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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2006

Editor: Peter Murray

Presidents Report

I hope everyone is having a great fall! Fishing is picking up! The 2006 Everill MacKay derby was a great success. We had a smaller turn out this year and as always the fishing was a little slow, but in the end Fred Amaral came away as the winner with a 29" Striped Bass. The Women's Division was won By Nancy Brown with a 19" Striped Bass, and Ashley Smith won the Junior Female Division with a 17" Striped Bass. The Horseneck Beach Project went Great and thanks to all that came and supported this event. I think this project won the food award as we had two types of Chile, Chowder, fried and steamed hot dogs, homemade brownies and cookies! Congrats to Brad and his Courtesy Patrol Bob and Sue Kelly. The Access Committee and I met with officials from US Fish & Wildlife on Thursday, 12 October to discuss the letter we sent to them in July. After a lengthy meeting we came away with a good feeling of cooperation. The MBBA and USF&W have agreed to work with the towns and the state to try and come up with an section ten permit for a short term fix. We are still pursuing a long term management plan of the plover. I will keep all informed as to our progress with these issues. On October 20th-22nd Team MBBA traveled to Rhode Island to compete with 11 other Surf Fishing Clubs in the MS Surf Fishing Club Challenge. All proceeds went to the MS Society. In all we came in tenth, but combined we donated over \$1200.00 dollars to the MS Society. This was a great time; we fished several locations and spent time with the Rhode Island Mobile Sportsman Club on their property in Charlestown RI. The next MS derby will be held the weekend of June 8th-10th in Rhode Island. We have the Fall Banquet coming up quick on October, 28th, please try to make this one, as it is always a good time. Remember the election of Officers is happening at this function. I hope to see a super turn out. Have a great fall

For Access and Conservation, Don Fillman, President

Vice Presidents Report

September went by to quick, Go Fish, Everill Mackay are past and Horse neck and RI and Fall Banquet are ahead. Numbers are down for attendance at events, so for the few remaining please show some club support and attend even for a short time.

We went out to the Sportsman Council meeting on the 1st and listened to Kerry Healy and Reed Hillman talk of future plans if they can get elected, they are favorable for sportsman.

The Council put on a good spread of coffee and donuts and sandwiches for lunch.

Banquet tickets are on sale now, if you need tickets see your beach reps or club officers.

Meetings are also on the schedule for beach issues and will take priority in the up coming months.

Hope to see you at a club function.

George Cairns, Vice President

Board of Directors Chairman's Report

I want to start my report by thanking everyone who showed up at the September Board of Directors Meeting. I left our meeting thinking "why can't we have nearly 40 members in this room every month?" Let's keep up the good work and continue the support that keeps this organization going. I am sorry I could not be at the Go Fish Day, or Everil MacKay Derby this year. I have family obligations that pre-date both events.

That said, I want to congratulate the derby winners, Fred Amaral, Nancy Brown, and Ashley Smith, and thank everyone who supported the Derby and Plum Island Event.

I intend to participate in the Horseneck Beach project in Westport MA, the MDA Tournament in RI, and hope to see you all at the Fall Banquet at the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, MA.

The Fall Banquet is a crucial part of the MBBA's calendar of events. It is one of two annual General Membership Meetings where important decisions, requiring a quorum of our membership to vote on, are handled. This annual event hosts the election of our officers. These are the people who will represent our club at our functions as well as at public meetings, hearings and on committees that concern our future beach access.

We all need to stick together and support the MBBA in its events and activities to promote what we value so much. As we saw this past summer, it does not take much misfortune to shut us out from what we cherish. Support the cause.

Directions to The Lakeville Lions Club.

From North:

Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville.

At the end of the ramp bear right and continue on Route 105 for a mile or so and then begin looking for the Lakeville Lions Club sign on the left. At the sign go left on Staples Shore road and as the road curves right, in front of the club, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

From south:

Take Route 25 (495 North) to Route 105 in Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp (facing McGee Chevrolet) take a left on Route 105 and follow 105 for a mile or so and begin looking on your left for the sign for the Lakeville Lions Club. At the sign go left on Staples Shore Road, and as the road curves right, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

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, extension 110

Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

ORV ROUTE INFORMATION

The beach is open from Hatches Harbor to Head of the Meadow; there are some steep angled cuts. Although we are back on the beach remember June & July! There is a ton of work to do and your help and support will be required to get it done and make next year better. I still encourage you to write a letter to the park service with your comments and questions concerning the beach and closures. Address them to: George Price, Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02633.

