

Bourne Conservation Trust

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Poor naked wretches that bide the pelting of this pitiless storm. . .

--Shakespeare



Song

In the spring along the Pond's eastern shore, the lower branches of maples and beeches arc out over the water in a leafy canopy that shelters a series of cool, dank niches. Inside each of these mini-grottoes sits a winter-weary bullfrog waiting--patient and alone--among the water weeds, submerged except for his head, his eyes glittering in anticipation. He's waiting for weather warm enough to entice him into announcing his presence to the world by uncorking a basso-profundo mating call. Finally, late in May, he finds his voice and by early June his song is blending with

others in a crescendo of passionate, earsplitting *jug-o'-rums*. By the eve of Hurricane Bob, along with his brothers and cousins, he was singing up a storm.

And what an offbeat howler Hurricane Bob turned out to be, lacquering the Pond's surface with skittering suds above which, diving and swooping like World War I fighter planes, a squadron of swallows put on a madcap display of aerial acrobatics. Rowdy, salt-laden wind knocked down a half dozen trees--scrub oaks, willows, swamp maples--and snapped off dozens of branches, then pitched them into the shallows as it seasoned every leaf in its path. Tangled mats of reedy bottom grass surfaced to become floating, wind-driven islets, while the raucous grackle mafia that had been bullying the Pond's usual bird population since early April vanished unmourned.

Hours later, after the wind abated and the whitecaps flattened, birds--jays, chickadees, orioles, nuthatches, cardinals--appeared from nowhere to reclaim their bruised and abandoned trees and shrubs. Snugly cradled aboard the new green islets, dozens of basking painted turtles rocked to the Pond's subdued motion. Maples and loosestrife along the shore, bamboozled by Bob's antics into believing that they'd found a shortcut to April, put out new leaves. Waterfowl emerged: from the sheltering reeds in the northeast quarter the aloof swan couple, then a mother mallard trailed by a half dozen ducklings in a blur of shrill peeps and inept quacks. Four great blue herons floated out of salt singed northshore oaks where they'd hunkered down. Competing mallard drakes shadowed a female with springlike intent. A pair of kingfishers criss-crossed the Pond to check out their conning trees. High above a squealing osprey circled, but from the bullfrog grottoes there was only silence.

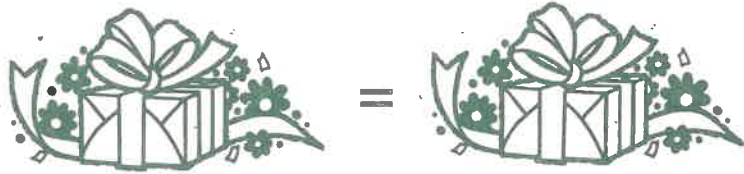


Silence

"Gift to be simulacred"

A donor to the BCT wrote these words on his check as an oblique salute to the generous benefactor who will match--dollar for dollar--gifts made to the Red Brook Pond Project. Many other contributors came right out with it in statements such as "Hurray for anonymous donors!" and "Please pass our gratitude along to that donor." Consider it done.

With other checks came other comments of approval and support. From nearby, these: "BCT has done more to halt the horrors and preserve the pristine than any organization whose work I can see. . . A small town has saved itself from developmental extinction and is on the way to preventing further disasters, thanks to a marvelous local organization with the support of Bourne individuals who care" and "We like your style in support of a worthy environmental action to save the land and the water." From afar, these: "Thanks so much for the work you do. The newsletter is great (and) warmed the cockles of my homesick heart" and "thanks for all your hard and valuable work!" And from even more remotely afar, this: "Here's my bit toward the good work. Keep it up." We will.



