



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2009

Presidents Report

June is here and eventually we will get some warmer weather to match the month. For those that had attended spring meet, many got to see some sun for the first in many years of the event. I commend Wendy and her staff on a job well done as I know only so well the hard work and jitters that go along with running the event for the weekend. For those that didn't attend we had a bylaw change of our laws changing the amount of attending members from 100 to 50 attending members on good standing at our 2 business meetings. We had also talked about the upcoming Salt water fishing license as to some of the wording, where the money was going and what it was to be used for. After much discussion we all agreed to not endorse it until further information becomes available to make a better judgment of it. As the committee attends more meetings and information becomes available I will post on the website or as a mass emailing to those that had a email address in our data base. Please remember as the summer goes on that our Fall banquet is on Nov 7th in Bridgewater at a new location and new menu. See your beach rep for tickets or you can email me for tickets at 30.00 per person. Have great summer and lots of fish and fun.

Tom Gagnon, President

Vice President's Report

Well, well, well.....yet another spring meet is behind us. The weather this year was much more cooperative than in the past. Saturday ended up being a beautiful, bright sunny day and Sunday we had to contend with some wind and rain. Certainly not as bad as it could have been. Anyway, it seems that all in attendance had a good time. At the peak of the crowd on Saturday, 63 campers were counted in the parking lot. Considering the fact that our membership is down, I think we had a good turnout. I know graduations, kids' sports and other prior commitments kept some people away but that's an issue for any event. All in all, I was very pleased. I can not begin to think how many thank you's are due. So many members stepped up to help this year, it was incredible!! I cannot begin to list all the names; however, I do want to mention a few who were instrumental. Nancy Brown did an awesome job checking in members and taking care of membership in Jessy's absence. Sheila Sunman stepped up and took charge of the dessert table. Rose Carlson took care of the poster contest. Junior member Kayla Lomba did the scavenger hunt. Junior members Samantha Carlson and Kelsey Annis took care of the juniors raffle table, the games during the meeting and Kelsey also held an arts and crafts session. Peter Murray, Scott Morris and Tom Gagnon get huge thanks for answering my many questions along the way and giving me moral support. Vickie Conboy for the "Miss MBBA" contest. My daughter Diane arranged for the DJ and also made the chili for Saturday night dinner. My daughter Elena ran many last minute errands for me and helped with the Saturday night dinner. Warren and Sue Sentence cooked up and served the chowder. Past President Jim Evers and his wife Diane and their crew did a bang-up job at the grill cooking and serving dogs and burgers. Richard and Terry Sandstrom, Scott and Michelle Morris and their Nauset crew ran a great raw bar. Gail Amaral, Sue Kelly and Angela Bumpus worked their butts off at the Promotional table and they had Peter, Bobby and Erik as helpers. And Brad Laursen, you deserve a million thanks for being our awesome MC and giving up your entire weekend to do it. Thanks to everyone of you who stood for hours and sold raffle tickets, to those of you who got donations for the raffles or made items and donated them to the raffle tables, to those who were there for the tent raising, to those of you who stayed on Sunday to take the tent down and help clean up the area, to those of you who supported your club in one way or another. Each and every

person who attended Spring Meet deserves a big THANK YOU. Last but not least, Patrick, you deserve a really big thank you from me for all your help, support and understanding.

Now, onto next year, 2010; it will be our 60th year as a club. It's time to start thinking about a 60th celebration at next years Spring Meet. Any and all suggestions will be kept and considered.

As I sit and write this, I know that Race Point and Nauset are closed and Sandy Neck may only have another week or so before it is partially closed. Sandy Neck may be able to salvage about 1.5 miles to use until the birds are done doing what they do!! Have faith; keep supporting the club because the club never stops fighting for access. It may not seem that way but there are always communications ongoing with the officials from the various towns as well as state and federal officials.

