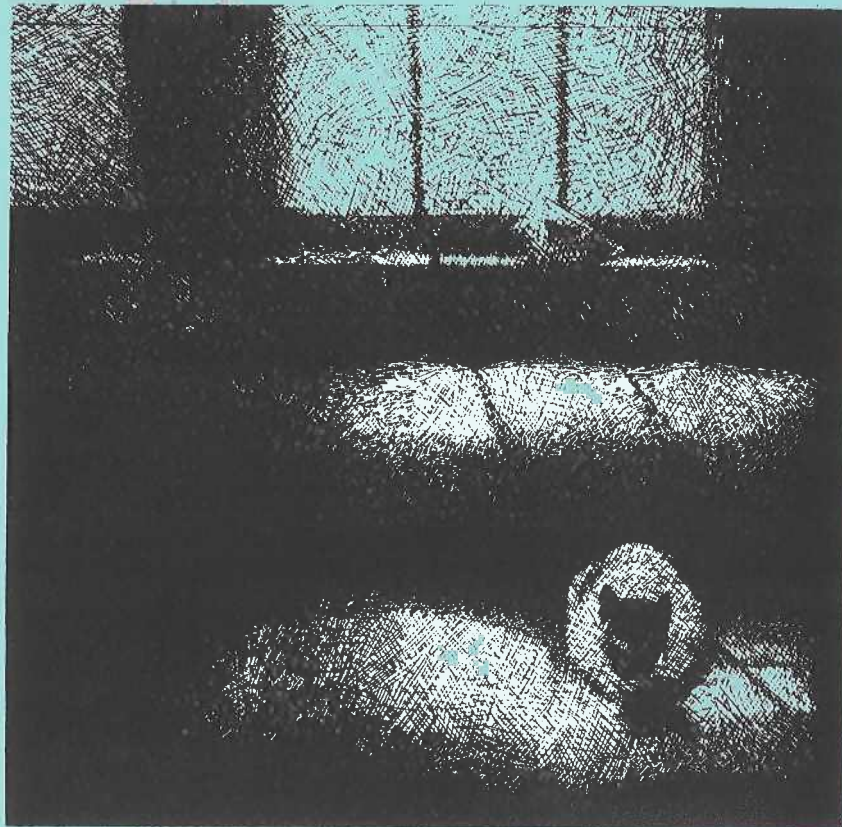


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Truro Swordfish Gear Up for 1985 Swim Season

By Janice Armstrong

The 1985 Truro Swordfish will compete in Division IV along with Greenbriar, Poplar Heights, Kings Ridge, Camelot and Old Keene Mill. The dual meets will begin Saturday, June 22 and end Saturday, July 20. Since we need every able-bodied swimmer between the ages of 5 and 18, please make vacation plans for before and after that four-week period.

We are very pleased to announce that the swim team activities will be led by Head Coach Mark Promersberger and his associate, Ken Johnson. Both Mark and Ken are Truro

members and graduates of the Swordfish.

Mark currently swims for Columbia University and Solotar, a United States Swim Team. He will bring to us great expertise learned during 13 years of AAU, local, collegiate and national swim training. At one time or another he has held records in all four competitive strokes and the individual medley, indicating a knowledge and expertise in each. His wide experience with different teams and coaches has contributed to his forming a coaching philosophy that will pursue excellence and develop a love of the sport. Over the years he has been in the community, he has shared generously his knowledge of swimming, helping our children with technique and our coaches with strategy. He will now guide us full time through the 1985 season.

**THA BOARD APPOINTS MARGARET DUFF
NEW CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Margaret Duff, of 8610 Pappas Way, has been appointed chairman of the Truro Homes Association's Social Committee, THA President Marj Bridgman announced late last month. She will succeed Judy Lesniak, who resigned as chairman at the end of last year.

Until recently, Margaret worked as a bridal consultant at the Hecht Co., and now performs the same service from her home. Margaret and her family--husband John, a retired U.S. Army colonel now working as a family financial consultant at USPA&IRA, and their children, Katy (living nearby in Annandale) and Matt--have lived in Truro since August 1978.

Judy, of 4308 Gifford Pinchot Drive, took over as head of the Social Committee at the beginning of 1984 and served in that capacity throughout the year.

