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MBBA NEWS FOR JANUARY 2017

Presidents Letter

Hope you all had a very Happy Holiday season.

If you are not aware the Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore George Price will be retiring in May. I would like to thank George for working and meeting with us this past year on the bird management plan.

This month I have been asked to help the Plums Island Surfcasters with a access issue for walk on fishing I have asked Russ Kessler of Marine Fisheries to help with this issue as you may know Ross looks into accesses issues when people are trying to stop fishing access and if you know of issues like this please let myself or Ross know so fishing is accessible to everyone.

Tom has already started to work on the Spring meet I'm sure he will be looking for help so please contact him if you are interested it's always a great time and if we all help it makes a great weekend.

I still have a few committee positions open we need of a Plymouth beach rep if you or someone you may know is interested please give me a call. I am also looking for someone to show the ropes to take over the sportsmen shows which start next month and dates are posted on the web site.

Thank you

Rudy Sawyer, President

Vice Presidents Report

Wow it's already the new year I hope everyone had special holidays with family and friends. This also starts our new year of work for the MBBA and there is much work to do. If anyone would like to help out by getting on a committee please contact Rudy, Myself or a director and they will help you out. Even if you are thinking about it and have questions or reservations contact one of us and maybe we can offer you guidance. Spring meet planning is ongoing and there is quite a bit of work there if anyone has idea's on something they would like to have at spring meet please contact me the earlier the better so I can discuss it with Rudy and the board to see if it is feasible. I am looking forward to working with the Current Officers, Directors and Committee members to make the 2017 beach season a success.

E-mail: mbba2178@gmail.com

Tom Moss, Vice President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 4th	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
Feb 1st	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
Feb 11&12	Standish Sportsman's Show, E. Bridgewater, MA
March 1	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
May 19-21	Spring meet, mark your calendars!

Chairman of the Board Report

Bob Long, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Our directors meetings are held at the Mitchel Club on the first Wednesday of every month except for July and August, everyone is welcome to attend and to see how the club is managed.

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.





Membership Secretary Report

First I would like to say that although my first month as membership secretary has had its challenges, I am having a ball. I am enjoying learning the database program and organizing my office. I even have my kids trained to pull out the membership mail and put it in a special spot on my desk.

Memberships have been rolling in! There are several ways to renew:

USPS; you can print out the 2017 Membership Renewal that is attached to the newsletter email. Or print it from [HERE](#). Simply fill it out and send it to the address at the bottom of the renewal form. You can also go to our website and click "renew your membership" under the membership tab. Here you can fill out the form electronically and pay online with PayPal. I will get the notification of your order and send off your membership cards right away.

Remember, renewal of dues is due January 1st. Even life members are obligated to send in a form or an email to check in on a yearly basis. The cut off for the handbook is March 15th. **RENEWALS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE LISTED IN THE HANDBOOK.** So please be prompt.

Spring Conservation Projects are coming up soon. Consider inviting a non-member friend to come for the day or the weekend to see what it's about. Have them come and participate in the project. I am at most projects and would have the ability to sign people up on the spot.

I am also thinking of a way to put together an incentive program for signing up new members. This is only in the brainstorming stages but it is definitely food for thought. This is your club and I will welcome suggestions or ideas for putting something in place. I would like to see our members be rewarded for recruiting new members. We all see how much fun we can have by being involved and by participating in our events. Why not get our friends involved as well. More hands make for lighter work.

I hope everyone stays warm on these cold days. Warmer weather will be here before we know it.

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns, Ideas or suggestions.

Email: MBBA849@YMAIL.COM or Call/text 774-836-0291

Diane Lomba, Membership Secretary

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 has closed for the season 2016, sticker holders can get a limited access pass, dependent on beach and weather conditions I'd recommend that you call ahead before making the long drive.

Happy Days are here again, Mary Hake and Bob Cook are gone this month, Mary moving to Alaska and Bob is retiring, two antagonists that hate ORV's, dogs and even people on the beach. Also, another antagonist James is leaving for a job in the Virgin Islands. These changes will hopefully usher in a new and hopefully honest Natural Resources staff. And while I'm not overly excited about George Price retiring, hopefully the EA will be finished before he goes.

