



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2009

Presidents Report

April is here and winter finally looks to be behind us. This gives us the chance to uncover rigs and pull out fishing gear as the herring begin their runs up the rivers. That brings up the fact about rigs. Many think this only pertains to campers but actually it would mean any vehicle that we use to pursue our love for fishing. No matter what the rig, we are all fishermen and women. The RI fishing expo has passed and many new products were seen and people were about purchasing for the upcoming season. We were busy at the booth with many questions about the upcoming saltwater license and the Bill in Legislature from Stripers Forever. I can say we are awaiting info and hope to have some input as a club in the license issue. I had the pleasure of signing up several new members that had found us on the web and from other forums and club's website. We recently have added promotional merchandise to our site where you can view our wares; more will be added as they become available. Lastly but just as important are our Beach conservation projects that are in full swing this month. If you have the chance to come on down and help out it would be great to have the help as these are our beaches and these projects are important to let people know we care. Many of us that do the projects have been thanked by many others that use the beaches also. The directions and date for the projects are on our website. Hope to see everyone there as they are a great time...

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

Well folks, as everything goes, the other day Spring Meet was months away and now it's right around the corner. Of course, we will have the usual raffles, casting contest, Saturday afternoon meeting and don't forget the dance (with a new DJ) on Saturday night. Please keep in mind that the meeting is one of two annual meetings where you, the membership get to choose the direction of the club. It is never a long meeting and all I ask is that each member coming to Spring Meet plan on attending. At the meeting, we will be having a new type of raffle. The Board of Directors are each donating an item to the table. Who knows what they will come up with for ideas!!

I have had many responses to last month's questionnaire which I certainly appreciate. I have a small group of dedicated volunteers but definitely need more help, especially for some of the new and fun activities we have planned. I also still need volunteers to run the kids scavenger hunt, poster contest, juniors raffle table and one very special volunteer to replace me behind the dessert table. I have feedback that members want to see the check in station return. I will do it if a few people step up to man the check in area...this could be a fun time for the right crew willing to do minimal paperwork and give out the "goody" bags", which will have the weekend itinerary and many freebees.

It is very tough to plan many things, most importantly food without knowing how many of our members will be attending. Club money is your money so I'm going to risk making a fool of myself one time. I know this is asking a lot but we would like members to RSVP via e-mail or call my cell??? To sweeten the deal, each person who sends me an RSVP will not only be helping us determine how much of your money to spend, but each RSVP will be entered into a special raffle, and we aren't giving away juice this time.

There will be some new contests this year. We are definitely bringing back a fishing contest. Rick Brown has kindly offered to chair this part of the weekend.

We will have a male and a female, "foul weather gear fashion show" (this will surely keep the rain away). We will have a fashion show or contest for rigs as well. There will be two divisions, one for camping rigs and one for day rigs. Each division will have two separate categories, "best theme decoration" and "best fishing". We will also have a "best dessert" contest. That's at least seven new awards for someone to win...will it be you?

We will once again have the big tent to house our activities. (We'll need it to stay out of the hot sun!!) And, Brad is back as MC, with REVELRY!! What more can we ask for?? I know, sunshine, blue skies and slight ocean breezes!! So, feel free to contact me.

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

Chairman of the Board Report

I want to thank everyone who has supported our club so far this year. We have one more show this year, the RISAA Saltwater Fishing Show. It is April 3-5, 2009, at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence R.I. When you see our Executive vice President, Rudy Sawyer, thank him for his hard work and dedication.

Right after the RISAA Show we have our beach projects and the Spring Meet. Check the MBBA website and the Newsletter for specific information. We need a good showing at all of these events. Peter Murray and all of the Beach Reps need help at our beach projects and Wendy Bowles is looking for donations for the raffle tables, and for members to step up and help at the Spring Meet. While all this is going on we have our Beach Access Committee working closely with the agencies that have jurisdiction over our beaches, to come up with viable access options.

We still have two more Board of Directors Meetings for May and June. There are no meetings during July and August. These Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month, at the Lakeville Lions Club. We try to start at 7:30pm so get there early.

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:

Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

The project is set for late April and I hope to have everything ready to go for the morning project and possible second project at Crow Pasture. The stickers have increased this year to \$100.00 for residents and \$200.00 for non-residents. I look to update the info as I hear about beach conditions and fishing as the season progresses.

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

Stickers go on Sale April 10 and the beach opens April 15th. Hope to have another great turn out for the Conservation Project May 2nd.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Membership Secretary Report

Membership is up for this year. Thanks to all who have renewed and joined.

It is that time again; the 2009 Handbook has gone to the printer.

There is still time to renew for this year, please due so ASAP. Dues are due January 1st each and every year. When you do renew make sure you include your phone number and E-Mail address if you have one. If renewing a junior, please include their DOB. Remember juniors get their first 4 years of college only. After that they become adults. Yes they must be assigned an adult number and pay adult dues.

If you don't have access to the internet, our newsletter can be shipped to your home for a small fee of \$12.00 for the year.

The spring conservation projects begin April 4th. I hope to see many of you out there. It is a fun time for all. Bring your families and friends. So come join us for fun and refreshments.

Watch for important information in the Audit Report this year. All the conservation project dates, the spring meet date and notice, as well as a by-law change that needs to be voted on at Spring Meet. So read up and come to the Spring Meet. If not all weekend at least try to attend the meeting, this is your chance to vote.

See you at the projects.

Drive Safe.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Merchandise

M.B.B.A. Logo Merchandise is now available for purchase on our website. You can now order our great selection of M.B.B.A. merchandise, from the comfort of your home, in your jammies! Under the Navigation heading, on the left of the home page, you'll find the Merchandise button. Once in the general merchandise page you can see most items by clicking on the right side of the page under view item. We still need to add some pictures of merchandise, so please be patient, as we are still a work in progress. Because they are special orders, the jackets have a separate order form on another page.

Check it out next time you're on our webpage!

If you have any questions or need any help you can contact one of the committee members:

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Executive Vice President, Shows

Hope everyone is getting ready for the projects and go to the Spring meet. I hope we have great turn out the Spring Meet this year I think Wendy is planning a great time.

Well the show season is over. We had lots of people stop by to say hi and get some info.

We signed up a few new members and lot of renewals. People love the old pictures and some of the ones with in the last 10 years.

We made some changes to our booth and plain to make more to up date and consolidate the booth

I would like to ever one who took the time to come and work the shows, with out your help our show season would not be a successes.

Now every one have a great summer when we can access the beaches help your beach rep's if they need it come to the meetings and fine out what is really going one .

Thank you and have a great summer

Rudy Sawyer, Executive Vice President

Plymouth Beach

Plymouth beach is closed. It will open pending birds on Memorial day. We had a good turnout for the conservation project, and excellent weather. A lot of trash was picked up and the beach was in great shape.

Chris Cully, Beach Rep.

Conservation and Dune Management

We have completed the Duxbury and Plymouth projects and next it's on to Salisbury the weekend of April 18 & 19, always a fun project. Looking forward to all of the projects and hoping for a great turnout, the dates are below, mark your calendars.

Peter Murray, Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

