



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2010

Presidents Report

November is upon us and with the first snow that hit the cape reminded us to finish with the camper winterizing and prepare for the springtime to return. I hope all that could and did attend the Fall Banquet had a great time and it looks to have been a success. I congratulate the new elected officers for next year and those that worked hard for the club and the awards they deserved. The last couple of months we as a club have lost some past presidents Ed Burke, Mike Magliocca, also Jack Woolner and a long time donator to the club from Surfland Bait and Tackle Ray Moulton. You will all be sadly missed and a honor to have you all in the club and for you have done for us.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

Well, our 60th anniversary fall banquet has come and gone and was an awesome time yet again. Kudos to the committee of Peter Murray, Sue Kelly, Vikki Conboy, Tracy Sheehan and Rudy Sawyer for all their hard work. It paid off with a great turnout and a wonderful new location. It was great having the hotel literally next door to the hall and having the buggies so close to both. Good job guys!!

It gave me great pleasure this year to present the Vice Presidents Award to Bobby Kelly (yes, there is only one!). "In appreciation of your constant willingness to offer assistance at each and every club event that you attend. You always come forward to help out in any way that you can without being asked and volunteer your time unconditionally". Little did I know that his awesome wife Sue was receiving the President's Award. I do believe that this is the first time a "couple" has received both the President's and Vice President's Award in the same year. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations as well to the "Booster of the Year" Peter Amaral, the Outstanding Service Award recipient Rick Brown and Booster Award recipient Vikki Conboy. Also congrats to our Certificate of Appreciation recipients: Bill Sheehan, Tracy Sheehan, Jim Conboy, Erik Bumpus and Eric Roach.

Last but not least, big congratulation to our new officers. Scott Morris-President, Patrick Paquette-Vice President, Rudy Sawyer- Executive Vice President, Tom Gagnon- Executive Secretary, Angela Bumpus-Treasurer, Vikki Conboy-Membership Secretary and Nancy Brown-Recording Secretary.

Wendy Paquette, Vice President

Chairman of the Board Report

I want to thank Rudy Sawyer, Peter Murray, and everyone else who stepped up and helped put together our 60th Anniversary MBBA Fall Banquet at Whites in Westport. I think we all had a great time, and did so while trying something different. While we have had larger Fall Banquets, it has been many years since we had a Banquet with over 120 attendees. A special thanks to those who helped with ticket sales, great job!

As we all know, the main reason for the Fall Banquet is the General Membership Meeting and Elections. It was nice to see a full slate come forward well before the October Board Meeting. Thank you Erik Bumpus; for your efforts leading the Nominating Committee and Elections. Nice work, and thank you again!

With the Fall Banquet over, we need to concentrate on the hard work of taking on the challenges of 2011. This is a good time for you to help our organization by coming to the Board of Directors Meetings. When you show up you will meet other active members, and learn what the issues are and how you can help.

Most of those members work with us at beach projects, and support our club at public Meetings and Sportsman shows. It is through all of these activities, we gain the knowledge and experience to provide leadership to our club.

The MBBA Executive Board, and the Board of Directors welcome and encourage our members to attend our meetings and give input and direction to the club. When you come to your next meeting, don't forget to bring another member or a friend who wants to join the MBBA.

Support your club by attending the Spring Meet, Fall Banquet, Beach Conservation Projects and Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors meetings begin at 7:30 pm, and they are at the Lakeville Lions Club.

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 "General Joe Hooker Lounge" 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. We meet in the Event Room on the left side of the building.

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 for the "General Joe Hooker Lounge" sign on the left. At the sign go left on Staples Shore Road, and as the road curves right, take a left into the parking lot for the club. We meet in the Event Room on the left side of the building

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

Membership Secretary Report

Membership Secretary Report November 2010

The Fall Banquet was amazing. It was wonderful to see everyone having such a great time in celebration of our 60th year. For those of you who missed it, I hope you can attend next year. White's of Westport did a great job accommodating all of our requests. The food was delicious and the DJ was spinning great tunes throughout the night.

I was completely surprised when a Booster Award was presented to me. Thank you all so much!

Renewal notices for 2011 will be mailed in December, please keep an eye out for yours. The forms will be revised to include our new pet memberships that are available for an annual fee of \$15.00. The numbers 4000-4999 have been reserved for our members pets.

As a reminder, please let me know if your address has changed and as always, 2011 renewals are due January 1st and must be received by March 15th in order to have your name(s) printed in the 2011 Membership Handbook.

I hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Vikki Conboy, Membership Secretary Mbba1721@comcast.net

Executive Vice Presidents Report

I would like to combine a few subjects in my report this month.

First thank you to everyone who came to the Banquet it was a great time. Tell your friends that did not come and bring them next year.

My next point is that this winter many Beach access issues will come up weather it is your beach or one you may not use. So my point is pay attention to the issues at hand they will affect your beaches down the line and our brothers and sisters can use your help and when you need help they will be there. The first one of the winter is Plymouth beach it may be a residents only beach but Goldenrod has been fighting hard to shut the town's people's beach down to EVERYTHING and the town of Plymouth and the people have been fighting back. (Watch Plymouths reports)

Chatham and Orleans will work on there issues to a Chapin, Sandy Neck, Plum Island and, P-town, Duxbury to pay attention to your beach rep's reports and see how you can help.

Next month I will have as many dates as I can for the shows that I can. One shows location will change and the will be the Mass Striped Bass show.

I would like to ask you for help with one show and that will be the Rhode Island show it is three days and if you can help in the booth it would be a great help. It is a great show and like the MSBA a lot of great stuff.

I have changing the booth around over the last two years and would like to add to it I am looking for memorabilia from the last 60 plus years and pictures I can add to our picture frame.

Well see you at the shows and come to our monthly meetings and check it out. You do not have to come to them every month to be involved but you can see how your club is doing first hand.

Have a great holiday season.

Rudy Sawyer, Executive Vice President mbba196@verizon.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

The beach closes November 15th for the season, overall we had a very good year on the beach, the fishing was good, the people excellent and the problems very few.

Special thanks to the management and staff at the National Seashore for everything they do to keep the beach open as much as they can, their assistance with the conservation projects and their willingness to allow buggy's from other beaches to stay and participate in the projects.

Thank you to my Courtesy Patrol and assistants Vic Medeiros and Bill Correia for their help and support throughout the year.

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

Nauset Beach Orleans/ Chatham, MA

Portions of Nauset Beach may become impassable over the fall and winter during moon tides and storm events. Remember to watch the tides and lower your air pressure. The off road trails south of the parking lot are drivable on the outer trails from Trail #1 to Trail #5 with the exception of two areas which you can bypass by driving low beach. Low beach driving from trail #1 to the Chatham Inlet will be completely open on November 5, 2010.

During storm events and moon tides the inner trail may become impassable with one to two feet of salt water.

Reference the tide charts before you travel. Please do not drive off the trails onto the dunes or grass, as we want to retain our privilege to have access to the outer beach during the off-season.

As we head into the off-season the beach will change frequently with sand being extremely soft. So drivers should be aware and drive in areas matched to your driving experience on Nauset Beach.

The towns of Orleans and Chatham have decided to rally support from other towns in a push for greater freedom in dealing with beach closures due to nesting piping plovers.

Two years ago the Town of Orleans considered applying to the state for a section 10 permit that would have allowed the town to direct vehicles around plovers. The town opted not to pursue this due to all the stipulations the state required for approval – one being the elimination of all predators on the beach that would potentially eat plovers.

Killing one species to save another was not in the best interest of anyone.

The Town of Orleans would now like to create a forum with other beach managers, inviting state officials to address the concern of reasonable beach management. According to the Beach Superintendent the Federal Government is not the problem. The problem is at the state level where it seems there is a different rule for different beach with no explanation of 'why'.

With more and more portions of the beach being shut down every year it is something that needs the attention of all. Not just one town. This year Nauset was closed for 69 days, up from 61 days last year and 31 days the year before. One chick added an additional 21 days this year.

The overall goal is to have the state let each town manage their own beaches allowing the birds to nest with allowing people to use the beach at the same time. The perception needs to change that off road vehicles on the beach have caused much of the population decline in the birds. – This is the research that is being fed and is not true.

Economically, in the Town of Orleans alone, the beach closures is crippling town revenues and sending tourists elsewhere. In 2004 the Town of Orleans took in \$463,000 from ORV sales. In 2010 they took in \$126,000. – Down 73%

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

Bill Sheehan MBBA #1414 Nauset Beach Representative Codders3@yahoo.com

Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA

Here is the latest starting with a meeting with the selectman on election night about the proposed fencing on Chapin and closing it for the winter. They had wanted to install fencing in the back of the dunes in 6 places to help try and trap sand to help with the winter build up the dunes. I had voiced our opinion as on the many beach projects that we do that installing now would not have time to setup and survive the winter from storms and ice. They argued back that Natural Heritage only allows fencing to be done at this time and not later in spring or summer due to the birds. She had tried to get the beach closed for the winter by stating that due to the current enforcement that only 8-9 days would be accessible for the month and then if the ramp was damaged that it would cost about 100- dollars be time to rebuild it and re put the posts and ropes up each time. The selectman overturned it and allowed the beach to stay open as the same was done with Crows at he conservation meeting. So as it stands they will be both accessible throughout the winter to those that use it. I was asked if we can lend a hand with the fencing as AmeriCorps was to help but the dates were on a Monday and that a weekend would be a better time to get it done.

Tom Gagnon, Beach Rep.

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA

The gatehouse is only open on weekends. During the week, sales of ORV permits are by appointment only. Stickers are required year round with winter curfew being 8pm.

The old bathhouse was recently burned down as a training session for the West Barnstable Fire Department, making way for the new and modern bathhouse to be built and completed by Memorial Day.

Because there has not been an increase in the deer population, there will be no deer hunt this year.

Wendy Paquette, Beach Rep.

Conservation and Dune Management

Great year everyone, thanks for your support.

I got a call from a reporter the other day concerning the fence project at Horseneck, my understanding is they put up a single section for the media and that was all they did. It's a shame DCR didn't put more thought into what they were doing, perhaps that will change for 2011.

Peter Murray, Conservation Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1st. MBBA Monthly Meeting