Have a safe and healthy summer.....Tight lines and bright sunshine,

Wendy Bowles, Vice President

Chairman of the Board Report

I want to begin my report by thanking Wendy Bowles, and everyone who came to their assistance to make our 59th annual MBBA Spring Meet a successful event.

I was glad to see the good turnout for the General Membership Meeting. I was very proud to be selected for the "MBBA Sportsman of the Year". It seems strange winning an award for having fun and doing what you enjoy. Thank you all for your support and participation.

As we prepare for the Summer Season we need to prepare for challenges we can only imagine. Past experience has taught us that Beach Management and the whims of nature can deal some surprises and unexpected outcomes. We must understand that we are all in this together and should not let our frustrations impact on those we come in contact with. Remember this when you talk to other beach users and beach officials, because we all represent the MBBA.

After the June 3rd meeting, the Board of Directors will not meet until Wednesday September 2, 2009. That said, the MBBA is here with the web site message board, beach reports and the communication of our Officers, Directors, Courtesy Patrol, Beach Rep's and members. This will be how we keep our members and the beach users informed. We need to stay connected by sharing information in a timely fashion. I will do my part in this endeavor and am sure we will make the best of any situations we face this year.

See you all on the beach

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

BEACH REPORTS:

Sandy Neck Beach, Sandwich, MA

On June 8, Beach Rep Wendy Bowles and Assistant Beach Rep Patrick Paquette attended the monthly meeting of the Sandy Neck Advisory Board. There are currently 22 pairs of plovers (which is down from 30 pairs in 2008) calling Sandy Neck home! The beach is now open only 4.4 miles, which means it is open to Trail 5. There are plover nests at 1.6 miles (Trail 2) which may end up closing the beach beyond that point by the middle of June. The terns are back and causing the same issue as in years past. They have taken over the area just east of Trail 2. Right now it is impassable at the tern nesting area at high tide according to MBBA Director Don Shaw who was on the beach on the 8th. Check out the new website, sandyneckbeachpark.com for continued updates and as always, call the gatehouse at 508-362-8300 if ever in doubt about conditions of the beach.

In an effort to keep the beach family friendly as in years past, there will be zero tolerance regarding alcohol. Last year there were serious issues with open containers visible to all. The staff will not tolerate such behavior this year and have already removed offenders from the beach. The Barnstable Police Department will be making routine patrols on the beach periodically throughout the day and night and will always be available for a call if a problem should arise.

The beach now has 3 handicap beach wheelchairs for use, one for adults and one for children, each at the public beach and one for ORV use. (You would have to transport the chair yourself in or on your vehicle)

If and when the weather decides to cooperate, enjoy the beach when you can.

Wendy Bowles, Beach Rep thefisherwoman@comcast.net 508-367-3017

Plum Island, Salisbury, MA

The Strippers have arrived! They are in the river and out front, some reports of Flounder at the river mouth. The Refuge has seven nests of Piping Plovers with hatchings in two of them for a total so far of 7 chicks. Five and one half miles of beach shut down for seven nests. This info comes from the Eagle Tribune paper Wednesday June 3rd 2009.

The public beaches are crowded with fishermen and bathers and some conflicts have been noted. The Visitors center @ Parking Lot # 1 is being done over and Port-a- Potti's are available.

George Cairns, Beach Rep

Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

Currently as of May 13 there is a nest with eggs but beach access is still available. If in a month the pair is successful the beach travel will be restricted until all birds have fledged. The fishing has been great as the bay is finally becoming alive with Strippers and some mackerel. I will pick a date for the fall for our weekend at Chapin and maybe have a small derby for the weekend with enough attendance for such an event.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

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

It's June and the Plovers are hatching, this means that the beach will be closed until the young birds fledge a 27 – 30 day process, The South closed on June 2nd and the North is expected to close on June 8th. There are over 30 nests in the north district and unfortunately they don't all hatch at the same time, so we just have to wait it out. Presently there aren't any nesting activities on the pole line route so a section of the beach at the crossover could remain open for a while. There are nests North and South of High Head, but the beach is skinny and the trail off the beach is extremely steep this year. When we reach near or total closure all of the normal alternatives come into play if available, I will keep you informed on the message board as things change.

