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President's Corner

by David Joyner, President, #5678



The fight for reasonable vehicular beach access has entered a dark new chapter now that the final rule is out and the outrageously priced (\$120.00 per calendar year & \$50.00 a week), hard to obtain permit structure has also been made public. You, the taxpaying American Citizen faces many challenges in dealing with this plan. Very little changes were made from the FEIS to the Final Rule. The public comments were virtually ignored. The Final Rule is 82 pages long, 59 of which explain why your comments were ignored. How the National Park Service sees the future of vehicular beach access is far different than how the NCBBA Board of Directors (BOD) and membership sees it.

After 5 years of continued meetings, public forums, public comment periods & 2 years of being a member of the Negotiated Rule Making Committee, we have had enough! The National Park Service totally ignored the visiting public while all the time bowing to the wishes of Audubon & Defenders of Wildlife. The release of the ORV Final Rule showed their total disregard for humans and seeks to turn Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA) into a bird sanctuary. On February 9, 2012, Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance (CHAPA) filed a legal suit against the DOI, NPS, and CHNSRA asking the court to declare that the NPS acted improperly and illegally and to provide permanent injunctive relief to prevent NPS from implementing the plan. The suit challenges the National Park

Service's (NPS) issuance of a new management plan and special rule regulating off-road vehicle (ORV) use at CHNSRA. The lawsuit seeks to prohibit NPS from imposing severe new restrictions on ORV use within the Recreational Area in accordance with the agency's recently released Cape Hatteras ORV Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement and Special Regulations governing ORV management at the Recreational Area.

Since before the establishment of the Recreational Area, ORV access to and over the beaches of North Carolina's Outer Banks has been fundamental to the use and enjoyment of the area by residents, visitors, and local businesses. "The Park Service's new ORV management plan and rules, if implemented, will have a devastating effect on our unique, local shore-oriented culture and economy," said John Couch, President of the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA). "The NCBBA, OBPA and CHAPA have fought to keep the CHNSRA beaches free and open to residents and visitors since 1977. NCBBA, OBPA and CHAPA continuously have maintained that reasonable ORV access and bird and turtle species protection are not mutually exclusive. Unfortunately, the Park Service overlooked reasonable recommendations and information that NCBBA, OBPA and CHAPA put forth during the planning process that would have resulted in an ORV management plan and rules that both protect wildlife resources and ensure reasonable ORV access to and over the area's beaches."

Throughout the ORV planning and rulemaking process, CHAPA's goal has been to work with NPS to develop a comprehensive ORV use and management plan that will meet the concerns of protecting the Recreational Area's resources without compromising the distinctive lifestyle and economic health of the islands that make up the Outer Banks. CHAPA has advocated the protection and preservation of Seashore beaches within a framework of responsible and meaningful access to the ocean beaches and sound for all users, including pedestrians and properly licensed drivers and their vehicles.

According to the complaint filed by CHAPA in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the imposition of new, severe restrictions was "foreordained from the time that NPS began its planning process." As set forth in the complaint, the Park Service's planning and environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act was plagued by a series of failures. These include, among others: a failure to give meaningful consideration to views, data, or information that were contrary to NPS desire to impose more severe restrictions on ORV access and use; a failure to look at reasonable alternatives, including smaller and more flexible buffer and closure areas; and a failure to properly assess impacts on the local economy. The complaint asks the court to determine that NPS acted improperly and to prevent NPS from implementing its final ORV management plan and rules.

In discussing the recent events Jim Keene, representing NCBBA added, "Mechanical access

to the beaches predates the creation of the Recreational Area by over 100 years. The horses and wagons of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were followed by the model T and ORVs in the twentieth century. The success of this legal action will insure that the historical recreational traditions and culture of the Outer Banks will endure for future generations.

NCBBA continues to fight for you the membership & the visiting public!

Now more than ever NCBBA needs your financial support! We have been frugal with your donations and membership fees by doing most of the legwork ourselves with Jim Keene and a small group of dedicated CHAPA volunteers. Legal fees are expensive, usually around \$550 an hour. This lawsuit will cost at least \$150,000.00! With the NCBBA annual memberships running \$25 and renewals \$20 per year, the bank account can be drained quickly if we aren't careful. Several of you have been generous with donations and we hope this will continue. Your BOD will spend every dollar NCBBA has to fight this travesty, but we will not spend it foolishly.

As your President, I ask for your trust and support. Now more than ever all access minded individuals need to stand together. This is not the time for finger pointing, second guessing or throwing in the towel. (This is why I made the decision to run again for President.) We are all working hard for access. The NCBBA BOD and CHAPA volunteers are working very hard to protect what we believe is rightfully ours.

In Support of Vehicular Access

by Jim Keene, Past President, #5680



Over the last 60 days many of you have asked questions related to the complaint filed by CHAPA in the US District Court, Washington, DC. The Recreational Access Team Members at CHAPA, NCBBA and OBPA have developed this list of most frequently asked questions and answers:

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What do you expect to gain by this lawsuit; NPS will still do as they please?

• We need to force the NPS to write an ORV Management Plan that will provide for continued free and open ORV access to the recreational beaches while maintaining programs for reasonable resource protection.

2. Why do we need an ORV Management Plan?

• Two (2)-standing executive orders (signed by Presidents Nixon and Carter) require an ORV Management Plan for any DOI facility that allows "off road vehicle driving".

3. What is wrong with the Plan issued by NPS?

• While there are errors and multiple excesses in "the Plan" we find some of the most objectionable excesses occur in the unfounded Vehicle Free Areas, the night driving ban, seasonal and resource buffer (closure) areas, the extreme and unreasonable size of seasonal closures.

4. Why do we have to pay so much or anything at all to drive on the beaches, I have never paid before?

• Like so much in "the Plan" access fees of \$50-\$120 are excessive and do little but support the NPS facilities and personnel who man them. We often proposed an alternative using an Internet available permit at a minimal cost. The Park Service implemented the plan/rule on February 15 and we have to buy permits if we wish to drive on the beaches.

• Any modifications to NPS's implementation plan for the Rule in the meantime, including fees, will be at their discretion.

5. Why did CHAPA not ask for a preliminary injunction to stop the implementation? Are they

more difficult to obtain?

• CHAPA believes the errors in the NPS process identified in the complaint are of such magnitude that modifications to correct the current rule during a temporary injunction are not feasible and that the Court should issue a permanent injunction.

6. Has the case been assigned to a judge?

• Case 1:12-cv-00219 Assigned To: Sullivan, Emmet G.

• Location: Washington D.C.

7. What will happen next as the case proceeds?

• The defendants have 60 days to respond to the complaint at that point, the court and counsel for the plaintiff and defendants will establish the process to resolve the complaint.

8. Why was Murray named individually?

• The defendants are the officials in charge for the three agencies named in the suit, Salazar for DOI, Jarvis for NPS, Murray for CHNSRA.

9. Who is funding the Suit?

• The Plaintiff is CHAPA, a project of the OBPA. CHAPA is funded through voluntary public donations. (NCBBA is a major donor to CHAPA and a participant in establishing policies.)

10. What cost and use does the ORV rule stipulate?

• Year permit costs \$120.00 / based on calendar year /Jan 1st to Dec 31st

• Week permit costs \$50.00 / no day permits

• ORV permit is applicable to the vehicle / **not** the individual

• Non transferable

• State registered and licensed ORV vehicles, both 4x4 and 2wd vehicles are allowed / **no** ATV's, URV'S or motorcycles

• Night time permit is inclusive to ORV permit

• Utility trailers are allowed limited to (2) axles

• 260 vehicles per mile are the carry capacity of the beach / vehicles must park perpendicular

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Introduce your friends to NCBBA. Ask them to join!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES

- Official Numbered Bumper Plate and Decal
- Junior Membership Program
- Timely Newsletters
- Member's Fishing Tournament
- Annual Meeting and Fishing Tournament
- Member's Fishing Citations
- New Member Achiever Program
- Membership Apparel Identification Program
- Sponsor Annual Biggest Bluefish and Striped Bass Contest
- Red Drum - Infractions - Rewards
- Fishing Teams
- Bumper Decals
- Internet Web Site
- Sponsor Photo Contest for Members
- Sponsor "Operation Beach Respect" in cooperation with Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park
- OBR Clean-Ups
- Adopt-A-Highway Program
- Advice offered to any member in trouble on the beach
- Liaison with State and Federal Fisheries Management Agencies
- Updated Fisheries Issues
- Scholarship Program
- George Deems Conservation Fund

Application for Membership

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Enclosed is \$25 for membership, initiation fees and numbered license plate. (Dues are \$20 per year thereafter.)
All Memberships Include \$4.00 for Newsletter

- Life Membership - \$350
- Junior membership - \$5 New and Renewal

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Make checks payable to NCBBA

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Date Received _____ Number Assigned _____

ACHIEVERS - 2012

Earn Yours!

Members who sign up five new members this calendar year will be awarded a NCBBA polo shirt embroidered with NCBBA and the member's number.

