



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2010

Presidents Report

The countdown is on as we enter May and have already been active in beach projects with several left to go. Before you know it we will be here for our 60th Spring Meet on May 21-23 at Scusset State park. I'm sure there are many things planned for this years festivities at this years event. There are new clothing and items decorated for the 60th to be purchased at the promotional tables. We are also pre-selling tickets to Fall Banquet with a preset amount of raffle tickets to be given for pre buying at Spring Meet. We are also to pre compete against the MSBA for the upcoming official casting contest to be held by MSBA on August 1st at their summer outing as they are also celebrating 60 years also so congratulations MSBA and many more years. Also the directory will also have a new appearance to commemorate this years accomplishment. If you see Cliff and Clara White as the were both honored with awards at the Mass Sportsman Council Banquet and also Rich and Terry Sandstrom were nominated into the hall of fame for there work for the sportsman.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

Well, the fish have arrived and so has beach season. We had a considerably good spring and the warm weather has hit us sooner than normal. The whole season is about 2 weeks ahead of time. Yahoo!!! Just a reminder that the fishing license issue went through and beginning in 2011, we must purchase a license to fish. Yeah, we don't like it but it will be the law and we will abide. In the meantime, before we wet a line in saltwater, we as fishermen must register with the National Saltwater Angler Registry. Please, if you have not done so, go to www.counmyfish.noaa.gov and register for your saltwater registration. I already did and it was harmless!! Now, looking forward to May 21, 22 and 23. Our 60th Spring Meet will once again be held at Scusset Beach State Reservation parking lot and for it to be successful; we need a great turnout this year. We are hoping for a fun weekend to commemorate our 60th anniversary as a club. This milestone in itself is incredible and we all need to be proud of our accomplishment. We are still a strong club in spite of beach closures and a decrease in membership. As we move forward into 2011, we are looking to improve in many ways. The greatest way to increase membership is for each member to "sell" the club on new people. People still love the beach and as we meet these people, impress upon them how great our club and its membership is. There is power in numbers and we can once again be as big as we once were.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Spring Meet.

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

Chairman of the Board Report

We are all but finished with the beach projects. I would like to thank all of you who made a difference by showing up and working hard to protect our resources. Thanks to Peter Murray, for his diligence generating the project schedule and coordinating everything. And with our Beach projects nearly finished we have one more event.

That would be the 60th Annual MBBA Spring Meet, at Scusset Beach State Park for the weekend of May 21-23, 2010. During this event our club hosts the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 22, 2010. This meeting is where all our members have a vote, and we call for your assistance in making important decisions on issues brought

before the Board of Directors. This is your meeting, and like the Fall Banquet, the only other regularly scheduled General Membership meeting your participation is major part.

Of course the Spring Meet is not all work and no fun, we have activities for the kids, raffles for kids and adults, door prizes for adult female, adult male and kids female and male, casting contests for kids, adults and seniors. For officers and directors, this is a very busy weekend with all that is going on. Of course we need and appreciate volunteers, and our Vice President, Wendy Bowles will need lots of support so our raffles, meetings and activities will all be successful.

Please mark that weekend on your calendar and plan to be there. This is the last chance for members who go to all of our beaches to get together. If you are new to beach driving or have a new "chase vehicle" or "self contained oversand vehicle" this is a great place to get fresh ideas on how to set up your buggy. Come on down and get to meet members from other beaches as well as from your own stomping grounds

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

Membership Secretary Report

The 2010 Membership Handbook has been printed. Please see me at Spring Meet to pick up your 60th Anniversary edition of the Handbook. Those that are unable to attend Spring Meet will have a Handbook mailed to them ASAP.

Spring Meet is just around the corner May 21-23. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, there will be an opportunity for you to do so at Spring Meet.

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

Unfortunately I was not able to get an up to date report prior to press time. The important thing is that the beach is open!! As I receive info, it will be posted on the message board on the website. As always, check out www.sandyneckbeachpark.com for current info. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100, extension 110

Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

The beach is open and it was wonderful to be there for our 2010 spring project, we had a great turnout and the park was quite pleased with the result. Campers we allowed to stay on the beach for both Friday and Saturday as there wasn't enough room out on Nauset for us Saturday night, a very special thanks to Craig Thatcher for his handling of this situation.

The beach is open from Hatches Harbor to about 1/10 of a mile past the Mission Bell, where there is a huge cut right into the primary dune. The wreck of the HMS Somerset is again buried in the sand. Both SCV areas look good, a lot of work was done on the trail to the backside so it looks good for the season.

The plovers are busy and a couple of nests have eggs already, plans to poison crows as predator control have been put on hold, but could come back in the future.

Chris Anderson will be joining us at Spring Meet this year and Chuck and Janet will be at Spring Meet on Sunday morning to sell stickers.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the project and thanks to Bill Correia for cooking the dogs and all the wonderful extras. See you out on the beach!

