

MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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MBBA NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2016



Vice Presidents Report

Hello to all, first let me say thanks to all, it has been a pleasure being the VP for club this year. We had a great Spring Meet, and great turn out for all the projects and Fall Banquet. We even got some fishing in this year too!

I wish the best of luck to the new officers and BOD's for the upcoming year, and hope everyone has a great holiday season and a Very Happy New Year, and hope to see all on the beaches next year.

For Access and Conservation
Don Fillman, Vice President



Chairman of the Board Report

The end of the year is upon us. This is a very busy time of year. Remember to stop and take time to breath. Take a ride to the beach and just take it in. In this busy time its hard to remember to take care of yourself.

This will be my last report as Chairman of the Board of Directors. I have enjoyed my 2 years in this elected position and can look back at my 2 years as a fairly productive time. I was honored to serve this position but now it's time to move on to bigger. As I transition from the position of COB into Membership Secretary I want to take the time to thank all those who have supported me. All the kind words are greatly appreciated.

Winter is still a busy time in our club. We are gearing up for Sportsman Shows and starting the lineup Spring Conservation Projects and preparation for Spring Meet.

Please consider coming out to help at our booth at a sportsman show. Come represent our club, talk to potential new members, answer questions and reminisce. As a bonus, you will usually get free time to walk around the show to! Contact Rudy Sawyer if you are interested! Now is the time to join a committee. Don't wait to be asked! Let the president or committee chair know that you want to help. 2017 Committees are now forming! You can see the list of 2016 committees here. <http://www.mbba.net/about-mbba/mbba-committees/>

If you have any interest in getting more involved, join us for the 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 currents affairs. (We even have coffee and treats!)

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

Happy Holidays to you all.

Diane Lomba, Board of Directors Chairwoman 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.



Snowy Owl on Sandy Neck

Photo by Diane Lomba



Membership Secretary Report

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

A new year is upon us and the wheels are always turning in the MBBA. The Sportsmen Show's will be here and our President Rudy Sawyer could always use some more help with this job. Don't think you have to be a long time member to help out. The youth and energy of our new members is contagious at these events whether discussing topics of concern about access, or handing out informational MBBA cards to interested folks. Give Rudy a shout!

A reminder to all our valued Life Members, please take a moment to read your MBBA Constant Contact e-mail or your annual renewal form that has been sent out this year. Your participation in returning updated contact information is crucial and required. No dues or monies are needed. The small amount of time it takes is necessary for our Membership Secretary to have accurate records for maintaining the database membership numbers, as well as any future mailings of everything from e-mails to Membership Directories. This saves us all time and money. It's your responsibility, please help us out. We'd love to hear from you!

This year's Membership numbers are down a bit. Most of this year trended lower because of a lack of renewals. We all know folks that renew some years, and not in others for a wide variety of reasons. Often it's just lost in the business of our daily lives. Let's see if we can't get them to renew early this year and start a new trend!

Congratulations to our newly elected Membership Secretary Diane Lomba! Her energy and drive will have her running things smoothly in no time at all. Thanks for stepping up into your new role Diane.

I want to thank everyone who has made my job easier and smoothed the track a little. In the past three years as your Membership Secretary, good things happened, and some mistakes were made. It always helped to know that there was someone to ask questions of, get advice from, and laugh along the way with.

Please consider talking with any one of our past or present Officers or Directors about how you might give back a little to a club that has done so much towards conservation, public awareness, and access. Find out where you might be needed. Paying it forward a little never hurts and does us all a lot of good!

Tight lines, a smooth track and toes in the sand...

Respectfully,

Rob Osgood, Membership Secretary

BEACH REPORTS:



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.

George Price has announced his retirement as superintendent in May of 2017. George is our 8th. superintendent since the park was created and has been with us since 2005 which ties him at 12 years with our all-time worst Superintendent Herb Olsen. The shorebird EA and it is still being worked on, we have been assured that the EA cannot override or trump the Negotiated Rule Making of 1998.

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



Sandy Neck Beach

Photo by: Diane Lomba

Hi all and greetings from the mid cape.

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 overnight 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.

There have been reports in the past few weeks that a snowy owl has arrived at SNK. She has been there a couple of weeks and they hope she will stick around for the winter. Please be respectful of these birds. Walking over the dunes is prohibited (even in winter mode) please only walk/hike on the trails.

Hunting is allowed on SNK. If you wish to hunt please call the Gatehouse for details. If you would like to hike, please wear orange. Hunting is allowed Monday-Saturday, however hunters are required to check in at the gatehouse so you can call to see if hunters are in the area. No hunting is allowed on front beach. Hunting season goes until March.

As always, contact me with questions, comment, or information.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year
For Continued Beach Access,

Diane Lomba, Beach Rep

Chapin and Crowes Pasture, Dennis, MA

Chapin Beach is closed to ORV travel for the winter.

Crowes Pasture Beach is open to ORV use watch your tides as the beaches are in winter mode as always in the winter it is best to check the town website for closures due to inclement weather. All vehicles should be off the beach by 9:00 PM unless actively fishing which is not likely this time of year!

Tom Moss, Beach Rep

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



Fall Setting Sunshine

Photo by Rob Osgood



The Web Site Committee is working hard with the Web Designer on our new and improved Web Site. We have seen proofs and have looked over content. We are getting very close and are liking what we see. The hope is to launch the newly updated page soon after the first of the year. We are very excited and will let you know as soon as its ready!

SPORTSMEN!

COME ON DOWN TO
THE 38th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN
MASSACHUSETTS SPORTSMAN'S SHOW
PRESENTED BY THE
**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION**

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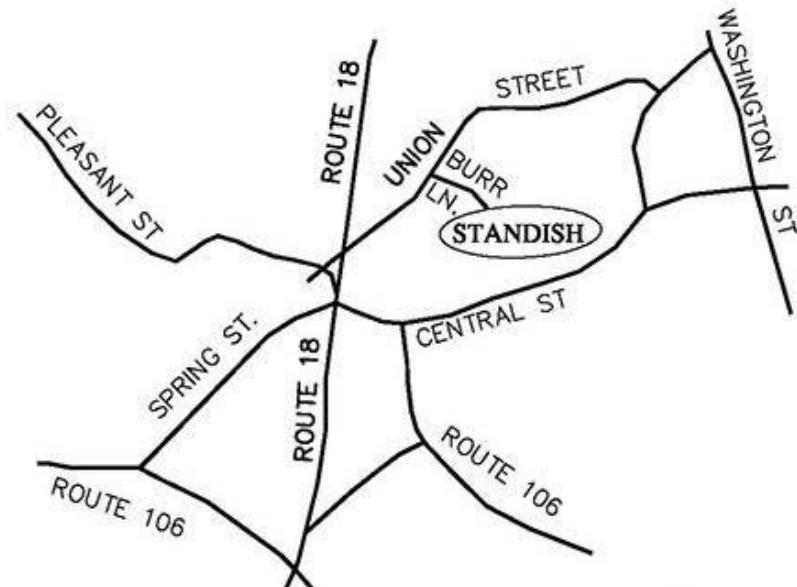
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Saturday, February 11th, 9 am to 5 pm

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)



For more information call 508-243-5699
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