Insure that when you sign up a new member, you take the time to fill out the lower section of the application that gives your name and NCBBA number. Without this information, there is no way we have of knowing who you signed up and no way to give you credit.

Fill out and return this form now and five applications will be mailed to you.

Achiever of the Year (the member signing up the most new members greater than 5) to receive jacket at the annual meeting



Send to: North Carolina Beach Buggy Association
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I wish to take part in this program.
Please send 5 New Membership Cards by April 30, 2012.

2012

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State, Zip _____
Phone No. _____
UPS Address _____
Email Address _____
Shirt Size* _____ NCBBA Member # _____
 White or Blue Date _____

* If you desire something else of equal value, contact Carol Mowers at (252) 441-6525.

**Life Memberships
are \$350.00**
Replacement Plates \$25.00

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**Purchase at NCBBA.org or
Send Check to Membership Director**

From Membership

When ordering a replacement plate, the year stamped on the plate will be your current paid-up date. **If you want the year you joined NCBBA on your plate, you have to inform me of that date.** Please note the ordering process can take up to 6 months. Replacement plates cost \$25.00.

DO NOT pay dues in advance - wait for the renewal notice.

Please inform me of your change of address promptly - you may write, call or email. When a membership renewal notice or newsletter is returned because of an incorrect address, it is expensive for NCBBA and could result in deletion of your membership.

Please pay your dues promptly. According to the constitution, a membership will be deleted if dues are not paid within 90 days of the billing month. Don't let this happen to you. Your membership is important to us!

If you have any comments or questions, please email me at carol.mowers@ncbba.org.

Carol Mowers, Membership Director

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- American Sport Fishing Association
- North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc.
 - National Coalition for Marine Conservation, Inc.
 - Member International Game Fish Association, Inc.
- United Mobile Access Preservation Association
- Recreational Fishing Alliance

2012 Calendar of Events

♦ APRIL 14

Operation Beach Respect & Adopt A Highway

APRIL 28-29

4 Plus 24 Hour Fishing Tournament

APRIL 30

Fishing Citations Entry's due

MAY 2-4

Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament

MAY 12

NCBBA BOD Meeting

MAY 26

NCBBA Annual Meeting & BBQ

MAY 27

Casting Seminar
Informal BOD Meeting

JUNE 9

NCBBA BOD Meeting

JUNE 20

Youth Fishing Tournament

♦ JUNE 23

Operation Beach Respect & Adopt A Highway

SEPTEMBER 6-8

Hatteras Village Surf Fishing Tournament

SEPTEMBER 15

NCBBA BOD Meeting

♦ SEPTEMBER 22

Operation Beach Respect & Adopt A Highway

OCTOBER 3-5

Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament

OCTOBER 6

NCBBA BOD Meeting

♦ All members need to volunteer to help with this most important aspect of our organization. Call Rod Palmer at (757) 407-5095 to sign up for one or more of the scheduled clean-ups.

To Our Readers

Letters to the editor must be signed, include the writer's address, a telephone number, and most importantly, your NCBBA number. All letters are subject to editing and approval. Send your stories, photos, comments, etc., to:

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2012-2014 Slate of Officers and Directors

The following slate of candidates was approved by the Board of Directors to serve for two year terms. Their biographies are listed below. Your mail in election ballot appears in this issue of the newsletter. The electronic ballot will be posted for your convenience at www.ncbba.org on April 13, 2012. The attached ballot should be in this edition. The online ballot will be 'live' on April 13, 2012.



FOR PRESIDENT: David Joyner #5678

I previously announced to this BOD and the membership in 2011 that I would leave the Board after my term as President was complete. With the ORV Final Rule being challenged in court, I have decided to reconsider this decision and run for reelection. I have served NCBBA faithfully for the last 14 years; as Director from 1998 – 2004, as Vice-President from 2004- 2010 & as President from 2010 to present. I feel this makes me qualified to lead your Association for the next 2 years. During this time, I will be helping the BOD prepare a successor to this office as my name will **NOT** appear on the 2014 ballot for reelection. I would appreciate your vote of support.



FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Rod Palmer #12252

My name is Rod Palmer (#12252) and I am asking to be your Vice President for the next two years. I am a Project Manger with a local Government contractor at Langley Air Force Base and live in Chesapeake, VA. I am currently a NCBBA Director and I am the Chairman of the Operation Beach Respect and Adopt-A-Highway clean-up programs. I volunteer for the Red Drum Tournament and help out with whatever else is asked of me from our Association. Before I decided to run for the position of Vice President I spoke to many members as well as past Presidents and current Board members and feel I have all of their support. It was a big decision for me, one that I take seriously, and I strongly feel that with the current and incoming Board of Directors, together we can continue to do great things for our Association and the communities of the Outer Banks. I ask for your vote of confidence to be Vice President of the NCBBA.

Thank You,
Rod



FOR SECRETARY: Dottie Broadbent #12666

Hello my name is Dottie Broadbent, current Secretary of the NCBBA, member #12666 and I am asking to continue to be your secretary of the NCBBA. In the 19 years I've lived, fished and just walked on the beaches of the outer banks, I never dreamed access to our beaches would be threatened.

I have served as a Chairperson of the Annual NCBBA Red Drum Tournament for the past two years, volunteered for numerous Operation Beach Respects and Adopt A Hwy road clean ups, but I have to say that giving NCBBA sponsored college scholarships to two young people in the past two school years has to be my favorite honor that I have done for the organization. Maintaining a relationship with these two young people is important for they are our future.

Along with my husband Dave we are the owners/operators of Platinum Painting, a small business here on the outer banks for the last 8 years.

I look forward to passionately helping to energize the public about keeping OUR beaches open, clean and maintaining the family friendly environment our beaches have offered for many generations.

If elected, I promise I will continue to do my best to be the member's voice for the NCBBA in all of its endeavors

Thank You,
Dottie Broadbent, Secretary, Member #12666



FOR TREASURER: Beverly Cox

My husband Bob and myself love the Outer Banks so much that we purchased Frisco Tackle Shop and are finalizing our move from Maryland in the next few weeks. I am a Certified Public Accountant in Maryland so I feel I will be able to continue to help this organization in the future. We have already implemented many time and money saving measures and I hope to continue to do so with your vote for me as Treasurer of the NCBBA for the next two years.



FOR DIRECTOR: Larry Westphal #14040

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for North Carolina Beach Buggy Association as I believe I can bring a wealth of experience to the Board. I have been coming to the Outer Banks since early in my life and have always had an interest in the beach there. I fully support the NCBBA and what it stands for working for the preservation of the beaches and our natural resources. I love fishing and watching others enjoy the beach. Without an organization like NCBBA, these opportunities to enjoy what the Outer Banks offers to residents and visitors will be a thing of the past. My wife and I have always wanted a place in the Outer Banks and in 2009, we realized that dream.

In the near future, we intend on making the Outer Banks our permanent home.



FOR DIRECTOR: Pete McNichol #13641

I am Pete McNichol originally from Hampton Roads, Virginia. I have been fishing and relaxing on the Outer Banks for the past 50 years. In that half century, I have seen a great deal of changes on the Banks, changes by nature and man. For the most part nature has had its way and man has so far not made much of a difference to the natural balance of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. That is until recently when the people who decide things in government determined that we the people no longer have the right to enjoy the beaches that God created for us in the first place. We the people have the God given right and responsibility to have dominion over the animals and birds of the air not vice versa. It seems that the only animal who no longer has rights is MAN. I take exception to the fact that birds have more influence with our government than I do. It is time that we the people start standing up for ourselves.

I am retired now and would like to devote my efforts and time to the NCBBA. I believe I have a great deal to offer the organization in whatever capacity that they deem necessary. I have worked as a counselor for the past 30 years. My experience working with the federal, state and local government agencies has given me the experience needed to get people the assistance needed in a timely fashion. Please vote for me for director.



FOR DIRECTOR: Ashley Mintz #14455

My name is Ashley Mintz; NCBBA member # 14455. I have lived in Kill Devil Hills, NC for the last 5 years. I moved here from Virginia Beach, VA (Pungo); where I lived for 26years. I have been visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore since I can remember. I work for the Avalon Fishing Pier and AmeriGas. I enjoy devoting my time to my community, my fishing team, and NCBBA. In my free time you can find me somewhere along Cape Hatteras's Seashores fishing and enjoying out beaches. It is important to me to promote and preserve our beaches for generations to come. If elected to serve as a director; I promise to give 110% of my personal efforts to do right by the association and up hold any duties I am elected for.



FOR DIRECTOR: Bill Smith #7126 (Lifetime Member)

I would be extremely interested in the opportunity to serve on the Board of the NCBBA.

Our family has been coming to the Outer Banks for over twenty six years and have enjoyed all the beauty and the unique environment the area provides. In December of 2011, my wife and I moved to Buxton, NC where we now make our home. I have been a member of the NCBBA since 1993 and over the years I have been a strong proponent of free and open access to our beaches. The opportunity to serve on the NCBBA board would provide the chance to play an even greater part in the on-going challenges of beach access. I would more than willing to offer the time, the energy and the enthusiasm necessary to take an active role in this process.

