



Newsletter



MAY 2008

Spring Update

By Pam Rowland and Mary Blake

By the time most of you return to the village the air will be warm and some of the sand will have returned to the shores. This has been the worst weather year since 1999 resulting in no passage on the beach between Pacific Sands and The Breakers. On the occasional low tide, passage has been treacherous. As you prepare for your return to Neskowin, please remind everyone about our dangerous beach conditions and rip currents.

Now the weather is teasing us that spring may indeed be on the way, and the community is just starting to come out of hibernation. The change in weather signals the beginning of another great spring/summer season with friends and family in Neskowin.

The **Neskowin Marketplace** hours are 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM Monday-Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:00 AM 8:00 PM. On Sundays the store closes at 6:00 PM. The **Hawk Creek Café** is running seven days a week from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

Neskowin Marsh Golf Course is still pretty wet but Tom expects to open by the middle of May and remain open through October.

The private road running from the wayside towards the golf course will be permanently closed with gates at both ends. The deterioration of the road, the liability for the vehicles, and pedestrian safety were factors in the closure decision. Additionally, it appears there may not be a concession for horse rides this year.

Memorial Day Weekend activities will occur on Saturday, May 24th. They are the official kick-off to the fun; so before you leave the warm comfort of your homes and big cozy fires, spend some time baking a few goodies for this year's annual Memorial Day Bake Sale. The bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 24th in the parking lot adjacent to the wayside. We need donated baked goods for this event to be a success. Last year we had many requests for PIES, PIES and more PIES. So, if there is anyone out in the community that boasts a blue ribbon from the Tillamook County Fair for pie baking, put your skills to work and bake up some pies for a good cause! Please bring your baked goods to the parking lot packaged by 8:00 AM on Saturday. This

event is sponsored by the community, so get involved, stroll on over to the parking lot, meet some neighbors and nibble some goodies; after all, it is YOUR community too.

The **Swap Meet and Dumpster Project** is back by popular demand and is an opportunity for community members to do some serious spring-cleaning. The dumpster will be available beginning at 8:00 AM and runs till 4:00 PM sharp. Treasures and junk alike are collected for a **donation** to offset the cost of the dumpster. "Experts" are on hand to determine the retail value of any heirlooms dumpster bound, in which case those items end up in the informal Swap Meet and are sold for ... you guessed it ... a small donation. The volunteers were so efficient last year that someone sold a lawn chair brought for the volunteers to sit in. If it isn't nailed down, it's fair game to be sold!

The **Sign Painting** will begin at 12:00 noon at the Fire Hall on Hwy 101. Bring your old sign to "refresh" or make a new one. Thanks to the Shields family there will be an abundance of paint!

The **Burn Pile** (no treated wood and no commercial enterprises accepted) is open to Neskowin residents. Donations will be accepted at the burn site near the sewer lagoon south on Hwy 101; follow the directional signs.

The **Community Meeting** will be held Sunday, May 25th, from 4:00-5:00 PM. This is a good time to pay your dues and finalize your entry in the NCA directory, which will be available July 4th.

All the **Fourth of July** activities will be on July 4th this year. Information about other summer events can be found in this newsletter. More details will be provided in the June newsletter and on the NCA website as we near the dates.

The **Community Planning and Advisory Committee** met April 5th. Major issues were the understanding of the causes and results of erosion and riprap. There is a rough plan to have a general meeting to inform the public. You may go to the NCA website for more information. The developers of the Hawk Creek property on the east side of Hwy 101 were present. They have worked with the Schlicting family to design a plan suitable to both parties. They will be presenting their proposal to Tillamook County in the near future. A piece of the plan may include a community center. The next

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Memorial Day Food Drive

We feel it at the grocery store and we hear about it on the news: The price of food is going up. This is particularly difficult for many low-income residents of Tillamook County. As the food banks struggle with depleted supplies due to food donation cut backs from large sources, what better time for a community food drive than when we are already gathering for Memorial Day activities? We will have Oregon Food Bank barrels for donations on Saturday, May 24th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, located near the Swap Meet and Bake Sale.

Cash donations can be made as well. Cash helps keep Oregon Food Bank freezers running, their trucks on the road, and support for innovative programs that address root causes of hunger through advocacy and public education. Every dollar collected enables the Oregon Food Bank to collect and distribute 5 pounds of food through their food distribution program. As all the food and money collected on our drive will stay in Tillamook County, please be generous and help make this new venture a success for the food bank!