Mark's indispensable right hand will be Ken Johnson, returning by popular demand to a second summer as a Truro coach. Ken, too, has both summer league and AAU experience. He also holds the Truro record for the most years on the Truro swim team. He was a member of an NVSL all-star relay team that set a Truro pool record which still stands. Ken endeared himself

THE COVER

Waiting for spring seems to tax one's patience, especially in the face of false alarms of the sort we experienced in February. Meanwhile, we can take a cue from the cat on our cover and enjoy relaxing indoors a while longer.

to us last year with his unique sense of humor, artistic talent and brilliant meet sheeting capabilities. Ken and Mark have been friends since they were 8-and-Unders together on the Truro team, and are looking forward to working together this summer. They offer our children the wonderful opportunity to receive expert coaching, develop as sportsmen and acquire a love of competitive swimming, all within the context of community fun and spirit.

geted transfers of funds to repair and maintenance reserves, the THA finished the year with a surplus of \$400 and the TCC with a surplus of \$1,400. These amounts represented only 2% and 1% of the respective total budgets, indicating that once again the community's officers and committees have maintained tight control over finances.

Committee Reports

Marj Bridgman reported that the swim team, through Janice Armstrong, has been asked by the Northern Virginia Swim League to host the All-Star Relay Carnival in July. Due to the problems involved (e.g., number of swimmers from 22 participating teams, parking facilities for up to 400 cars, rental of bleachers, etc.) it was decided that this event was too big for our facility to handle. Janice will so advise the NVSL.

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NOTICE

Marj also reported that Joan Barchi had submitted her resignation as dive team representative. Parents of dive team members have been notified and have been asked for help in finding a representative and coach. If a team representative is not found by March 10, the Truro team must be withdrawn from this year's NVSL competition. The board also thanked Joan for her help with the dive team last year.

Karen Allen reported that a neighbor walking in the parkland saw a teenager smoking marijuana and apparently sharing his "smoke" with two 7-8-year-olds. There is not much the board can do to prevent this other than asking parents to warn their children not to be in the park without adequate supervision. Karen will ask Dick Yates of Neighborhood Watch to report further on this in Truro Trails.

NOTE TO SWIMMERS AND DIVERS
All swimmers and divers who participate in the NVSL as leasing members have all the rights and privileges of full members. However, when their family's name comes up on the list for buying a membership, they must purchase that membership or lose NVSL eligibility. If you have any questions about that rule, please call Janice Armstrong at 978-0429 anytime before 9 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

By Sue Olesch

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 1985

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the home of Patty Clark on February 11, 1985. Present were Marj Bridgman, Patty Clark, Karen Allen, John Gratchner, Steve Barber, Keith Thomas and Sue Olesch.

The minutes of the January 1985 meeting were read and approved.

Keith Thomas, treasurer, reported that the final results for 1984 showed that, after making the bud-

She will also notify Wakefield Forest Elementary School and ask its administrators to warn the children again about drugs, strangers, etc., and what to do when approached.

Other Business

Marj Bridgman has written a letter to Annandale Supervisor Audrey Moore requesting 4-way stop signs be placed at the intersection of Burbank Road, Stark Road, Pappas Way and Wakefield Drive due to the poor visibility, numerous accidents and speeding.

Karen Allen reported to the board on her discussion with the Fairfax County coordinator for the gypsy moth control program. The program includes aerial spraying about the beginning of May for most of Truro. The spraying will not harm people, animals or plants. The county will be sending letters to the homeowners involved, notifying them of the program and of meetings which will be held to give more information, as well as maps showing the specific spraying locations. The board asked Karen to give this information to Eleanor Thomas, the THA's gypsy moth coordinator, who will provide and article for Truro Trails.

After much discussion and consideration, the board approved, effective March 1, 1985, raising the TCC membership leasing fee from \$10 to \$25, due to the costs of servicing the contracts, which should have risen gradually over the past several years--costs of the record keeper's salary, phone calls, Truro Trails mailing and postage, etc., which have been provided as a community service. The board also approved raising the rental fee for the TCC clubhouse from \$30 to \$50 and the rental fee for the entire pool complex from \$50 to \$75, effective July 1, 1985, due to higher utilities and cleaning costs.

Patty Clark reported that Media General Cable TV was unprepared to attend this board meeting, but will present its design proposal for Truro at the board's March meeting.

Patty also reported that preparation of the new Truro directory is being organized, and that anyone wishing to help should contact her.

The next board meeting will be at 8 p.m. on March 11 at the home of Marj Bridgman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JAPANESE BEETLE COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Board of Directors is looking for someone to coordinate the Japanese beetle control program in Truro, in lieu of Gail Price, who has relinquished the post. Please call Marj Bridgman at 323-8571.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED--Loving adult to care for 6-month-old infant in your home or mine from April 15 to June 11, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. while mother teaches at Wakefield Forest Elementary School. References required. Call 978-4619 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE--Frigidaire electric stove and hood range, avocado green, excellent condition, \$70. Call 323-8306.