Thank you,



FOR DIRECTOR: Mike Metzgar #5559

I would appreciate your vote for Mike Metzgar as Director.....

This commitment to serve is my repayment to the Outer Banks Islands for 30+ years of family memories. Access to the Outer Banks beaches is perishable and requires good stewardship by good people. NCBBA is a good steward of the resource and I am proud to continue serving as a Director.

My contributions as Director are:

1. NCBBA Scholarship Chairman
2. NCBBA Budget Officer.
3. Information Technology, Technology Upgrades Chairman
4. Website Chairman
5. Editor of the "Constant Contact" email updates
6. Registrar and Judge for the NCBBA Red Drum Tournament
7. NCBBA Delegate and Membership Secretary for the United Mobile Access Preservation Association

My personal goal is to increase member participation in all NCBBA activities supporting Access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. GET INVOLVED with NCBBA!



April-June 2012 Tide Chart

APRIL 2012

High Low
a.m. p.m. a.m. p.m.

1 Sun. 3:04 3:33 9:35 9:35
2 Mon. 4:03 4:32 10:27 10:39
3 Tue. 4:58 5:26 11:15 11:37
4 Wed. 5:50 6:17 ---- 12:01
5 Thur. 6:39 7:06 12:32 12:47
6 Fri. 7:28 7:55 1:25 1:32
7 Sat. 8:17 8:44 2:17 2:18
8 Sun. 9:06 9:35 3:09 3:06
9 Mon. 9:57 10:28 4:02 3:56
10 Tue. 10:52 11:24 4:58 4:50
11 Wed. 11:50 ---- 5:56 5:48
12 Thur. 12:24 12:55 6:58 6:53
13 Fri. 1:28 2:05 8:03 8:05
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29 Sun. 1:21 1:58 7:54 7:56
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Full Moon - 6th New Moon - 21st
Last Quarter - 13th First Quarter - 29th

JUNE 2012

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Full Moon - 6th New Moon - 20th
Last Quarter - 12th First Quarter - 28th

Cape Hatteras Tide Tables

Add the indicated minutes for the following locations.

High Low
Currituck Beach Light +1 +1
Kitty Hawk (Ocean) -3 -3
Oregon Inlet +34 +45
Oregon Inlet CG Station +7 +21
Hatteras Inlet +8 +13
Ocracoke Inlet +9 +11

FERRY SCHEDULE

HATTERAS INLET
FREE FERRY - CROSSING TIME APPROX. 40 MIN.
OFF SEASON SCHEDULE
JAN. 1-MARCH 28, 2011 & SEPT. 6-DEC. 31, 2011
Departs Hatteras and Ocracoke every hour, 5 AM-Midnight
SUMMER SCHEDULE
MARCH 29, 2011-SEPT. 5, 2011
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Hatteras Ocracoke Hatteras Ocracoke
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Get Involved!

Ron Saunders #12755
Chairman Nominating Committee



The election of Officers and Directors for the 2012 - 2014 term is upon us. As all of you know, The North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and its partner organizations are currently involved in serious issues affecting all of us. The Issues concerning Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area are paramount and will require the continued leadership and effort from the Officers and Directors that you elect. Even harder work and more time will have to be devoted by those entrusted to represent you as we move into a new season. The fact that the nominees have committed themselves to do this for you dictates that you exercise your privilege and duty and participate in this election by casting your vote. We need your involvement in all aspects of the Association and this is one of the most important. I will be looking for your ballot submitted electronically or by mail and, on behalf of the Association, I thank you for your participation. Please see the Ballot and voting instructions on our Website or in the News Letter.

Allow me to take this opportunity to encourage anyone with thoughts of more involvement in the future to start now. You do not have to hold an office to be involved in the running of your organization. You do not have to attend every meeting or participate in every activity. We would like for you to see if there is an area that you would like to get involved in and, as your involvement progresses, it could be that a Directors position would be the next step. Lets talk.



2012 Official Ballot
NCBBA Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 26, 2012
Ballots to be postmarked on or before May 12, 2012

ONLY OFFICIAL BALLOTS from this Newsletter will be accepted. Ballots may be returned by US Mail to: Director Ron Saunders, 4644 Berrywood Road, Virginia Beach Virginia, 23464 or completed online at www.ncbba.org

The following slate of Officers and Directors has been submitted to the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Annual Meeting or you may write in your selection below. Officers and Directors are elected for 2 year terms. (2012-2014).

Please read them carefully and VOTE!!

If you wish to write in a candidates name for any position, secure the persons permission and then place his/her name and NCBBA Member number in the write in section below. Be sure to put an (X) in the appropriate location for all choices.

Nominating Committee Slate	Write-in Candidates
OFFICERS: VOTE FOR 4 ONLY	OFFICERS
<input type="checkbox"/> President: David Joyner #5678	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President: Rod Palmer #12252	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Beverly Cox #14154	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Dottie Broadbent #12666	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
DIRECTORS: VOTE FOR 4 ONLY	Write-in Candidates
<input type="checkbox"/> Pete McNichol #13641	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Metzgar #5559	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Mintz #14455	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Smith #7126	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Westphal #14040	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

(Print) Member Name _____ NCBBA # _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Important Ballot/Proxy Information

Complete the ballot OR proxy. Do not complete both. Please print your name, membership number and sign your name. Failure to complete this ballot or proxy correctly will result in an invalid vote and it will not be counted. Mail in pre-addressed envelope.

IF YOU DESIRE TO CAST A PROXY VOTE, USE THIS PORTION AND CHECK (✓) THIS

I, _____,

wish to cast a proxy vote for the 2012 election and for any other matters that may be properly presented to the membership at its Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012.

I assign this proxy to _____

X: _____ DATE _____
YOUR SIGNATURE



Secretary's Report: Highlights of Board Meeting: January 14, 2012

by Dottie Broadbent, Secretary, #12666



President Dave Joyner called the meeting to order at 9AM and welcomed guest members Dave Broadbent #12791, William Foxwell IV #14227 and John Newbold #14 to the meeting. Director Dave Gresens was absent.

Secretary Dottie Broadbent at this time asked that the Minutes from the December 3, 2011 meeting be accepted as written. A motion was made by Past President Jim Keene made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Director Rod Palmer seconded and the motion was passed.

Treasurer Beverly Cox gave her report which was accepted by the BOD.

Director Pete East gave his report on Public Relations. Not much is going on during the winter months, but all local media news outlets were notified about the last Operation Beach Respect and Adopt A Hwy events.

Director Mike Metzgar gave his report on the NCBBA 2012 Budget. Very minor changes were made by the BOD with reports and information from the 2011 budget. All board members that had a budget stayed close to their projected budgets from last year. One of the changes made was to consolidate membership plates and ID cards in the membership budget. Another change was that all profits and proceeds need to stay within the organization for the CHAPA legal expenses and lastly the amount that is budgeted for the NCBBA fishing team be increased.

Past President Jim Keene made the motion to combine the cost of goods for merchandise to the incoming freight fee. This was seconded by Vice President Tom Burke and the motion was passed.

V.P. Burke made the motion to accept the budget as written with the proposed changes. Secretary Broadbent seconded and the motion was passed.

Director Metzgar reported on the Internet/Website. The transfer and changes to Link Corp.

are almost complete. There will have to be a meeting with the membership director, director Metzgar and the people at Link. This is to form the program to the duties of the membership director.

Director Metzgar added that applications for Scholarships have slowly started to come in and he expects more to start coming in after the students return to school after the holidays. A committee will be formed to decide on the applications for scholarships.

Vice President Tom Burke had his reports. No members at this time have applied to fish on the NCBBA fishing team for the Ocracoke tournament in May.

Fishing Citations have been slow coming and still only 12 had been received as of this time.

Director Rod Palmer reported on the upcoming OBR's and AAH's. An email will be sent out to past volunteers about the next event in April.

It has been decided to remove the Junior Membership program from the agenda until there is more to report on its activity.

Director Carol Mowers reported on Membership. A membership and merchandise booth will be set up at the Fishing Expo in Raleigh on Jan. 6-8, 2012. There will also be a booth at the Great Bridge Fishing Club tackle swap on March 10, 2012.

There was nothing to report on the Photo Contest at this time.

The Achiever of the year award member Suzie Anderson #11304 still holds the lead on signing up new members as to date.

Director Laura Etheridge reported on Merchandise. As usual sales have been slow after Christmas. The new logo for the New Year was discussed and a new slogan was decided on.

Director Mike McNichol reported on the Newsletter. Articles are coming due for the next newsletter. The issue of selling advertisement was

discussed among the board along with sizes and prices. The BOD decided that when the amount of having the advertisement's in the newsletter was available then there would be a vote on whether to still run the ads.

Director Ron Saunders gave his report on the Fundraising Letter that had been written and presented to the BOD. Director Saunders has volunteered to present this letter to possible donors for the organization and advertisers for the newsletter.

