

MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2009

Presidents Report

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of our 59 th year as a club. I like to thank everyone for allowing me to lead this great organization and meet the challenges that await us in the upcoming year. But like all good clubs it is only as good as the people that run it. The new faces that will be officers and committee members will help to bring new ideas and renewed energy back into the club. This month starts with the first of our shows and meetings with the committees to set goals for the upcoming year. We need volunteers to setup and help out at shows, our newsletter and Fall Banquet. So if you are feeling it's time to get involved then step up and get involved in your club. It has it challenges and rewards such as teamwork and friendship.

For Access and Conservation, Tom Gagnon, President

Vice Presidents Report

Happy New Year and welcome to 2009. First and foremost, I would like to thank the members of this club for putting their trust in me by voting me in as your vice president for 2009. Yes, your vice president. I am looking forward to hearing your comments, complaints, suggestions and ideas.

Unfortunately, some of the previous issues will follow us into the new year. We will still be facing beach closures, there will still be erosion, the birds will be back and the economy will not heal overnight. However, we cannot and will not stop fighting. We will continue to meet with beach managers and any other high officials who will listen to our concerns. We will show up in force at spring projects to put up fence, clean beaches or plant grass because we care. We will talk to beach users who may not be 100% sure how to drive on the beach and may need some guidance because we care. Our beaches have been around for a lot of years. Although maybe smaller in area or shaped differently, they are still here because we care.

The main project of my position is to present the best spring meet ever. I can only do this with the help and guidance of a good committee and member participation. I am looking for some good people who would like to help me out. I need a few people to help out with the planning, the phone calls, the donations etc. I want member participation. I want to hear what you want to see different or what you want to bring back to spring meet. I want to know what you like and don't like about spring meet. I want to find out why you haven't been to spring meet in years and what will bring you back. I want to see the parking lot totally filled up with campers like it was 20 years ago. I want the center circle to be so crowded at times that you can't see across it. I want to see lots of members there enjoying every minute of the weekend. Spring Meet belongs to you the members. Please do not hesitate to contact me, either by e-mail or by phone. This is your club. Enjoy it.

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

Chairman of the Board Report

I would like to start this report by wishing you all a happy, healthy, safe and productive New Year. I hope all of you enjoyed your holidays, and that all is well with you and your families. With that, I want to ask all of you to continue to your support the MBBA with your effort and generosity.

We will soon be busy with Sportsman Shows, Board of Directors Meetings, Conservation Projects, Access Committee, and planning the Spring Meet. The work we face this year will involve lots of time and will continue have a financial impact on our General and Legal funds. As you renew your membership, and plan on how you can volunteer over the next few weeks and months, think of this. We also need to boost our membership among the beach fishing community. Try to get more of your non-member friends from the beach to join the MBBA and get involved. This is their fight too.

Also think of the MBBA Legal Fund in your charitable donations, and be there when the club needs you. Our Executive Vice President, Rudy Sawyer is looking for members to help with the Sportsman Shows, and Vice President, Wendy Bowles will need help with the Spring Meet. Before we know it we will be out on the beaches for the Conservation Projects, so see how you can chip in.

The MBBA needs you now more than ever, so step up and participate. You can start by attending the monthly Board of Directors Meetings. They are the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30pm at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Rd. Lakeville MA.

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

BEACH REPORTS:

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA

On January 12, 2009 Sandy Neck Beach Rep Wendy Bowles & Assistant Beach Rep Patrick Paquette attended the Sandy Neck Board Meeting.

The beach remains in good winter condition and is open to trail 6. The gatehouse is open by appointment only at this time of year and staff reminds sticker holders that your 2008 stickers are valid until April 15th which is easy to remember because it is tax day.

The dredging of Barnstable Harbor is well underway with the work on the inner harbor almost done and pumping of sand from the main channel to replenish designated areas at the end of Sandy Neck to begin next.

The allowed time during February and early March for work on the marsh trail by town DPW is fast approaching.

This year there will be a series of patch work done in multiple smaller areas between trails 2 & 5 that regularly have flooding problems. .

There was finally some word from the state regarding the parking lot and bath house development project. The state will not allow any work outside the exact footprint of the currently developed property and this pretty much kills any hope for the interpretive center that has been a central point of the long term development plan. With the denial of increased parking areas comes the reality that projected increased revenue from those spaces cannot be figured into paying for the project and that may render the project as just too expensive in any form. There is some work being done to adjust the plan so that if there is money that comes from a possible Obama administration capital improvement program Sandy Neck will be ready to move quickly.

The board finalized regulations for 2009 and MBBA input on proposed language we saw as discrimination toward certain user groups recreating off trail & behind the dunes was addressed. There was some adjustment to fines for violations of beach regulations. Regular violations will result in a fifty dollar fine per violation and driving without a permit will cost one hundred fifty dollars.

Finally, staff has been working on cleaning up language in town ordinances and is suggesting wherever the ORV permit is called an inspection sticker it be changed to the word permit.

Wendy Bowles, Beach Rep.

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 for the season, special access permits can be obtained at Race Point subject to times & tides, please call ahead first before driving down.

Bob Grant the former South District Ranger has been appointed as the new Chief Ranger, replacing Steve Prokof.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Membership Secretary Report

Welcome to a new year.

Believe it or not, renewal time is upon us. This year everyone will be mailed out a *yellow renewal form with important information* on it. Read it carefully and use this form when sending in your renewal. Please make sure that your phone number is included and you let us know if you have access to the internet to view our website. For all junior members please provide their date of birth.

Just a reminder: that if I do not receive your renewal by March 15th you will not be listed in the directory. However, if you wish not to be listed in the directory, you can still renew early and just write me a note asking me not to put you in the directory. Don't let that be your reason for renewing late.

Don't forget the special promotion running for new members: Dues for **2009** for new adult members are \$10.00 each and juniors age 19 and under are \$5.00. Applications can be printed off of our website for new members and renewals.

If anyone has any concerns, suggestions or comments that they would like to contribute to the 2009 Directory please contact me by March 15th.

Please remember to drop me a postcard or e-mail me at MBBA217@comcast.net if you have a change of address or you find a portion of your address is incorrect. I must have accurate records in order for you to receive things properly and timely.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Conservation and Dune Management

We had a good year last year and accomplished many things during the projects, we hope you will take the time to come out and volunteer some time for our beaches this spring. The projects are one of the few things we do as a club other than the Banquet and Spring meet and it's a great time to meet and talk with people from other beaches, to talk about your rig, tires, your family, that big fish you caught or the one that got away. Please mark your calendars, pack up the family and come on out to help, it really is a wonderful experience.

2009 Conservation Projects

April 4	Duxbury Beach
April 5	Plymouth Beach
April 18-19	Salisbury Project
April 25	Chapin Beach
April 26	Sandy Neck Beach
May 2	P/Town Beach
May 3	Nauset Beach
May 9	Scusset Project

Conservation Committee

Peter Murray, Chairman

Erik Bumpus

Dan Carnali

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7th	MBBA Monthly meeting
January 24th & 25th	Standish Show, East Bridgewater
February 4th	MBBA Monthly Meeting



SPORTSMEN!

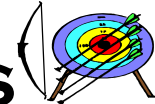


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THE 30TH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN
MASS. SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION



Saturday, January 24th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 25th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hosting Over 40 Dealers & Exhibitors Including:

Mass. Fisheries & Wildlife
Winterwood Retrievers
Hunter Trading Post Ltd.
Trader Jans
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Mass. Sportsman's Council
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Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children (\$1 off with this flyer)



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