



Neskowin Community Association

Newsletter



AUGUST 2009

President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this it is 100 degrees plus in the valley and absolutely gorgeous in Neskowin. These are the kinds of days that we cherish. My proudest accomplishment on these gorgeous days has been to plant some gardens. They have actually flourished!

Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership dues in a timely fashion. That makes our bookkeeping a lot easier. Annual NCA memberships are due each May. If you have not yet paid your \$25 membership dues, please do so right now; and smile!

A HUGE thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate and voted with your pocketbook in regards to the fireworks. We knew it was a challenge to ask for a "suggested donation" of \$50 per family in these hard economic times. But those of you who wanted the fireworks were so generous that we received the entire \$6000 necessary to cover all of the expenses of the fireworks!

Thanks to all who helped make the Fourth of July a huge success again. Everyone on the NCA Board played a role, and some of the people who deserve special recognition for their volunteers efforts are:
~ Debbie & Joe Sweeney: Parade Organizers
~ Jeff Walton & John Eshleman: Flag Raising, Sing-a-Long, & Fly-By
~ KK Burrell: Awards for Parade
~ Robin & Bryn Crowell: Castles & Kites Judging
~ Craig Healy: Fireworks Coordinator
~ Pam & Lyle Rowland: Clean-Up on the 5th

Hope to see you at the NCA Community Meeting on Sunday, September 6 from 4-5pm at the Fire Hall. We will strive to provide new and informative agenda items. These meetings are also an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow Neskowin neighbors.

Best regards,
Christi Clark

Congratulations to all the Sand Castle Creators and Kite Flyers!

By Robin Crowell

73 entries this year, most likely a Neskowin record. 67 sand creations and 6 kites took over the beach along with happy creators and a million dogs! Tides cooperated, but a little more sun would have been nice.

Sand creations included the artistic "Crackin' Crab" and "Ursula the Sand-witch", to traditional castles, to Michael Jackson tributes, to dog themes and forts, to the parental control plan to bury the kids in the "Jaws of Neskowin". "Proposal Rock", always popular, had an actual proposal occur while the family was busy with their appropriate creation. We hope she said "yes"!

Special thanks to the hard working volunteer judges: Adam, Courtney, Andy, Max, and Jeremy. Also thanks to Bryn for making all the award plaques and quickly scrambling to meet the record demand.

See you next summer and keep the creations coming!

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*Castles
and
Kites*

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Memories of Fourth of July, 2009

By Pam Rowland

One fractured femur
Two mini-horses
Three apple pies
Four judges judging
Five funny faces
Six undersea umbrellas
Seven red wagons
Eight foot high-tide
Nine families parading
Ten tons of garbage
Eleven tents with campers
Twelve mermaids waving
Thirteen parents pushing strollers
Fourteen bonfires glowing
Fifteen tykes on trikes
Sixteen hours of wonderful memories

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*A Special
Thanks...*

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CPAC Update from August 1, 2009 Meeting

(Community Planning Advisory Committee)

By Christi Clark

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CPAC
Update

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The agenda moved along at the most recent CPAC meeting on August 1, 2009. Unfortunately, the newly elected chair, Deborah Wright, is unable to do this job for personal reasons. Also, Charlie Ciecko, Vice Chair and Treasurer, is having to step away because of a family illness. This meeting was chaired by Doug MacCourt, secretary. Doug announced that the CPAC is going to have a Nomination Committee do a search for this year's officers. Please contact Doug if you have an interest in a leadership position in CPAC. Facilitation skills are needed, as well as an interest in planning issues for Neskowin.

Butch Parker, representing Tillamook County's Community Development Department, announced that the county has **revised** its position and **will consider the CPAC's comments and testimony for the most recent Hawk Creek Development application for Land Division Consisting of a Cluster Subdivision**. This issue is scheduled to come before the Planning Commission on Thursday, September 10. CPAC Land Use Committee is submitting comments on the application. Try to attend this hearing. Your voice counts!!!

Be advised that soon there will probably be a 'County Short Term Rental Ordinance'. Check with Tillamook County, as they plan to have 2 meetings on this ordinance in September. If the ordinance is passed by the county commissioners, it will go into affect about January 2010.

