



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR October 2009

Presidents Report

October is upon us and soon the old ritual of putting away the rig and fishing gear becomes a reality. For us die hards the last of the beach projects is soon to happen on the weekend of Oct 17 and 18 at Horseneck Beach in Dartmouth. If you never attended this project now is a good time to start as the food and fire after the project are well known by those that attend regularly. The same weekend is the M/S society tournament in RI. Where the few of us fish and mingle with the other clubs that donate to this cause. November starts with the directors meeting on the 4th and then Fall Banquet on the 7th. This is an important meeting as this where your officers are elected and awards to those that stand out for the club. It is in a new place and food with plenty of parking spaces for the rigs. All the info is on the website. We have put in process a new email update mailing to those that provide addresses that we can alert you to news and events upcoming in the club. Pleas when you renew that you include a up to date email address so you can be included in the process. Also if anyone has junior members or knows of junior members wishing to attend Conservation Camp please send your letters to me as I have one member already and have room for 3 more. This ends in January so get those letters out while still fresh in your minds. Also if you have any member you wish to nominate for the Sportsman/woman of the year and Calabrese award please send your nomination to me for an announcement of the winners in January.

Proposed 2010 Officers Slate

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Tom Gagnon, President

Chairman of the Board Report

I would like to start my report by thanking everyone for attending our Board of Directors Meeting. Let's keep up the good work and continue the support that keeps this organization going.

I want to thank everyone who came to the Race Point Clean-up. We made a huge difference in how the beach looks. So much of the debris that accumulates near the "Fore-dune Area", remains from year to year because the symbolic fence is put in place before our usual spring cleanup.

I see that the Horseneck Beach project in Westport MA, and the MS/MDA Tournament in RI, are on the same weekend. I haven't decided which event I will attend yet. I hope to see you all at the 2009 MBBA Fall Banquet on November 7, 2009 at the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society Club, 352 Broad St., Bridgewater, MA. For tickets contact Gail Amaral, or check with your officers or beach reps.

We decided to try a new venue again this year, and I think this will be a refreshing change as well. The Fall Banquet is a major part of the MBBA calendar of events. It is one of two annual General Membership Meetings where

important decisions, requiring a quorum of our membership, are voted on. This annual event includes the election of our officers.

These are the people who represent our club at public meetings, as well as at our functions and on committees that concern the future of beach access.

We also invite special guests and hold raffles to entertain ticket holders and give financial support to our organization. Order your banquet tickets, and come join us for a night of camaraderie, great food, and best of all to support your club.

We all need to stick together and support the MBBA in its events and activities to promote what we value so much. We were lucky to have a pretty good summer this year. Let's not get complacent, and forget how things can change. Support your club by attending the Banquet, Beach Projects and Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors meetings are held at the Lakeville Lions Club.

Our meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Road, Lakeville, MA. All members are welcome and the meetings begin at 7:30PM

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, Board of Directors Chairman

BEACH REPORTS:

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

The fishing at Wildlife Refuge has been good even though we have endured some heavy weed after several storms and gales.

The small snapper blues can be had by tossing tin or plug, they do not always bust water but casting to the small slicks will get you on.

Stripers can be very spotty or non existent during daytime hours.

The beach was very narrow at 5.5 miles down to Emerson rocks and was closed to vehicles.

Having no air up at the Refuge has been somewhat of a problem, but resourceful anglers have managed without that station. Surfland has been a big help by putting an air line out for those who need it.

A recent attack on a woman jogger on the Ipswich end of the island happened recently and Buggy member's #'s 37 and 30 assisted the woman and provided communication with several law enforcement agencies that apprehended the career offender. Having the vehicles on the beach in these remote locations is an added public safety factor.

The Topsfeild Fair was kicked off this year with a parade and Richard and Sheila Sunman had their buggy in the parade representing MBBA. The Plum Island Surfcasters invited the MBBA to split a booth with them again this year; Richard and Sheila also helped set that booth up and spent time manning the booth.

The Refuge closes the beach to vehicles on November 1st so get your time on now!

Don't forget the Fall Banquet and election meeting.

George Cairns

Plum Island Beach Rep

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

Well another summer is about to pass, while there are still some good fishing days left and also some good beach days. Horseneck is in fine shape with sand on the beach and when the wind blows from the North the beach this time of the year can be quite nice. Speaking of the beach we have a project coming up on the 23rd through the 25th. Like everyone else putting the campers away the beach also needs to be put away for the winter. We are hoping to have a good turn out for the fence project. I am sure the fun at the never ending fire and the food will be

just as good as it has been every year we have been doing this project. So come one and come all. As always we have the whole campground to ourselves. Hope to see you all there.