Happy Birthday to:

**Ann Rustill
Lainie Knowlton
Joe Lastowski
Katherine Laurie
George Schlichte**

**These lucky people
received BCT birthday
greetings (gift contri-
butions) from caring
friends and relatives.**

Tempus Fugit

Perhaps you can't recall when you made your last donation to the BCT? Check the mailing label on the envelope of this newsletter. The number in the upper right corner represents the date of your last donation--first the year, then the month (example: "8906" is June 1989). No number? We hope you will send us a donation soon.

Send It Where. . .

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AND THE WINNER IS. . .

. . .us! . . .we! . . .whatever! Our double-your-money grant offer of \$75,000 has been extended to the year's end. We have thus far matched \$50,000 of that grant, so \$25,000 remains to match your efforts, dollar for dollar.

As of 31 October, of the \$1.3 million needed, we have raised:

1989 - \$337,892.05
1990 - 359,750.07
1991 - 112,974.17

Total - \$810,616.29



You ask, and how many people have contributed? Noodle this: in 1990, our donors numbered 490; in 1991, 448. We had hoped to record 1,000 donors this year and while this shortfall has not made us actually disgruntled, still we are far from grunted. We hope that our Christmas card program, featuring a two-for-one contribution for new donors, will increase that total.. (see page 5)



IN AN ORDERLY WORLD. . .

. . .there's always a place for the disorderly. One contributor restored order to our accounts by sending in the extra 17 cents noted in the last newsletter as needed to round out our take to the nearest dollar. He also sent in a nice additional donation.

\$\$\$ ATTENTION TYROS AND ALTER EGOS \$\$\$

A \$10,000 anonymous dollar-doubling grant has been established for first-time donors. (Previous donors can make a contribution in the name of someone new and it too will qualify for matching.) Please see our "BCT CHRISTMAS GIFT PROBLEM SOLVER" on page 5.

**We must raise \$35,000 by December 31, 1991
to meet our matching grants.
Every little bit helps!**

WHERE THERE'S A WILL. . .

We are all going to reach a time when life plays its last practical joke and we must accept Patrick Henry's second choice. There are few ways that one can better memorialize one's passage than in a bequest to the BCT. This is an inheritance whose impact is perpetual: it cannot be misspent or mislaid. It will do honor to yourself and to your family, linking past to future.

Examples of an appropriate format for such gift-giving are:

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Bourne Conservation Trust _____% of my total estate (or \$_____, or other property)."

Such a provision in your Will creates an unrestricted bequest, which assures that your gift will be used where it is most needed. However, you may want to designate your gift for some special purpose within the scope of the BCT's mission. You can restrict the use of principal, income, or both in this fashion:

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Bourne Conservation Trust _____% of my total estate (or \$_____, or other property) to be used for the following: (Your purpose here)."



You might wonder. . .

what

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the

Hurricane

had on the

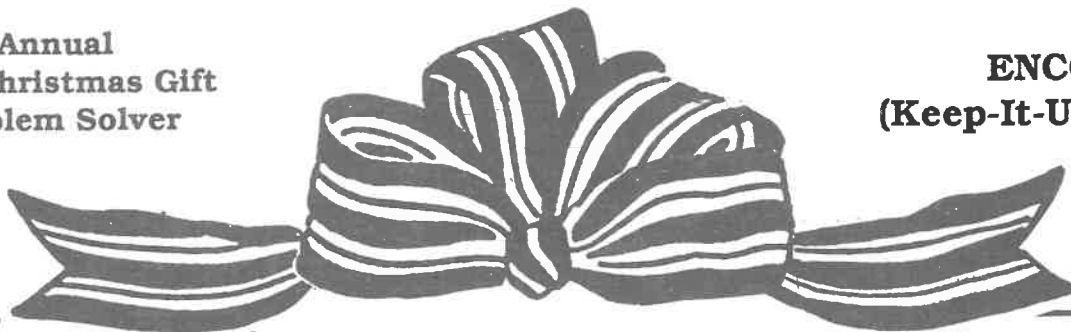
Red Brook Pond

Conservation

Area

Well, actually, very little. The Robinson Conservation Area, however, took a beating and we could use some help with the trails. If you can lend a hand or two, call Sally (563-5196) or Grace (563-7846).

