, we were transferred to one and the other towed the disabled boat in. People are already enthusiastic about next years trip.

Thanks to **ALTHEA MURKO**, a "snowbird" for this article.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS?

CALL or WRITE:

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or

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that member **Bert Cherry** passed away April 4th. Our sympathy goes out to **Hansi and family**.

(Members since 1989)

NEW MEMBERS:

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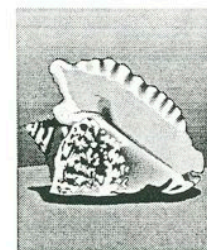
REMEMBER...WE HAVE A
TERRIFIC NEW SHELL TO
RAFFLE OFF...A SLIT
SHELL...Tickets \$5.00

The club has purchased the very colorful...and useful book on **Florida's Sea Shells** and Seashore life, for sale to members.

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Herman Lindsey has several "Gem" quality shells to sell. If interested, call him at 1-910-455-9685

Field Trips

PLEASE TELL MARK JOHNSON IF YOU HAVE ANY NEW IDEAS FOR SHELLING TRIPS, PERHAPS A CLUB TRIP COULD BE ARRANGED.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

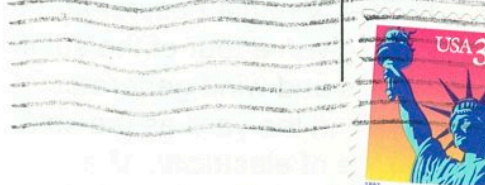
1997 Dues are now past due, please send them in or you may pay them at the next meeting. Janet Durand, our treasurer, collect the dues. This will insure that you continue to receive newsletters and to support our fine organization.
THANK YOU

INDIVIDUAL DUES: \$10.00 per year

FAMILY DUES: \$12.00 per year



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