

The Old Town of Jackfish

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The News

Being nosy reporters, Monica and myself had to check out the old town of Jackfish.

Last Tuesday afternoon, we made our way to the ghost town by walking west on the CP tracks. We reached this destination by driving south on the Jackfish dump road.

We never quite made it to the town at first, because we saw this huge monstrosity at the side of the tracks and had to investigate. It was an enormous cement structure that had once been beside the tracks but had been pushed over and was cracked. Our guess was that maybe it was a train tunnel.

I found out when I returned home, from a CP employee, that it was an old coal chute. It was pushed over in years before because it wasn't needed any longer.

We detoured from the tracks down to the beach on Lake Superior and found it to be gorgeous. Remnants of Jackfish town could be seen just around the corner from a summer camp.

We reached the town and found that there wasn't a whole lot left of what had once been a bustling railroad town.

A few dilapidated houses could be seen from the beach and wooden foundations gave tell-tale signs of the town that once was.

We ventured up the beach rocks near another camp and decided to go into the bush as we could see the faint outline of some kind of building.

Before the bush trek, we stopped to pick a few blueberries and raspberries which were plentiful around the whole area.

Now into the bush... The first building I ran into was an out-house. They sure don't change much over 100 years. The next few buildings we encountered were houses.

The houses were considerably smaller than what we are used to. There were only on average, about four rooms and the ceilings were much lower.

We were sure that one little house had been very pretty in its time. Flowers which now grow wild had once been planted all around the house. A picket fence, which had since fallen, surrounded what had once been the yard.

Walking through the bush which had once been cleared out was interesting, since by this time we had no idea where we were.

We ran into a small clearing

which was full of raspberry bushes. It had apparently been a garden, guessing from the dill plants that still grew there.

Just north of the garden, we found the CP tracks (That made my day). We then decided to try and find the Jackfish railway bridge. I'd seen pictures of the old trestle and wanted to see what modern bridge CP had replaced it with. But we never quite made it that far. Weariness had taken its toll after walking for what seemed like miles.

The afternoon had turned out to be very informative and interesting. Jackfish ghost town turned out to be beautiful, even if it now lays in ruin. I wish I could have been there 100 years ago.



This old house is located on a Lake Superior beach near where the old town of Jackfish used to be. Photo by Angie Saunders

Ladies Golf Results

July 10- 1st low gross- Cathi Stachiw; 2nd low gross- Connie Bryson, 1st low net- Diane Malashewski; 2nd low net- Dolly Sitko; 3rd low net- Althea Graham, Least putts- Joy Riley; runner-up- Charlotte Miller, Chip Pot won by Joy Riley

July 17- played alternate shot- 1st low gross- Diane O'Neill, Bev Turpin; 2nd low gross- Althea Graham, Arlene Osmar; 3rd low gross- Connie Bryson, Dolly Sitko, Leslie Samp, and Cathy Riley

July 24- Longest Drive on #6- Dolly Sitko; Closest to hole on #2- Sharon Edmonds, Door prize- Aldea Churney, Chip pot- Aldea Churney, Nancy Baxter, and Day Stefurak

July 31- played Crazy golf in teams- Low gross- Diane O'Neill, Ruth Mulligan, Sandy Dixon, and Cathy Withers

Aug 7- played best ball- 1st low gross- June Speer, Leslie Samp, Cathi Stachiw, and Heather Vandergraaf; 2nd low gross- Bev Turpin, Diane O'Neill

Aug 14- 4th Annual Costas Twilight- Low net- Bonnie Morrow, Low gross- Charlotte Miller, 1st runner-up low net-

Connie Bryson; 1st runner-up low gross- Sharon Edmonds, 2nd runner-up low net- Sue Lubberdink, Dolly Sitko, 2nd runner-up low gross- Leslie Samp, Barb Lalonde, Diane O'Neill

Low net flight- 1- Cathi Stachiw; 2- Carol Hansen; 3- Joanne Cooper; 4- Cathy Withers; 5- Joy Riley; 6- June Speer; 7- Sandy Dixon; 8- Myrna Burrows; 9- Diane Malashewski

Low gross flight- 2- Marg Phillips; 4- Kay Stefurak; 5- Marlene Hanley; 6- Leigh Clements; 7- Cheryl Hamilton; 8- Heather Vandergraaf; 9- Arlene Osmar, Least putts- Nancy Baxter, Roxanne McLellan, Bev Turpin; Runner-up least putts- Paulette Parker, Joyce Gilmore, Jewel Riley, Brenda Harper; Guess your score- Julie Johner; Runner-up guess your score- Aldea Churney

Ladies Xerox- 1st low net- Barb Lalonde; 2nd low net- Leslie Samp; 3rd low net- Joanne Cooper

Club Championship- 1st low gross- Cathi Stachiw; 1st low net- Althea Graham; Runner-up low gross- Sharon Edmonds; 40 handicap 1st low gross- Janice Wilson; Runner-up low gross- Myrna Burrows

2 Gal Best Ball- 1st low net- Barb Lalonde, Leigh Clements; 2nd low net- Diane O'Neill, Julie Johner

Terrace Bay Boy Scouts

Starting dates for Boy Scouts are as follows:

Beavers: Tuesday, September 25th from 7 - 8 p.m.
Tom Fox 825 - 9429

Cubs: Thursday Sept. 27th from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Karen Ramsay 825 - 9469

Scouts: Monday Sept. 24th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Warren Pearen 825 - 3547

Boys who were not previously registered can do so the first night.

Fees: \$23.00 per boy

Thank-you

The family of the late Etta Gray with to express their sincere thanks to all who paid their respects to our mother and expressed their sympathy to us during the time of our great loss. Our appreciation also tho those who sent donations to St. Andrew's United Church in Schreiber, McCausland Hospital and The Heart and Stroke Foundation in her memory and those who sent us gifts of food. The assistance of Rev. E. Hunt, Jack Handel and the ladies of the U.C.W. was invaluable as was that of the active and honorary pallbearers. Thanks to the doctors and nurses of McCausland Hospital who cared for our mother in recent years and to our mother's close friends who supported her and then us when she passed away. We are grateful to you all and thankful that our mother was able to enjoy her grandson, Graham, for five years. Our mother left us a committed and caring life, no children could ask for more.

Bruce and Donna Dean,
daughter-in-law Judith and
grandson Graham



Funeral services for the late Mrs. Etta Gray who died on Wednesday, August 15, 1990 were held on Saturday, August 15, 1990 at St. Andrew's United Church in Schreiber with Rev. E. Hunt officiating. The honorary pallbearers were Ken Davis, Pat Guina, Fred and Eirene Harness and Alvin and Mavis Slater. Active pallbearers were Martin Ryan, D'Arcy Furlonger, George Lengyel, John Souliere, Dan Miller and Ryan LeBlanc. Interment was in Schreiber Cemetery. Friends and relatives from Thunder Bay and Spokane, Wash. also attended. Brief services by the Chimo Club of Schreiber and the Royal Canadian Legion were held the evening before the funeral.

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A Hockey School will be held at the Terrace Bay Arena October 9-13, instructed by North Western Hockey Sports Camp.

Registration will be September 13 - 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Rec Centres. Ages 5 - 18 years. **Registration Fee \$65.00** Please register early. Registration is Limited. **First come, first serve basis.**

Terrace Bay Minor Hockey registration and skate exchange will also be held on Sept. 13th in the Terrace Bay Multipurpose Room from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.