President Joyner asked the BOD suggestions on how to raffle or auction the Willie Nelson autographed guitar that was donated by member Danny Fletcher #13769. The board decided to hold a raffle open to everyone. The raffle will be held at the Annual Meeting and Pig Pic in May. Tickets will go on sale in the next newsletter and the winner and ticket holders do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will go to the CHAPA legal expense fund.

Past President Jim Keene reported on CHAPA and is sad to say that nothing has changed as of this time. There has been nothing on the final ruling and there will probably be a press release on Friday. Even though Park Service Superintendent Mike Murray is required to have the final ruling in place by February 15, 2012 it is still under the NEPA act to be in the Federal Registry for 30 days before acted upon. Nothing can go forward until the final ruling is made.

Director Mike Metzgar reported on the UMAP East Coast Challenge Fishing Tournament for members in UMAP. One question about the tournament was would it create more work for the judges. President Joyner entertained the idea to hold this tournament during the Red Drum Tournament.

Director Saunders reported on the upcoming election. Only three people have applied for the director's positions. Director Etheridge an-

nounced she will not seek re-election.

Secretary Broadbent reported on the Calendar of Events. All BOD members were asked to supply their events and dates to add to the calendar. The BOD meeting dates were decided upon at this time. Past President Keene suggested having the upcoming newsletters announced on the calendar of events.

Director Mowers updated the board on the Fishing Expo in Raleigh, NC. Director Etheridge brought merchandise for sale at the booth. Member Ryan White #1957 of HatterasJacks held a fishing/casting clinic at the expo which in return made it possible for the NCBBA to have a booth at no cost. There were 16 new members signed up and \$186 in merchandise sold. Director Mowers would like to attend this show again next year.

President Joyner had only one correspondence and that was from the Outer Banks Community Outreach Group thanking the NCBBA for the generous donation made during the Hatteras Island Hurricane Irene Relief Fund.

On Social Networking Director Palmer and Secretary Broadbent reported that there were almost 1500 "Likes" to the NCBBA Facebook Page. Updates are made to the page almost every day. Board members were asked if they had events coming up then please use the page to get the word out.

There was nothing to report on the 50th Anniversary Celebration at this time.

Before the meeting was adjourned President Joyner wanted to thank the BOD for all their hard work. With all the issues that are ahead it is very important that everyone rededicate themselves to the NCBBA and this board to help move forward in 2012.

A motion was made by Secretary Broadbent to adjourn the meeting. Director Pete East seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3PM.

In Support of Vehicular Access

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to the beach. When a specific beach area reaches 260 vehicles or if the area is deemed unsafe NPS will close that area to any more vehicles until the beach is in compliance.

• Permits apply to any vehicles on National Park Service property including all sound side trails.

11. Where can I get an ORV permit?

• The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Visitor Center (Buxton),

• The Ocracoke Visitor Center. (Ocracoke)

• Coquina Beach Visitor Area (Bodie Island)

• Open daily except Christmas Day, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with expanded hours on weekends and holidays during the summer season

• Those applying for permits will watch a seven-minute educational video on operating an off-road vehicle on the beach and the seashore's

ORV regulations. And they must bring a driver's license and vehicle registration with them.

• Permits are fixed to the lower driver's side exterior of the windshield

• Failure to abide by the ORV regulations are a Federal offense, subject to fines, arrest and revocation of the permit.

12. Will the ORV Rule still be in effect while CHAPA's legal complaint is pending?

• Yes, the court ordered "consent decree" officially ended Feb 15, 2012 when the new ORV Rule came into compliance.

13. Is it true all the inlet areas and south beach at Cape Point are closed permanently to ORV Access?

• Yes, Only pedestrians are allowed in these areas

14. What are VFA's?

• "Vehicle Free Areas", a term never before used by NPS until the Negotiated Rulemaking process. Its' intent is to restrict/deny motorized access.

15. What can people do while the legal suit makes its way through the court system?

• Write, Email or fax your federally elected officials and voice your concerns of the NPS denying the public, access to federally owned lands like CHNSRA.

• Join any or all of the recreational access organizations listed below and or write a donation. Donations are tax deductible.

• **Most importantly** – write to your congressman/woman and ask for their support of H.R. 4094 currently in the House of Representatives. Ask for not only their support but also request

that they sign on as co-sponsors of this critical legislation introduced by the Honorable Walter B. Jones, 3rd District, North Carolina. The bill is currently in review by subcommittees under Judicial and Natural Resources. I cannot stress enough how important this legislation is to the future of access @ CHNSRA. This legislation can force a complete **and responsible rewrite** of the ORV Rule.

Questions may be directed to any of the below listed participants;

John Couch, OBPA President Director, <http://www.obpa.org/President@obpa-nc.org>.

Jim Keene, NCBBA, <http://www.obpa.org/President@obpa-nc.org>.

David Scarborough, OBPA Treasurer, <http://www.obpa.org/Treasurer@obpa-nc.org>

The following list gives the names of all the committee members on the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Committee on Natural Resources. These 2 groups are critical to reigning in excessive closures and regulations not only at CHNSRA but at parks around the country. Please contact as many as you can as often as you can.

Committee	State	Title	First	Last	Committee	State	Title	First	Last
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	UT	Chairman	Rob	Bishop	Committee on Natural Resources	LA	Mr.	John	Fleming
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	AK	Mr.	Don	Young	Committee on Natural Resources	PA	Mr.	Glenn	Thompson
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	TN	Mr.	John	Duncan	Committee on Natural Resources	CA	Mr.	Jeff	Denham
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	CO	Mr.	Doug	Lamborn	Committee on Natural Resources	MI	Mr.	Dan	Benishek
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	GA	Mr.	Paul	Broun	Committee on Natural Resources	FL	Mr.	David	Rivera
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	CO	Mr.	Mike	Coffman	Committee on Natural Resources	SC	Mr.	Jeff	Duncan
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	CA	Mr.	Tom	McClintock	Committee on Natural Resources	AZ	Mr.	Paul	Gosar
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	FL	Mr.	David	Rivera	Committee on Natural Resources	FL	Mr.	Steve	Southerland, II
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	CO	Mr.	Scott	Tipton	Committee on Natural Resources	TX	Mr.	Bill	Flores
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	ID	Mr.	Raul	Labrado	Committee on Natural Resources	MD	Mr.	Andy	Harris
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	SD	Ms.	Kristi	Noem	Committee on Natural Resources	LA	Mr.	Jeff	Landry
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	NV	Mr.	Mark	Amodei	Committee on Natural Resources	NJ	Mr.	Jon	Runyan
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	WA	Mr.	Doc	Hastings	Committee on Natural Resources	OH	Mr.	Bill	Johnson
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	AZ	Mr.	Raul M.	Grijalva	Committee on Natural Resources	Samoa	Mr.	Eni F.H.	Faleomavaega
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	MI	Mr.	Dale	Kildee	Committee on Natural Resources	NJ	Mr.	Frank	Pallone, Jr.
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	OR	Mr.	Peter	DeFazio	Committee on Natural Resources	CA	Ms.	Grace F.	Napolitano
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	NJ	Mr.	Rush	Holt	Committee on Natural Resources	Guam	Ms.	Madeleine Z.	Bordallo
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	NM	Mr.	Martin	Heinrich	Committee on Natural Resources	CA	Mr.	Jim	Costa
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	MD	Mr.	John	Sarbanes	Committee on Natural Resources	OK	Mr.	Dan	Boren
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	OH	Ms.	Betty	Sutton	Committee on Natural Resources	Northern Mariana Islands	Mr.	Gregorio Kilili Camacho	Sablan
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	MA	Ms.	Niki	Tsongas	Committee on Natural Resources	NM	Mr.	Ben Ray	Lujan
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	CA	Mr.	John	Garamendi	Committee on Natural Resources	Puerto Rico	Mr.	Pedro	Pierluisi
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands	MA	Mr.	Edward J.	Markey	Committee on Natural Resources	HI	Ms.	Colleen	Hanabusa
Committee on Natural Resources	TX	Mr.	Louie	Gohmert	Committee on Natural Resources	NY	Mr.	Paul D.	Tonko
Committee on Natural Resources	VA	Mr.	Rob	Wittman					

An Island's Economy Put At Risk

Recent actions by the National Park Service and the North Carolina State Legislature have created a perilous situation for the economy of Ocracoke Island.

The NPS has implemented a Fee to drive on the Beach. Historically there has been no fee. The State Legislature has mandated by way of the 2012 Budget that the State Ferry System generate 5M in revenues, a large part of which will come from the Cedar Island and Swan Quarter Ferry Runs to Ocracoke. These two ferries are the primary traffic arteries for traffic to the Island from the south as well as the west.

Coupled with higher than normal gas prices, a continuing high unemployment rate and the always present risk of a storm; it appears a "Perfect Storm" condition maybe developing for the small Island

and its 800 plus permanent residents? The Tourist Economy drives the well being of its Inhabitants whether they be Waitresses, Lodging Owners, Restaurant Owners, Retail Shop Owners, Ferry Workers or Commercial Fisherman.