Next CPAC Meeting is: Saturday, October 3 from 1-3PM at the Fire Hall. For additional information: <http://www.neskowincpac.org/>

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Book, Bake
and Bauble Sale

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NESKO Women's Club

By Jeanette Miller, Past-President

Among the Fourth of July events at Neskowin, the NESKO Women's Club held their annual Book, Bake, and Bauble Sale. Since the 1980s this has been the major fundraiser for this club. Proceeds from this annual event are donated to various South Tillamook County charitable organizations, but especially to the South County Good Neighbor Program, providing food and clothing for needy families.

Thanks to the generous support of the local residents, visitors, and businesses, we raised nearly as much as last year. Thanks to all who purchased our baked goods, perused and purchased our books, bought our jewelry baubles, donated to our raffle, and bought our Fourth of July themed items for your kids.

The fundraisers and projects have been too numerous to mention over the history of our club, but it is with grateful hearts that we thank all of the women and their families who so graciously donated their time for this annual event.

We accept donations of books throughout the year for our next Fourth of July sale. Books may be left at the Kiwanda Community Center in Pacific City under the name NESKO Women's Club.

Everyone Loves Amanda!

By Christi Clark

I am sure if I asked "who has been one of the constants at the Hawk Creek Cafe?" everyone would voice the name AMANDA! Our Amanda has been a server at the cafe for 5 years. When asked the favorite thing about her job, she blurted out "the customers and staff!" One of the things she likes the most is the team effort that owners Bill and Sasha have created. I think as the lead server, Amanda deserves a lot of the credit for this team attitude.

Even though the economy might not be to our liking, Amanda is pleased to see the regulars (with more full-timers every year) and the tourists still piling into Hawk Creek Cafe. If you have ever been a waitperson, you know the busy times are more fun and seem to go smoother. Amanda says that she has to multi-task in her job and for some reason she can do that better when it is busy.

What would a 5-year employee order at the cafe? Amanda's favorites are the pizza, spinach salad, halibut, and crab cakes. Lately she has enjoyed the salads with chicken, bacon, cheese, and balsamic vinegar, but any dessert item has the potential to be her #1 favorite menu item.

Most of you probably know that Amanda's family and friends, her dog Skeeter, and horses comprise her main outside interests, and her 2-year-old niece is a real source of pride. Reading is an interest too, but who has time to read with her schedule? She hopes to have more time to walk her dog on the beach and go horse back riding. We do too!!!

Best Wishes Ed!!!!

News from Neskowin Regional Water District

Ed Osborne is retiring after 27 years with the Neskowin Regional Water District. Many of you will recall Ed (and frequently his dog) out fixing leaks, reading meters, and generally helping the Water District provide good water to the Neskowin community. Thanks for the many years of service... and good luck with your retirement Ed!

2009 NCA Golf Scramble



**BENEFITING
NESKOWIN
COMM ASSOC.**

**\$45.00 Per Person
w/golf membership**

**\$58.00 Per Person
For non-members**

Copies of this entry form are
available on the NCA website
www.neskowincommunity.org
Password: fish

AUGUST 28-30, 2009

Make up your own 4-person team or let us know if you would like to be on a team!!! We will pair you up with a team.

Price includes:

- Potluck dinner Friday night
- 9 holes of golf on Saturday at Neskowin Marsh
- 9 holes of golf on Sunday at Neskowin Marsh
- Barbeque, awards and raffle prizes

Schedule

Time	Event
6:00 PM, Fri Aug 28	Potluck Dinner @ Neskowin Marsh Golf Course
7:30 AM, Sat Aug 29	Golf tee times begin at 7:30 AM
7:30 AM, Sun Aug 30	Golf Tee times begin at 7:30 AM

Player #1

Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #2

Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #3

Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Player #4

Handicap or 9 hole avg score

Bring a dish to share to the kick-off party on Friday night. There will be raffle prizes and some new fun in store for everyone.

If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Mary Blake at 503-392-3670 or 503-577-2101

We have a limited number of Power carts available, if you desire a power cart, please indicate here _____

We will do everything we can to accommodate your tee-time preferences. Please indicate your tee time preferences: _____

If you have a guest that is not playing golf but you would like them to attend the BBQ lunch on Sunday please include \$15 per person for additional lunch tickets.

Please return entry forms to Mary Blake, 5055 SW Greenwood Circle, Tualatin, OR 97062; make checks payable to NCA.

Tillamook PUD Upgrades

By Barbara Johnson, PUD

If you live within a block of the beach in Neskowin, you may have noticed a Tillamook PUD crew at work in your neighborhood. Over the past several months, the PUD has been working to replace wires and equipment that may have corroded or could become corroded because of the salt air.

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*PUD
Upgrades...*

” The beach rebuild project in Neskowin is about 50% complete and will keep a PUD crew busy until the end of this year. The crew will replace secondary and service conductors on all overhead lines (with protected wires and equipment) in order to reduce the potential corrosive effect on those existing services. Crews rotate over time, so you may not see the same group at work throughout the project.

The PUD creates a budget for this type of project each year and is working through the entire county to upgrade facilities for better service reliability.

Community Post Office Update

By Christi Clark

Hopefully, when you read this we will have a fully operating Community Post Office (CPO) in Neskowin. As we go to press, here is the most recent update:
~ Bid packets have been reviewed and evaluated by the Portland Office.
~ Packets have been sent to Denver.
~ Denver will decide who gets the contract for Neskowin's CPO.

The Neskowin Vortex

By Loren Krebs

A friend of mine warned me about the 'Neskowin Vortex' several years ago. He described it as the summertime arrival of useless activity that occupies so much time that you never get around to the things that really need to be done. "The Vortex just sort of sucks you in," he said, "and the next thing you know, summer is over and you didn't get the cabin painted, or the firewood cut, or the gutter repaired. You didn't take that hike to the end of Cape Lookout, or walk the beach to the mouth of the Nestucca, or fish for perch in the summer surf. You're really busy," he said, "but you manage to avoid getting very much done."

My friend was right you know. He was talking about the ability to spend an inordinate amount of time puttering, and very little time doing anything useful. I too, have been sucked into the Neskowin Vortex a time or two and watched my ambitious summer

plans unravel. The Vortex sneaks up on a person and you hardly notice its arrival. It begins with the rationalizations: "I should paint the deck today but I have that 11:30 tee time so I'll wait until this afternoon." And then, "Heck, there's no sense in starting the deck now because we have a 5:30 cocktail party to attend."

Week-enders, like so many of us are, can easily find excuses for putting off real work. We surrender to the summer and live in the moment. After all, didn't we come to Neskowin to relax and enjoy? Many of us have mastered the art of puttering — that is, keeping busy but not really doing much of anything. Puttering is watering the flower garden from the Adirondack chair. Puttering is sweeping the kitchen floor when it is really pretty clean. Puttering is baking cookies that you are going to give away. Puttering is the thoughtful tasting of a glass of red wine while contemplating what you intended to do...but didn't.

I can spend an endless amount of time in the front yard picking a weed here or there, pruning a limb or two from the old shore pine, or watching the birds come to the feeder. When I am finished, I move into the garage and arrange the screw drivers in my old rusty tool box, rewind coils of useless beach-found rope, and clean my father-in-law's old salmon fishing reels. I have a couple of cans of mixed nails that are always in need of sorting. (You do know that if you straighten out a bent nail and reuse it you can go to tree hugger's heaven? If it's rusty, all the better.) *Putter, putter, putter...*

Once again, summer passes through our Neskowin lives. The weekends come and go, June gives way to July, and July fades into the dog days of August. The rains of fall will soon be here and so much remains undone. The Neskowin Vortex claimed me as a victim again but I really don't mind. Like I said, puttering is an art and I like being an artist.

"I putter, therefore, I am."

A Long and Loving History with Neskowin

By Spencer Powell

My family has a long and loving history in Neskowin, beginning with George G. Bingham, my paternal great-grandfather. A Salem attorney who later became Marion County Circuit Court Judge, George was also the second dean of Willamette Law School back when it had just two students! He also founded both the Bank of Lafayette and the Bank of Woodburn. And, George was the second owner of Salem's historic Deepwood Estate.