FOR RENT--Townhouse, North Bethany, Delaware. Carpeted, AC, washer and dryer, dishwasher, swimming pool, located in beach block, 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, \$650/week July and August, \$500/week June. Call Marge Fallon at 323-8073.

Neighborhood Watch

By Dick Yates

Calling the Police

At any time you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to call the police. Use the non-emergency number, 691-2131. If you see an actual crime in progress, such as someone breaking a window or door to get into a house, use the emergency number, 911. This is the number reserved for crimes in progress, fire, rescue or life threatening situations. The most important thing to remember is not to hesitate to call. If the situation is an emergency, the police operator may initiate action to get help on the way even before the end of the conversation, so don't become frustrated if they keep asking for more details. They also have the capability to "seize" your telephone line so they can immediately trace the call and get your address if you have to leave the telephone.

Swordfish Bumper Sticker

This bumper sticker is available free, and identifies your vehicle (to anyone who recognizes the sticker) as a resident of Truro. It simply says, "This vehicle belongs in Truro." Stickers are available from Gail Safeer or from me.

Street Signs

We keep losing them. If you find any signs, give them to me for recycling. Call 691-2944 to report a sign in need of replacement.

Vandalism

A Truro resident had a full bottle of champagne thrown through his storm door, breaking both bottle and door. A popular "sport" is for

kids to stretch a rubber strip across Ann Fitz Hugh Drive near the parkland and wait for a vehicle to come along and break it. If you see any kids doing this, call the police--and then call me, particularly if you can identify them. This is a dangerous practice.

Marking Valuables

Use an etcher, and inscribe your state abbreviation and driver's license number on valuables (TVs, stereos, etc.). This can be a great help to the police in identifying stolen goods.

Ride-Along Program

The Fairfax County police have a program in which anyone 18 years old or older can ride with an officer for part or all of a shift to observe how the officer does his job. If you're interested, call the West Springfield station and get an application.

Rifle Ammunition

A Truro resident reported to me that he had found a .30-06 rifle bullet, with the tip cut off, in the Truro parkland. If you have this type of ammunition in your house, you might check to be sure that your kids haven't been into it.

Federal Agents in Truro?

A Truro resident was visited by two individuals who said they were FBI agents, with badges. She did not record their names from their credentials, and she answered a number of questions which they asked about neighbors. She also did not record the license tag number of the vehicle they were driving. After they left she began to wonder if she had done the right thing in giving out information. She attempted to verify their identities by calling



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their office, but was unable to confirm their identities. There's an important lesson here. You are encouraged to cooperate fully with any police or federal law enforcement agency, but you have every right to identify fully and completely anyone with a badge, to be sure that he or she is legitimate. Do not hesitate to write down information from their badges or credentials, and call their office to verify their identities. If you are home alone and are uncertain of the situation, don't let them in until you are sure. No bona fide law enforcement person will refuse to provide identification.

Volunteers Needed

More help is always needed, both for nighttime and daytime patrols. Call me at 978-8318 if you can help.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Donna Reistetter

Welcome, New Neighbors:

CARROLL, C.A., Jr., and Gretchen
8802 Burbank Road
425-1618
U.S. Army
Children: Chet (1970)
Rob (1974)

New Directory in Preparation

By Patty Clark

My thanks to each of the block captains who have already contacted me on the preparation of the new Truro directory and offered their help. I'm sure that many of you will be collecting for one charity fund or another, or walking with your children, in March or April; please take that opportunity to take along a notepad and ask if there are any changes in the directory status of each person on your block. If you're a block captain and don't feel that you can help during March-April, please ask someone on your street to help out. (You, after all, do Truro Trails each month.)

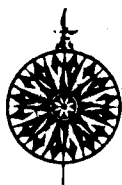
Responses/changes should be given to me (425-9561), Liz or John Post (978-3738), Rosemary Scherrer (425-5032) or Marj Bridgman (323-8571)--or drop them in the mailbox at the clubhouse.

Also, if you have any suggestions on how the directory could be improved, your comments would be appreciated very much. We'd like this to be as complete and useful a directory as possible.

A special "thank you" goes to those business professionals who have already secured their advertising space in the directory. If you have previously advertised, or if this is a first for you, please contact Liz or John Post for your space.

Finally, if you are new in the community (or would just like to help, even once!) and would enjoy getting together with the committee for compiling, conversation and coffee, give any one of us a call. We'd love to have you.

