



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2010

Presidents Report

Hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather as of late instead of the storms that have devastated many beaches all over New England. March has come in like a lion and hope to see it go out as a lamb just in time for the start of our beach conservation projects. They are great times and this year we could need more help to clean, repair fencing, grass planting and of course setting up the boardwalk at Scusset. Mother nature has damaged most beaches pretty bad but with some good weather and our manpower, we should be able to help maintain the beaches we all so enjoy for most of the year. Second there have been meetings at the National Seashore on the killing of crows to maintain piping plovers. I was unable to attend but from what I have heard many people showed up to voice their concerns as to why this should happen and to remind them of the sea gull fiasco from a couple of years back that was not so successful. As more comes in on this we will bring it up to everyone's attention. A reminder to all that we do have to register with the Federal registry for your free fishing license and we will have to pay 10.00 for next years to the state. Hope to see many new faces at the projects and keep an eye on the website for updates about Spring Meet and Fall Banquet

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

The temperatures are rising, the bulbs are popping and beach time is right around the corner. I encourage you all to attend the beach projects this spring. If you are a new member or a member who has never been to one, this is your year. Beach projects are the best way to get to know other members, share ideas and make new friends. We get to camp for free in the parking lots like a bunch of gypsies. It's great!!! I encourage you to mark your calendars with the dates and plan on attending at least 3 of them.

While marking your calendar, reserve Friday May 21 through Sunday May 23 for Spring Meet at Scusset State Park. We have the entire parking lot for the weekend and we are going to have a blast this year!! MBBA is 60 years old (as are a few of our members!) and we are going to celebrate. Plan on attending this most special event and help to make it successful.

As always, any complaints, suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

Executive Vice Presidents Report

Well to this point we have done three shows and we have one more to go, the last show of our season will be the RISSA show the weekend of March 19th-21st at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

If you would like to come and spend a couple of hours working in the booth please contact me by e-mail and I can tell you what times I have open. Right now all times are open.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped me through the show season you have made it easy for me to do the shows and take a break once and a while.

So once that the shows are over we can get ready for our 60th Spring Meet. Come and celebrate with us, I am sure Wendy has some great plans for us.

Rudy Sawyer, Executive Vice President

Chairman of the Board Report

The shortest month of the year is over and I would like to thank Rudy Sawyer and all who helped him with the Plum Island Surfcaster's Show and those who help out at the MSBA Show. Having run show booths in the past I know how much work and commitment that takes. Please keep this in mind later this month for the RISAA Show in Providence.

We have the Beach Projects coming up. Peter and our Beach Reps need your attendance and support there. Wendy needs volunteers to help at the MBBA 60th Spring Meet. I know our Officers and directors always step up and help, but I would like to see some new faces involved as well. The more hands the easier the work. Our Projects and The Spring Meet is lots of work, and lots of fun.

I also want to thank the Fall Banquet Committee for their hard work to secure a venue for the MBBA 60 year Fall Banquet. I think they made a great choice, let's buy our tickets as soon as they are available so the club can make this a really special event. We hope to get tickets to the Officers, Beach Reps and Courtesy Patrol before we head out to the beaches this summer. This might make a big difference in attendance this year.

During this busy time when we ask for your help to assist with show booth coverage, attend monthly Board of Director's meetings, work at beach projects and help with the Spring Meet. Many of you want to participate but aren't sure where to start. The best advice you can give your friends who haven't been, is to come down to the Event Room at the "General Joe Hooker Lounge" aka Lakeville Lions Club the first Wednesday of the month for our Board of Directors Meeting.

The meetings start at 7:30pm, all members are invited and your participation is welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how you can get involved, and as an all-volunteer club and what we are is what we do.

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

Spring is less than three weeks away!!!

As a reminder, if I haven't received your 2010 membership renewal by March 15th you will not be listed in the 2010 handbook. Also, if you wish not to have your name(s) printed in the handbook just make a note on your renewal form.

If anyone has any concerns, suggestions or comments that they would like to contribute to the 2010 Handbook please contact me before March 15th.

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) including 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

Well, even though the erosion has been really bad this winter, the beach has survived and will supply lots of pleasure this summer. On a good note, the storms have brought sand up onto the beach. Yes, sand !!! There are a few narrow spots right now but as the spring tides arrive, the beach can change daily.

Renewal letters have gone out and if you want to get your sticker in person, the gate house will be open March 15-19 from 9am to 4pm. Then on April 1, the gatehouse will be open for the season.

The new bathhouse is moving forward. Right now it is in the permitting stages and if all goes well, we will have a new bathhouse in 2012.

As mentioned before, the fees have gone up. Check out the new website, www.sandyneckbeachpark.com for complete info. The new website is great and is updated as necessary.

Don't forget our beach project on Sunday, April 25. Hope to see a great turnout.

As always, any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

Chapin and Crows Pasture have yet again been pounded by the recent storms of late. Once again the road leading to Chapin has been washed out and repaired for a second time. There was talk of a meeting with the town selectman about the possible closing of the beach due to the erosion that has taken place. A user group has asked to be heard on some issues but the meeting has been canceled until the group submits what they are looking for to be added to a meeting with the selectman in April. Brian and Tanya are busy preparing for the upcoming season and look forward to our arrival at the project in April.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

The annual Refuge clean up will be held on Saturday March 27, 2010 from 9:00- 3:00. We will meet at parking lot one to hand out bags. After 9:00 you may pick up bags at the gatehouse. Plum Island has suffered greatly in the last few storms and there is a lot of work to be done. Many hands make light work. This is not an MBBA sanctioned clean-up. Cross your fingers that Mother Nature starts being a little kinder and helps rebuild our beach.

The Refuge will close April 1 to protect the nesting Piping Plover.

The Plum Island Surfcaster's Fundraiser was a great success and I would like to thank Rudy Sawyer for taking a Saturday off to set up and man the MBBA booth at the show.

It was a great time with good food, good friends, lots of raffles and great plug deals.

Plum Island is also in need of a Beach Rep. If anyone is interested please contact President Tom Gagnon.

Nancy Brown, Courtesy Patrol

Plymouth Beach, Plymouth, MA

I just left the beach, as close as I could get! The road to get to the parking lot is flooded as we as the whole parking lot. There are 3 breaches from front to back starting where we park for the clean up and out to the cross over. It is getting hammered out by the cottages with major dune erosion. I'll keep you posted.....

Chris Cully, Beach Rep.

Scusset Beach Report

There isn't too much to report for February. We spent 2/18-21 at the campground did a little litter patrol bumped into the Bumpus's walking the boxers. There was 7 units in for the weekend including a truck camper. Bob spoke with John recently and there was some beach erosion the last storm and the fences on the main beach have taken a beating this year so we'll have a little extra work on the Spring Project. John said there was some graffiti up at the fish pier and they caught who did it. The Campground is open for winter camping Thursday thru Sunday 30A electric.

Chip and Bob, Beach Reps

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Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA

Effective March 2, 2010 the ORV trails on the south end of Nauset Beach will be closed to ORV traffic until March 10, at which time the trails will be reassessed. The closing is due to severe erosion, water in the trails and unfortunately due a few ORV drivers driving out of the trails over the grass as well as driving through washovers at Pochet. The back trail of Nauset Beach is extremely flooded due to this past week's storms. The trail contains deep water after the Pochet-Washover. The trail is pretty deep from the Rice Camp past the Mayo Camp, deep at Bloom-Hawthorne Camp as well as at the Cupola. On the front beach the berm is gone again from extensive erosion. Lots of erosion from Public Beach South to trail 2 1/2 and from trail 5 to the inlet. The Pond created at the inlet still in tact. When the beach reopens it is recommended to reduce tire pressure to 10 to 12lbs and to carry a cell phone. In an emergency call Orleans police @ 508-255-01117. Travel at low tide only. There is no visible damage to the remaining camps.

Nauset Spit will be closed to ORV traffic effective March 2, 2010 due to erosion and a few vehicles driving over the grass and other areas that were posted closed. This area will not reopen until the area has been reposted which should be completed by March 8 depending on the weather and tides.

Town of Orleans ORV Permits – May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010

Orleans Tax Payer	\$50	Over Sand (non-resident)	\$180
Self Contained (non-resident)	\$250		

Town of Chatham ORV Permits - May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010

Chatham Tax Payer	\$40
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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.

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>

We had a good showing at the Public hearing concerning predator control at Marconi Beach, thanks to everyone that attended.

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 & Duxbury

2010 Conservation Projects

Duxbury Beach	April 10
Plymouth Beach	April 11
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

March 27 th	Plum Island annual Refuge beach clean-up
April 7 th	MBBA Monthly Meeting
April 10 th	First Conservation Project of 2010 at Duxbury