As the SCV areas close the parking lots will be available and fee's will be waived for oversand sticker holders at the three seashore beaches, Race Point, Herring Cove and Head of the Meadow.

Please make sure that your dog(s) are on leash at all times (and that you clean up after them), there are efforts to ban dogs altogether, lets not give them any ammunition to use against us.

Have a safe and happy summer, call or email if you need me.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Membership Secretary Report

Congratulations to all who helped pull off another wonderful Spring Meet. Thanks especially to Nancy Brown for assisting in my absence.

The 2009 directories were handed out at Spring Meet and those who were not there, yours will be in the mail before the middle of June. Remember, if you do not see your name listed, then you did not renew by March 15th.

Membership numbers for this year are down a bit, but not bad overall. Keep up the good work. Get your friends on the beach to join this summer to help support us. Applications are available on line.

Enjoy your summer, keep in touch. See you at the meeting in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached by emailing mbba217@comcast.net.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Merchandise

Check out the web page, this is pretty cool!

Sue Kelly

Conservation and Dune Management

Horseneck and Race Point projects are planned in the fall; I'll let you know dates as soon as arrangements are formalized.

Thanks to all of the great members that helped at the projects this year.

Remember the slogan "CARRY IN-CARRY OUT" this summer, always try to leave no trace that you were on the beach, Our code of ethics is very clear on littering and pollution, carry it off the beach and dispose of it in the proper receptacles, for those with pets this includes their wastes, **please do not bury it or throw it in the surf, you never know where kids will be playing in the sand or swimming.**

Also remember to throw your racks and fish wastes into deep water, leaving them in the open attracts unwanted predators and will also attract angry biologists (which could lead to a ticket).

Peter Murray, Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2nd. MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA

SUMMER READING:

ARTICLE XIII CODE OF ETHICS (*reprinted from our handbook*)

Section 1. Application

Strict adherence to the Code of Ethics, as hereinafter provided, is required of every member, while on or off the beaches of the Commonwealth; whether he is in a buggy or not. Violation and disregard of the Code will be cause for suspension; flagrant and repeated violators will have expulsion action, as prescribed in Article VI, Section 2, instituted against them.

Section 2. Code of Ethics

- 1. To enter and leave beaches in prescribed ways.*
- 2. To eliminate speeding and reckless driving.*
- 3. To respect local ordinances and the rights of property owners, particularly in regards to parking.*
- 4. To offer aid to any fisherman or buggy owner in trouble on the beach.*
- 5. To respect picnicking and bathing groups by (a) avoiding them whenever possible and, (b) slowing to a minimum speed when passing picnicking or bathing groups.*
- 6. Do not litter on the beach with any type of trash. Carry all trash and garbage off the beach and dispose of it in the proper receptacles or dump area.*
- 7. To leave no dead fish or bait of any kind above the high water mark. Fish carcasses to be disposed of according to how directed by Beach Use Authority.*
- 8. Use public toilets when available. When not, respect the beach and carry a portable toilet with you, and use it in the buggy. Refuse then to be carried off the beach and disposed of in the proper manner.*
- 9. To avoid overcrowding one area and elbowing other fishermen out of their chosen spots. This is particularly important when surf fishermen without buggies are concentrated.*
- 10. To leave the track when a halt is made, so that other buggies will not be forced to detour.*
- 11. To fill in the holes after getting stuck, and to avoid indiscriminately crisscrossing tracks.*
- 12. To observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach.*
- 13. To simplify passing of vehicles meeting head-on, on a single track: the driver who has the dunes on the right will be required to turn out of the track to the track to the right. This rule to be tempered by common sense in difficult circumstances.*
- 14. It is requested that all members carry extra-territorial insurance on their vehicles in Massachusetts.*

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER