



Our June 2022 meeting will be held on **Monday, June 13, 2022** starting at **7:30 PM**. Harry Chadwick will speak about various topics relevant to the history of Point Pleasant Beach and Point Pleasant Boro, including decoy carving, eel spearing, and tales from the Chadwick and Johnson family lineages. Meeting location: Woman's Club of Point Pleasant Building, 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach. Face coverings are optional and your decision to mask or not mask will be respected by all.

**Save the date!** Remember that we do not have meetings in July or August. Our next meeting after June will be on **Monday, September 12, 2022** at 7:30 PM. Speaker details will be included in the next newsletter, which should arrive in your mailbox in early September.

## Bennett Cabin to Open for Visitors This Summer

Riverfront Park's Bennett Cabin will be open for visitors on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM from July through September. Docents will be on hand to educate visitors about the cabin's rich, local history.

The Bennett Cabin is maintained and supported by the Friends of Bennett Cabin. Many members of the Point Pleasant Historical Society are also members of the Friends of Bennett Cabin. Numerous artifacts from Point Pleasant Boro's past, as well as several model train sets, are on display inside the century-old dwelling, which provides the community with a visual representation of what life in Point Pleasant used to look like.

The cabin originally stood as a part of the Bennett Farm on Dorsett Dock Road. When Point Pleasant native and Dorsett family descendant Herman Bennett decided to marry, he dismantled the cabin with the blessing of his father and help from his friend Harry Odell and moved it closer to the road so that it would be able to have electricity as requested by his future wife.

The structure was saved from demolition after Bennett's passing in 2001. A team led by Richard Morris, who serves as the Point Pleasant Historical Museum's curator, undertook the massive task of dismantling the cabin and rebuilding it as it stood on Dorsett Dock Road along the beautiful Manasquan River at Riverfront Park.

Today, the Bennett Cabin is used for retreats by local Boy Scouts and Girl Scout troops and serves as the centerpiece for Point Pleasant's Old Time Christmas Celebration, which features a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. It is also open during many of the events held at Riverfront Park.

Admission to the Bennett Cabin is free, and donations are always accepted to help with maintenance and upkeep costs.

### Call for Bennett Cabin Docents

The docent program is asking for members of the Point Pleasant Historical Society to volunteer as docents when The Bennett Cabin reopens to visitors this summer. Volunteers will receive an outline of what they should know about the cabin's history along with a Q and A sheet. Two docents are needed for each opening as described above, and members can consider volunteering with a partner.

Members who are interested in volunteering as Bennett Cabin Docents should contact Sal Marino by email at SALEMNJ@gmail.com. There will also be a sign-up sheet at June's meeting.



Top Photo: The Bennett Cabin's exterior. Middle Photo: Interior shot of various artifacts including a stove and mugs for sale. Bottom photo: The train set on display inside the cabin. All photos taken by Jill Ocone.



