

Bass River Heritage Day - August 20, 2011

Unless otherwise noted, photos by Linda Harrington.



Blacksmith Tom Spence was making rings out of horse shoe nails at Bass River Heritage Day. In Elizabeth Bishop's writings she talks of Nate the Blacksmith who made such rings. Mr. Spence, who is also a Goldsmith, found 200 year old nails from a house in Lunenburg and he was pleased to be able to turn them into rings for people visiting Bass River.



Bass River Fire Brigade held a corn boil and BBQ at Heritage Day, with a boat race later in the day.



Gordon Smith, of Pugwash, started collecting powersaws over 8 years ago and now he says they just seem to find him! The oldest one he has dates back to 1946, when they first started making them after WWII.



Great fun was had during the 'Boil a Kettle' competition at the Bass River Heritage Day. (photo by athenaimages.com)



Antique cars and tractors were also featured at the Bass River Heritage Day. (photo by athenaimages.com)



Lots of history and collections of all things imaginable. Here a collection of mowers were on display. (photo by athenaimages.com)

Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt
Apology to Readers: Joyce's notes for the August issue arrived after the paper was printed. The August notes are printed here, followed by her submission for the September issue.

I'm afraid I'm a little late this month. I haven't been feeling myself lately. I've had a very sore ankle, and it still is. We've had some very warm days, but some cool ones too.

Mark and Elizabeth Pulsifer, Antigonish visited Barb Hood at her cottage last week. Scott Lawson and Judy Pissariello visited Arnold and Dot Williams on the fishing derby weekend. Dot had her frying pan ready, but it was not needed. They also had Elizabeth and Ken Blair from Quispamsis, NB for a surprise and very welcome visit. In July they had a short visit from Eric and Linda from Moncton, their daughter, Alana and her husband, Nickie, who had their international students from France and Japan with them to shoe them parts of NS on a very cold day.

Dennis and Denise Starritt spent a few days with Denis' mother, Lucille Starritt recently. Artie Dickie is better, but at the time of this writing is still in hospital. Aida Welton fell and injured her knee. We'll miss her in church. She plays the organ in Economy.

We extend our sympathy to the Yorke family on the death of their sister, Beryl and to the family of Violet Large.

Not much to talk about this time. the summer suppers are over, all very delicious and enjoyable. We now have to wait for the fall to enjoy anymore. (September submission follows). Hi, folks. We've had two or three fine days in a row! We better mark it on the calendar.

Jim Galway of St. Clements, On, spent a week visiting his parents and Roy and Clara Galway at their cottage in Little Bass River. Megan Faulkner of Calgary, and friend visited with Megan's parents, Roddi and Mi Faulkner. Inez Hunter of Windsor, NS spent a few days with Barb Hood at her cottage.

A get-together was held at Arnold and Dorothy William's cottage. Those attending were Darrell and Peggie Lawson from Huntsville, ON, Eric and Linda Lawson from Moncton and their International Student, Raini, from Japan, Scott Lawson from Halifax, Dale and June Lawson, Heather Lawson and Jeema Lambert.

Heather Dau of Mississauga, ON (formerly of Bass River) and her friend Mary Rose Donnelly visited Arnold and Dorothy Williams while they were here to launch Mary Rose's novel, "Great Village", at the Elizabeth Bishop Celebration.

Visitors with our family over the weekend were Mark and Elizabeth, Duncan, Thomas and Nathan Pulsifer of Antigonish.

Heritage Day was held on Saturday at the Museum with a good attendance. A lot of interesting contests were held. I was very interested in the cross cut sawing, for that's the way we watched our Dad cut a tree down. So long for now.



Bass River Heritage Day Crosscut Saw Champions Arnold Williams and Fred Priest pose for a picture with their winning ribbons.



Wendy Cox and Darlene Smith weren't going to let the men have all the fun. They did a fine job on the crosscut saw at Bass River Heritage Day.



Stan Corbett and Vince Gilley tried to beat the best time in the crosscut saw competition at Bass River Heritage Day.



Vince Hollis had his shingle mill up and running at the Bass River Heritage Day on August 20th.

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