



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2006

This months headlines:

Conservation project start this month, let's show that we do care for our beaches, the dates are posted below. Plan to help out this year.

Peter Murray receives Sportsman of the Year award from The Massachusetts Sportsman's Council

Presidents Report

Well a sure sign of spring is when the Sportsman shows are behind us and the Conservation Projects are facing us. It must be April! I want to take this opportunity and personally thank Tom Gagnon and his crew for putting on an outstanding presentation of the club at the Sportsman shows this year! The booth looked great, and the old pictures and lures were eye catching to all who walked past. The weather appears to be turning for the best, I hear the Herring are starting to run and the schoolies are right behind them. This means you should bring a fishing rod to the spring clean ups. I hope to see everyone out and participating in this years spring projects. Peter Murray has been conversing with all the beach managers, and there is plenty of work to be done to get our beaches ready for the season. Please come on down and support YOUR CLUB! On the political scene, the O'Leary's Ocean Bill remains locked up in the state ways and means committee. I have received and read a copy of the U.S. Park Services request to dismiss the Blue Water Law suit. Hopefully this will be all that it takes to stop this action. I will keep all informed of any changes via the message board on our web site. The 56th annual Spring Meet is scheduled for May 19-21, 2006 at Scusset Beach State Park. George has some great new ideas for this years meet, I am keeping them a secret for right now, but I am sure getting hungry thinking about it! The MBBA will be fielding a fishing team for the 2nd annual MS club fishing derby sponsored by RISAA on June 2-4, 2006 in Rhode Island. If you would like to participate and want more information on this derby please contact me online or at home. Lets hope for a warm spring and I hope to see everyone on the beach!

For Access and Conservation, Don Fillman, President

Vice Presidents Report

The Spring Meet preparations continue, with applications being filled out and donations coming in. Beg letters are still available if anyone needs some.

Volunteers are always welcome at the Spring Meet.

During the time since the last meeting a lot has happened. Two council meetings were attended with good information coming from them. The sportsman's shows at Standish, Foxboro, and Providence also were held and went well. Attendance was good. Many donations came from the shows and are very much appreciated. Talking to vendors, exhibitors and show goers is informative and an enjoyable experience. Hats of to Tom for a job well done. The snow is falling this morning and that seems to put a cloud over having prepped the camper for buggy projects that start this month.

Looking forward to the Council Banquet on Saturday.

George Cairns, Vice President

Executive Vice President's Report

Well the shows have ended with good success and attendance. I'd like to thank Don and George and all those who helped with setup or manning the booth. The booth took on a new look with a mix of old and new club adventures. Hopefully if all goes as promised we'll be getting some old club pieces for the display. On to spring meet and cleanups and hoping for a great spring meet as always.

Tom Gagnon, Executive Vice President

Board of Directors Chairman's Report

March is over and as I'm writing this I want to reflect on how I saw things progress during the past month. The first thing that comes to mind is the way our club was represented at the Sportsman's Shows. I think Tom Gagnon is doing a great job, making improvements to the booth, and setting up, so the booth is ready on time for each show.

I know from experience that his job is not an easy one, it requires intense preparation and the show materials have to be maintained and organized. Those preparations are what make show booth set-up more efficient and the booth look more professional to the show goers. I think Tom deserves our thanks for accepting the responsibility and carrying out the duties of Executive Vice President and running the Sportsman's Shows.

I also want to recognize those members who helped Tom out with show booth coverage. Without the help and support of other members this would have been a daunting task that would burn out the hardest worker in no time. It is very important that all of us remember our responsibility to step up and help when needed. This is how we keep that most precious resource we have, the people who take on the tough jobs and are always there for our club.

The hard work has just begun and we have the beach projects and Spring Meet to keep us busy until it's time again to hit the beaches. So remember, do your due diligence and carry your load for the cause. Freedom is not free, we all have to chip in to maintain access and support the conservation effort.

Lets get some of the new members to our monthly Board of Directors meetings. For anyone who does not know they are:

The first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00PM at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Rd, Lakeville MA. The meetings are smoke free and we serve refreshments at the break. This is a good time to meet the Officers and Directors and Courtesy Patrol members are also expected to attend.

Vic Medeiros, Chairman of Board of Directors

BEACH REPORTS:

Provincetown

Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100

Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

ORV ROUTE INFORMATION

The beach will open on April 15th.

The Conservation Project for 2006 is scheduled for May 6th.

Opening day for ORV permit sales is *Wednesday, March 29, 2006*

The number of annual permits sold at the Over sand station will be limited to 150 per day. This means annual permits will be available from March 29 to April 17 at a minimum. (they were available for the entire 2005 season). People are encouraged to consider arriving on dates other than the first day or the first weekend.

