



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2010

Presidents Report

This is the last of the reports while we go into our summer break until we resume our meetings back in September. So please be sure to check the website and watch for beach updates on the current or changing conditions of the beaches in the beach info part of the forum. Everyone is trying to get the current conditions available as they occur to keep all informed for summer plans. Secondly I would like to thank Wendy and all that helped with our 60th spring meet with a great turn out and weather. Thanks go out to all members that attended and donated to make this your continued support of the club. Please be patient as the weather has been good and birds have nested early and with much luck be out for us to enjoy the summer as the past years have been a trying time with the weather and beach erosions. The sad news is of the oil leak in the south and we will be watching to see where it will end up and what changes or policies it may bring to the endanger birds species act. Hope everyone enjoys a great summer and the fishing as of late has been fantastic. In August we will defend for the trophy at the MSBA summer outing in August in Quincy. Also congratulations to Cliff White on being the honored with a new award that will continue on in his name for others that have set goals and dedication as he has done.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Chairman of the Board Report

I want to begin my report by thanking Wendy Bowles and everyone who assisted her to make our 60th annual MBBA Spring Meet a successful event. I was glad to see the good turnout for the General Membership Meeting. This year the weather far better than the last several Spring Meets, and we had an excellent weekend and even had to use sunscreen.

As we prepare for the Summer Season we need to get ready for the many challenges we will encounter. Past experience has taught us that Beach / Wildlife Management and the whims of nature can deal some surprises and unexpected outcomes. We must understand that we are all in this together and if things go sour we should not let our frustrations impact on those whom we come in contact with. Remember when you talk to other beach users and beach officials, you are the face of the MBBA. Your words, actions, how you conduct yourself and reflect on all of us.

After the June 2, 2010 meeting, the Board of Directors will not meet until Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The MBBA is still here with the web site message board, beach reports and the communication of our Officers, Directors, Courtesy Patrol, Beach Rep's and members. This is how we will keep our members and the beach users informed. We need to stay connected by sharing information in a timely fashion. I will do my part in this endeavor and am sure we will make the best of any situations we face this year.

See you all on the beach

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

Membership Secretary Report

WOW, it's hard to believe that another successful Spring Meet is behind us. Thank you to everyone that made it possible; there is a lot of hard work and dedication to pull off such an organized, fun-filled event; not to mention the PERFECT weather this year. **Please be reminded that membership renewals are due January 1st and no later than March 15th to ensure your name(s) appear in the Handbook for the calendar year.**

The 2010 Membership Handbook has been printed and distributed to those that attended Spring Meet. For those members that were unable to attend Spring Meet, you should be receiving your 2010 Handbook in the mail shortly.

Fall Banquet -- 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

Have a Safe and Happy Summer.....

Vikki Conboy, Membership Secretary Mbba1721@comcast.net

BEACH REPORTS:

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

We were honored to receive an award from the park service recognizing our years of dedication to beach conservation at Race Point; the award was presented at Spring meet by Ranger Chris Anderson.

The beach was wonderful for the long holiday weekend, the new no pet areas were upsetting to the pet owners but everyone seemed to work through it. Most of the beach looks like it could close the first week of June, there are nests located at all of the access points and at this point we can just hope that the hatch and then fledge quickly so we can get back out there. We had a spectacular bass blitz over the weekend up and down Race Point beach and bass were taken by many anglers, it was truly a wonderful experience and I'm glad I was there to participate. Make sure you keep an eye on the message board reports and call ahead before going down so you won't be disappointed when you get there, as always you can call me anytime.

Thank you for your support!

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep. 508-944-4447

Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA

There are currently 8 active piping plover nests between the Pochet Association Beach and Trail #1 on the south end of Nauset Beach. One of the nests hatched on May 28th, 2010. Trails were kept open over the Memorial Day Weekend with the use of a bird monitor. Due to movement of the hatched plovers the off road trails on the south end of Nauset Beach will be closed to vehicle travel until further notice as of June 1, 2010.

The last nesting plover is scheduled to hatch on June 28th. However there are additional pairs of plovers in the Pochet Washover area trying to re-nest at this time. Trails will remain closed until all Piping Plover chicks in the Pochet Area fledge (25-30 days after they hatch).

Vehicles with current 2010 off road vehicle stickers will be permitted to park in the main parking lot free of charge during the period that the off road vehicle trails remain closed.

Orleans Park and Beach authorities has information on their website for their ORV sticker renewal mail in program.

