

Volunteers Needed For Our Biggest Fund Raiser *By Ed Beckley*



The 24th annual Yuengling Nags Head Woods 5K footrace will take place May 12, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Nags Head Woods Ecological Preserve at the end of Ocean Acres Drive in Kill Devil Hills. This is the biggest fund raising event of the year for the Friends of Jockey's Ridge. The race is staged with the Outer Banks Kiwanis, and the Friends of Jockey's Ridge usually bring in around \$7,000 annually.

With more than 350 runners and walkers participating, it takes around 75 volunteers (many of whom start planning and working in December) to pull off such a large event. The check-list for 2007 is under way, including the need to contact sponsors, and collect pledges and drawing prizes. The more sponsors that are contacted, and the more runners that are registered, the more dollars that will be netted for Friends of Jockey's Ridge. The race course can hold 500 participants. Friends of Jockey's

Ridge Chairman Billy Moseley noted that the organization can substantially increase its annual net income from the race if the number of sponsors and participants are increased for 2007. He said that a large team of solicitors from the Kiwanis and Friends would be a big help. Each solicitor would only have a few potential sponsors to contact, and would receive training. If you are outgoing and want to take ownership of a few of these sponsor calls, he would like to hear from you by calling 202-1762.

There is always a need for volunteers in the days leading up to the race, and on race day as well. Moseley said sentries are needed to direct cars into the parking lot on W. Satterfield Drive on race day, and to direct the runners on the race course in the woods, or hand out water at the half-way point in the race. Volunteers are also needed to stuff goody bags on Friday, May 11 in the morning, and to register runners

throughout the day and evening of May 11, and the early morning of May 12. If you would like to help with one of those roles, please let Billy know.

There's more incentive for volunteers. Not only will you be helping FOJR, you receive a stuffed goody bag, a special race T-shirt, coffee and breakfast on race morning at the race site, entry into the volunteers-only prize drawings, and free entry into the post-race beach party and buffet at the Ramada, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on race day. Won't you help?



From the President's Pen



Winter has given way to springtime and Jockey's Ridge State Park is alive with lots of happy visitors and great educational programs to enjoy. The Friends of



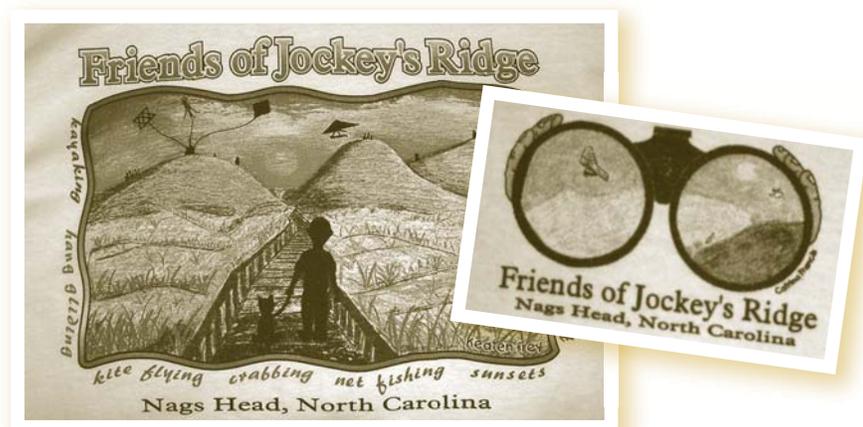
Jockey's Ridge Board of Directors held a long-range planning retreat the first weekend in March. It was a great gathering and many new ideas and future plans were discussed. Thanks to everyone who gave up a beautiful Saturday for the event. Special thanks also to Village Realty for the use of a beautiful well appointed oceanfront house where the retreat took place.

Since it's spring, that could only mean that it's time for the Yuengling Nags Head Woods 5K run. This is our fifth year as hosts with the Outer Banks Kiwanis Club. It's important to remember that this is our largest fundraiser and very important in supporting the park. The continued support from all the sponsors of the run is greatly appreciated and as always results in a fun event back in The Nature Conservancy's Nags Head Woods. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this great event give me a call 202-1762. Thanks for your support of Jockey's Ridge State Park.

