



HIGH TIDE

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All Smiles on the 4th of July – Celebrating a ‘Blast from the Past’

Joy filled the streets as Higgins Beach celebrated the 4th of July with a Blast from the Past theme. We remembered boxed cracker jacks, Girls just Wanna Have Fun, tie-dyed T-shirt and the hippie-Peace era; we were brought back to the Howard Middleton before the shipwreck; heck, vintage dress and flags brought us all the way back to the birth of America – July 4, 1776. Indeed, a Blast from the Past! For judges results – see page 4.



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Every Monday at 1pm at the clubhouse FMI call David Haskell, 21 Cliff Street, 885-9958

CRAFT FAIR

The Annual Craft Fair will take place August 12th and 13th, 9AM – 3Pm at the clubhouse. A wonderful selection of art, crafts, jewelry and treats. Hope to see you there!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 41ST Annual Higgins Beach International Golf Tournament begins July 27th. There is a 20-player maximum. If you would like to play, call or e-mail Tom Murphy – 207-883-2246, tmurphy04074@aol.com.

July 27th, 10AM: Dune Grass Golf Club, Old Orchard Beach.

August 3rd, 10AM: Nonesuch River, Scarborough Rt. 114

Aug 11th, 10:30AM: Valhala, Cumberland.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS!

Don't miss out! Space is limited, call either Glennis Chabot – 883-3925 or John Veltri – 883-3585 for tickets. Dinner begins at 6pm and tickets are required.

All meals are \$15/person, except for the Lobster Bake, which is \$20/person. Here's the menu:

July 27th – Prime Rib Dinner
Hosted by: Scott & Sunny Townsend

August 3rd – Lobster Bake
Hosted by: Phil & Sharon Conley/John & Barbara O'Brien

August 10th – Roast Turkey Breast Hosted by: Kevin & Amy Prue

August 17th – Moe's BBQ
Hosted by: Bill & Molly Donovan

August 24th – Chicken Marsala
Hosted by: Ted & Angie Meserve

WEDNESDAY DONUT BREAKFAST

Every Wednesday at 9AM at the Clubhouse, Stop by and enjoy a donut, juice or coffee with family and neighbors! \$2/person.



CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy FREE tunes at the clubhouse at 7PM:

July 28th – Larry Williams Band

Aug. 9th – Don Campbell Band

Aug. 18th – Tiki Thom

HIGGINS BEACH: IN OUR HEARTS & SOULS by D. Andrews

Higgins Beach sand gets between your toes, tracked through the cottage, and seems to follow you wherever you go! That sand that kept me in trouble with my grandmother for years made its way into my heart, soul, my DNA, and follows me around the world! The first DNA discovery happened during a stroll along the beach rather than some send away test. The story goes like this:

Returning from the river's mouth, after an afternoon of fishing, two friends, chat about their adventures away from the beach when one animatedly describes an eventful trip to Prince Edward Island earlier in the summer. His friend, slightly his senior, demands, in the friendliest way, "What were you doing there?"

Quite a pair, these two, the insistent inquirer, a genteel country squire, and other, the constant fisherman from away. Each has their own way, strong opinions, and stronger personalities, yet, they are friends of 30 years who go for coffee, prepare fishing lures and flies in the afternoon, get gas, stop for ice cream, and yes, sometimes, as on this day, they actually fish.

"Researching ancestors! My family is from Lot 32, the Frizzells," the fisherman responds proudly. Incredulous, the squire, retorts, "My ancestors are from Lot 32! The

Frizzles!" "Maybe we're cousins," suggests the fisherman, half tongue-in-cheek. The look on the squire's face wasn't surprise or indignation. It was some combination of amazement and utter disbelief when he said dismissively, "Well, the spelling is

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wrong. It couldn't be."

In typical squire and fisherman style, a debate broke out over the pronunciation and spelling of the name that became Frizzell on Prince Edward Island and as it emigrated to America. The deliberation entertainingly masks, for the moment, the unlikely evidence that the two friends, as different as they could be, who met on Higgins Beach in the mid-seventies share, in fact, an ancestor.

The fact had to be proven to at least one of the pair as internet access, limited on the beach in August 2003, was borrowed at a neighboring cottage and a book of genealogical data was imported with all haste from a Massachusetts bookshelf to illustrate the branches of a shared tree originating with Thomas L. Frizzle, the 3rd great grandfather of each man.