In the near future, we plan to establish an endowment to insure the maintenance of BCT properties.



Chronic Yuletide Problem: What to give those special people who now have two yoyos, two radon detectors, and three crates of Indian River fruit.

Second Annual same old BCT Solution: A contribution in (her, his, its, their) name to the BCT, thus solving your problem and meeting the challenge.

Challenge? The Matching Fund Challenge. Your gift will be matched--\$ for \$-- until midnight of December 31, 1991 (see page 3).

What will be done with all those doubled \$\$\$? They will be used to make a sizeable dent in financing the BCT's Red Brook Pond Project.

Red Brook Pond Project? The Pond plus 40 adjacent acres of open land 'purchased' in 1989, now laced with wooded trails, easily accessible from a parking area at Shore and Thaxter roads.

All that for my \$\$? Well, \$1,300,000 actually. But \$800,000 has already been raised. Now we need to raise \$35,000 to make our matching grants and \$465,000 to complete the project.

Can I help? I thought you'd never ask. Certainly! Just make a donation--small, medium or large-- to the Project in the name of that problem (those problems) on your Christmas list, and we will inform (her, him, it, them) of your generosity and thoughtfulness with a specially designed card. And **Merry Christmas!**

Please send gift notification to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

From:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Make checks payable to:

Bourne Conservation Trust (Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534)

Please use a separate sheet to add additional addresses



A Gift. . .

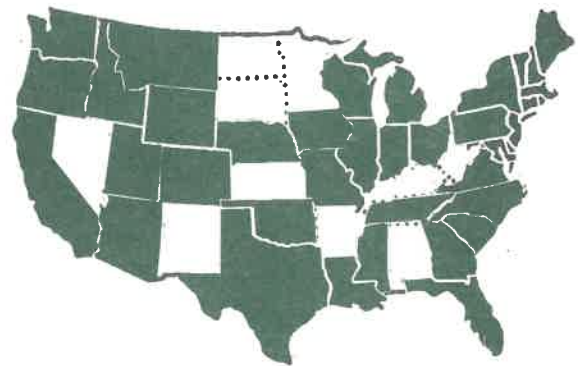
. . . in the form of land, was recently given by Mary C. Korff in memory of Harold L. Colbeth. The donation was 6.7 acres off MacArthur Boulevard that abuts the property donated previously by Robert Walsh. It was **gratefully** received. This acquisition, and others by the BCT, will help stop the Upper Cape from receiving the "urbanized" designation recently bestowed on the Mid-Cape area.

Here's a Way of Putting yourself on the Map. . .

. . . other than making your own map. Our program to obtain contributions from every state in the Union continues, our new additions being TN, OK, and MT (two in two weeks). A donation came from a person who lives in Kuwait but it was mailed from Pccasset: we haven't quite figured out how to handle that one. We also received a contribution from Japan.

States needed to complete our contribution coverage include: AL, AR, KS, KY, MN, NV, NM, ND, SD, WV. Several of the states are those far-off, square-sided ones which are so easy to confuse.

States Checking in. . .



Plus:

Australia	Bahamas
Belize	Costa Rica
England	Fiji
France	Japan
Kenya	Kuwait (?)
Ontario, Canada	
Zimbabwe	

Do I hear. . .

No, not a waltz, but a bid. The auction and flea market held in August by the Cataumet Beautification Committee was both a social and financial success. While an auctioneer may be "one who incites a mob for profit," no mob were we, but there was profit: of the \$13,000 raised, the Committee donated \$10,000 to the BCT, the remainder to be used for improvements around Cataumet.

Thanks CBC!