Be a Dunehugger! – Billy

SPECIAL EDITION TEE-SHIRTS!

A limited amount of special edition tee-shirts are available in the giftshop. These stunning full cotton tees feature winning entries from the Kid's Art Contest held last spring. Shirts are white with full color screen print and make great graduation presents, Mothers Day gifts, friendship tokens, etc. Get yours while they last!



Help Us Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

The Friends of Jockey's Ridge has the following surplus items for sale.

Please see Kathryn in the gift shop before June 30 if you are interested in any of these items.

COMPUTER PACKAGE \$25.00

(To be sold together)

- Dell Quiet Key Keyboard
- Lexmark Z32 Printer
- Keyboard Drawer w/ wrist rest to fit under a computer monitor
- Dell Monitor
- Logitech Mouse with scroll feature
- Dell Dimension L33R computer with A drive and CD drive



SAMSUNG ER4915 CASH REGISTER \$35.00



ROLLED PAPER \$1.00

30 rolls paper (2 3/4 in. wide) for cash register printers and credit card validation printers





View From The Ridge *by George Barnes – Park Superintendent*

Things have been somewhat quiet and it seems very cold through the winter here at Jockey’s Ridge State Park. The winter months give us time to get prepared for the season with multiple sets of training.

All Rangers (including me) are required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Commission to complete forty hours of Law Enforcement refresher training. This takes one of us out of the park for a week to train at the North Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

In addition, Ranger Matt Windsor spent time at a Natural Resource Management seminar and hopefully has returned with more great ideas.

Ranger Cox also has been to quarterly safety meetings as our Park Safety Officer. The meetings help ensure park safety for all visitors and staff, including facilities and equipment.

As in past years, all maintenance and ranger staff will be re-certified in CPR in early spring.

We have rearranged some of our ranger responsibilities. Matt Windsor has become our lead Resource Management Ranger and lead Interpretation & Education Ranger. Debo Cox is now our hang gliding manager and park safety officer, and Jennifer Thoburn is now our volunteer coordinator.

All do an excellent job in their responsibilities helping ensure Jockey’s Ridge State Park to be the best park in the system.

On a sad note, the North Carolina State Parks family lost Mr. Tom Ellis, 94, on December 30. Mr. Ellis was our Division Director for 35 years and was instrumental in shaping this system. He was a true friend and never stopped working for the State parks, even in retirement.

Until next time... George



Students Lend A Hand With Plant Rescue

Friends of Jockey’s Ridge Vice President and First Flight Middle School Science Teacher John Welch and JRSP Ranger Matt Windsor worked with a group of 11 students in a “plant rescue” Saturday February 17. Seventy-four Woolly Beach Heather plants were rescued from an area where the plants were being driven over and replanted at Run Hill State Natural

Area in Kill Devil Hills. These plants are found in scattered areas of Dare and Currituck counties are ranked as “significantly rare.”

The students are part of the *Grounded Adventure Club* of First Flight Middle School. Welch is the club’s advisor. Good work kids!



Board of Directors’ Meet For Planning Retreat



The Board of Directors of the Friends of Jockey’s Ridge met March 3 for a Long Range Planning Retreat. Increasing membership, fine-tuning board efficiency, and enhancing public awareness of the organization were long term objectives decided upon at the first ever retreat. Special thanks to Village Realty who donated the use of one of their homes for the event.

From left to right, John Welch, Lynda Wood, Carolyn Morris, Ron Farley, Jane Webster, Karen Nunemaker and Sarah Downing. Photo by Kathryn Lamb.



Don’t Forget!

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Park. Hope To See You There!

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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
 Family \$45.00 Patron \$250.00 Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Comments: _____



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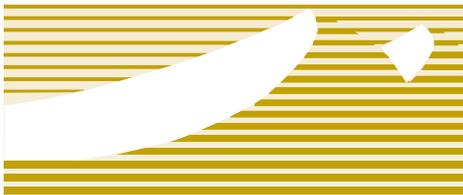
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