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA

The back trail is just about completely dry with smooth travel from the gatehouse to the new inlet. All trails are open with the exception of trail 2, which looks to be closed indefinitely. The front beach is currently drivable from trail 1 to the Chatham Inlet at high tide. It is narrow in places with a slant towards the water. In spots there is no room to turn around so plan accordingly. Self-contained vehicles should travel the back trail. There is good parking at trails 3 and 5 and the Town of Chatham has opened the end of the beach past trail 7 for camper parking. The beach is very soft so tire pressure should be low so you won't get stuck (10-12 lbs).

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

When on the beach please carry a cell phone. 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

Bill Sheehan MBBA #1414 Nauset Beach Representative

Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

I would like to thank all that were at the cleanup and we made short work of the project as it was a general cleanup and move 2 sets of stairs that washed up on the beach. Karen Johnson is the new person in charge of the Dennis beaches and sure she will do a good job in continuing to allow off road access on both Chapin and Crow's Pasture. As we all saw the beach is narrow and quickly covered by a tide of 10ft + so there may be some closures at high tide to be allowed back on when tides allow safe passage. There is no cost increase from last year and remains at 100 for resident and 200 for non resident which had 1800 permits sold last year.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Plum Island, Newburyport, MA

Plum Island is still looking pretty bad. There is no beach at high tide.

Daytime fishing is allowed in a small area off lot one.

So far there are 7 plovers on the refuge and a few on Sandy Point. No nests yet.

Everything is status quo for drive-on's this year.

Enjoy this nice weather while you can and get out there and catch some fish. There

are reports of 25-26 inch fish being taken with a few keepers in the mix from the beachfront.

Salisbury Beach Project will be held May 8 and 9. This is always a great time for everyone. We will have free use of the campground from Friday thru Sunday.

Nancy Brown, Courtesy Patrol

Scusset Beach Report

The Campground is now open for the 2010 camping season and the Beach and grounds are in good shape. The Safari Field will be open Thursday; 5/13/2010 for the Scusset Project this weekend I told John and his staff we would do some litter patrol Friday for the extra day. The dump station was open yesterday afternoon when we went down for an overnight stay after the Salisbury Project. Hope to see a good turnout for this weekend and Spring Meet.

Chip and Bob, Beach Reps

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Conservation and Dune Management

The projects have gone very well so far with good member participation and good weather except for Salisbury where it rained on Saturday, there are some members in contention for Perfect 10 pins again this year. At this point only Scusset is left for the Spring Projects, the Fall projects are listed below, I'm hoping for a good showing at all of them and to be able to pick up the stuff left behind the symbolic fences. Thanks to everyone that has helped out so far.

2010 Conservation Projects

Race Point (fall) September 18th

Scusset (fall) October 2nd

Horseneck (fall) October 16th

Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22nd 23rd Spring Meet @ Scusset Beach

June 2nd MBBA Monthly Meeting

September 1st MBBA Monthly Meeting

November 6th 60th Fall Banquet

60TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING MEET Wendy Bowles, Vice President

Spring Meet will be held May 21, 22 and 23 at Scusset Beach State Reservation in the main parking lot. You do not want to miss this great event this year!!! First off, due to health issues with Bob Gogean (and we do wish you well Bob), we have hired a tent company who will show up on Friday afternoon and put the tent up without the help of members. (Due to insurance issues, we cannot help at all!) Therefore, we will sit back and have a "tent-raising" party Friday afternoon. Check in will begin on Friday at 4pm.

Come Saturday morning, festivities will begin. We will begin the day with one of the two junior members casting contest. Smokey the Bear will be visiting at noon, then we move on to our annual meeting which you will not want to miss this year as lots of great awards will be given out. Then immediately after the meeting, we are holding a "team trivia" contest. Four person teams will vie for prizes (brush up on your MBBA knowledge). Start picking your teams now as this should be real interesting (no electronic assistance is allowed). This will be a real deal team trivia contest. After the trivia contest will be dinner time. You can purchase yummy items from the "Nauset Raw Bar", "Sloppy Joels", Warren and Sue's Chowder and Bobby, Diane and Elena's burgers and dogs. After dinner, Sheila Sunman will be opening the ever favorite dessert table. Any desserts are accepted (please plan on individual serving sizes) and will be on sale for fifty cents each or priced at the discretion of the dessert committee. We may even see some Lemon Lush again this year. After dinner, we will be holding MBBA Karaoke for the first part of the evening. The juniors or some daring adults can show us their talent. We will then move on to a DJ and dancing for the rest of the evening 'til the midnight hour. Of course in between all this fun, we will find time for some super raffle tables. Once we all wake up Sunday morning, it starts all over again. Casting contests all morning then onto awards and raffles.

Of course, there will also be the junior member scavenger hunt and poster contest held during the weekend. You never know what other surprises may pop up during the weekend so don't miss it! The committee is pretty sneaky!! If we end up with 100 campers in attendance, maybe I will put all the names into a special drawing!! Hmmm, who knows!!

So, please plan on attending this milestone event and help us celebrate the 60th anniversary of MBBA!!! You won't regret it!