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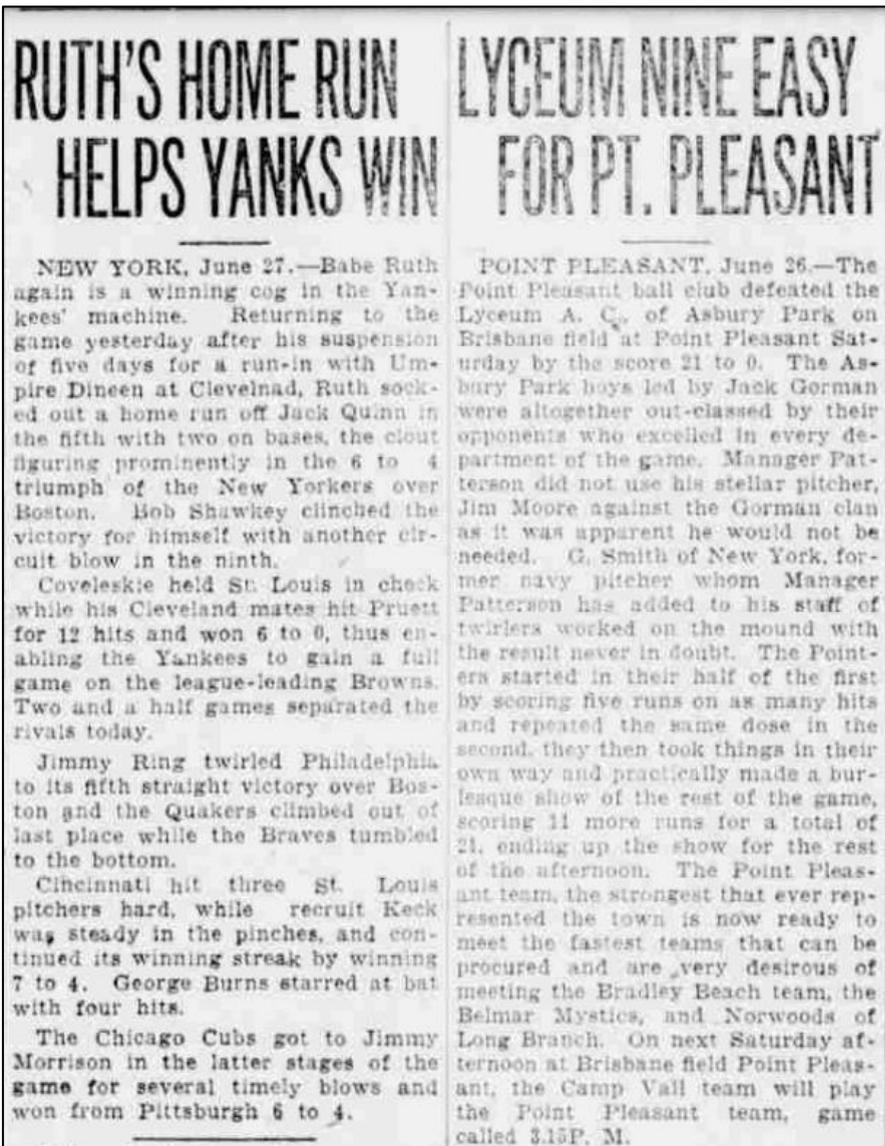
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## Hospitality Volunteer(s) Needed

The Point Pleasant Historical Society is seeking a volunteer or a team of people to take charge of the Hospitality Committee starting in September 2022. Duties include coordinating and providing coffee and refreshments at the end of each monthly meeting (September, October, November, March, April, May, June) as well as coordinating a cookie drive for the annual Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration held at the Bennett Cabin in Point Pleasant's Riverfront Park each December. Anyone interested in volunteering their services for this rewarding position should contact Sharon Morris at (732) 892-8827.

We thank Sharon Morris for spearheading the Hospitality Committee for countless years and Judy Gruendling for her valuable help.



## 100 Years Ago: June 27, 1922

The image to the left is from Page 15 of the June 27, 1922 Asbury Park Evening Press. Whereas the Point Pleasant ball club defeated the Lyceum Nine of Asbury Park by a score of 21 to 0, the article to its left chronicles a Yankees win courtesy of a Babe Ruth home run. Ironically, Ruth had just returned from a 5-day suspension for a run-in with an umpire in Cleveland.

### Cost of Everyday Items in 1922

- **Eggs:** 35 cents a dozen
- **Mixed Nuts:** 25 cents a pound
- **Heinz's Large Dill Pickles:** 6 for 25 cents
- **Famous Union Brand Coffee:** 24 cents a pound
- **Loaf of Bread (16 oz.):** 5 cents
- **Allentown's Best Butter:** 52 cents a pound
- **Fresh Made Liver Pudding:** 18 cents a pound
- **Sweet Tangerines:** 30 cents a dozen
- **Pure Lard:** 11 cents a pound
- **Pork Chops:** 20 cents a pound
- **Good Home-Made Pork Sausage (it's good!):** 25 cents a pound

**Source:** Union Meat Market advertisement in *The Morning Call* newspaper out of Lehigh, Pennsylvania.