Vehicles will not be allowed in any Cape Cod National Seashore parking area before 6:00 AM on any day during the opening of the season. Anyone with a vehicle in any parking area before 6:00 AM will be denied a permit that day.

Call the Off-Road Information Line for station hours, current driving conditions, closures and other information: (508) 487-3698

4-Wheel/All Wheel Drive Vehicles or Self-Contained recreational vehicles must have: a valid state registration, inspection sticker, insurance, tires meeting standards outlined in this brochure and all required accessory equipment. Rental vehicles are prohibited.

Note from April 11th... *The seasonal ORV permit sales are going even smoother this year as compared to last year. We started out selling app. 110 permits per day for the first week (didn't sell out any day). Now it has slowed down to about 60 - 80 permits per day. The weekly permit sales are following suit, where there isn't the big push early in the season. It appears that people have confidence enough in permits being available when they come out for there first visit that they aren't making the special trip in early spring just to get their permits.*

As of this afternoon (04/10), we have sold 988 ORV seasonal permits and 96 SCV seasonal permits - 1,083 total.

Craig Thatcher - North District Ranger

I will keep the message board on the web site up to date as sales go on; <http://www.mbba.net/message.htm>

Peter Murray, Beach Rep.

Duxbury Beach

I would like to thank all those hardy folks who braved another beautiful rainy 40 degree day at Duxbury Beach for the clean-up. There aren't any significant changes this year at Duxbury Beach. The stickers are the same price as last year and are available at the Duxbury Town Hall. The only thing the Beach Committee is working on right now is trying to develop a program to reduce the trash on the beach. They are considering an informational program for this year and including information in next years sticker package about a carry in carry out type policy. They are concerned with the amount of debris accumulating on the beach during the course of the summer and feel that the beach would benefit from a well informed public. Otherwise the rest of the rules and regulations remain the same as last year

Dave Cole, Beach Rep.

Sandy Neck

Sandy Neck is showing signs of Spring with Piping Plovers being sighted from the 1.1 mile marker all the way out to the Point. I will keep you posted on the current "Plover Status" as it affects the beach. The symbolic fencing posts have been put up and the project for Sunday, April 30th, which includes general cleanup and fencing, may also include attaching the rope to the posts for the symbolic fencing.

The beach is very low and the tide comes up to the toe in many spots (between Trails 2 and 4) so watch the tides before going out and for up-to-date information, call the Gatehouse (508-362-8300).

The Gatehouse is open for business (sticker sales, Sandy Neck Merchandise, etc.) daily from 9am-4pm. All "first-time" 2-wheel drive campers must call the Gatehouse in advance and set up an appointment for their inspection sticker.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Fillman, Beach Rep.

Plum Island

The Friends of the Wildlife Refuge had a beach cleanup at Parker River Wildlife Refuge on Saturday March 25th. Nancy and Rick Brown represented the MBBA. The refuge dump truck was not used to remove trash that was bagged so bags were carried to the main road for removal.

The beach condition is getting better with the sand building up.

Joe T. fished on Saturday April 1st and the report is nothing yet

George Cairns, Beach Rep.

Plymouth Beach

Id like thank everyone that came out Sunday to help with the conservation project. The clean up went well and we collected a good amount of trash. We were suppose to do some fence repair but the town didn't get the materials n time. I spoke with the Natural Resources Dept. They thank us for a job well done.

Richie Newbert, Beach Rep.

Scusset Beach

As of this date the area around the boardwalk, the beach building and the parking lot area need trash pickup attention. A lot of the fencing is down near the boardwalk & beach area and can be reused again. Help is requested to assist with this at the project. At this time Scusset has no new rolls of fence however; they do have a lot of 2x4 posts that can be used for repair work. The renovation of the building @ the fish pier is almost completed except for the telephone lines and additional lawn work. After which the state and the contractor will inspect the project and sign the paperwork. The target date is in April. Affective April 20th the water in the park will be turned on and they hope no serious leaks will be found in the system. Many early spring campers have started to arrive & spend weekends at the park.

Ann Bruneau, Assistant Beach Rep.

Conservation Report

The projects are listed below, of course all of the Beach Reps and beach managers are hoping for a great turnout. Please put some time aside on these upcoming weekends to **lend a hand and show that we really do care about our beaches.**

Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman

Membership Secretary

We are nearing the cut off point for the handbook listings if you have not renewed your dues yet, please do it now so you can be included in the handbook.

If you have any questions please contact Kristen Bumpus mbba1542@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3rd., 2006, MBBA Monthly meeting in Lakeville @ 7PM

Spring Meet is the weekend of May 20 & 21

2006 Conservation Projects

April 22	Salisbury Project
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April 29	Chapin Beach
April 30	Sandy Neck Beach
May 6	Race Point Beach
May 7	Nauset Beach
May 13	Scusset Project