In 1917, he purchased land in Neskowin from Jeff Walton's great-grand-uncle William Walton. The

family story has it that George paid for this purchase by doing legal work for William, assisting in platting and perfecting Neskowin. This “deal” is totally unconfirmed and unsupported, but George did build a house on what is now the Walker’s property where Salem Avenue ends at Breakers Blvd. (That original house eventually burned and was later replaced by the Walker’s current beautiful residence.)

Great-grandfather George then suggested to his doctor Carlton Smith and his wife Lottie, that they purchase the next-door property to the south, also from Jeff’s great-grand-uncle William Walton. (They did so and built a home where the Culp’s house now resides.) Lottie passed away in 1967, but she was my father’s godmother and had given him a “first right” to purchase the property, but my father passed up the opportunity as it was too expensive at \$12,500! (Instead, the Culp’s purchased the property and in time removed the old house and built their current wonderful residence.)

In 1932, Congress passed a bill that became known as the Bank Holiday. This gave the President the ability to close all banks for a period of time and thereby halt runs while giving regulators an opportunity to assess the solvency of the banks. Those banks who had enough gold and other assets on hand to pay off their depositors were allowed to re-open. Many others were liquidated...and my great grandfather’s banks were among those liquidated. As he had passed away the property had fallen to his daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Keith Powell, who had to sell the Breakers Blvd. property in 1935 to satisfy the government’s demands.

Then in 1943 my maternal grandfather, Cecil B. Spencer (who owned canneries in Lebanon, Portland, and Yakima) purchased the Hawkins House immediately north of the Spears/McLeod/Dyer property on Hawk Drive. Built at the same time as the Spears and Roberts houses by Harry Hawkins, the lumber for this house had been sourced from a Devil’s Lake dance hall that had gone broke.

As a child I spent 12 summers in Neskowin...and what a great time and place for a kid to grow up! We played capture-the-flag with neighbor and family kids, we fished all the area streams, learned to play golf on the Meadows Course (#7 is still a favorite), walked to the old store for a morning paper and the mail, relished pancakes for breakfast, and of course loved each Fourth of July. In fact when I was about seven years old, I was allowed to attend the fireworks display right in front of our house and I still recall one of my uncles holding two Roman Candles in each hand while they were lit and fired off. As I grew older, I graduated into more irresponsible actions and had my own firecrackers. Casey Olinger and I thought it would be good fun to put a large firecracker into an orange, so

we lit the fuse but the wind blew it out. We decided to move behind a sand dune where Casey picked it up and cradled it in his hands against his chest when it fired off, and Casey and I smelled like orange juice and gunpowder for a week.

In 1958 my maternal grandmother sold the Hawk Drive property for \$12,000. If I make it to heaven I will have a long talk with my grandmother about that! It is now owned by Josh Wellborn of Salem and the son of my high school classmate, John Welborn. My grandmother sold it with the furnishings in place including a huge collection of Japanese glass floats found on the beach at Neskowin. The old house sits back 1/4 mile from the shore, yet they found floats on their porch after a severe winter storm. Sound sort of familiar?

In 1947 my paternal aunt and uncle purchased the house we now own at 48880 Breakers, next to the Culp’s house and one house removed from my great grandfather’s original property! Linda and I subsequently purchased 48880 Breakers from my cousin Jane Holman in 2003 and we have been working on it ever since...but that is a story for a future newsletter.

The Powell clan has been in this house at 48880 Breakers for 62 years, and our family history in Neskowin dates back 92 years and four generations. It’s been a place to retreat from the bustle of day-to-day life, inhale the wonderful smells of the marine air, and bathe in the magical memories of growing up in a very special place. As you walk or drive by and see us working, please stop and say hello as we love to talk about our favorite place in the world!



From the Photo Archives:

Crawfish Trip

Mary Ridings, McCormack cousin, Win Calkins

YAMHILL NEWS

Co-editors: Jean Spaulding
Sally Calkins

Aug. 1, 1951

BOAT SET FIRE BY HOODLUMS

Mon.: A fishing boat which washed ashore some months ago, went up in flames Monday night at about 9:30 p.m. The boat was bought by Dr. Blair after the owner was drowned and the boat washed up on the Neskowin beach. Dr. Blair, who was not in Neskowin at the time, said that some local hoodlums must have set the blaze with kerosene. The amount of damage is not known at the moment.