The 2015 Off Road Vehicle report is available at

<https://www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/upload/2015-ORV-Report.pdf>

As always please contact me with any questions or concerns about the seashore and thank you for your support.

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

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA



Hi all and greetings from the mid-cape.

The beach was closed for a few days after the January 7th storm. Please check the website before venturing out for a drive.

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/Default.aspx>

The beach is now in winter mode. The gate house is open by appointment only. The beach is currently open from 8AM-4PM unless actively fishing and open to trail 6. Camping is available year round (no curfew if staying overnight in a SCV)

Permits are now being sold at a reduced rate, \$25 for resident and \$50 for non-resident. There is still an over night camping fee of \$20 per night for non-resident though out October. Call the gate house at (508) 362-8300 if you would like to obtain a winter permit. No fires are allowed on the beach for OSV at this time. SCV staying overnight may have a fire.

The gate house has started a restoration project. They are using reclaimed wood from the town hall renovations as much as they can to give the gate house some history and make it a bit rustic looking.

There have been reports in the past few weeks of snowy owls out on SNK. Please be respectful of these birds. Walking over the dunes is prohibited (even in winter mode) please only walk/hike on the trails. Hiking the point is the best chance to see them.

Hunting is allowed on SNK in the back trails of the beach. No hunting is allowed on front beach. Hunting season goes until March. Please use caution and common sense when hiking.

As always, contact me with questions, comment, or information. MBBA849@YMAIL.COM

We're almost half way done with winter, spring will be here soon!

Diane Lomba, Beach Rep

Chapin and Crowes Pasture, Dennis, MA

Chapin Beach:



The beach is closed for the Winter.

Crowes Pasture:



Crowes Pasture is open and in winter mode. As always check with the Town of Dennis website for tidal restrictions otherwise the beach is open to normal ORV travel after 9:00 PM if you are on the beach you are supposed to be actively fishing, that is unlikely this time of year.

Link to Sticker applications and regulations 2016

http://www.town.dennis.ma.us/Pages/DennisMA_NaturalResources/Barrier%20Beach

Tom Moss, Beach Rep

SPORTSMEN!

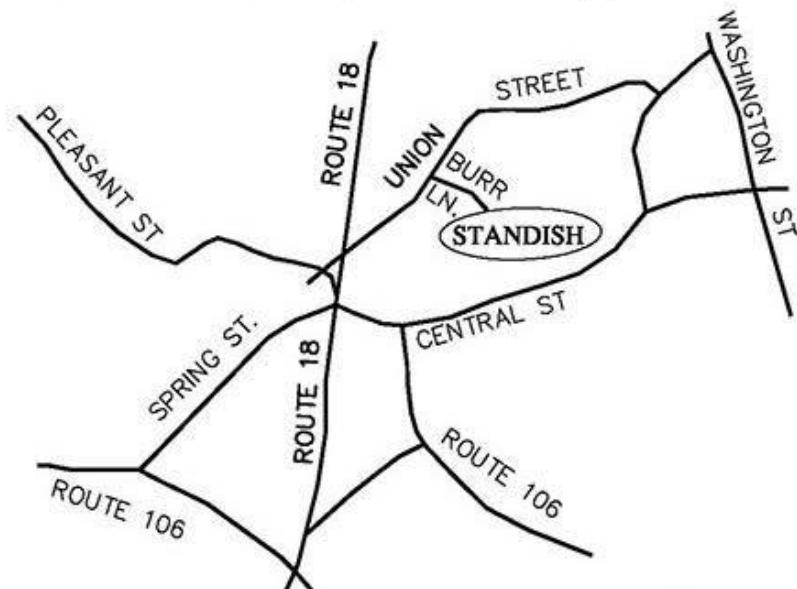
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PRESENTED BY THE
**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
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BURR LANE, EAST BRIDGEWATER www.standishsportsmans.com

Saturday, February 11th, 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, February 12th, 9 am to 2 pm

Hunting, Fishing, Guns, Taxidermy, Archery, Boats

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children (\$2 off with this Flyer)



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