

Newsletter Editor: Peter Murray

MBBA NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Presidents Letter

It has been a busy month for the MBBA, the show season is starting and we will keep you updated on the website and Facebook.

Tom is busy with the Spring Meet and if you would like to give a hand please contact him sure he be grateful. This brings me to inform you that DCR has informed us that all campgrounds will be closed in the time period of the projects and Spring Meet.

We have looked into an alternate Spring Meet location we looked at the Barnstable Fairground on February 2nd it is a good option although is a field there is plenty of room and they have assured us that the drainage is very good it is very flat to. The Mass Sportsman's Council is checking with local clubs for help also. We will let know very shortly if things change with this situation what is going to go on with the spring projects and if we will need support if needed political contact through constant contact.

We have not received any update on the Cape Cod National Seashore on the environmental assessment but I can tell you that towns have been applying for the HCP that some really great people worked very hard on.

Rudy Sawyer, President

Vice Presidents Report

Well we are into the second month of the New Year and January has been a busy month. Spring meet planning has been a challenge for 2017 as there is a possibility that we will not have the use of Scusset Beach Parking lot this year. The Committee along with Rudy and I are working on alternative locations if that comes to be the case.

We have the shows starting in February any one that would like to help out with them should contact Rudy he would welcome all the help we can get come and get involved with your club and meet new people.

Also the conservation projects will be starting in just eight weeks. This is another great way of meeting fellow club members and new people to support our efforts.

E-mail me at: mbba2178@gmail.com

Tom Moss, Vice President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
March 10-12	RISSA Show in RI (flyer below)
March 25	Plum Island Show, Newburyport, MA
April 1&2	MSBA Show (flyer below)
April 5	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
May 19-21	Spring meet, mark your calendars!

Chairman of the Board Report

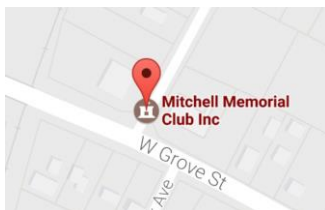
Greetings. I just want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for electing me to serve as their Chairman. I look forward to serving the members to the best of my ability in this new role. For those that don't know me, I am a long time MBBA member and a lifelong user of Nauset Beach. I have volunteered and been appointed to various committees and task forces in my home town of Chatham and also Orleans for the better part of the last decade to protect the traditional and historic uses of our beaches and have advocated tirelessly to balance access and conservation. In addition to my most recent appointment as Chairman of the Board of Directors, I also serve on the Political Action Committee.

While I'm sure it may seem like being back on the beach is a long way off during these cold winter months, It's important to remember that this is when a lot of the work takes place behind the scenes to do all we can to ensure a fun, safe, and successful season on all of our beaches. Conservation projects and spring meet get finalized and sportsmen shows are underway. Beach managers in the various towns are working on their budgets, permit applications and management plans, often with input from some of our members. More help is always welcome and encouraged and if you have any interest in getting more involved, feel free to join us for the monthly Board of Directors meetings held the first Wednesday of every month (excluding July and August) at 7:00pm at the Mitchell Memorial Club at 29 Elm Street, Middleboro MA. You can also share any ideas, comments, or concerns with me directly by email, phone, or just on the beach in person.

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Bob Long, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Directions to the Mitchell Memorial Club:



<https://goo.gl/maps/76qrHqtc9a32>

Note: Please park in the lower lot at the Mitchell Club. Our meeting is up the stairs from the back door.

Membership Secretary Report

Hi All!

It's hard to believe it's the end of February already. This will be the last reminder to get your renewal in as soon as possible. The deadline to get your name in this year's directory is March 15th. You can renew easy online at our website [HERE](#) using MC/Visa or PayPal. Or you can download the renewal form [HERE](#), fill it out and mail it into me at the address at the bottom of the form. The deadline is only a few weeks away so send them in now, while you are thinking of it!

Spring will be here very soon. Projects will be starting the beginning of April. This is your time to come and support our club and have a great time doing it. We welcome new members to come check out what our club is all about. Come out for the day or stay for the weekend. If you have never been to a spring conservation project and need more information feel free to contact the Beach Rep to the corresponding beach, or our new Conservation Chairman Don McCarrison at Donnymac1108@yahoo.com. You can drop a message on our face book page as well. Questions always get answered!

Enjoy the rest of winter, Think warm thoughts!

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

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

For Continued Beach Access,

Diane Lomba, Membership Secretary



Toes in the Sand

Photo by Diane Lomba

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.

There is not much to report at this point, the beach is being hammered again by the winter storms, but spring is coming.

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 as always, 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.

We're in the home stretch of winter! The Sandy Neck Beach staff is busy getting renewals ready. They should be sent out around the first of March. You can mail your renewal in or go to the gate house after April 1st to purchase a 2017 permit. (Fees will be the same as last year) \$85 for residents and \$170 for non-residents. The beach tends to close for a short period of time around these winter storms, so please check the website before venturing out for a drive.

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

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)

The February 13th Sandy Neck Advisory Board meeting was very insightful. Sandy Neck has applied for a Section 10 permit, or HCP Certificate of Inclusion. This permit will allow to staff to implement an escort program in certain conditions. You can read the report here:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dfg/nhesp/species-and-conservation/sandy-neck-coi-2016-and-amendment-final.pdf>

We as a club should be very proud. Because of the HCP written a couple years back by our Political Action Committee, and having it implemented for Nauset Beach, it paved the way for other beaches like Sandy Neck to follow suite. This is an exciting time for our club.

There is still a snowy owl hanging around 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

For Continued Beach Access,

Diane Lomba, Beach Rep



Sandy Neck access trail in winter

Photo by Diane Lomba

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

Park Office 508-636-8817

Reservations 877-422-6762, www.reserveamerica.com

Milton Brightman, the Horseneck Regional Manager retired as of the end of January. William Cooksey, the District Manager for the DCR for the Blue Hills Region and down is filling in until they name a replacement. He informed me that the fence that we installed in October is holding up well. He would like to update the parking lots at the main beach making them more efficient for beach goers paying their fees.

The campground is filling up fast for the summer season. Reservations can be made at Reserve America 180 days in advance of your day or arrival.

If you have any questions, please email me. Skelly529@aol.com

Sue Kelly, Horseneck Beach Rep



Scusset Beach, Sagamore Beach, MA

As of this writing the reservation is in winter mode with Camp Ground open f/ winter camping w/ 20-50 AMP electric, (no dump or water), and closes early on March 9 for the 1st time in my life time and the camping season won't begin this year till Memorial Day weekend. So obviously this put the Spring Project in peril. Tom & Rudy will be meeting with John Feb. 18 hopefully to work this out, I'm unable to attend because we'll be away.

The beach is in good shape with a little build of sand from the 1st storm.

Chip Polisenio, Beach Rep 781-878-7545, Cell: 781-608-7871 servophth1@msn.com

Conservation Report

Project Dates 2017

April 1 *Chapin/Crowe's*
April 8 *Duxbury Beach*
April 9 *Plymouth Beach*
April 22 *Sandy Neck*
April 29 *Race Point*
April 30 *Nauset Beach*
May 6 **Salisbury Beach*
May 7 **Salisbury Beach*
May 13 **Scusset Beach*
Sep 16 *Race Point*
Oct 14 *Horseneck*
Oct 21 *Scusset*

Please plan to arrive early
projects begin at 9:30 AM

* Please note that due to a new
DCR ruling camping will not be al-
lowed at any State parks until the
Thursday before Memorial Day
which will affect the Salisbury and
Scusset Projects .

Check our web site or Facebook
pages for up to date information or
any changes to this ruling.

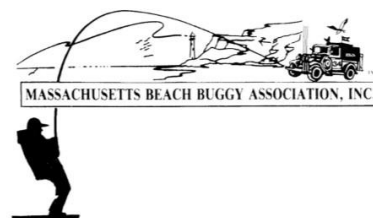
New members are always welcome, see our
web site and help support our efforts to pre-
serve beach access for all.

Please become a member, Join the MBBA at
www.mbba.net Paypal accepted. Or contact
Diane Lomba, Membership Secretary
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Visit our web site at
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Conservation Chairman
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***SPRING MEET 2017**
May 19-21
Scusset Beach State Park



MBBA BEACH CONSERVATION PROJECTS 2017



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Promotional Items

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 2017 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





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