



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2006

Presidents Report

It's June! And time to go fishing. But we are starting to experience an early hatch of Plovers and the closures that go with them. Please know that your Beach Reps are working closely with the Beach Managers to make the best of this situation. Please call ahead to your prospective beaches to get the up to date information. We will strive to keep the Web Site message board updated, but managing Endangered Species is a very dynamic situation and can change from day to day and hour to hour. We had a great time at Spring Meet 2006! Thanks to George and his committee for doing such a tremendous job. I want to especially thank all the club volunteers that came out and pitched in where needed. You are what make this such a great organization. Junior Conservation Camp will be held in August and the MBBA will be finalizing the applications at the June Board of Directors Meetings, which will be the last until September! I would like to wish everyone a great summer and great fishing at what ever spot you choose. Remember, that Fall Banquet will creep up on us soon, and your Beach Reps and Officers will have Banquet Tickets. Our New Banquet Chairperson, Gail Amaral is anticipating a great turnout, and we will be holding our Annual Club Officers Elections. If you would like to be considered for a position, or would like to nominate a member to an elected position, please contact Eric Bumpus or any of his committee or your Beach Rep.

For Access and Conservation, Don Fillman, President

Vice Presidents Report

The 56th annual Spring Meet was another rewarding experience. The organization and execution of the event by such a large group of hard working club members is something everyone can be proud of. Visits from state dignitaries provided stimulating dialog for sometime afterwards and forwards. The Plover walk with Sharon Fee from national Audubon, on Saturday morning was an enlightening event enjoyed by all that took the walk. Personal lives often merge with public lives and I want to thank everyone who filled in on Saturday in my absence. For all that stayed on Sunday to break down the tent and pick up from the event, a personal Thank You! The breakdown was done in record time and was very welcome after spending days on the hot top. The donations from other clubs, businesses and individuals were amazing. Please mention the club when purchasing from donors, thanks to all that donated. The MBBA is a strong club and will remain so as long as we all pull together. Please support the club by participating in club activities it shows you care.

George Cairns, Vice President

Conservation and Dune Management Report

Thanks again to everyone that took the time to come out for the projects. In the fall we will be back at Horseneck to put up the fence, this is always a fun project as we have the campground to ourselves and we are right next to the ocean. I hope to see a great turnout! Have a great summer, catch lots of fish and remember "We care about our beaches" and we prove it with our projects and our attitude.

Peter Murray, Chairman



2006 Curt Calabrese Award winner, Jessy Snell with President Fillman

Board of Directors Chairman's Report

Now that the beach projects and the Spring Meet Behind us I would like to thank everyone who supported the MBBA in these endeavors and stepped up when there was work to be done. I want to thank George Cairns for another successful MBBA Spring Meet as well as everyone who came forward when help was needed. We should also appreciate the individuals and businesses that supported our raffles that pay for the event. The visit from Lt. Governor Kerry Healy was a nice surprise for all of our members, and appreciated by our other guests as well.

I also want to recognize Peter Murray for his contributions as Conservation Committee Chairman and congratulations for "Sportsman of the Year". Now that the beach project schedule is over we should look back at another very productive season. Peter has done a great job of pulling the schedule together and handling logistics, authorizations and permits. The result of all this is that our volunteers logged numerous work hours and accomplished an enormous amount of work on our state's beaches.

The last Board of Directors meeting before the summer break was Wednesday June 7, 2006. Even though the MBBA takes a July and August summer break from the meeting schedule, it does not mean that all work stops. The summer season often brings with it beach issues that have that must be dealt with in a timely manner. Communication is crucial and we are lucky to have many modern conveniences, with mobile communications being the rule and not the exception, people can get up to date word from the beach by going to our website (mbba.net) an viewing the message board. Many of our Officers, Directors, Beach Reps and Courtesy Patrol are contributors to this source of information. We will also try to keep the Beach Reports as current as possible. If you are aware of something that needs to come to our attention, please contact one of the Courtesy Patrol members so anything that needs prompt attention can be taken care of on the spot, referred to the appropriate authority, or brought to the Executive Board. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, with great weather and lots of fish.

Vic Medeiros, Chairman of Board of Directors



2006 Sportsman of the year, Old What's-his-name

BEACH REPORTS:

Nauset Beach

Ladies and Gentleman,

Here is the latest report for Nauset Beach...

