

# The Bourne Conservation Trust

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Summer 1989

## 'TIS BETTER TO HAVE LOVED AND LOST . . .

Oh, yeah?

Consider this classified ad: **LOST:** 40 wooded acres somewhere in the vicinity of Red Brook Pond.

You don't get much of a picture from that, so here's a better description from former owner, Lois Nivling Alexander, whose family held the land for more that 60 years:

"This land is very special, not typical of Cape Cod, mostly wooded, it divides from the end of Thaxter Road along two ridges . . . slopes and hollows vary the landscape . . . The path along the highland runs down to 500 feet of Red Brook Pond shoreline and 400 feet of the Brook and reservoir, then over the upland between two active cranberry bogs. Existing trails and improvable paths offer hiking, jogging, cross country skiing and horseback riding."

Not to mention birdwatching . . .



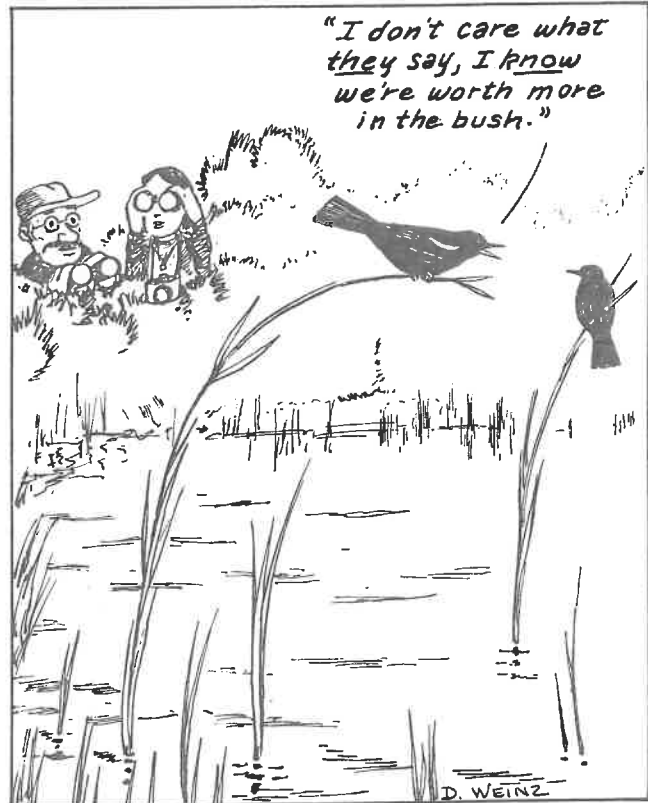
Ergo, 'tis better to have loved and gained.

*How?*

*Contribute!*

*What?*

*Money, Muscle, Skill!*



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✈️ We have both long-term and short-term goals--as you do. In the short-term, a large yearly payment may work to your tax advantage. As a long-term effort, consider regular giving, such as writing a check to BCT every time you pay your electric bill. Thus, in more ways than one you can "keep current."

Speaking of current, here is where we stand:

We had to borrow a large portion of the June 30th payment from a generous trust member, and must push now for an October payment of \$66,500, a December payment of \$15,000 and the biggy - \$250,000 in January. That is \$331,500 in 5 months or \$66,500 per month. (This doesn't include paying back the loan.) **PLEASE HELP!**

Over the next 5 months we could reach this goal if:

1 donor gave	\$25,000 &
1 donor gave	15,000 &
10 donors gave	10,000 &
20 donors gave	5,000 &
30 donors gave	1,000 &
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200 donors gave	100 &
300 donors gave	50 &
60 donors gave	25
or	
1 donor gave	\$331,500

While we have not received contributions from every state in the union, we have heard from 18 of the 50—plus Canada!

We publish names of people who have contributed to the project and are most appreciative of their support. There are, however, names we do miss; names not on our list who will benefit directly from the efforts of their neighbors. If contributing is something you had been intending to do, please do it now. If this is something you had been intending not to do, please reconsider. As amateur fund-raisers, we find it so hard to accept

**"Go away!"**

as a response.

## **&/or**

**Come to the auction: Saturday, August 26 Parker's Boat Yard  
Flea Market at 1:00 pm Auction at 7:00 pm**

The Greeks had a word for it: Auction! In ancient Greece, this is how Epicurus pursued his pleasures (and, perhaps, how Demosthenes passed his pebbles).

The Athenian comedian, Aristophanes, wrote of Socrates, "often when he was looking on at auctions he would say, 'How many things there are which I do not need'."

We are made of sterner stuff. We know that auctions challenge the adventurous buyer who has looked at one too many Cape Cod T-shirts. The Cataumet Beautification Committee auction is special and proceeds will support the BCT.

