

## Beach cleaner-upper honored by neighbors

Dossie Perkins — Rio del Mar's one-woman beach cleanup squad — was honored Sunday afternoon by her neighbors, the members of the Rio del Mar Improvement Assn.

Mrs. Perkins has been conducting a single-handed war against the litter left behind by visitors at Rio del Mar's Hidden Beach for the last 6½ years.

The Association, at its annual meeting Sunday afternoon, presented Mrs.

Perkins with a plaque, making her the first member of the Association's Cordon of Honor.

The award was created earlier this year by the Association's board of directors to honor those who make an outstanding contribution to the community.

Her campaign has attracted public attention and prompted the county parks department to provide limited cleanup for the publicly owned beach below the sewage pump

station.

Mrs. Perkins continues her cleanup efforts along the remainder of the publicly-used beach.

After she received the award from Association director Mel Deerwester, Mrs. Perkins said she was grateful to the other community members who have helped clean up the beaches, and to Green Sheet reporter Candace Atkins for an article last May on her activities, and for spotlighting the beach litter problem.