

# Friends of Potato Creek Newsletter

## September 2006

### President's Message

Hello. My name is Brian Krueger. As the first President of the newly founded Friends of Potato Creek State Park, I would like to welcome all of our members and Board members.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Webb, Corey Rieman and Tim Cordell and the rest of the steering committee for bringing us this far. They created the organization, got the by-laws in place and organized the first meetings.

My hopes and dreams for this upcoming year are to grow and expand and bring more activities and services to the Park and community. We greatly appreciate all of the help we have received already and hope to see more people become involved. With everyone's help we can make this a productive and exciting year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our special Worster Lake clean up on September 16th between 9am and 5 pm at Whispering Winds area.

Sincerely,  
Brian Krueger

### September Meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in the Nature Center. Fisheries Biologist for District 1, Bob Robertson will bring us up to date on the completed lake treatment. His talk will be very timely and informative. Bring a snack to share.

### Friends Website



Visit the Friends website often to keep informed on events and plans. Meeting minutes, by-laws, and photos will be archived on the website as well as postings of upcoming events. Check it out! [www.friendsofpotatocreek.org](http://www.friendsofpotatocreek.org)

### 'Tater Traditions Fun For All

August 5th saw a great turnout for the second annual 'Tater Traditions Day at the Potato Creek State Park. Crafts games and history were featured for this full day celebration.

Children and adults made Corn Husk Dolls, hand churned butter, fashioned candles, Sassafras bead bracelets and built a variety of wooden toys. Volunteers and Friends of Potato creek members Angie Manual, Charlotte Wolfe and Bill Arick were aided by Potato Creek State Park personnel to turn out 13 Corn husk dolls; 41 jars of home made butter, 38 candles, 34 sassafras bead bracelets, 24 buzz saws, 32 spinning tops, 35 Darcey Bugs and 22 whimmydiddles. Have you ever seen a whimmydiddle?. To bad if you missed it.

Eighty-five people joined in traditional games that included a Hoop Rolling Contest; Sack races and the high-light of the games, the Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest.

The pot-luck dinner was blessed with good weather. Hot dogs and condiments were provided by Kroger and Martin's and cooked up in the grill outside the Peppermint Hill picnic shelter by Gene Matzat and Mark Daily. Lydia Easterday and Gladys Sheneman told stories about the early days and Jan Shupert-Arick presented some interesting histories and maps dealing with the early days in the Potato Creek State Park area, the Porter Rea Cemetery and the development of the Park itself.



The day was topped off with a Square dance held in the Beach area parking lot. Caller Virgil Troxell from Plymouth did his best to keep the action going for novices and pros alike.

### **August's Treasure's Report**

Victoria Keldsen gave a Treasurer's report at the August meeting. At that time the Friends group had a \$575.00 balance in the bank and 31 members.

### **Potato Creek Needs Your Help!**

Next event for the Friend's group is the September 16th Worster Lake cleanup. The water level will be lowered for fish species maintenance and this is a perfect opportunity to clean up the shoreline.

This will be an all day event running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Volunteers can work for any amount of time they desire. Volunteers are to meet at Whispering Winds. Sherri Healy will be at Whispering Winds from 9-1 and Mark Daily will be there from 1-5. Each of them will dispatch volunteers where needed on the lake. Be prepared to get your feet muddy and bring gloves. Tim Cordell, Potato Creek State Park Interpretive Naturalist will provide all the trash bags, maps and help with coordination.

### **Meet Your New Board Members**

Brian Krueger-President (2 year term)  
Ralph Campion-Vice Pres (1 year term)  
John Richardson-Treasurer (1 year term)  
Kathy Serrat-Secretary (2 year term)  
Sherri Healy-Advisor (2 year term)  
Mark Daily-Advisor (1 year term)  
Jan Shupert-Advisor (2 year term)