



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2009

Chairman of the Board Report

I want to begin my report by thanking everyone who has stepped up to the plate for the MBBA this year. Lots of work has been done on behalf of this organization to promote our cause. I want to thank Rudy Sawyer and everyone who helped him with the show booth at the sportsman's shows. I want to thank Peter and everyone who helped with the beach projects.

After our last beach project, Scusset, we will have the MBBA Spring Meet, also at Scusset Beach State Park, the weekend of May 15-17, 2009.

Our Vice President Wendy Bowles is running this event, which brings the membership together in a weekend of fun, food, camaraderie and also lots of work. Our club hosts the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

This meeting is where all our members have a vote, and we call for your assistance in making important decisions on issues brought before the Officers and Board of Directors. This is where you, as a member, have a duty to vote on "By-Law" changes that are brought forward. Like the Fall Banquet, this is one of two annual General Membership meetings and your participation crucial.

For Officers, Directors, and Courtesy Patrol, this is a very busy weekend and we need and appreciate volunteers to help. Our Vice President Wendy Bowles needs our support so the event will be very successful. We need members to help with "set-up", the raffles, contests and food.

Please mark that weekend on your calendar and plan to be there. This is the last chance before the summer for the members who go to our beaches to get together. We need a good turnout this year, to support the work and goals of the MBBA.

P.S. We have one more Board of Directors Meeting, after the Spring Meet on Wednesday June 3, 2009, at the Lakeville Lion's Club.

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

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

BEACH REPORTS:

Sandy Neck Beach, Sandwich, MA

Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and the entire Sandy Neck Board thanked us for our participation at the beach project on April 26. I would also like to thank each and every one of you who participated that day to make

the project so successful. We got a lot of work done and had a beautiful day as well!! Did it turnout nice by lunchtime!! Thanks to Tom Gagnon and Patrick Paquette for being our "chefs" that day and thanks to all of you who brought goodies for dessert.

As far as the beach goes, it's narrow in spots but it is open at this time. The gatehouse will go to extended hours beginning Memorial Day weekend. There are 4 nests west of the public beach and lots of birds beyond the closure east of trail 6. There are birds along the whole beach but they have not chosen a spot yet. Hopefully they will all go beyond trail 6. Good place for them!! No terns yet but they're coming!! A few months back I reported of a new website SandyNeckBeachPark.com. Well, I misunderstood. It's in the works but not up and running yet but will be soon. As soon as I know, you will know as well. Nina will have current beach conditions posted which should help a lot as well as lots of other pertinent information. Obviously things can change in a second so when in doubt, call the gatehouse for up to date info. Also, stop in at the gatehouse 'because they have some new clothing products this year that are pretty nice. Nice hooded sweatshirts and great looking long sleeve t's.

As always, any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If I don't have the answer, I will get it for you. Tight lines!

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

Nauset Beach, Orleans, MA

First, I want to thank everyone who helped out with the beach cleanup on Sunday the 3rd. The beach is building in some spots, but I would not take a self contained out at exit 1, I would go out on exit 3. Paul Fulcher is now posting the beach conditions on the Town website http://orleansma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/OrleansMA_ORV/. He is also working on e-mail alerts and for those people who sign up, it will be a notification of any change's to the beach e.g.: closures, birds, or urgent messages. I will let you know when this will be available

Ed Cully, 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

The beach is open and in good shape fro Hatches Harbor down to exit 8, the sea life put on quite a show this last weekend during the project with different types of whales and dolphins, judging from the birds the water is full of bait.

Of course the symbolic fence is taking most of the beach at this time, hopefully as the birds nest it will get pushed back a bit, there were quite a few plovers around and 3 nests already with eggs.

The Conservation project was a great success, thanks to everyone that came out to help; we cleaned over 4 miles of beach, once again Bill & Angela Correia did a wonderful job with the food, and a good time was had by all.

The mission bell will be back in place this year after a long absence, the posts are up, just waiting for the bell. It is a great land mark from the beach and the boat, to let you know where you are.

The Rangers will be selling stickers at Spring Meet on Sunday.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

Shad are in the river and the Stripers are not far behind. The rumors of Bass being caught a couple of weeks ago could indicate there are hold over's.

The Newbury town officials are telling visitors to stay off the dunes. Recent construction on the town beach dunes and grass planting have suffered heavy damage by people walking along the top and sliding down the face and pulling out clumps of new grass.

Surfland now has a website with updated info <http://www.surflandbt.com/reports/>

I'm sure the birds have beach reservations, so enjoy what you can when you can!

George Cairns, Beach Rep

Membership Secretary Report

The 2009 Membership Handbook is done. Some will be available at Spring Meet the others will be mailed out by the end of May.

Those who haven't renewed need to do so immediately. Those who do not are dropped from our mailing list and we technically can reissue your number if you haven't renewed by April 1 – four months grace time (1-1 to 4-1).

Reminder: if I did not receive your renewal by March 15th, you were not listed in the directory. When you renew make sure to include your phone number and let me know if you have access to the internet or not to review our web page and newsletter. Our new web page is great and you can print a copy of the newsletter off to keep it you like. Please remember to drop me a postcard if you have a change of address, or if you notice that any portion of your address is incorrect.

Remember the Spring Meet is just around the corner May 15-17. I may not be able to be there this year. I may only be available for a short time on Saturday due to family issues. So if you plan on waiting till then to renew, your decals and cards will be mailed to you after spring meet. There will be renewal forms available for you to fill out. If you have already renewed, a list will be available so that you can pick up your directory.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer.....

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Merchandise

Check out the web page, this is pretty cool! See you at Spring meet.

Sue Kelly ,Chairperson

Angela Bumpus

Gail Amaral

Conservation and Dune Management

The 2009 Projects are done until Horseneck in the fall, we had excellent turnouts at the projects this year with a total of 125 members participating in multiple projects along with 38 guests, that's almost 900 hours of volunteer time and efforts for our beaches. This year we picked up trash, put up fences for sand conservation, planted beach grass, and even installed some symbolic fence to designate bird nesting areas. I would like to thank my assistant Erik Bumpus for his help and support and to congratulate the 6 members that made every project (a perfect 10), Rick Brown, Nancy Brown, Sue Kelly, Bob Kelly, Erik Bumpus and me. Our efforts are always appreciated where ever we go and I'm proud of how well we represent the MBBA, Thank you to everyone that participated.

Peter Murray, Chairman

Erik Bumpus

Danny Carnalli

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15, 16, 17

June 3rd

Spring Meet

MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA