



## South Shore Beach Cleanup Nets Discards from Recliner Chair to Bathroom Sink

by John Lowry

A dedicated group of volunteer trash bashers were to be found on the hunt along the access roads to the south shoreline of the County on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, scouring the roadsides for garbage. The garbage picking was all part of the South Shore Joint Initiative's second annual "Beach Cleanup".

Twenty area residents spent over two hours cleaning up the South Shore and filling industrial size clear garbage bags with trash of all sorts including the usual assortment of beer cans, coffee cups and candy wrappers. Some of the more unusual items collected included everything from discarded tires and a toilet to a broken recliner chair and kitchen pots and pans.



The venture was organized by the South Shore Joint Initiative (SSJI) which is a coalition of partner organizations and individuals


working to protect the south shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) which stretches from Point Petre to Prince Edward Point.

The primary goal of the event is to clean up garbage strewn along the shoreline and access roads, Cheryl Anderson, event coordinator explained, with the secondary goal of increasing awareness of the scenic beauty of the unique habitat to be found along the lakeshore.

Anderson expressed appreciation for the

help received from the County of Prince Edward. The county donated the use of a dumpster bin to collect the refuse as well as a large quantity of clear garbage bags for collecting the garbage.

Participants were rewarded with a gift certificate for The Vic Café, located at 166 Main Street in Picton. Major support for the South Shore Clean Up was provided by Elizabeth Crombie Real Estate Team.



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