

A SUMMER PARADISE

Buck Island at Corolla, NC
September 24 – October 1, 2006
By Rod Dawson



The main contestants arrived on Sunday. After unpacking and putting away all that was unpacked (an ordeal there) everyone checked out the house, the pool and the beach. What a beautiful house on the oceanfront with a large living room, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, heated pool and hot tub, seven bedrooms and 6 and half baths! Bedrooms were assigned and Deb made sure everything was secure.

After an evening of relaxation and enjoying Catherine and Dawson, the arrival crew hit the bed for a good nights rest.

Rod, Sybil and Aunt Anne arrived Monday afternoon. As soon as they unpacked, bathing suits were in order and everyone hit the beach, the heated pool and the hot tub! Rod had a ball with Dawson and Catherine in the pool. The first step to the pool was Catherine's and the next step was Rod's and, believe it – that remained true through out the week, Catherine claiming her step and assigning Rod his step! Dawson didn't care as long as he was in the pool. He loved the water and would have taken off swimming had we turned him loose with his hands and feet going like a pro swimmer. What a water boy, there! He and his Uncle Rod enjoyed the pool and getting acquainted. Deb was our Director and kept everyone in line. Don't mess with Deb! We had some good laughs there.



The evenings found Edie, Mary Evelyn, Deb and Aunt Anne playing 10,000 while the rest of the gang relaxed chatting, reading or out on one of the decks enjoying the sound of the ocean. The days and evenings were idyllic.



A shopping spree at Duck was planned mid week. There are so many quaint shops with assorted gifts, clothes and end of the year sales. Catherine was quite a shopper! Lunch was at Fishbones and everyone tried something different. The food was excellent. Then back to the house at Buck Island and the hot tub, swimming and relaxing again. We all should have looked like prunes from being in the water so much.

Gayle 'Butch' Hubbard and wife Julia, son Jason, and niece Ashley arrived Friday evening. Christina Hubbard and her son, Troy, arrived Saturday to give us a full house. The boys checked out the pool immediately!

There is no way to say 'Thank You' to Angel for such a wonderful week with the family in such a beautiful setting. We all tried but fell lacking for the right words.