New stickers as well as renewals can be obtained through the mail. Using that program saves the Town money, gets your sticker to you sooner, puts more responsibility on the holder to ensure they have all the required equipment and helps with staffing budget issues. You can purchase stickers in person after May 1st at the administration building Thursdays through Monday 9a.m. – 4p.m. If you had a sticker last year you are not required to watch the video or get inspected

For updated information please visit www.town.orleans.ma.us and check the MBBA Nauset Beach Report.

ORV Sticker Information:

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

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Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

Here is what is happening after conservation commission meetings at the Dennis town hall about Chapin and Crowes Pasture. The biggest issues are with the closing of the beaches at a 10 ft or above two hours before high tide with everyone of beach ½ hour before high or loss of sticker is enforced with vehicles being allowed back on 1 hour after tide. The second is the idea of putting gates up at Crowes to enforce the 9 pm closing to curb vandalism but allow fishermen to walk out for fishing. The gates have been put on hold with the user group relaying any vandalism to police after 9 and if it continues gates will be put in place to curb the problem. The other is the 400 sq. area per vehicle would lower the vehicle count down from 125 as the beach condition is small until it builds. On Chapin the bass hole point is closed for now as it is short and there is a nest out in the area. Also the gate has been locked at night but is reopened between 8 -8:30 every morning. These will stay in place until the next meeting and see how all is going or other restriction will be put in place.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

The beach on the Refuge is building slowly, but still impassable in spots.

There are 5 pairs of nesting Plovers on the Refuge with a total of 18 eggs.

The birds have re-nested after a high tide took them out last week. The best that we can hope for is a successful hatch so we can get the beach open for walk ons and for night fishing.

The gates have been opening at 5:00 AM for those that wish to fish the small open area off Lot 1.

As of Memorial Day Weekend the new bathrooms were still incomplete and no one seems to know when they will be finished.

Family Fish Day will be held June 12, 2010 from 9:00-3:00, at Lot 1. Anyone who wishes to join us as we help mentor the kids may do so.

Duck Stamps expire July 1, so don't forget to pick up a new one and it will save you that \$5 entry fee. It pays for itself after 3 visits.

The fish are everywhere, so get out there and wet a line. There will be no newsletters for July and August but I will try to keep you informed on our message board

Nancy Brown, Courtesy Patrol

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

Hope all that went enjoyed the Spring Meet this year. Wendy and her staff did a wonderful job on this the Sixtieth Year of the MBBA. I guess I have to talk about Horseneck Beach cause if I don't I will continue to talk about the Fun that I had. Ok, the new Supervisor of the park is Milt Brightman, Dewey is no longer working there, in talking with Milt, the Fall Project (and I might ad another fine time) is on hold right now. Seems there is a problem with us staying in the Campground or Staying in the Parking Lot over night. So because of that the Project will be a one day only thing. As I said to Milt, it might be very hard if not impossible for our members to come down for the day to do the project. A letter will be written by the President to the people at DCR and try to get this resolved. Stay tuned! The campground is in the process of hiring a supervisor, and the park as a whole is still understaffed. As always a reservation needs to be made to stay in the Commonwealths Campgrounds.

The new headquarters is complete and the old one is being torn down. Bathhouses are open, the fish are biting, and the beach is in fine shape.

Again please stay tuned for the outcome on the project. Have a wonderful summer and be careful.

Brad Laursen, Beach Rep.

Scusset Beach Report

Bob and I would like to thank everybody for the great turn out for the spring project, we did a lot of work in record time. Special thanks to Bobby Kelly for the help cooking approximately 2 1/2 box's of dogs. Nice turn out for Spring Meet as well and the great weather didn't hurt a good time had by all. We left the area clean and ready for the beach crowd that showed up Monday. To Wendy and her crew and all that worked the tables and food venues great job!

The Strippers were in the Canal Memorial Day saw a couple caught in the 30"-35" range. We hope everybody has a wonderful summer, lots of fishing, boating and beach camping. The fall project is set for October 2 weekend we'll be pulling up the walkway (Hooded sweatshirt recommended) Safari field should be open 9/30 PM.

Chip and Bob, Beach Reps

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Conservation and Dune Management

The spring projects are behind us and I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers that came out week after week to help out and show the MBBA commitment to the beaches and conservation. Our next project is Race Point September 18th, I hope everyone has a great summer and can come help out with all of the fall projects.

2010 Conservation Projects

Race Point (fall) September 18th

Scusset (fall) October 2nd

Horseneck (fall) October 16th

Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1st MBBA Monthly Meeting

November 6th 60th Fall Banquet

Have a great summer everyone

Make plans now to attend Fall Banquet, November 6th

See your Beach Rep for tickets or call 508-944-4447

Thank You for Your Support!