

Parade Ushers in Holidays

Nothing brings smiles to so many adults and children like a parade, and the Pine Knoll Shores Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, was no exception. Residents and visitors lined Oakleaf Drive and marveled at the many cheerful marchers and riders all decked out in colorful attire and traveling in festively decorated floats

and vehicles. Leading the parade, a color guard detail from Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune was greeted with cheers and applause as they marched by. Adding to the jubilant festivities were numerous dignitaries, including Grand Marshal Mayor Joan Lamson. Captivating everyone was

the adorable dog float with precious pets showing off for the crowd. The aquarium's unique float was a major highlight and the West Carteret High School band and ROTC marchers added lots of pizzazz. Last but not least, the arrival of the one and only Santa topped off what was undeniably a magical occasion.

All in all, it was a great day and just about as traditional as you can get for ushering in the holiday season and welcoming everyone to "Christmas on the Island." Thanks to Darlene Smith and Jacquie Pipkin for spearheading the event and to all the many parade participants for contributing to a great annual occasion.



Santa Claus (aka John Riso) greets the crowd.



The Women's Club banner bearers are Barbara Baccollo and Sheila Doyle.



Garden Club members truck on down.

BLT's Best Tom's Cats For First Half Crown

On Monday, December 15, the Ancient Mariners Bowling League pitted the top two teams against each other to determine a champion of the first half of the season. Boasting a record of 28 wins and 16 losses the BLT's faced Tom's Cats, the number two team with a record of 27 wins and 17 losses. The BLT's team included Lois Kacmarcik, Tom Garry and Bob Slater and the Tom's Cats featured Vivian MacDonald, Diane Thomas and Tom Martynowski. The BLT's won the first game by 40 pins and Tom's Cats came back to capture the second game by a single pin. But the BLT's came back strongly and proved victorious by winning the third game, achieving the highest total

score for the match and winning the crown for the first half of the season.

The second half of the bowling season will begin January 5 after the Christmas and New Year's break. Each of the 12 teams will begin this second half with a fresh record and have an equal chance to become the second half champion. On Monday, March 23, if the BLT's win the second half of the season they will be declared overall champion and the season will be concluded. In the event another team wins the second half championship a roll-off will be held between that team and the BLT's on Tuesday, March 24 to determine the overall league champion.