TRAVELERS' NOTEBOOK



By Dave Jones

As many times as we've been to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, I learn something new on each trip. Here are some random impressions from a recent off-season visit to Kill Devil Hills.



Most beach lovers are familiar with sea oats--the ubiquitous tall, wheat-colored grass growing atop the dunes. What some may not know, however, is that on the Outer Banks sea oats are protected by law from cutting or removal. This is because they are so vital to the ecology of that part of the Atlantic shoreline. They are an important source of food for shore birds, and they protect the dunes from being stripped of sand by wind and water--and even help to form new dunes by checking the progress of wind-blown sand. There's a splendid article on this unique species of grass, incidentally, in the September 1984 issue of Audubon magazine.



And how much do you know about the sand dollar, whose five-sided, bleached shells are commonly found along the banks? It's actually a keyhole urchin, kin to starfish and sea urchins. Alive, it's greenish-brown and covered with soft, felt-like spines. Myths abound on the significance of the five holes and the five-petal pattern etched on the sand dollar shell. Most center around Christian symbols--an Easter lily surrounding the Star of Bethlehem, doves of peace, the wounds of Christ, and so on. Whatever the



symbology, the sand dollar is always a rewarding find for us erstwhile beachcombers.

Dollar\$ and \$ense

By Thelma Cannon

Bills for the 1985 THA assessments have been mailed to homeowners. Note that the due date for payment is March 15.

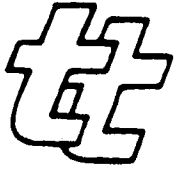
Bills for the 1985 TCC user fee will be mailed to TCC members on about March 15, with a due date for payment of May 1 (after which a 10% late charge will be assessed). For 1985 the membership approved a fee of \$235. The fee for leasing out a membership has also increased from \$10 to \$25. This fee covers the bookkeeping costs, stamps for Truro Trails that are mailed out to leases, and office supplies for the paperwork involved in preparation for the pool opening. A form for leasing out memberships should be in the mail about April 1.

If you are a newcomer to Truro and haven't received the THA assessment bill, let me know (978-2797). That way I can help you avoid a late charge.

MEETING ON CABLE TV SET FOR MARCH

On March 11, representatives of Media General will meet with the THA's Board of Directors to present a "cosmetic design" proposal for cable TV in Truro. Homeowners with specific questions about the cable TV proposal can call any of the board members.

There has been an overwhelmingly positive response favoring cable TV in our area, and it appears that we will be getting the service between May and August 1985.



this and that . .

In the December 1984 issue of Truro Trails we ran a travel article by Barbara Jones on her experiences being adrift, along with Carol Snitzer, on the Queen Elizabeth 2 in the North Atlantic. Now comes a similar account in the Washington Post. On February 10, the Post ran a half-page story in its Travel section on the same incident. Just remember, you read it here first.



The love and sympathy of the Truro community are extended to Marilyn Gidez and her sons, Danny and Ethan, on the loss of their husband and father, Bob. Bob, director of research for the Appalachian Regional Commission, died of a heart attack on February 2.



From a Truro resident who's concerned about unshoveled sidewalks in the community comes this report from Newburyport, Massachusetts: "In a crackdown initiated by a petition drive, police will start enforcing a 47-year-old city ordinance that requires residents to keep sidewalks free of ice and snow. Parents are concerned about the safety of children walking to school. So, c'mon, get out there. The mail carrier, the paper boy and the meter reader will appreciate it, too." Adds our correspondent, "Wouldn't it be nice if that kind of spirit prevailed in Truro!"



Those Truroites who subscribe to the Fairfax Journal will certainly have noted the complimentary article on Vivian Watts, of 8717 Mary Lee Lane, that appeared on

CALENDAR

(KEY EVENTS COMING UP)

March 11--THA Board of Directors Meeting, 8 p.m., 8834 Burbank Road.

page 1 of the February 22 issue. Headlined "Watts Helps Pave Way for Road Funds Victory," the story centers around Vivian's effective behind-the-scenes work as a delegate to the General Assembly in getting the formulas for distribution of state highway money modified to give more to Northern Virginia. Elected to the House of Delegates in 1982, and reelected each year since then, Vivian says she intends to stay in the House for the next 20 years--since "longevity is the key to influence."



The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District has seedlings of autumn olive, bicolor lespedeza and bristly locust shrubs for distribution free of charge. These are deciduous shrubs intended for the promotion of conservation. Orders will be taken only for multiples of five seedlings. To place an order, call the district's office at 591-6661.

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