Brad Laursen
Horseneck 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 looks good from Hatches to High Head.

The conservation project on September 19th was attended by over 50 volunteers and the beach was cleaned from one end to the other, truck loads of trash were taken away, and everyone pleased by the results. Hopefully this will become a regularly club sponsored event. A very special thanks to the Park Service for their hospitality and support and thank you to everyone that came out to support the club.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Scusset Beach, 140 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562

Park Office (508) 888-0859, Reservations (877) 422-6762, www.reserveamerica.com

As a new member to the MBBA and I write my 1st Beach report I would like to thank all the current members for the warm welcome extended to myself and Charlene. We hope to contribute to the goals of keeping our beaches open and accessible to everybody.

John and his staff have done a great job at the State Park over the last 2 years with limited resources. Adding new signage, horseshoe pits, fire pit, low point drain in the group area as well as fresh water. Scusset was a busy place this year starting before the Spring Project and Spring Meet and beyond. We were lucky enough to spend some wet spring weekends there but that didn't have much effect on the campers, fisherman and residential Canal Lobsterman. The last 2 weeks of July we had some great weather fish pier was always busy along with the East end. The beach parking lot was generally closed by mid morning on the nice days. August gave us a couple of days and weather even better. All in all, with the economy the campground was full most of the summer. I'm sure you all know this, the camp ground goes on 1st come 1st served basis the weekend after Columbus Day (open Thursday-Sunday) with 30 amp electric, no water or dump. For those who have winter camped it doesn't get any better than this park. Hope to see everybody at the Horseneck Beach Project. Chip and Bob

Beach Reps

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Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

As of this writing the beach is in a rebuilding mode as it has been thinned by the early storms in June and has yet to recover. The new rules of the beach have been put in place and will continue for next year to help save what we all support and use. Fishing has been sparse but should change as the weather cools and fish start moving on their southerly migration. I am looking forward to meeting with the Natural resource officers in the winter months to prepare for the spring project.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Conservation and Dune Management

The Race Point fall conservation project was a tremendous success, over 50 volunteers came out on Saturday to help and support our efforts.

This was an opportunity to pick up trash previously left untouched because it was washed up on the high beach in the areas protected by symbolic fencing, from Hatches Harbor to High Head, truck loads of trash were hauled away, in the end we successfully cleaned well over 6 miles of beach, I heard many comments that on completion the beach looked wonderful.

I'd like to thank Fred & Janet Guidi for coming up with the idea and all of the support staff from the National Park service for their help and guidance, a very special thanks to Park Ranger Russ Hughes for his help and assistance during the project. Thanks also to the folks that left their own beaches to come to P-Town and help out, once again a great opportunity to show how much we care about our beaches and conservation.

For those that stayed after the project, Saturday nights' pot Luck supper was exceptional and the camp fire that followed wrapped up the day perfectly, thanks to the wonderful members that arranged, coordinated and cooked, the food was awesome.

I hope to see a good turn out at our last project of the year which is Horse Neck on October 24th.

Thanks again to everyone that participated for your support and dedication.

Peter Murray

Conservation Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 24th	Horseneck Conservation Project
November 4th.	MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA
November 7th	Fall Banquet
December 2nd	MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA

MBBA Banquet Notice

Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association

Annual Fall Banquet

Sat. November 7, 2009

New Venue

Portuguese Holy Ghost Society Hall

352 Broad St. (Route 18) Bridgewater, MA. 02324

Doors open @ 6:00 pm, Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Dinner @ 7:00 pm

\$30 Per person

Music & Dancing until midnight

New Food: Catering by Warren of Middleboro

New DJ,

please log onto www.djfowler.com and click on login; Select the date of your event and enter the password: PARTY (all caps); Here you will be able to make requests, create play lists, if you like, and much more.

Get your tickets from your beach reps or Gail Amaral @ gamaral3@verizon.net, 508-880-5087

Don't forget about the Beach Basket Raffle!

I've heard of 2 baskets already in the making!

Lets see who can do up the best one and

help the club with the money collected from the raffle.

Don't miss this important meeting and the election of new officers into the club.

And

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!