The food bank needs nutritious foods and will gladly accept:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
Canned fruits and vegetables
Canned and boxed meals (soup, macaroni and cheese)
Peanut butter
Dried or canned beans and peas
Pastas, rice cereal
100% fruit juice (canned, plastic, or boxed)

What *cannot* be accepted:

Rusty or unlabeled cans
Perishable items
Homemade items including canned or non-commercially packaged items

NESKOWIN LADIES GOLF

The Neskowin Ladies Golf Club had their annual kick off brunch and meeting to plan the 2008 golf season on April 24th. Until we are able to play at Neskowin Marsh Golf Course, we will play at Bay Breeze in Tillamook, beginning Thursday, May 1st at 10:00 AM.

All interested lady golfers are invited to join us! We just love to play the game and enjoy the outdoors together. Please call Evie Harris: 503-392-3061 or e-mail evharris@oregoncoast.com for further information.

Put the dates on your calendar!

2008 Golf Scramble

By Ann Wieck

We are already planning for this years annual Golf Scramble. I am looking forward to chairing this event with the help of some wonderful, always-committed-to-having-a-good-time volunteers and fun-seeking golfers. Let's make this a banner year for the record books as well as a great time for all.

Mark your calendars for August 22, 23 & 24. We begin on Friday night with a potluck dinner and kickoff party at the Neskowin Marsh Golf Course. Wonderful raffle prizes will be waiting along with extra special surprises. Golfers play Saturday and Sunday mornings. We end the weekend on Sunday with a scrumptious catered BBQ lunch, tournament prizes, and even more fun raffle surprises.

Entry forms will be available in the next issue of the newsletter and at the golf course. Form your own foursome or we can pair you up with a team. If you are interested in helping or would like to donate a prize for our raffle, please feel free to contact me at wieckb@msn.com this spring. During the summer I can be reached at 4320 Yamhill in Neskowin, PO Box 456, Neskowin 97149, or at 503-392-3659. See you on the links!

Survey Results

Thanks to those of you who took the time to reply to the NCA members survey. At the last board meeting we reviewed the results and of all the activities the Fourth of July events appear to be of most importance.

The board is currently contacting Tillamook County to request security for the Fourth of July weekend and making arrangements for the fireworks display. There will be more information, including the projected costs for the event at the Memorial Day community meeting on May 25th. For those of you who would like to volunteer assistance with community activities, call Pam Rowland at 503-392-3000. In particular, we are looking for someone to oversee the fireworks display; responsibilities would include directing the fireworks company to the proper site and setting up and supervising a safety perimeter.

In addition, the Board will continue to address the top community concerns, including beach access, community sponsored security and local educational and social programs.

Summer of 1969 - The Bay Ride

By Jeff Walton Jr.

It was the summer of 1969, the year made famous by Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. In my mind that summer was most memorable as it was Jeff Walton Junior's first "Bay Ride".

I'm sure some of you out there remember the Neskowin Horse Stables "Bay Ride" that took intrepid horse riders north up the beach, past Camp Winema all the way to Nestucca Bay. Though there were many fun activities for an 11 year old in Neskowin, the Bay Ride represented the apex of cool things to do; at least for me.

Approaching the horse barn I broke into a cold sweat. I was excited for the excursion, but frankly I was deathly scared of horses. Bea (the horse stable owner) greeted me and introduced me to my horse. His name was *Flash* and other horses I remember were *Midnight*, who was noted for her speed and so-called because of the white dots (stars) on her black rump, and *Ribbon*, so-named for the thin dark stripe that ran from his mane to his tail.

The beach was beautiful on that gorgeous day. It seemed like the ride to the bay would go on forever, which was OK with me. When the troop arrived at Nestucca Bay, we got off our horses and sat down to eat our sack lunches. After about an hour we climbed back aboard and started our trek back to Neskowin. At least most of us climbed aboard our horses. I climbed up and promptly fell off my horse on the other side. Thank goodness Flash didn't leave me behind!