Like the branch of the family tree that

now hangs in the squire's stately sitting room representing both the Frizzles and the Frizzells, other Higgins Beach connections are found locally and around the world where love of Higgins Beach, the Middleton, surf, and the omnipresent sand follows me as I meet people who share a love for this enchanting strip of sand at the mouth of the river, and the community that surrounds it. Friends and relatives everywhere admit, unprompted, to an experience of this beach.

At the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, I dove with a part-time surfer, who reveled in sharing a memory of Higgins. In a Youth Hostel south of San Francisco, another surfer, shared his experience renting at the beach one winter as his eyes danced with the enthusiasm of Higgins and how this place has part of each of us. On the Isle of Iona, or maybe it was on the Isle of Skye, in Scotland, a fellow traveler shared her delight of Higgins as we discussed our mutual love of "the beach".

Life-long friendships have formed with other summer visitors as well as with year round residents. Off season, postcards of tropical beaches are received from the Cook Islands where a fisherman friend spends the winter months and books authored by beach friends from New Jersey. People stop by, like they do at the beach, at my folk's home in Massachusetts from time to time.

Most recently, I'm researching another ancestor, Judge Harford. If anyone knows about a cottage "the Anchorage",

Reminders and tips:

- Piping Plover Protection – through Labor Day, please observe signs.
- Dogs on beach – permitted and prohibited times, please observe signs.
- The clubhouse is available May 14th – October 10th (excluding HBA events). Members wishing to hold a private event should call Sue Naiden: 239-6421

BEACH YOGA

Yoga on Higgins Beach! Come one and all -Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM; free and spectacular. Meet at the foot of Champion Street

HBA PARADE RESULTS - 2016

Thank you to all who participated!
Congratulations to our winners:

Individual:

1st Place – “Howard Middleton” –
Colette Bernier.

2nd Place – “1950’s Drive In” – Andrew
Skillings.

3rd Place – “Home On The
Range” – Malia and Nathan
Lewis.

Group:

1st Place – “Goodbye 60’s Hello
70’s” – Jessica Rosien, Dee-Dee
Hogan, Marc Hoffman,
Matthew Grieres, Ryan Lessard,
Aidan Connelly; Bingley, Janice,
Heather, Jack, Melissa Drinnan; Maeve
& Finn McQueeney; Jack, Luke, Tom
Carrignan.

2nd Place – “Higgins Girls Just Wanna
Have Fun” – Katie, Chrissy, Abigail
Emma Roy; Breadon & Amy
McManus; Laura & Elise Baer; Larry
Langmore; Amanda & Adeline Benner.

3rd Place – “Higgins Beach Can You Dig
It?” – Tom, Mia, & Griffin Houman;



Mia, Mario, & Danielle Checchi;
Nicole, Steve, Brayden & Kai Lewis.

Float:

1st Place – “Surfin USA” – Kai, Alyssa,
Mock Rosetti; Aidan Slocum.

2nd Place – “The 60’s” – The Benner
Family.

3rd Place – “Gold Rush, the 1850’s” –
Emma, Amelia Miholland; Sara
Sanborn.

Judge’s Choice

1st Place – “Cracker Jacks” – Iris,
Gretchen, Kurt, Jeff & Erica
Mikeska.

2nd Place – “Higgins Hippies” –
Grace & Christine Miller;
Gretchen & Kenyon Smith, Dan
Purdy.

3rd Place – “Spirit Of ‘76” – Max, Skye,
& Robin Auger; Jacqui & Kent
Winship.

SENTIMENTS AROUND THE BEACH

WE REMEMBER:

Higgins Beach remembers
Marjorie Kathleen Barber who
passed away June 27th.

Her family has been living at
One Cliff Street since 1929;
she grew up on Higgins Beach.

A memorial Mass will be held
July 25th at 2pm at St.
Bartholomew’s Catholic
Church in Cape Elizabeth.

A LETTER FROM SHARON AND PHIL:

Dear Higgins Beach Friends,

Thank you so very much for the “surprise” event at the Harvest Supper last fall. We were both overwhelmed!

The Higgins Beach Community was very generous, and we loved the awesome gifts and cards with your kind sentiments. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

We have enjoyed our involvement at Higgins Beach, and will continue to be active, but at a much slower pace.

With sincere thanks,

Sharon and Phil Conley

News stories, announcements, photos are always welcome! All material is subject to edit due to timeliness and space. Deadline for material is the 10th of each month (June – September).

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