As of 6/7/06 Nauset Beach is closed to ORV traffic from trail 7 to the south barricade. Unfortunately, there is a good chance that the birds that are nesting at the Pochet wash-over will hatch some time this month (June) and therefore, pose the threat of closing ALL of Nauset beach to ORV traffic. This is something I can assure you that both towns are trying to avoid. If any alternative measures that the towns are submitting to the state are accepted, the towns of Orleans and Chatham will make the necessary changes to allow Nauset Beach to remain open to ORV's. I certainly understand the frustration that is starting to build with the numerous issues that are surrounding us due to the piping plover. As stated in an above post, the MBBA Officers, Board of Directors and general attendance at last night's meeting spent hours discussing what WE AS A ORGANIZATION can do to look deeper into what is going on with this threatened species. Several of us did not get home until after midnight last night. It's obvious that we have a steadily growing issue on our hands and it is time to work together as a team. It's a proven fact that power is in numbers and it's time to do something about this.

My suggestion right now is to stay in touch with your beach reps., this is very important. Keep in mind that this message board is a great tool and thousands of people read our posts. Therefore, don't let your frustrations out on this message board, give your beach rep a call or drop an email. Again, I can assure you, your organization and the local beach managers are trying their best to keep these beautiful beaches open for all to coexist and to enjoy. Keep your head up and don't give up...

Scott Morris

MBBA Nauset Beach Representative

Provincetown

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ORV ROUTE INFORMATION

We are well into Plover Season and have a bunch of pairs nesting and a bunch that could potentially nest in the ORV corridor. There are nests near the entrances to the south and north SCV areas and as of today both SCV areas are closed, the Pilgrim Heights parking lot is our only camping area right now. Hopefully the fair weather will hold, the birds will fledge soon and be gone, keep your fingers crossed!

There is lively debate ongoing on the web site message board, check it out and add your own two cents worth, it's a good way to see how our members feel about the beach, its management and even your MBBA beach rep.!

6/7/06

Race Point north is open except for the 1/10th of a mile stretch near the hatteras ramp, there are other nest of concern on the north side that are due to hatch soon and will restrict travel.

Race Point south is closed due a nest just north of the access trail that hatched 4 chicks last week, there are two more nests in the area of the SCV area that are due to hatch on or around the 22nd.

Unless things change we are looking at a 4th of July like years past, very crowded, and not much beach. High head is very narrow this year and there is a nest just north of the access trail.

We are looking at some alternate areas to alleviate some of the pressures, I will try to keep the message board up to date and recommend that everyone call ahead before making the long drive only to be disappointed.

As always please contact me if you have any questions or need any help.

Peter Murray, Beach Rep.

Sandy Neck

As of Tuesday, June 6th, the beach is only open to Trail 4 (3.3 miles) due to Plover chicks. Between Trails 4 and 6 there are 6 nests and 3 have hatched. Total nests accounted for on Sandy Neck, as of June 6th, are 25 with a large number of chicks out on the Point. At the 1.1 mile marker, the nest was predated and we are waiting for the pair to renest. This year, the State has directed there are to be no closures as in the past; therefore, the nests are marked symbolically with rope, stakes and signs on either side of the nest. The Terns are setting up at the 3.5 mile marker and between Trails 5 and 6.

Stickers are available at the Gatehouse (Hours: 9am-4pm)(Tel: 508-362-8300). Sandy Neck has promotionals for sale: T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and stickers with all of the proceeds going directly to Sandy Neck.

Will keep you posted on beach access via the MBBA Message Board. Any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at fgl3@adelphia.net.

Cathy Fillman, Beach Rep.

Plum Island

The floods of May have caused major disruptions in Spring boating and fishing rituals. Boat docks have been ruined and tons of debris deposited on the beaches. The town beach was cleaned up but the Refuge beach still remains to be cleaned. I will inquire at an up coming meeting if there are any plans to clean the Refuge beach.

Small fish are abundant and some larger fish are being taken.

Go Fish Day is September 16th.

George Cairns, Beach Rep.

Plymouth

There's been a mix of blues and bass in Plymouth harbor. It's been said that a few have been caught of Plymouth beach. As of my last monthly debris survey there were several pairs of plovers making their home in the sand and many least terns enjoying there time in the sun. June is here and I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy there beach that they call home.

Richie Newbert, Beach Rep.

Horseneck Beach

News from Horseneck is they didn't get some of the fence we did this past fall down before the plovers moved. Now they are using some of the fence to guard against foot traffic. Other than that beach is in fine shape.

Brad Laursen, Beach Rep.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24th 3PM, Blessing of the Fleet Parade, Provincetown

August 18 & 19, UMS Meeting hosted by MBBA & MSBA @ Sandy Neck Beach

September 6th., 2006, MBBA Monthly meeting in Lakeville @ 7PM

Sept 16th , GO Fish day @ Parker River

Sept 22-24, Everill MacKay Fishing derby @ Sandy Neck Beach