



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Presidents Report

Here it February and I am sure many are looking forward to spring and getting out in campers or trucks as this winter has been long and trying. Just a reminder that the renewals have been sent out from Jessy and get them back to her as soon as possible to help her from being flooded at Spring Meet. I have begun meeting with committees and updating the website. As I sit and write this letter, I remember back when I first joined the club how many people were involved in the cleanups and waiting in line to get into Spring Meet and looking for a spot to park. One of our goals for the upcoming year is to increase the numbers of our membership and attendance at our club functions. We must remember that as a group we will need to work together to face the beach issues that affect us every year. To many, it seems like no progress is occurring, but it takes time. Also the upcoming fishing shows are coming up and usually get the mindset looking to the upcoming fishing season. Please remember this is your club and you have a say in it by attending meetings and club events.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

Well, here we are in February already. As you read this, we will be about 3 months from Spring Meet!! Last month I asked for ideas for Spring Meet and have had minimal responses. I am looking for feedback. What shall we bring back and what shall we not do anymore?? What have you liked and not liked??? What would really make you attend Spring Meet?? I know some of you remember the days of a totally packed parking lot! I know the economy has changed over the years but is that really the answer??? I would love to see Spring Meet as it was 20 years ago. Please feel free to contact me either by e-mail thefisherwoman@comcast.net or by phone 508-367-3017 with any suggestions at all.

I am also looking for help. I need someone to take over the dessert table and also the juniors raffle table. Any questions about these jobs, feel free to contact me. I would also like you all to think about volunteering at the raffle tables. If everyone in attendance would volunteer an hour or two, then no one would have to work a lot of hours. Think about it.....

Oh, by the way, **Brad is back!!** Brad Laursen is once again a Board of Director and it's great to have him back!! And, he has graciously agreed to be the MC at Spring Meet this year. He has always done such an awesome job in the past. I am thrilled that he will MC again!!

The political stuff continues. We are still pursuing access issues regarding the birds. We can't make promises but we do keep the communications open with our beach managers and work along with them. The access committee has not given up and neither should you!! Our beach managers are willing to listen to us and that's a good thing. They have rules to follow as well so sometimes they are between a rock and a hard place. Never say never. Hoping to hear from you with Spring Meet ideas.

Wendy Bowles, Vice President thefisherwoman@comcast.net 508-367-3017

Chairman of the Board Report

I would like to thank the MBBA Directors for re-electing me as Board of Directors Chairman at our last meeting. I will continue to support our organization as the Board of Directors Chairman, and will also work hard on the committees on which I serve. This club deserves no less.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors I want to thank everyone who makes the effort to really participate in our club, and attend our meetings and events. The value of our club is not the money in our accounts, but the sweat

and toil of the many hard working volunteers among us. The faithful and dependable members who come forward and attend the monthly meetings, also take on the work that needs to be done.

The value of the help brought by other members who come here, and give insightful and important input during discussions cannot be measured. By attending the Board of Directors Meetings, you bring a sense of transparency and inclusiveness to the running of this club. I feel that in doing so you make the club more responsive to the needs of the membership

Please invite other members to come with you to our Board of Directors Meetings. They are the first Wednesday of each month, (except for the July and August break), at the Lakeville Lions Club. The meeting starts at 7:00PM

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, Barnstable, MA

On Monday February 9, assistant SNK beach rep Patrick Paquette attended the monthly meeting of the Sandy Neck Advisory Board. The beach remains in winter mode with the gatehouse open by appointment only and ORV access open to trail 6. Staff reports that there is very little debris on the beach, however this is because the normal winter debris washed away with a lot of sand and the current makeup of the beach is "mostly gravel".

Renewal letters are being mailed during the first week in March. In response to numerous complaints about a rise in violations last year two things are being done. First, a letter addressing the issue and warning users of increased enforcement will be included in the renewal package. Second, the board is going to schedule the Police Chief for his annual visit to the board meeting in April and will announce the visit ahead of time so that the public can attend and inform the chief of their experiences. Park Manager Nina Coleman also acknowledged the situation and is going to make sure her staff increases enforcement as well.

The Barnstable Harbor dredge project is done except for cleaning up the parking lot at the launch ramp. The depression by the cottage colony is filled in and there was no leftover material to place on the public beach. Marsh Trail repairs begin on Feb 17th. A fund for public donations to the Half Way House has been established with use of the fund limited to maintenance, education and research.

A new Sandy Neck web site is currently being built. MBBA members that have suggestions for content should contact MBBA beach reps so that we can pass suggestions along. This new web site will have a link to the MBBA web site and other organizations that are involved with Sandy Neck.

