



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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MBBA NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2016

Presidents Report

First off, hope the holidays were good for you and your family. Also I would like to thank the outgoing 2015 officers and directors for your service and for the 2016 officers for stepping up or staying on.

In early November, the MBBA attended a meet and greet in Wellfleet for the National Parks proposal on their new bird management plan. This was not a normal presentation done by the Park.

The Park is proposing 4 options, titled A, B, C and D. We received the 280 plus page document within a week and the Saturday after Thanksgiving the political action committee met after reading the four proposals. We as a committee, found language and wording that does take away access for ORV corridor and will also take away walking, boating (both motorized and non-motorized) and access from Hatches Harbor to Nauset marsh which could be closed from April to October.

We have put out a constant contact email asking members to submit a statement to the park and have posted it on other club affiliates.

Thank you for the one who have responded, weather you visit Provincetown or not, this will in ways, could affect all beaches.

In closing please contact me with any questions.

Rudy Sawyer, President



Vice Presidents Report

Thanks to all who came out the Fall Banquet and supported our club and voted your next set of officers to help guide the MBBA for the upcoming year. I am forming a committee for this year's spring meet, and as always looking for volunteers to help out and come up with new ideas and fun for the juniors, as this is their time to be recognized as the future of our club. I am looking to go back to the good old spring meet of past, 25 cent hot dogs etc and continue the fine tradition of a good old family weekend, to be enjoyed by all. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas, and hope for a great and successful year for the MBBA, Thks, For Access and Conservation,

Don Fillman, Vice President



Chairman of the Board Report

Hi All!

I am excited to be sitting in the position of Chairman of the Board for 2016. I want to thank my fellow directors for electing me into this position again. I am truly honored. I look forward to working with the directors and officers.

Along with welcoming the New Year, I would also like to welcome our new officers. Some new faces and some returning as well as some remaining and some just sliding into new positions. Either way, they are a strong group and we're bound to have a great year.

Please support the sportsman shows coming up during these winter months. It is a great opportunity to lend a hand by helping at the MBBA booth. It can be fun to talk to people at the shows and let them know what we are all about. Contact Rudy Sawyer for sign ups.

Before you know it, spring projects will be here, followed by spring meet. Think about joining us for a project or two if you have never been or have not been in a while. More hands make for lighter work and we always have fun doing it!

Please join us for our monthly Board of Directors meetings held the first Wednesday of every month (excluding July and August) at 7:00 PM at the Mitchell Memorial Club 29 Elm Street, Middleboro MA. All are welcome. We welcome new ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Come sit in for a meeting and see what goes on behind the scene. Keep up to date on the clubs current affairs. (We even have coffee and treats!)

Feel free to email me with ideas or comments as well! MBBA849@YMAIL.COM

Directions to the Mitchell Memorial Club:

From North: Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville

At the end of the ramp bear left, and continue on Route 105 (S. Main St.) to the light at Route 28 (W. Grove St) then take a left at light. Turn onto Elm St. on the right. The Mitchell Memorial Club is immediately on the left. Please park in the lower lot. Our meeting is up the stairs from the back door.

From South: Take Route 25 to 495 North. Take exit 4 (Route 105) Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp, take a right onto Route 105 (S. Main St). Follow to the light at Route 28 (W Grove St) then take a left at light. Turn onto Elm St. on the right. The Mitchell Memorial Club is immediately on the left. Please park in the lower lot. Our meeting is up the stairs from the back door.

Diane Lomba, Board of Directors Chairman

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BEACH REPORTS:

Nauset Beach Report

My last trip out on Nauset was just before Christmas. It had rained hard but there was more water in the lower parking lot than on the back trails.

The surf was high and the tides came up to the grass.

From Hammatt's flag pole to the South End channel, the sand had been over washed with a lot of current.

Nauset looked as it usually does in it's winter beach mode.

If you take a ride out be careful; and due to the cold don't expect the air pump to work.

Richard Sandstrom, Assistant Beach Rep

Horseneck Beach State Reservation, Westport, MA

Park Office 508-636-8817 Reservations 877-422-6762, www.reserveamerica.com

There is really nothing new to report this month. The fence has held up fairly well so far this winter. There is a coastal storm coming in this weekend, don't know what the effect will be on Horseneck.

Campground reservations are being accepted for the upcoming season and the sites are filling up fast. Fees increased from \$15 a night to \$22 a night. No hookups.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Kelly, Horseneck Beach Rep Skelly529@aol.com



Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100, ext. 110
Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

The beach is closed for the season all of the action now revolves around the new Shorebird Management plan EA, this is without a doubt (potentially) the biggest thing to happen to beach users since the negotiated rule making and we had very little time to act, I'd like to commend the Political Action Committee, Scott Morris and his committee did a ton of work on the CCNS EA, they put together an amazing body of information in a very short time and responded to the park service with a well written, intelligent and thoughtful comment backed up with an equally well written appendix, all the while also driving a concise and well organized comment effort from our membership.

I hope that the comments will lead to the EA being withdrawn as it appears to be too badly flawed to be easily fixed, time will tell, but no one could expect a better effort or more as a club then the Political Action Committee delivered, great work!

Peter Murray, Beach Rep. pmurray@mbba.net 508-944-4447

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA



Photos by Diane Lomba

Winter is in full swing and we've been pretty lucky weather wise. We've had some beautiful days to go out and enjoy the beach. I was very fortunate to make a trip out there, the beginning of January. The beach looks really good. Nice and wide. Let's hope it stays that way. There was a Snowy Owl release just before the New Year. "Wampum" as they call her was removed from Logan Airport and brought down to Sandy Neck for her safety. She hung around for a day or two then traveled to the south shore of the cape and eventually on to the islands off Martha's Vineyard. WWW.PROJECTSNOWSTORM.ORG has some great info on these owls including an interactive map to track where they move.

Diane Lomba, Beach Rep.

Promotionals

The Promotional Committee is working hard on coming up with new ideas for MBBA merchandise for the coming year. After a successful Spring Meet, in which promotionals did really well, inventory was done on the items that are left which are stored in the MBBA trailer.

We are hoping to come up with a new 2016 T-Shirt design. If you would like to submit (by email) a design to the committee, it would be greatly appreciated. We are always looking for new ideas from the members, and would appreciate any suggestions. It gets harder and harder every year to come up with new ideas.

If anyone is looking to purchase merchandise, please email me with what you are interested in, and I can let you know if we have it in stock. We do not have all items in all sizes. We have a variety of L/S T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, fleece, hats, mugs, 65th patches, stickers and much more. Shipping is on average \$6.00. I also attend the monthly meetings in Lakeville, and can bring your items there.

Your support is GREATLY appreciated!!

Sue Kelly, Promotional Chairperson

Email: Skelly529@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6th.	MBBA Monthly meeting
January 31st.	Standish Sportsman's Show, East Bridgewater, MA 9AM-5PM
February 1st.	Standish Sportsman's Show, East Bridgewater, MA 9AM-2PM
January 3rd.	MBBA Monthly meeting
March 2nd.	MBBA Monthly meeting

SPORTSMEN!

COME ON DOWN TO
THE 37th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN
MASSACHUSETTS SPORTSMAN'S SHOW
PRESENTED BY THE
STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION

BURR LANE, EAST BRIDGEWATER www.standishsportsmans.com

Saturday, February 6th, 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, February 7th, 9 am to 2 pm

Hunting, Fishing, Guns, Taxidermy, Archery, Boats

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$1 for children (\$1 off with this Flyer)



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