



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2010

Presidents Report

April is finally upon us and has brought some great early weather to get everyone out of the house and start the process of spring cleaning and getting the rigs out or winter retirement. By now the first of the cleanup projects have started and the weather looks to be great. April 24th and 25 are the Chapin and Sandy Neck projects and the whole project list can be found on the website along with directions if you have never been to them. Spring Meet plans are moving forward and remember to mark your calendars for the weekend of May 21-23. Fall Banquet is also moving right along with a new dinner hall and great menu to look forward to at White's. Rumor has it the first striper has been caught at Falmouth but hoping to hear of more to come. Myself, Rudy and his wife, Vic and Terry and Dick attended the MSC Banquet and watch as Cliff and Clara White were both honored with the Ray and Lillian Gibbons awards respectively. Both were taken by surprise and it was great honor for each of them. Also Terry and Dick Sandstrom were also honored by being inducted into the Hall of Fame from the Plymouth County League for their accomplishments as their efforts as sportsman's and woman. Hope to see many faces at the projects as if you saw many were hit hard over the winter and there is much to do for the upcoming season.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

It seems like just the other day we were breaking down the tent at Spring Meet 2009. Well, as of this report, Spring Meet 2010 is only 38 days away!! There is a lot to be done yet but it's all coming together. This is our 60th anniversary and we will try to have the best time yet!! The only ingredient that could be missing is attendance. This is our 60th year and with participation and the economy, who knows what the future holds. This could be the last time we hold this event. Therefore, please make every effort to attend this awesome weekend. It's a very busy weekend with lots of activities going on. You can participate as much as you want or just kick back and relax. For those of you who have attended in the past (and for some of us, that's a lot!!) you know what a great weekend it can be. For any new members or members who have never attended, make this your year. We will have games for the little kids, they have their very own raffle table and we will have the usual raffle tables held through out the weekend along with the normal festivities. We will once again have dinner on Saturday night with an awesome desert table chaired by Sheila Sunman. Dinner is preceded by the ever famous Nauset Raw Bar. The rest of the menu is still being discussed but will no doubt fill your tummies. New this year is **Team Trivia**. We will be holding a team trivia contest which should prove to be tons of fun. We will also have a **karaoke** segment on Saturday evening. It will not last all night, just early evening so that our young "idol wannabees" (and maybe some older ones too!!) can participate. Then we will move on to music and dancing 'til midnight with the same awesome DJ as last year. We will also be having the usual casting contests, scavenger hunt, poster contest and hopefully Smokey the Bear as well as the conservation awards and the regular annual meeting with other awards. Feel free to arrive anytime after 3pm on Friday afternoon, May 21. During the weekend, you will hear our awesome, wonderful (and really cute) MC Brad Laursen asking for help at the raffle tables. Please step forward to his requests and donate a couple of hours of your weekend. If everyone who attended gave 2 hours of their time, all would be good. The success of this event lays on you the members. The bigger the attendance, the more successful the event will be. With a larger group in attendance, it can be tons of fun. If you have not renewed yet, this is your chance. Our wonderful Membership Secretary Vikki Conboy will be there accepting your renewals or signing up any new members that want to join our cause. She will also be handing out the annual membership directories to those in attendance. As always, donations to the raffle tables are necessary to our success. Letters have gone out to past donors but if

you can obtain any donation for our tables that would be most helpful. Just bring them that weekend and make sure we know who the donor is so they can get the justly earned thank you letter. It is also looking hopeful that the rangers from Sandy Neck will be there to issue beach stickers. I'm sure I missed something but as always, if you have any questions or suggestions or would just like to volunteer for something that weekend, please feel free to contact me. I am only a phone call or e-mail away. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Spring Meet.

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. The 2010 Sportsman's Show season is over for the MBBA. When you see Rudy Sawyer, our Executive Vice President you can thank him for his hard work and dedication.

We have already begun our beach projects this year. 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 so bring some friends when you show up.

The 2010 Spring Meet is fast approaching and Wendy Bowles is looking for donations for the raffle tables, and for members to step up and help at the Spring Meet. The MBBA is celebrating it's 60th Anniversary, let's make this a really special event.

While all this is going on we have our Beach Access Committee working closely with the agencies that have jurisdiction over our beaches. As issues arise the Committee will work on coming up with viable access options.

In addition to the Spring Meet we still have two more Board of Directors Meetings for May and June. We have a summer break during July and August. These Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month, in the event room at the "General Joe Hooker Lounge" also known as Lakeville Lions Club. We try to start at 7:30pm so get there early to meet friends and talk.

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

Membership Secretary Report

The warmer weather is FINALLY upon us and we're looking forward to Spring Meet and the scheduled conservation projects. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010 there will be an opportunity to do so at Spring Meet. Also, please remember to pick up your 2010 Handbook while you're at Spring Meet. See ya there!!!

REMINDER – If your membership renewal was not received prior to March 15, 2010 your name(s) will not appear in the 2010 handbook. As a future reminder, all renewals must be received prior to March 15th to ensure your name appears in the handbook.

Mark your calendars...The date for the fall banquet has been set for Saturday, November 6, 2010. The location will be at White's of Westport, MA located conveniently off of Rt. 195 in Westport, MA. Campers are permitted to park overnight and if you have already winterized your camper or don't want to bring it for the evening. A block of 10 rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn located next door to Whites. The rate for Saturday, November 6th is \$89.00 + tax. Your room will include but is not limited to:

- Continental breakfast plus one "on the house" hot breakfast dish
- 24-hour complimentary coffee and tea in the lobby
- Complimentary wireless high speed internet access
- Free Local phone calls, cable TV & HBO

- Coffee maker, hairdryer, iron & ironing board in every room
- Exercise room (with brand new equipment)
- Indoor pool & Jacuzzi
- White's of Westport restaurant adjacent to the hotel

You can book your reservation for this great low rate anytime **BEFORE October 6, 2010** by calling the reservation desk directly at 508-675-8500 or 1-800-HAMPTON or on-line by visiting www.HamptonInn.com.