LARGE EQUIPMENT SEEN IN NESKOWIN

Wed.: Some large trucks carrying a steam shovel and other equipment were seen blocking Neskowin roads today. When reaching the swamp next to the golf course, they began digging a large ditch. This ditch will be used to drain the swamp next winter.

MCCORMACKS MAKE RETURN TO YAMHILL ST.

Tues.: After being gone for two days, the McCormack family returned to their bungalow for a long stay. Kathleen McCormack is feeling fine after having a shot from a doctor in Albany.

VISITING 4-H PARTY DAMPENED BY MYSTERIOUS VANDALS

Tues.: Visiting 4-H members, sleeping peacefully under the stars, were awakened suddenly by cold splashes of water. The water was evidently thrown by passing vandals who were riding in a black convertible. The F.B.I. is now on the trail of these scoundrels who dampened the party at 11 p.m.

STRANGER SEEN ON BEACH

Last week, on the beach, a stranger appeared who probably was from Mexico or from a local movie set. The person was attired in a Mexican garb including a serapee and head outfit. It is not yet known if this person was a man or woman but he seemed to be putting on a publicity act for the press by walking out in the ocean. We will probably be seeing more of this stranger here in Neskowin before the summer is over.

SARA EAST AT CAMP

Sara East is now at Camp Cleawox, near Florence, Oregon. She is learning how to swim expertly and is having a wonderful time with her fellow scouts.

(YAMHILL NEWS continued)

KITZMILLERS AND GERLINGERS LEAVE NESKOWIN.

Wed.: The Al Gerlingers and the John Kitzmillers, of Salem and Dallas, left for home today after a nice stay at the beach. The Kitzmillers will be returning sometime in August.

MUCH PAINTING AND REMODELING HERE

Recently, many people in town have been very busy, working on their houses. The McCormacks and the Easts have put on new roofs and the McCormacks have stained theirs in several new colors. The Huggins' are painting the outside of their house, with most of the painting done by Chuck Jr. Also, the Kitzmillers are having the trim of their house painted and the Easts are doing their trim in yellow.

FISHERMAN RIDINGS MAKES BIG CATCH

Last week, Gordon Ridings, experienced fisherman, came home with 4 perch. He caught them in the ocean at about sundown. Of course, he was aided by Fisherman East, who caught 2 or 3 of them. We hope that Ridings will have as good luck in the future.

SPAULDINGS LEAVE DAUGHTER

Thurs.: The Spaulding family left this morning and left their daughter Jean here in Neskowin. They went to Lake Oswego to look at a house and will be back Friday night.

LARSEN FAMILY COMES FOR A VISIT

Tues.: The Arthur Larsen family of Eugene came to Neskowin today and are staying at the Blue Shutter Apts. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen, with their sons, Wally and Theodore Abbey, will stay for the rest of this week.

Sally Calkins has been very busy baby-sitting with small children of Neskowin. It is a good but tiring job.

Many picnics have been held this week and have all been successful.

Another paper will be out next week and I hope many of you will be purchasing one.



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NCA Meetings
September 6, 2009 4:00 PM
May 30, 2010 4:00 PM

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NCA 2009 Calendar of Events

August 28, 29, 30

Golf Scramble Weekend

Friday, 28th: Potluck Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, 29th: Golf Scramble

Sunday, 30th: Golf Scramble, Catered Lunch, Awards,
and Raffle

Sunday, September 6

NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

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*Dates to
Remember*

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NCA 2010 Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Sign Painting at Fire Hall: 12 noon – 2 PM

Swap Meet & Dumpster: 8AM – 4PM

Bake Sale: 8AM until sold out!

Burn Pile: 9AM – 3PM

Food Drive: 9AM – 3PM

NCA Membership Sign Up & Fireworks: 9AM – 3PM

Sunday, May 30, 2010

NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

August 13-15, 2010

Golf Scramble Weekend

Friday, 13th: Potluck

Saturday, 14th: Golf Scramble

Sunday, 15th: Golf Scramble, Catered Lunch, Awards,
and Raffle

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Cottage Walk