Full Moon



Last Quarter



New Moon



First Quarter



Full Moon



Last Quarter



New Moon



Moonwalking. . . Without Michael Jackson

In an article entitled "Nighttime brings happy trails, *Cape Cod Times* reporter North Cairn described the pleasures of the BCT moonwalks about Red Book Pond. She accompanied a group led by Gary Tabor, "along a path that wends through woods and opens to a wider swath running along cranberry bogs still in use." At a bonfire, at the outermost reaches of the walk, singer and songwriter Cathy Weidhaas of Harwich awaited a receptive crowd.

Other groups have reported walkers challenging each other to name songs in which "moon" appears in the title. Those selections offered:

When the Moon comes Over the Mountain
Moon Over Miami
Shine on Harvest Moon
Blue Moon

were quite revealing of the vintage of our songsters, n'est-ce pas?

More current titles, e.g. *I'm Gonna Moon Mama*, lacked sponsors.

There will be no more moonlight walks until spring. The dates of upcoming daylight walks will be listed in local papers. We would like to thank Gary Tabor for organizing all the tours.

Winter Tours

Saturday
December 14, 1991
10:00 am

Wednesday
January 1, 1992
1:00 pm

Saturday
February 15, 1992
10:00 am

Sunday
March 15, 1992
2:00 pm

STICK IT TO YOUR BUMPER!

You can give quiet testimony of your support of the BCT by the wearing of the green; in this case, the green tree bumper sticker as seen on our newsletter.

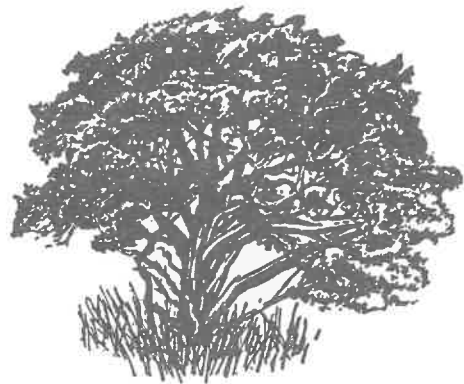
Surely, as a cachet of good breeding, one should eschew such recent examples of bumper stickers as:

It's time to pull over and
change the air in your head.

(or)

Sometimes I wake up grouchy;
other times I let him sleep.

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and display the BCT choice. The stickers are sent out with an acknowledgment card for donations, or upon request, and can be used on your bumper or outside a window.

Let us know if you spot a BCT sticker in another state (other than on your own car).

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Given in memory of **Sterling Myrick** who,
 through his work on the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Task Force,
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Kahlin's Korner is dedicated to the memory of Kahlin Jespersen, a child full of sunshine and a love of nature, and also to all children for whom we preserve a part of the natural world.

One of Kahlin's favorite fall activities was making an Advent Garden. Whenever she walked in the woods or along the shore, she collected small souvenirs for her garden. She kept them in a box until the Advent Season, the four weeks just before Christmas. An activity like this is fun for grandparents and parents to do with children. This Advent Garden is made up of four natural groups. **Week I, minerals:** things such as sand, pebbles, small crystals and even shells, although some may insist that shells belong to the animal world. **Week II, plants:** moss, house plants, greens, twigs to represent trees, and so on. **Week III, animals:** miniature animals made of wood, metal, glass or other natural materials. No plastic! **Week IV, people:** dolls or human figures made of natural materials such as wool or cotton cloth, corn husks, or wood, for example. A simple table covered with a cloth may be used and it should be in an everyday location. For those who light candles, it is a beautiful addition to an already meaningful tradition.

The exacting task of making an Advent Garden offers a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to discuss man's relationship with and responsibility for the natural environment.



Kahlin's Korner is a regular feature of the Newsletter, featuring children's articles or drawings about nature. Included will be activities that are fun and will also help children to understand their natural environment. We hope you will submit ideas for future issues. (BCT, Box 203, Cataumet MA 02534)

Given in memory of **Kahlin Jespersen**

a joyous child who shared her love for the world of nature with all who knew her.

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