A warning: prior family communications are important! We have had husbands and wives bidding against one another. Consider the saga of the brass bull. One gentleman was delighted to purchase an exact match to the one he had at home (uh, a bull market?); previously, his wife had been even more delighted to give that bull to the auction.

## **&/or**

**Skills or Muscle, Rusty or Ready:** We need botanists and ornithologists to identify and classify the flora and fauna; writers and artists to describe and illustrate the environs; able bodies to clear and maintain the trails. The labor requires people of good will and community involvement to do old-fashioned leg-work and aid with fund-raising. Those interested, please call Steve or Sally Ballentine at 508-563-2800.

## **As time goes by. . .**

Perhaps you can't recall when you made your latest 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 latest donation--first the year, then the month (example: "8906" is June 1989). No number? We hope you will send us a tax deductible donation soon.

## **Send it where?**

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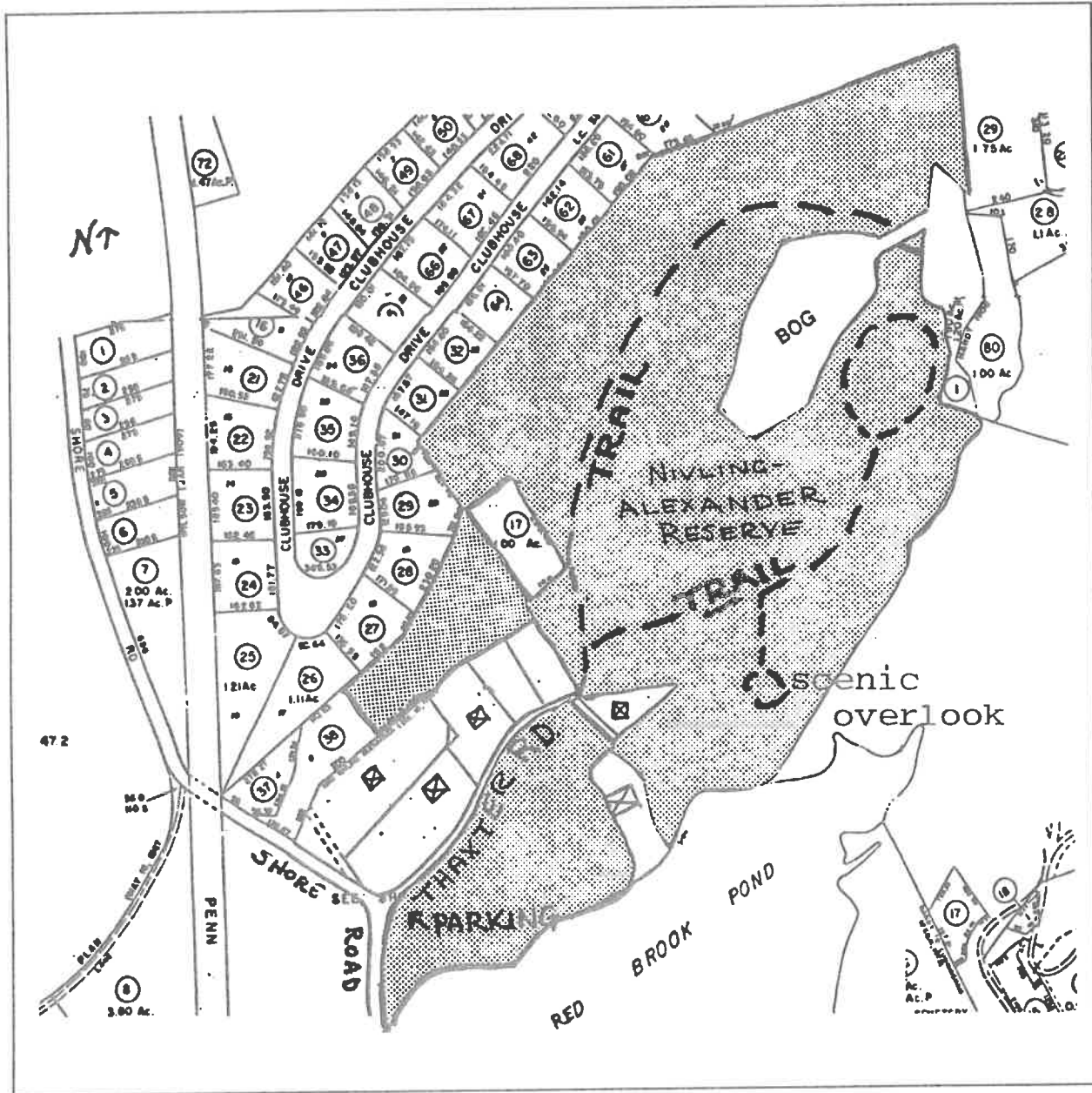
**We're not perfect**, so must apologize for a couple of errors in the Spring Newsletter:

Dutton Alden, Jr., was known as "Skip".

Our Dept. Of Higher Mathematics tells us that \$1300 equals not one degree (of the 100% funding required) but one-tenth of a degree. Picky, picky.

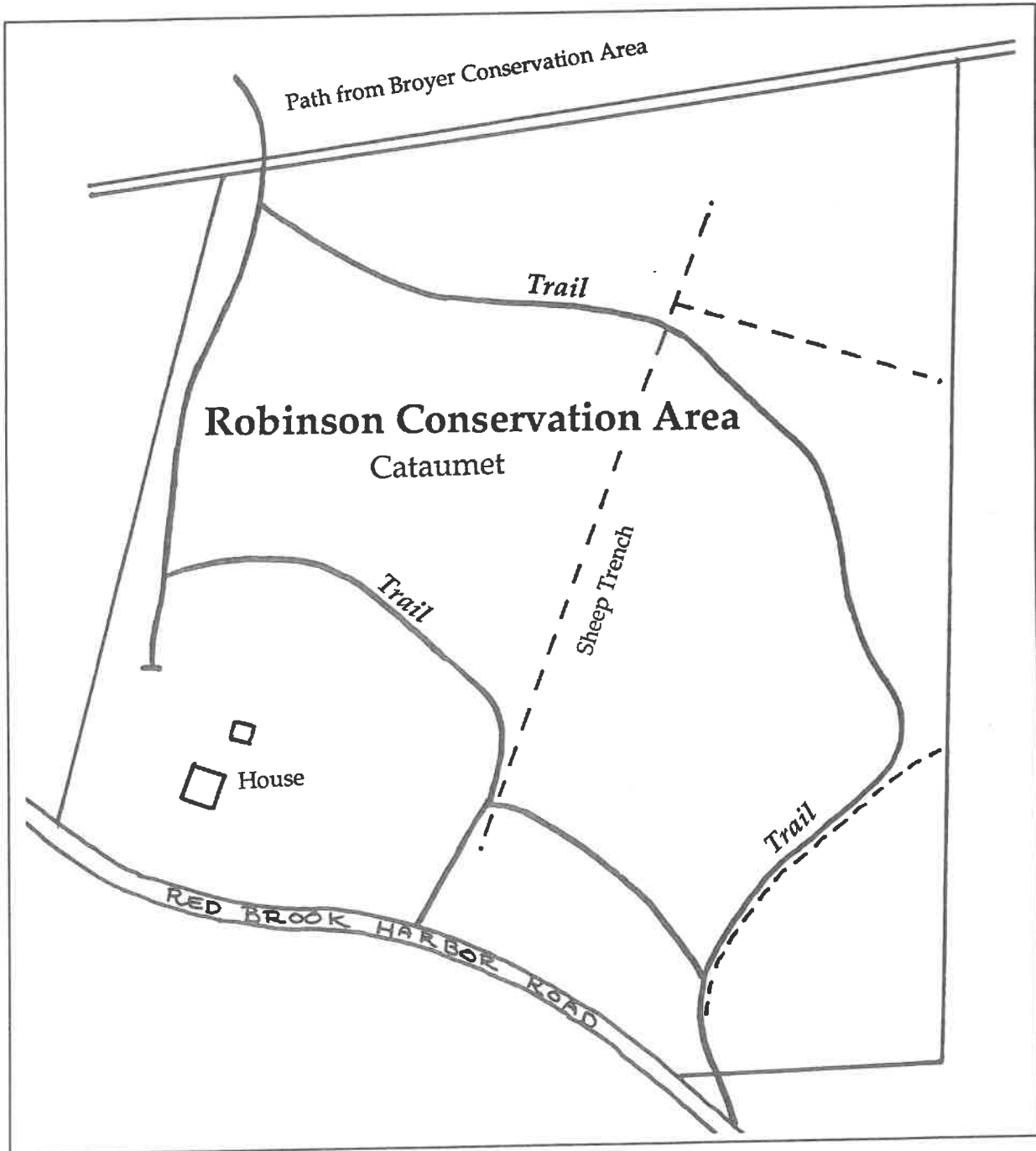
# NEW TRAILS

We urge all of you to walk the new trails bordering Red Brook Pond and the adjoining cranberry bogs. You will then appreciate more fully the natural treasures we are preserving for the pleasure of all (See map). While enjoying this area, we hope that you will respect the rights and privacy of landowners along the Thaxter Road access. A small parking area is located near Shore Road on Thaxter.



# MORE NEW TRAILS

The Bourne Conservation Trust has cleared new trails on the town-owned Robinson Property off Red Brook Harbor Road in Cataumet. These trails adjoin existing trails through Broyer, Handy, and Phillips Farm Conservation areas. The BCT is planning to publish a trail guide this fall which will map all the Trust properties and existing paths.



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