The beach has taken a beating from the recent storms and I am always amazed with the amount of sand that moves and how deep the cuts and drop offs can be after a storm. I just saw 8 to 13 foot swells predicted for the weekend with a 30 MPH Northeast wind, so I expect we will see more erosion as the beach moves into the fall & winter mode. I have reports of some nice fish being taken (from the boats).

Peter Murray, Beach Rep.

Plum Island

The Refuge beach is open until October 31st for drive on. Fish are being caught Bass and Blues are running the beach, fish of 22 and 27 lbs have been weighed in recently.

Go Fish day was the 16th of September and despite logistical problems the event was a huge success. Thank You to all that participated in putting it on. While Go Fish was being put on there was also a beach cleanup sponsored by another group who paid ten dollars to pick up trash, what a deal! The beach is still loaded with wood and caution is still needed when driving the beach.

Last Saturday Joe T was coming on beach when he noticed a large sea clam eating a seagull, that's right the bird had stuck it's beak in a live clam and the clam clamped down. The bird was unable to fly or walk very well. Joe and another beach goer were able to pry the clam open with a screw driver and free the bird. Way to go Joe!

George Cairns, Beach Rep.

Sandy Neck Beach

The front beach is open to Trail 6. There is a designated ORV Fishing Area east of Trail 6 for Active Fishing Only for 1 Complete Tide Cycle (includes 1 low & 1 high) and No Camping is allowed in this designated fishing area.

The Gatehouse, effective October 16th, will be open Sunday--Tuesday 9am-5pm and Wednesday-Saturday. For up-to-date information regarding tides, beach conditions, etc., call the Gatehouse (508) 362-8300.

Americorp assisted Sandy Neck staff in taking down the symbolic fencing. This year, the snow fence installed by the MBBA at the toe of the dune by the parking lot, will not be taken down.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at fgl3@adelphia.net.

Cathy Fillman, Beach Rep.

Conservation & Dune Management

The Horseneck Beach project was a complete success with 34 volunteers coming out to help put up a bunch of fence for sand conservation. We had 20 campers in the campground and the weather was excellent. The food provided by the Horseneck Courtesy Patrol (Sue & Bob Kelly) and their friends was excellent as always. The great part of the projects, besides the great feeling you get from doing conservation work is the get together's before and after the actual project, it's pretty cool to see everyone hanging out, talking and swapping stories, and the campfires with everyone around are wonderful. If you haven't tried it, make plans to attend a project next year, they are also an excellent way to teach the kids about conservation and to visit a beach you may not normally go to.

Peter Murray, Chairman

The 13th Annual Everill MacKay Derby was held on Sandy Neck Beach from 22-24 September 2006. This years weather was typical for a near fall weekend on Cape Cod, with a calm Friday night with a warm front moving through, to a strong Sou' westerly wind Saturday followed by a beautiful Sunday. This year's derby only saw 66 people participating with only 49 people actively fishing. The break down by division was:

- Adult Male – 35
- Adult Female – 10
- Junior Male -2
- Junior Female -2

For a total of 49 people fishing

The over all winner of the Derby with the largest fish was Fred Amaral with a 29" Striped Bass. Fred was awarded the Everill MacKay Perpetual Trophy, 2 Fall Banquet Tickets, where he will formally accept the trophy from Last Years Winner Jeff Berger.



All Davison winners were awarded Plaques, a Patch and a cash prize. This derby generated \$110.00 to the MBBA General Fund, and \$62.00 to the MBBA Legal Fund from Tee Shirt Sales. I hope everyone had a great time, and I look forward to next years Derby, lets make it one to remember. Thanks to all who helped me make this derby what it is today. Don Fillman



Women's Division Winner: Nancy Brown



Junior Female Division Winner: Ashley Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1, 2006, MBBA Monthly meeting in Lakeville @ 7PM