

THE DUNE Breeze



Birth of the Dune Hugger *By Sarah Downing*

I cherish ideas. I like to think I am an idea person. A newspaper reporter friend of mine once told me, "That's what I like about you Downing. You're always thinking." The Friends of Jockey's Ridge is fortunate that a casual conversation led to an idea that will be a part of the Friends for years to come.

Now Mr. Moseley is also fond of ideas and can spot a good one. Everybody on the job site had heard and witnessed the origin of the Dune Hugger moniker and thought it witty. But Billy's mind was already at work, realizing that it could be something to give identity to the Friends of Jockey's Ridge as well as to become the basis for a new line of products for the gift shop.

Reeling around he called to Mullikin, "Hey, I like that. Can I use that?" and the Dune Hugger line was born. Billy next contacted Shawn O'Neill at Graphic Solutions who created lettering and Mike Stokes at Flying Fish T-Shirt Company who took O'Neill's lettering design and created a logo.

According to Moseley, "I'm hoping that Dune Huggers will help create greater awareness of the park and the Friends as well as boost membership and become a vehicle to sell more merchandise in the

Don't you want to be a Dune Hugger?

Sporting the new Dune Hugger line are (left to right) John Welch, vice president; George Barnes, park superintendent; Billy Moseley, president; Sarah Downing, newsletter editor; Ron Farley, treasurer. Editor's note: If this photo was in color you'd see that George's Dune Hugger tee shirt is Carolina blue.

gift shop. What a great way for people to show support for Jockey's Ridge State Park and the Friends of Jockey's Ridge."

Thanks to Gift Shop Manager Christine Beasley, Dune Hugger T-shirts are available for sale in all sizes in a vast array of colors. Take an extra minute the next time you are driving by the park and take a look.

Photo by Lynda Wood



It all started on a construction site.

Friend's president Billy Moseley was explaining his involvement with the organization and describing

ing his role and the function of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge. As he walked away from his "audience" he heard carpenter Trevor Mullikin call out, "You know what you are? You're a DUNE HUGGER!!"

From the President's Pen



The Friends of Jockey's Ridge are very pleased to announce our new way of showing support of Jockey's Ridge State Park. By becoming a Dune Hugger, you can now wrap your arms around all of the great events and educational programming offered at Jockey's Ridge. We hope that you will renew your membership and encourage your friends to join us as Dune Huggers. Look in the gift shop for the new T-shirts, stickers and other fun merchandise with the Dune Hugger logo.

In other news for the spring season, the Yuengling Nags Head Woods 5K Run is coming up Saturday, May 13th. We are looking forward to another great event. This year's After Run Party will be hosted by the Ramada Plaza Hotel on their wonderful oceanfront deck.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be the following weekend on Sunday, May 21st. On display will be original artwork created by Dare County students who have been enlisted to create a new design for T-shirts for the 2007 season. Winners of the contest will be recognized. So join us for a run in the woods and a picnic at the sand dune and become a Dune Hugger this spring.

– Billy



Dates to Remember

Annual Nags Head Woods Run

Saturday, May 13

Friends of Jockey's Ridge Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 21



JOIN THE FRIENDS OF JOCKEY'S RIDGE!

Just fill out the form, clip and mail along with your check to:

Friends of Jockey's Ridge, PO Box 358, Nags Head, NC 27959

Class of Membership: Single \$25.00 Sponsor \$100.00 Benefactor \$500.00
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Name: _____ Date: _____

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Friends of State Parks Visit Jockey's Ridge State Park

The Friends of State Parks board of directors met at Jockey's Ridge State Park on January 28th. This group is a statewide citizens' group whose mission is to promote understanding, enjoyment and protection of North Carolina's 33 state parks and recreation areas. Lynda Wood and Sarah Downing attended representing the Friends of Jockey's Ridge.

Several questions arose at the meeting as to the relationship between the Friends of State Parks and groups such as the Friends of Jockey's Ridge and how these organizations that support individual parks might work together with the Friends of State Parks to network and provide greater lobbying power on behalf of all state parks. To work towards this end, a volunteer for the Friends of State Parks will contact each park to identify if each park has an individual support group and the name of the current contact person. Also discussed was the idea of reciprocal memberships between these groups.

Stay tuned for additional info...

View From The Ridge

by *George Barnes – Park Superintendent*



Winter is always a beautiful mostly serene time at Jockey's Ridge, but as usual park staff has been busy with off-season training. All staff members participated in a 2-day First Responder refresher training, ensuring that we are up to date and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors. Also, all rangers and I attended our Division Annual Law Enforcement Refresher Training at the North Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in Salemburg, NC. The refresher is 32 hours of in-service training required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Commission.

We have hosted several events over the last few months that are worthy of note. One of our most interesting was a lecture by Dr. Stan Riggs, distinguished geology professor from East Carolina University. Dr. Riggs' presentation was "Coast in Crisis – Climate Change, Sea Level Change, Storms and Coastal Dynamics." Always an appealing and informative speaker, an overflowing audience enjoyed his talk. We are planning to get him back for another presentation sometime this spring.

In addition, the Board of Directors of the Friends of State Parks held their quarterly meeting in January at Jockey's Ridge State Park. The group represents the whole state park system and our Friends of Jockey's Ridge representatives attended their meeting. I think both groups learned much from each other and began a closer working relationship. It is always good to visit with their board and we appreciate all they do for our system.

Draft plans for our maintenance area improvements have been received and are under review. Everything looks good and we hope construction begins in the near future.

We look forward to seeing all our Friends of Jockey's Ridge and visitors this season and appreciate the support you provide.

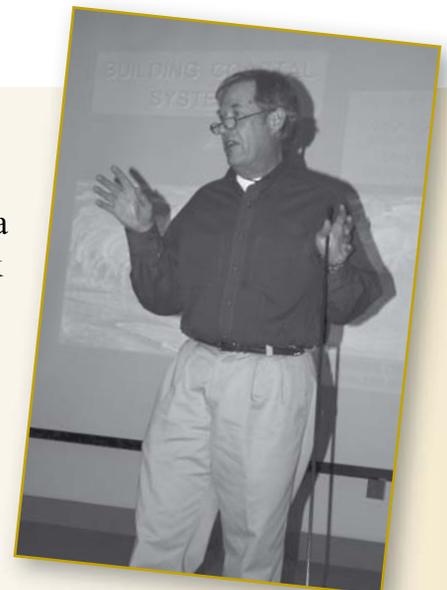
Until next time . . . 

Dr. Stan Riggs Presents Lecture At Jockey's Ridge

Dr. Stan Riggs, highly respected professor of geology at East Carolina University, lectured to a full house in the Jockey's Ridge State Park Auditorium on January 16th.

His presentation, *Coast in Crisis: Climate Change, Sea Level Change, Storms and Coastal Dynamics* was attended by over 100 people. Thanks to Chaz Winkler of the Nellie Myrtle Beachcomber Museum for arranging the lecture.

Photo courtesy of Matt Artz, The Coastland Times



Welcome Ron Farley!



A glad hand of welcome is extended to Ron Farley, the newest member of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge Board of Directors. We are delighted that he has agreed to take on the responsibility of serving as Treasurer for the Friends.

Ron, who works with the Town of Kill Devil Hills, is already a supporter of the Nags Head Woods Run. This is his third year running the race and vying for the Dirty Sneaker Award~ an unofficial contest between employees of the different beach towns who run the 5K.



An Outer Banks resident since 1999, Ron originally hails from upstate Pennsylvania.

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