It seems the National Park Service Management and the North Carolina State Legislature have not given due consideration to the economic impact their mandates may cause? The very existence of Ocracoke Island as it is today maybe at risk.

An example of the impact of the proposed increase in Ferry Tolls and the imposition of the Beach Access Fee is as follows:

Assumption:

Family of Four comes to Ocracoke for a 2 night weekend stay. They plan to spend quality time on the beach by way of their Family Owned SUV/4 Wheel Drive. They travel the Sound Class Ferry as

to access to Ocracoke (Cedar Island to Ocracoke). They are coming from southern North Carolina so driving around by Hatteras (the free ferry) is not an option. It would increase travel time by some 5 to 6 hours. This is prohibitive for a weekend/2 night stay.

The historic cost for the Ferry Ride (two ways) has been \$15 each way for a total of \$30. There has been historically NO CHARGE for Beach Access. The cost to the Family for the new NPS Beach Access Fee is \$50 for the two day beach outing (this is the minimum fee). The cost for the Ferry ride is proposed to be \$47 each way (\$27 for the vehicle and \$5 for each passenger); for a total ferry cost of \$94. Total cost for Ferry and Beach Access being \$144 for the two night/two day beach access stay. The increased cost for the Weekend

Outing is \$114 being \$144, up from \$30 last year. This is a 480% increase.

While it is recognized that the Government must increase revenues or reduce services in these dire economic times, it should not be done without considering the consequences to a small community completely dependent upon Tourism. The Citizens, Property Owners and Businesses of the Island all are at risk. The NPS and the North Carolina State Legislature should revisit their increase in charges giving consideration to the potential loss of one of the National/State Treasures; Ocracoke Island and its Citizens as we know it today.

H. Wayne Clark
Edwards of Ocracoke
Rooms and Cottages
Ocracoke Island, North Carolina

Bill Cochran's Outdoors: Less freedom at Hatteras for surf casters

by Bill Cochran, a Roanoke Times Outdoors Columnist



My first beach vehicle for surf fishing the Outer Banks of North Carolina was a Chevy Blazer that I purchased new in 1971. I equipped it with wide, non-aggressive tires and made a rod rack to mount on the grill. It gave me the mobility to traverse a ribbon of white sand so close to the edge of the continent that in three or four leaps from the Blazer's blue door I'd be knee-deep in the Atlantic.

Before I got my own vehicle, I rode with Bob Preston, a fulltime guide, and a good one. He could have spent his golden years in the rolling hills around Fincastle, where his ancestors settled, but he chose Nags Head as therapy following two heart attacks, cancer and a lifetime of fortunes made and lost. Bob was slim, and his weather-beaten face was even gaunter when he removed his false teeth, which he did while fishing.

He detested bluefish, revered speckled trout and was so good at red drum fishing that his skills were the subject of a feature in Sports Illustrated when he was 66. He was a master at pinpointing sloughs that held red drum in water so rough you wondered how they survived, much less fed. If a school of speckled trout hit the surf, Bob was on

them in an instance.

For a time, Bob had a World War II surplus Jeep he used as a beach vehicle. Later he owned a 4-wheel drive Toyota with a transmission that made so much noise it was difficult to talk above the growl. And Bob loved to talk. He was a master at filling the lulls between bites with intriguing stories, some of them true. If Bob couldn't put you onto fish, he had a knack of making it appear to be the fish's fault, not his.

At that time, Nags Head was a village of rustic houses on stilts. The year-round population was less than 400. You stayed at the Carolinian Hotel, not just because it was nice, it was the only choice.

The bridge over Oregon Inlet was yet to be built, which meant the last ferry of the day had more to do with ending a fishing trip than the lack of bites.

That's how it was 40 years ago, when life was simpler.

Beginning Feb. 15, the hundreds of beach drivers using the national seashore will be required to watch a seven-minute educational video and

purchase a permit that will cost \$50 per week or \$120 for an annual pass.

The permit and other requirements are part of new rules by the National Park Service to protect wildlife and the environment along the 67-mile seashore. Some 26 miles of beach will be off-limits to vehicles

Environmental groups, including Defenders of Wildlife, the Southern Environmental Law Center and Audubon North Carolina, laud the new regulations, but they are a bitter pill to many anglers and businesses.

Bob Eakes, who owns the popular Red Drum Tackle Shop in Buxton, said the park service rules

are a tremendous challenge for his business. "I just don't know if I can stay in business," he told the Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk.

Anglers have lost a good bit of freedom on this deal. It makes you wonder if the time will come when the only fishing on the Outer Banks will be pier fishing. Gone will be the joy of feeling the force of the sea come surging at you, sucking the sand from beneath your feet and tossing salt mist into your face. I know what my old surf fishing buddy, Bob Preston, would say about that.

"I wouldn't be caught dead fishing from a pier."

Jones asks park service to change Hatteras Beach signs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today Congressman Walter B. Jones (NC-3) conveyed his concern over new signs that have been erected by the National Park Service (NPS) in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. In a letter to Mike Murray, Superintendent of the National Park Service Outer Banks Group, Jones points out that the signs falsely convey a level of restricted pedestrian access that goes beyond park laws and regulations. He goes on to ask the Superintendent to replace the signs.

The full text of Congressman Jones' letter to Superintendent Murray follows:

"Dear Superintendent Murray:

I am writing to convey my concern with new signs the National Park Service (NPS) has erected in several locations along the beach in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. I have attached a photograph of one of the signs for your review.

The signs falsely convey a level of restricted pedestrian access that goes beyond park laws and regulations. They read: "Shoreline Open to Restricted Pedestrian Access: Leave no footprints behind. Walk in water where footprints wash away." However, the recently enacted final rule explicitly allows "pedestrian shoreline access along ocean and inlet shorelines below the high-tide line . . . in front of prenesting areas until breeding activity is observed."

Clearly, these signs do not reflect the level of accessibility permitted in the rule. The rule's allowance for visitors to walk below the high tide line does not mean that visitors can only walk in the ocean.

The final rule is already hurting Seashore visitors and nearby residents and businesses enough.



They should not have to deal with additional restrictions not included in the rule. I urge you to promptly remove these signs and replace them with new signs that accurately convey the level of visitor accessibility spelled out in the final rule. If I can be of any assistance in securing this change, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for service and your consideration of this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon."

For additional information, please contact Catherine Fodor in Congressman Jones' office at (202) 225-3415.

Ferry Tolls

by Irene Nolan, Island Free Press

FERRY TOLLS

The Hyde County Department of Public Information today had some bad news for Ocracokers and visitors to that island about increasing ferry tolls -- or taxes, as they are being called.

The legislature had ordered the N.C. Department of Transportation Ferry Division to raise more money on the state's tolled ferry routes.

The governor tried to head off the increases with an executive order prohibiting the increases for at least a year.

Lobbyists from McClees Consulting, hired by Hyde and several other counties to head off the tolls reported today that the state's Attorney General sided with the legislature on the ferry tax issue during his report to the N.C. Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

The Chief Deputy Attorney General wrote the following:

"It is, therefore, our opinion that a direct conflict between a law enacted by the General Assembly and an Executive Order issued by the Governor must be resolved through implementation of the law."

Now, ferry riders must prepare to pay the increased tolls, which will cost a family \$104 for a

round-trip ticket on the Swan Quarter ferry. It's just \$30 now. In Pamlico and Beaufort County, commuters are facing a tax of \$100 per week just to get to work.

"It isn't good," said Hyde County Manager Mazie Smith. With the tolls initially set to increase April 1, she worried the costs could soon become a reality and advised Hyde department heads to budget accordingly.

The county manager also pointed out residents on Hyde mainland who don't even ride the ferry will still have to pay the price for the ferry tax. Smith estimated the increased tolls will cost the county of Hyde an extra \$60,000 in travel costs for government business. These extra costs will have a direct bearing on county jobs, programs and services.

Hyde is urging its citizens to get ready to march in Raleigh.

"We invite you to stand with us in Raleigh on the opening day of the Legislature on Wednesday, May 16," a media release noted.

Island Free Press will have a more complete article on Monday. More information is available on the county website, www.hydecourtnc.gov.

2012 Annual Meeting & Pig Pick

by Laura Davis, Director #11003



It's time to mark your calendar for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Pig Pickin'. It will be at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center on Saturday, May 26th in Rodanthe, NC.

We've got the same good 'ole stuff! Great music! Lots of prizes! BJ's Café is once again catering the BBQ event and Old Souls will once again perform for us!! Bring the checkbook for AWESOME Live Auction items!!!

As always, we are looking to GROW our membership, so BRING GUESTS!! Tickets are the same price for your AND your guest.

Meeting starts at 2:00pm with the Pig Pickin' to follow. NO GUEST SPEAKER again this year.

We plan to get down to business and then enjoy the celebration of NCBBA 2011/2012 award winners and new Directors.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and children 12 and under are \$8.00 per child. Deadline for purchase is May 15th. A limited amount of tickets are available at the door. No tickets will be sold during the Annual Meeting. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person and \$10.00 per child on day of event. GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!!!! Fill out the order blank in this issue OR order online at www.ncbba.org See ya'll there!!!

The Electronic World of NCBBA!

by Mike Metzgar, Director, Life Member #5559



Your Association made financial commitment to upgrading and integrating website and membership database. Soon members will be able to access all of their demographic information every time they logon to the website and make changes to email address, mailing address, phone number etc. In other words.....YOU will make the changes to keep the data we have current when logging on to the website!! There will be many new features including a member's only section where important information will be available to members only.....Look for the changes on May 1, 2012!

Email Addresses, Electronic Newsletter Mailings: For those of you that provided you email address: OUR THANKS! For those that have not.....please do so and join the 3,278+ members on our list! NCBBA now emails newsletters to save time and money. Send your email address to Director Carol Mowers at carol.mowers@ncbba.org.

Vote 2012: For those that visit the website regularly you may have noticed that our electronic ballot can be accessed from the home page. It will be available when you receive this Newsletter. PLEASE VOTE online and Show Your Interest!

Contact US merges all the information into one button on the home page. Why? Because we need the space for some new items coming in the future.....one of which is Vote 2012. Some of the others are listed below.

On June 1, 2012 Previous and New Red Drum Tournament Anglers will be able to register online. You can register and pay using the application that will be posted on June 1, 2012. Payment will be accepted by credit card or PayPal.

If you Forget your Login or Password: Do not despair, do not panic, do not email us....Look on the right side of the home page below the Login and Password. You can recover what you need right there!!! If you forget both we cannot help you and you'll need to re register with new password and login.

Do you have an idea for our website? Send it to Director Mike Metzgar at Mike.Metzgar@ncbba.org.

NCBBA Student Scholarships

by Mike Metzgar, Director, Life Member #5559



NCBBA proudly supports higher education for High School Seniors on the Outer Banks. The 2012 - 2013 school year represents NCBBA's 15th consecutive year awarding \$2,000 renewable scholarships for continuing post secondary education. Since the inception of this program nearly \$46,000 has been awarded to OBX students as NCBBA's commitment to the community. Applications are available from HS Guidance Counselors, Director Mike Metzgar at Mike.Metzgar@NCBBA.org., or at www.NCBBA.org. Please enter 'scholarship' in the email subject box to preclude deletion.

In 2009 the NCBBA BOD approved an educational scholarship for one Member or a Member's child. The 2012 - 2013 Member scholarship may be used for any educational opportunity including retraining due to job loss. The Member's child may also apply for this scholarship for continuing education at a Post Secondary Institution of Learning.

Applications are available from Director Mike Metzgar at Mike.Metzgar@NCBBA.org., Please enter 'scholarship' in the email subject box to preclude deletion.

Newsletter Advertising

by Mike McNichol, Editor, #13276



You will notice in this edition of the newsletter that we have begun to accept advertising. This decision was made by your Board of Directors to help defray the cost of the newsletter which for several years has been our largest expense except for the legal fund. Our goal is to accept 2 to 3 pages of advertising and make every edition a 12 page edition. The use of advertising dollars will in turn produce another page or two of news from Hatteras Island for our members.

In past years we have placed advertising and we, at some point decided to end the practice, most likely because of the manpower required to

sell and set up the ads. From this point forward however we are again accepting ads as we have a hard working and dedicated BOD. Every dollar generated is a dollar saved and can be used to help replenish our somewhat depleted legal fund. As you know we have a lawsuit pending in Federal Court in Washington and I am certain you know that legal work does not come cheaply.

We hope you will find this a welcome addition and ask that you support our advertisers. You may choose to place ads yourself and if you have an interest please contact editor@ncbba.org or ron.saunders@ncbba.org

United Mobile Access Preservation Association

by Mike Metzgar, Director, Life Member #5559



Who in the world are these guys??

UMAPA (formerly United Mobile Sportfishermen, Inc) is an Association of organizations like NCBBA representing 18,000+ members supporting 'Free and Open Beach Access' for all users.

Where are the organizations located? On the East Coast in NJ, NY, RI, DE, VA and NC. They recreate on all of the Atlantic Beaches, the National and State Parks and Seashores. NCBBA is a member of this group and appreciates the support of 18,000+ people on the East Coast in our access issues at Cape Hatteras. Perhaps you are a member of another UMAPA organization? NCBBA has members in 31 states.

Mike Metzgar is an NCBBA Delegate to UMAPA and also serves at the Membership Secretary. If your fishing Organization is interested in joining UMAPA contact mike.metzgar@ncbba.org. Educational scholarships are available from UMAPA contact Mike for details.



Honorable Mention: "THIRD GENERATION WITH HIGH HOPES" Ed Townsend #3980



Honorable Mention: "A.M. ATTEMPT" Torrey East #8951

Casting Seminar with Ryan White

The NCBBA and Ryan White owner/operator of HatterasJacks Tackle Shop in Rodanthe will be holding a casting seminar/clinic to help anyone who is interested in improving their casting skills and fish out past the second bar.

If you are interested in attending you can sign up ahead of time using the beach buggy website, mailing in your entry or on the field the day of the event. The entry fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for casters under 16. We will meet on the

field at the Salvo Day Use Area from 9AM till noon. Everyone is invited but we are limited to the first 50 people that register so purchase your ticket on line to beat the rush. Refreshments and hotdogs will be available for a small donation. All proceeds will go to the legal defense fund.

Come on out and join us on the field and learn new casting skills or sharpen the skills you already have and support beach access.

Hope to see you on the field.

Win a Guitar Autographed by Willie Nelson

by Dottie Broadbent #12666, NCBBA Secretary

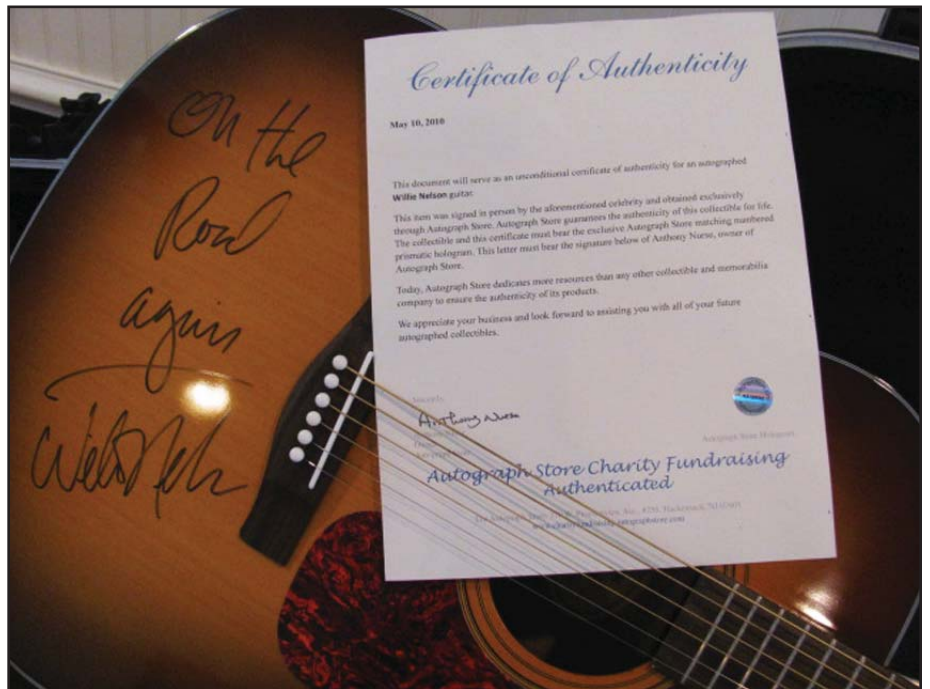
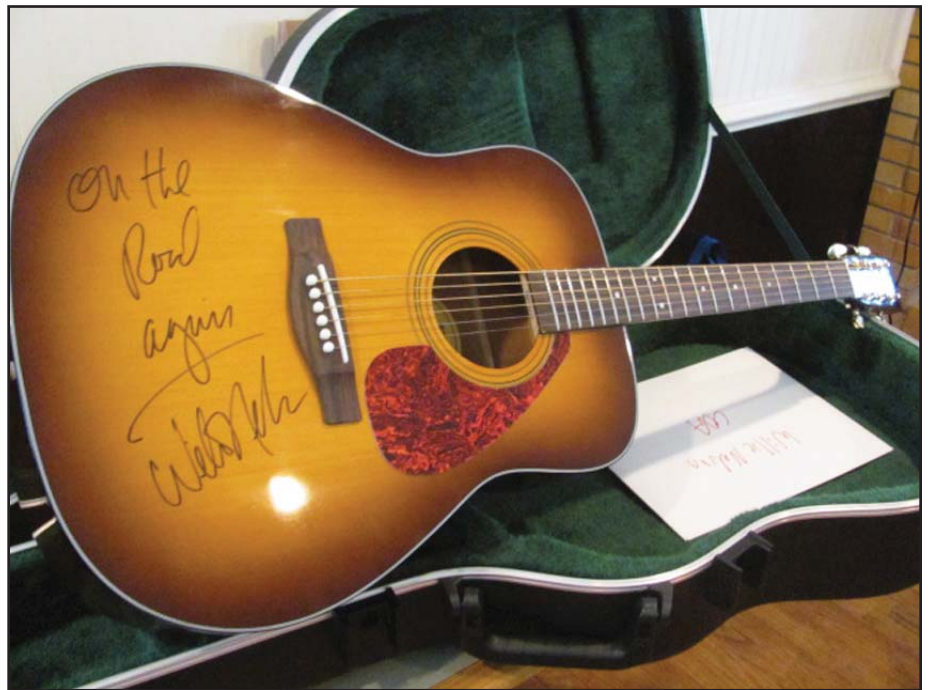


Here is your chance to win a guitar autographed by Willie Nelson with a certificate of authenticity. NCBBA Members Danny Fletcher #13769 and wife Wanda #14418 donated the guitar to help raise money for our legal defense fund.

Tickets are now available for purchase on the website (www.ncbba.org) or at the Annual Meeting/Pig Pic on May 26, 2012 which is where the drawing will be held. You don't have to be present to win.

Tickets cost: \$5.00 each, 5 for \$20.00, 15 for \$50.00 and 35 for \$100.00.

Purchase your tickets at www.ncbba.org to support 'Free and Open Beach Access'.



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Mail to: Rod Palmer, 4132 Valencia Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321
Phone: (757) 407-5095 or email rod.palmer@ncbba.org.



Membership

by Carol Mowers, Membership Director, #10999



New memberships have kept me busy. Since January we have 153 Regular Members, 3 Life Members, 7 junior members and 7 reinstates. Our total active membership is 4400. The number of deletions is still too many.

I have been able to eliminate the mailing of 865 newsletters with emailing newsletters and deleting duplicate addresses, but we could do better. There are 2143 email address in the database, so please notify me if you prefer receiving the NCBBA news via email. If you feel you are not getting your newsletter in the manner you wish to receive it, please let me know. In the recent months, I have also been emailing monthly renewals and late notices, which also saves on postage.

The Great Bridge Fishermens's Association 3rd Annual Flea Market in Chesapeake was a success. Even though we only signed up one new member, \$450 was sold in merchandise. Thanks to all members that stopped by the booth, it was a cold morning but warmed up nicely.

Lots of events coming up, Mid Atlantic Saltwater Fishing Show in Richmond March 30th, 31st and April 1st at the Showplace Annex –Richmond, East towards Mechanicsville. Nineteen members have volunteered their time to help, looking forward to the weekend. Come out a visit if you are in the area. We will be Exhibit 80.

The 4 Plus Tournament is April 28th and 29th. The membership booth will be set up Saturday and Sunday mornings. It is a fun 24 hour tournament and I can always use some help if you plan on attending.

Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament May 2nd, 3rd and 4th is a blast. The membership booth will be set up during registration, usually from the back of my vehicle in the sunshine.

Last but not least, NCBBA Annual Meeting May 26th . Come out and join the fun. Fish in the tournament Saturday morning. Good food , good friends and so far, great weather. New officers will be elected, remember to VOTE!!!!!!

Have a great spring, get your fishing gear ready.



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14493	Alex Council	NC
14494	Robert Klein	PA
14495	Matthew Flake	NC
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14497	Wood Davidson	NC
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14500	Mark Everett	VA
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14502	William Pullen	NJ
14503	John Ratzenberger#	NC
14504	George Fried	VA
14505	Henry Glenn	VA
14506	Donald Flora	VA
14507	Tara Flora	VA
14508	Tim Groom	VA
14509	Brandon Holland	VA
14510	Eric Fidler	VA
14511	George Law	NJ
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14556	Tim Abernathy	NC
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14559	Mark Anderson	VA
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14571	Bryan Bradley	NC
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14575	Sandy Ferguson	NC
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14578	Steve Watkins	MD
14579	Ken Leitz	VA
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14581	Taylor Leitz	VA
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14627	Kyle Holloway	VA
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14629	John Adams	PA
14630	Robert Burns	NC
14631	Stacey Moneymaker	VA
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14633	Kevin Worster	NC
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50210	Zachary (11/05) Vallad	NC
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50212	Amanda (11/95) Williams	PA
50213	Hannah (8/98) Williams	PA
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50215	Adam(04) Schubert	VA
50216	Olivia Creekmore	VA

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A special thanks to the following who have made generous contributions:

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Fishing Report

by Mike McNichol, Fishing News, #13276



In a word fishing here on the Outer Banks has been improving. Last month the Puffers showed up in large numbers and now have been joined by good numbers of Sea Mullet, predominately on the southern beaches. In addition the big drum have been making some appearances near the point when we get a good southwest wind. Puppy Drum are also beginning to show in scattered numbers from Ocracoke to the point with southern Ocracoke the early favorite. Flounder and Pompano will not be far behind.

My old friend "River" advises that at least one Cobia has been caught along the buoys outside Hatteras Inlet and netters are beginning to see a few also. By late this month or early May the "brown suits" should begin to arrive in good numbers in Hatteras Bight.

The northern beaches are still fairly quiet as the Labrador Current still has the upper hand on water temps although there are some Puffers north of Oregon Inlet along with the usual skate and dogfish catch.

Offshore boats out of Hatteras and Ocracoke have found good catches of Wahoo and many boats

reporting limits on Yellowfin. These numbers will only improve with billfish showing a little later in the season along with the usual great catches of Mahi.

There is still beach open to be fished and springtime provides some of the best catches of the year. It's a good time to pack up your gear and come on down after the long winter. The folks here are ready to serve you well as they have for so many years!

NCBBA 4th Annual Red Drum Tournament

by Dave Joyner President, #5678



Member/Guest Fishing Tournament

Don't miss our fishing tournament held just prior to our annual meeting and pig pickin'. Trophies will be awarded to winners in two categories: youth (under 16 years old) and adult (16 years old and older). On May 26th from 6:00 AM until noon, we will fish for black drum, bluefish, croaker, cobia, flounder, gray trout, speckled trout, pompano, sea mullet, sheephead, spade fish, Spanish mackerel, spot and striped bass. You must have your feet in the sand to be eligible for trophies and your catch must be reported to official NCBBA weigh stations before 1:00 PM. Weigh stations must call in their entries to Hatteras Jack in Rodanthe, telephone number

987-2428. Fish will be judged by weight, in case of ties, winners will be determined by length. Remember to adhere to all NC fishing rules and regulations regarding minimum lengths. When reporting your fish, please give the attendant your NCBBA membership number. If it is your guest, please report his/her name and then your name and number; ie: John Doe guest of Sally Smith #5463. Also, if it is someone participating in the youth division, please give the attendant their age. Make it a family affair and join us for the trophy presentations at the annual meeting starting at 2:00 PM. And by the way, don't miss the pig pickin', entertainment and raffles immediately following the meeting.

Lawsuits and Bulletin on Jones Bill

by Irene Nolan, Island Free Press

LAWSUITS

This is the week that the federal government was to respond to a lawsuit filed on Feb. 9 by the Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance, seeking to overturn the Park Service's new ORV plan and final rule.

CHAPA filed the suit in federal court in the District of Columbia against the Department of Interior, the National Park Service, and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It asked that the Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar and his folks go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan that allows more reasonable access.

As of mid-afternoon, no response had appeared on PACER, the federal court website.

David Scarborough, a spokesman for the Outer Banks Preservation Association, said he spoke yesterday with CHAPA's Washington-based lawyer, who also expected either a response or a request for an extension by today.

We'll check back with PACER the first of the week.

And for those who are wondering what is happening with the lawsuit that environmental groups filed to stop the plan to replace the Bonner Bridge with a new span parallel to the current one, the answer is "not much of anything."

Defenders of Wildlife, National Audubon Society, and the National Parks Conservation Association, represented by the Southern Environmental Law Center, filed the lawsuit last July against the Federal Highway Administration and the N.C. Department of Transportation.

A check of the PACER federal court website shows mostly procedural filings since then.

Most of the filings this year have concerned the administrative record of the decision to build the short bridge, which is apparently a gazillion

megabytes. The plaintiffs, the defendants, and the courts have gone back and forth on how physically this information will be put in the public record of the case.

When DOT produced the administrative record, the plaintiffs claimed that it lacked key documents.

It will likely be months before this lawsuit moves forward in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina in New Bern.

BULLETIN ON JONES BILL

Just as I was finishing this blog, Joshua Bowlen, legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., called to confirm that HR 4094 will get a hearing before the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands on Friday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

HR 4094, introduced by Jones in late February, is called The Preserving Access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act and would return management of seashore resources to the Interim Protected Species Management Strategy and Environmental Assessment, issued by the Park Service on June 13, 2007.

In a media release, Jones said the bill would "restore reasonable pedestrian and motorized access" to the seashore.