Flash and I had gotten to know each other pretty well by this stage of the trip. To my utter disappointment I had discovered that Flash wasn't named "Flash" for his speed. Let's just say that Flash was ... deliberate. This truth did not go unnoticed by my friends, which of course became the source of endless ridicule.

When I got home my mom asked me how the Bay Ride went. I said, "Oh Mom, it was awesome! I will mow the lawn, take out the trash, and weed the flower garden to get another Bay Ride. But please, no Flash next time."

Sneak a Peek

Back by popular demand will be the community Cottage Walk on August 2nd. With a ticket cost of \$20, this has proven to be a great fundraiser for the Neskowin Community Association. If anyone in the village is willing to open their home for this event, please contact Nancy Nagel, nancy@nwpalate.com or call 503-392-4324.

Those Nasty Invaders

By Nancy Nagel

A stroll down the streets of Neskowin is proof to all just how important the gardens are to our community, as flowers, shrubs, vines, and trees all thrive in this coastal temperate climate. It's a blessing to be able to grow such a wide variety of plants in our area, but we also need to be mindful of what we should *not* plant as well. Scotch broom, for example, is a highly invasive plant that chokes out native plants and takes over vast acres of land. Extremely difficult to eradicate, Scotch broom can be found throughout our neighborhoods and beyond. Unfortunately, the seeds can live in the soil for up to 40 years, so it takes a vigilant approach to eliminate its spread.

A common plant found in many of our gardens and often not recognized as an invasive is the butterfly bush. I've never had a problem with it in my garden, but if the seeds reach the wild, it can spread and take over, often along waterways. In our gardens we can dead head the flowers and keep the plant in check. By the way: yard debris should NEVER be dumped creek-side or on the beach as that practice allows invasive plants and their seeds to escape and go wild.

We also know the problem with English ivy, which grows up tree trunks and eventually kills the host tree. Like Scotch broom and butterfly bush, ivy also chokes out native plants and destroys habitat for many birds and animals. Remove ivy by digging up as many of the roots as possible, and then pull out any new shoots that re-emerge over time.

Invasive species are currently the number one threat to native biodiversity on protected lands and are spreading over 1.7 million acres per year of U.S. wildlife habitat. Scientists estimate that invasive plants cost our economy \$35 billion in damages and treatment each year!

Now there is help for all gardeners with the publication of GardenSmart Oregon, a Guide to Non-Invasive Plants. This is a landmark collaboration between the OSU extension service, City of Portland, Oregon Public Broadcasting, and the Oregon Association of Nurseries. The book identifies an invasive plant, then gives both native and ornamental alternatives as replacements. The 50 page book is free to the public and should be available statewide at many nurseries after May 1, 2008. Pick up a copy and become a more responsible gardener!

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NCA Membership “When are my dues due?”

Check the mailing label on this newsletter to find out when your NCA membership expires. Most memberships are renewed each year in May.



Neskowin Community Association

PO Box 820
Neskowin, OR 97149

NCA Meetings
May 25, 2008 4:00 PM
August 31, 2008 4:00 PM

Web: www.neskowincommunity.org
Password: fish

**MEMORIAL WEEKEND
COUPON**

This entitles an NCA member to one
drop at the burn pile or dumpster
free of any donation.
Expires: May 26, 2008

NCA 2008 Summer Calendar of Events

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Memorial Weekend

May 24	Burn Pile 4th Annual Bake Sale Swap Meet Sign Painting Food Drive	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM 9:00 AM (setup at 8:30 AM) 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Noon – 2:00 PM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 4:00 PM
May 25	Community Meeting (Fire Hall)	

Fourth of July Weekend

July 4	Nesko Club Book & Bake Sale Parade Flag Raising and Sing-a-Long Castles and Kites Fireworks	8:00 AM until sold out!!! 10:00 AM (Line up at 9:30) Immediately following the walk about 2:00 – 4:00 PM At Sunset
July 5	Clean-up	Begins at 9:00 AM

Cottage Walk Weekend

August 2	Homes throughout Neskowin	Noon - 4:00 PM
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Golf Scramble Weekend

August 17	Potluck Dinner and Raffle	6:00 PM
August 18-19	Golf Scramble	First tee time at 7:30 AM
August 19	Catered Lunch and Awards	1:00 PM

Labor Day Weekend

August 31	Community Meeting (Fire Hall)	4:00 PM
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