Over the past month Sandy Neck beach rep Wendy Bowles was contacted by the Sandy Neck Park Manager and informed that talks with appropriate state agencies aimed at finding a way to bypass the Tern Colony have begun. MBBA Assistant Beach Rep Patrick Paquette recently met in person with Nina Coleman on the issue and although details can not be made public at this time we can assure MBBA members that the process is ongoing and MBBA is involved.

Patrick Paquette - Assistant Beach Rep

Wendy Bowles, 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 closed for the season, special access permits can be obtained at Race Point subject to times & tides, please call ahead first before driving down.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Membership Secretary Report

I would like to thank all of you who have used the renewal notices that went out. I hope that you found them helpful. Thank you to all who have so generously made contributions especially those extra ones for the Legal Fund. Every contribution no matter the size helps the cause. For anyone who has not renewed, believe it or not, renewal time is upon us. Please use the renewal notice when sending in your renewal if possible. If you are sending an electronic check, please make sure in the memo section you are specific with your renewal. I do not have time to question each one that comes in and I will process them as I see fit. Please make sure that your phone number is included and you let us know if you have access to the Internet to view our website. Don't forget if you want to get our newsletter, MBBA club information, you need to sign up and pay for your subscription.

For **all junior members please provide their date of birth**. If they are 20 and over, we need to know if they are full time students. They can remain juniors for the first 4 years of college only. Then they become adult members. If they do not go on to college, the year they turn 20 they are considered adults. Please let me know when you are renewing these young adults which category they fit into.

Just a reminder: that if I do not receive your renewal by March 15th you will not be listed in the directory. However, if you wish not to be listed in the directory, you can still renew early and just write me a note asking me not to put you in the directory. Don't let that be your reason for renewing late.

If anyone has any concerns, suggestions or comments that they would like to contribute to the 2009 Directory please contact me before March 15th.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Shows

The shows have started and Standish was a good time. Thank you to all that help out.

Our next show is the Mass Striped Bass show which is one of the best shows in Massachusetts with lots of local dealers that support not only the MBBA but all clubs.

Plus it helps support the Mass Striped Bass Association who stays on top of fisheries issues and supports us when we need help. The dates are 3/7 from 10am-7pm, 3/8 from 9am-5pm

The cost is \$ 10.00 for adults and children 14 and under are \$5.00

It is at Stonehill College and parking is free.

Our next show is in Providence for the RISSA show I will have more info soon

That's all for now and hope to see you at the shows.

Rudy Sawyer, Executive Vice President

Conservation and Dune Management

Looking forward to the projects and hoping for a great turnout, the dates are below, mark your calendars.

Peter Murray, Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4th	MBBA Monthly Meeting
March 4th	MBBA Monthly Meeting
March 7 & 8	MSBA Sport Fishing Expo @ Stonehill College, Easton, MA
April 1	MBBA Monthly Meeting
April 4	Duxbury Beach, Conservation Project
April 5	Plymouth Beach, Conservation Project
April 18-19	Salisbury Project, Conservation Project
April 25	Chapin Beach, Conservation Project
April 26	Sandy Neck Beach, Conservation Project
May 6th	MBBA Monthly Meeting
May 2	Race Point Beach, Conservation Project
May 3	Nauset Beach, Conservation Project
May 9	Scusset Project, Conservation Project
May 15, 16, 17	Spring Meet



The Massachusetts Striped Bass Association presents:

2009 MSBA Annual Sport Fishing Expo

Over fifty years of presenting the best of N.E. saltwater fishing

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970 W. Chestnut Street
Brockton MA 02301

Saturday March 7th, 10am-7pm
Sunday March 8th, 9am-5pm

Adults \$10 • Children 14 & Under \$5

- **Join the MSBA at the Expo and be entered into drawings for a FREE CHARTER FISHING TRIP**
- **Family Friendly priced food and drink concessions**

Increase your sport fishing IQ in one of our two Seminar Theatres. Local Legend & National Experts will educate you about Striper Fishing Destinations here at home and across the country.

Door Prizes
All Day, Each Day

FREE
PARKING!

New Location! Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex at Stonehill College

Directions: • From the North; Rt. 3/93 to Braintree, 93 South, Rt. 24 South to exit 17B (Rt. 123W), College is 1/2 mi. on right
• From the South; From Rt. 495 take exit 7A (Rt. 24 North), Exit 17B (Rt. 123W), College is 1/2 Mi. on right

For more information check our web site: www.msba.net