Bowlen said the bill be discussed with several other federal land access issues.

The chairman of the committee, he said, is U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

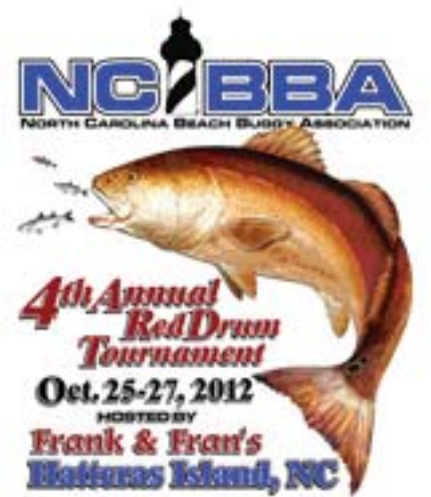
Bowlen said a list of the witnesses that will be called to testify has not been finalized yet.

The hearing will be streamed live on the U.S. House of Representatives website, and Island Free Press will follow up with a more complete story next week.

It's that time of year again and plans are getting underway for our 4th Annual Red Drum Tournament. Previous anglers have until June 1st to send in their registration. On June 1st the tournament application will be on-line and open to everyone. If you need an application contact mike.metzgar@ncbba.org or give me a call. It is our hope that everyone who has supported this tournament in the past will return because more than ever the good folks on Hatteras Island need our support! As US Citizens, we must show the NPS and the Environmentalists that we will not be shut out from the place we all hold near and dear. By giving up and saying the hell with it, you not only hurt yourself by not visiting a "little piece of heaven", but you hurt the folks on Hatteras Island whose livelihood depend on our visits. These are the very people whom we have all called our friends over the years. I for one will not turn my back on them! NCBBA will continue to hold this event as we continue to fight for what is rightfully ours.

This year we have a new issue to deal with.....For those of you who haven't already heard the NPS implemented a Beach Driving Permit system effective Feb. 15, 2012. The cost will be \$50 for 7 days or \$120 for a calendar year. Visit our website @ www.ncbba.org for all of the information including answers to your (FAQ) frequently asked questions. I asked NPS for a permit wavier for tournament participants and the request was denied. The NCBBA Board of Directors and Tournament Officials realize this will have a financial impact on everyone.

Please send in your previous angler registration right away so we can get an idea of how many Anglers and Judges will attend.



If the permit requirement negatively impacts you in such a way that you will not be participating, I ask that you respond to me in an e-mail to: david.joyner@ncbba.org with: Yes, I will be attending or No, I won't be able to attend. Some of you had multiple entrants in the past so as part of your answer please let us know how many will or will not be attending. Please respond by email when you receive this Newsletter indicating Yes or No plus how many are affected. We need to analyze our expenses; our breakeven point and whether the prize structure will need to be adjusted. Your help is greatly appreciated. Here's hoping everyone responds Yes!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in October.

2012 FISHING TOURNAMENTS TEAM MEMBER REQUEST FORM

If interested, complete and mail to:

Secretary Dottie Broadbent #12666
P.O. Box 1638
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 491-5783

RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 1st!

I would like to be a possible member of an NCBBA fishing team.*
I would like to fish the following tournament(s):

(Check one or more)

- Oct. 5-7 Nags Head Surf Fishing Tourn.
- Nov. 2-5 Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Tourn.

*If selected, I understand that I will be given complete details at least 15 days prior to the tournament. Selection of team members will take place September 12th and you will be notified by September 19th of your status.

Name: _____ NCBBA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Male Female

E-mail address: _____

Do you own a 4-wheel drive vehicle? Yes No

Note: Members selected for an NCBBA Fishing Team must pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00 per person.

Merchandise Corner

by Laura Davis, Director #11003



THE 2012 MERCHANDISE IS HERE!!!!
 "United We Stand, Divided We Fail"! Check out our website to see the new design! We will pay homage to our good 'ole Red, White and Blue with the Hatteras Light being front and center. A HUGE Thank You to Mike Stokes (#13254) and his lead designer Britton Ricketts at Flying Fish Screen Printing, Inc. in Kill Devil Hills for our 2012 Collector's Edition Design. He once again donated his staff and time creating this design.

You can place your order online or by using the order blank in this newsletter. **I do have a select amount of the 2011 items !ON SALE! which can only be ordered online.** The avail-

able sizes will be on the website. Don't forget our "Official" line of products incorporating a nautical map of the Outer Banks in the background. This is the same design that is found on the Youth T-shirts (don't forget the kids). I have Navy Long Sleeve and Tan Pocket Short Sleeves available.

The sale of these items is a big part of the funds we raise for NCBBA to support the causes we hold near and dear to our hearts. Please visit our website at www.ncbba.org to place your order! **SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!!**

Please feel free to email me at laura.davis@ncbba.org.

OFFICIAL NCBBA MERCHANDISE ORDER BLANK

(ALLOW 2 TO 3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY)

ITEM	QTY	COST EA.	TOTAL
NCBBA Embroidered Cap - Circle TAN or WHITE	_____	\$17.00	_____

2012 "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FAIL" **Limited Edition Collectors Apparel**

(ORDER BLANK DOES NOT GUARATEE COLOR OR SIZE IN STOCK)

T-SHIRTS ADD \$1.00 EACH FOR SIZE 2X
T-SHIRTS ADD \$2.00 EACH FOR SIZE 3X
SWEATSHIRT - ADD \$2.00 EACH FOR SIZE 2X
SWEATSHIRT - ADD \$4.00 EACH FOR SIZE 3X

MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE POCKET T-SHIRT		\$17.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	2 XL _____	3 XL _____	

LONG SLEEVE POCKET T-SHIRT		\$20.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	2 XL _____	3XL _____	

HOODED ZIPFRONT SWEATSHIRT		\$30.00	_____
M _____ L _____ XL _____	2 XL _____	3 XL _____	

"OFFICIAL" Map Design FEATURING THE HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE

T-SHIRTS ADD \$1.00 FOR SIZE 2X
T-SHIRTS ADD \$2.00 FOR SIZE 3X

SHORT SLEEVE POCKET T-SHIRT (men's cut) - SAND (tan)		\$17.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	2 XL _____	3 XL _____	

LONG SLEEVE POCKET T-SHIRT - NAVY		\$20.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	2 XL _____	3 XL _____	

CHILDREN'S SHORT SLEEVE - GRAY		\$13.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____			

CHILDREN'S SHORT SLEEVE - NAVY		\$13.00	_____
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____			

SHIPPING CHARGE & HANDLING CHARGE		\$6.95	_____
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(ADD \$1.00 ADDITIONAL FOR EACH ITEM OVER ONE)

TAX (NC RESIDENTS ONLY)		7.75%	_____
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TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED		\$	_____
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Make checks payable to NCBBA. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

**To inquire on items, call Laura Davis at
(757) 871-2355
email: laura.davis@ncbba.org**

All orders shipped via US Postal Service **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

MAIL TO: NCBBA, P.O. BOX 189, NAGS HEAD, NC 27959
YOU MAY ALSO ORDER ONLINE FROM OUR WEBSITE: www.NCBBA.org

Issues Before the Board:

- › Member participation on Board of Directors
- › NPS Record of Decision on ORV plan
- › 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning



2012 Photo Contest FOR JUNIOR & REGULAR MEMBERS!

Carol Mowers, Photo Contest Chairperson

It's the time to get those cameras clicking and capture those memorable moments of the Outer Banks from Corova to Ocracoke. The photos you submit must be your own. Fill in the entry form below (please print!), cut it out, tape the form to the back of your photo, and mail it in.

CONTEST CRITERIA: (Please read and follow carefully)

- The photo **must be taken within the calendar year** beginning January 1, 2012
- Members can submit more than one entry, but contestants can only win one prize.
- The photo(s) can be submitted at any time during the calendar year, with all photo entries **postmarked no later than December 12, 2012.**
- Each photo entry must have a **completed** entry form TAPED to the back.
- The **photo size** must be either a **4"x6", 5"x7" or an 8"x10"** in color or black and white.
- The photo **must be taken on the Outer Banks from Corova to Ocracoke** and reflect the attractiveness and/or the attractions of the area.
- The photo(s) should be of good quality with clear images.
- The photo entry will remain the property of NCBBA.

Professional photographers are requested not to enter this contest.

The photo entries will be judged by a committee and prizes for first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) place will be awarded. The winning photo entries and names of winners will be published in the January/February issue of the NCBBA Newsletter. All winners will also receive a letter of congratulations along with their prize. The prizes include: \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. Junior Member \$50.00 first place.

Send your entry to the address on the entry form.

2012 NCBBA PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Regular & Life Member Junior Member

(Please Print)

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail _____

Photo Title/Subject: _____

Date Taken: _____ Photo Location: _____

Photo Size: _____ 4"x6" _____ 5"x7" _____ 8"x10"

For Committe Use Only

Date Received: _____ Entry # _____

Mail entry to:
Carol Mowers, 1002 Suffolk St., Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948



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