Guests must use Group/Convention code CBB

Vikki Conboy, Membership Secretary Mbba1721@comcast.net

BEACH REPORTS:

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA

The good news is, the beach is open!!! Renewals have gone out in the mail and the gatehouse is open daily 9am to 4pm for sticker sales. The beach had lots of erosion during the winter but right now, it's holding its own. The plovers have arrived but have only been seen at the point and west of the public beach. Due to all the erosion, the beach right now is not ideal habitat for our furry friends but it's too soon to tell. Maybe they will really like it at the point and just stay there!!

The new bathhouse is still in the permitting process but is hopeful for the 2012 season. It will be quite an addition to the parking area as it will be a wooden building that will blend in with the local architecture and will be very eye pleasing.

Our annual conservation project will be held on Sunday, April 25 at 9:30am. We will be doing the usual fencing and general cleanup. The fence really took a hit this winter so we have lots of work ahead of us. Looking forward to a good turnout as "many hands make light work".

Nina will check schedules but thinks she may be able to have staff at Spring Meet for sticker sales. That would be awesome as they haven't been there in a few years.

Don't forget to check out the new website sandyneckbeachpark.com. The site is updated frequently and has lots of info on it.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the 25th. As always, if you have any questions or issues, please feel free to contact us.

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Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

April is here and the project dates for Chapin and Sandy Neck are the 24th and 25th of this month. Work at Chapin should be quick as it was hit hard over the winter and I will have what the project will entail from Tanya and Brian by the time the project is set to go. A beach user group meet with selectman on March 31st with their concerns about what should be done to preserve their beach. It mirrors somewhat of what was discussed before in Sept. when there was talk of closing the beach. Time will tell as with kind winds and beach users obeying the new rules all shows for a good summer for all to use.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

Plum Island is in rough shape. A clean up was held March 27 and there was little to no beach at high tide. Looks like 20-30 feet of dunes has been washed away. The Refuge closed April 1st to protect the threatened shorebirds. Let's hope that the beach builds back up over the spring and summer months. You may walk on and fish in the small area off lot one during daylight hours.

Nancy Brown, Courtesy Patrol

Scusset Beach Report

There isn't too much to report for March. The Campground is open for winter camping Thursday thru Monday (Patriots Day) with 30A electric. I spoke to John today and nothing new to report. Opening day is May 6, 2010.

Chip and Bob, Beach Reps

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Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA

Back trail is almost dry with a few small muddy spots at the Cupola. Trails 1, 3, 4, and 5 are open. The front beach is currently drivable from trail 1 to the Chatham Inlet at high tide. There is a narrow slant between 2 and 5. Self-contained vehicles should travel the back trail. There is good parking between trails 3 and 5 and at the Inlet. The beach is very soft so tire pressure should be low so you won't get stuck (10-12 lbs). Next high tides are April 26th - May 2nd.

Beach patrol will be working on the back trails starting Monday April 12th so please drive carefully. Announcements for 2010-2011 ORV stickers will be soon. Some of the new changes will allow persons with new vehicles to take part in the mail in program. Hope to see everyone on the beach! In an emergency call Orleans police @ 508-255-01117.

For updated information please visit www.town.orleans.ma.us

ORV Sticker Information:

http://orleansma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/OrleansMA_ORV/I0149118E

2010 Nauset Beach Conservation Project is May 2nd @ 9:30am – 12:00pm

Bill Sheehan MBBA #1414 Nauset Beach Representative

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 until April 15th.

I had a brief discussion with North District Ranger Craig Thatcher yesterday; he drove the beach from Head of the Meadow all the way to Hatches Harbor. It is of course a typical narrow April beach, but he thought that it looks a lot like last year. Head of the Meadow looks good, Coast Guard looks pretty good, the HMS Somerset is exposed this year about 30 feet of the hull and some of the aft ribs, sunk in 1778 this is one of the few appearances it makes due to shifting sands. Race Point North looks good, looks like there will be a moat again this year between the front and the back section at high tides. The sand spit at hatches is shorter than last year but the sand is still shifting. The access points look good, the pole line route is flooded at the sugar bowl so it will remain closed for awhile. Herring cove picked up about ten feet of sand so there's only about an eight foot drop now at the bathhouse.

There are a bunch of whales right off the beach, always a great thing to witness.

There will be some changes this year to the Plover protection which has to do with dogs in the nesting areas, more details to follow.

Stickers go on sale April 10th

Beach Permits will go on sale April 10th at the oversand office, weekly reservations can be made on line at

<http://www.nps.gov/caco/upload/ORVregistrationform-2.pdf>

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Conservation and Dune Management

To date I have received confirmation cards from all of the beach managers except Chapin

2010 Conservation Projects

We completed the Duxbury Project with 22 volunteers and the Plymouth project with 36 volunteers, I'd like to thank everyone that came out to help and hope to see more help for the upcoming projects listed below.

A special thanks to Dave Cole for donating bags for the projects and everything he had to go through to get them.

UP COMING PROJECTS

Chapin Beach	April 24
Sandy Neck Beach	April 25
Race Point Beach	May 1
Nauset Beach	May 2
Salisbury Project	May 8-9
Scusset Project	May 15
Race Point (fall)	September 18 th
Scusset (fall)	October 2 nd
Horseneck (fall)	October 16 th

Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5 th	MBBA Monthly Meeting
May 22 nd 23 rd	Spring Meet @ Scusset Beach
June 2 nd	MBBA Monthly Meeting