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President's Corner

by David Joyner, President, #5678



The election ballot is in this edition of the newsletter & available on-line at www.ncbba.org. Please exercise your right to vote & cast your vote for the candidates in support of their desire to serve you the membership of NCBBA. The 2014 Annual Meeting will be the year that all four of the Officers & four Director Positions will be up for election. Your Association needs new faces & ideas as some of this current BOD moves on after long tenures as members of the BOD. It is not too early to start thinking about this now. Come to BOD meetings & see firsthand just how hard this fine group of men & women work on your behalf. I am proud to serve with them!

I'd like to thank Past President, Jim Keene for his tireless work for beach access working alongside (CHAPA) Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Association on the lawsuit, countless meetings with Dare County Officials & the NC Congressional Delegation. Jim continues to carry our fight for "free & open beach access"! Please join him & the rest of the NCBBA BOD by calling & writing your elected representatives today asking them to support Walter Jones's (NC-3) House Bill H.R. 819!

Barclay Trimble is now settling in as Superintendent for the Outer Banks Group of National Parks; Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, Wright Brothers National Memorial and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. He assumed his new

duties in late October, 2012. On February 22nd, Past President, Jim Keene, Director, Harry Nash & I had a sit-down meet & greet with him & Deputy Superintendent Darrell Echols in an effort to open the lines of communication with him. The meeting lasted 1 1/2 hours during which time we explained NCBBA's past contributions to the Seashore & the local community. We also expressed our unhappiness with the Final Rule & NPS lack of listening to any of our public comments when they requested them. He listened attentively taking notes. He expressed his desire to work with us. I asked him to write an article for our newsletter & he seemed pleased to do so. I also invited him to our Annual Meeting, but he has a prior family commitment that

weekend. We left the meeting feeling it was time well spent. Time will tell if this is true & I'll keep you informed as we move forward.

As you read this, plans for our 5th Annual Red Drum Tournament are underway. Anglers, Judges, Sponsors & Volunteers are needed. Please join us for a fun time & hopefully some great fishing!

Enough of my mindless ramblings spring is here & hopefully so are the big fish! I am looking forward to getting out on the beach after a nasty winter. Let's all go to CHNSRA to enjoy our seashore recreating responsibility however you and your family desire. See you on the beach!

2013 in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area

by Jim Keene #5680, Past President



Our activities are producing favorable actions in congress. NC Congressman Walter Jones released H.R.819 and steered it thru the house subcommittee "Public Lands and Environmental Regulations" on March 14th. We thank both Congressman Jones and Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Warren Judge for their strong testimonies. We now await a favorable vote and movement from the subcommittee, to the full committee and floor action that will once again take our requests to the Senate. In that vein, North Carolina's two Senators Richard Burr, R, and Kay Hagan, D, working toward a common goal, have released a companion bill S.486 that has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Now it's time for you to go to work. On our website www.ncbbaonline.com you will find a list of the committee members of both the Senate and the House of Representatives; these are the people that hold within their powers the fate of our Seashore. They will or will not move these bills forward. Take a few minutes and send a letter to each

of these office holders (your employees) and express your desires to return Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area to responsible recreational management practices as defined by congress in the founding legislation.

A few thoughts that you may want to include:

1. These bills are revenue neutral and require NO additional spending & if properly administered NPS (by their own calculations made during REG-NEG) would stand to save approx. \$1.5mm/yr...

2. While SELC & their employers want to claim credit for record turtle nests as a result of night driving restrictions, we know that the turtles that nested last year were born on these same beaches approximately 25+ years ago without these draconian closures. Also recognize that sea turtle nests have set records up & down the east coast (i.e.; Florida's nest increased from 88,000 to 110,000 and Cape Lookout nests increased from 157 to 228). This was accomplished without denying visitors evening bonfires

and sunrise viewing as was the case in CHNSRA.

3. With a slight increase in Piping Plover nests there were only 11 chicks that fledged - in spite of 1000 meter buffers and the trapping and slaughter of hundreds of native mammals. We are at the southernmost nesting area for this species that enjoys much better nesting successes to the north of Cape Hatteras. Audubon's own "Field Guide" (1977) lists their nesting area "from Newfoundland to Virginia, rarely to the Carolinas".

4. Visitation increased slightly last year but still trailed visitation numbers posted during the 1990's. US citizenry are feeling a serious economic crunch which in the past has made CNSRA a favored vacation destination with inexpensive travel and housing costs as compared to far off destinations such as Myrtle Beach, Orlando or the Keys. Dare County has posted good visitation results but too many misinformed persons fail to recognize the differential between Northern Dare County and the villages south of

Oregon Inlet where too many businesses are suffering and failing as a direct result of extensive beach closures during our short tourist season.

5. We all need to be respectful of the fact that CHNSRA needs an ORV Management Plan, this is why we participated in the writing of the lost plan of the late 1970's. This why we were among the leading participants during the recently failed REG-NEG negotiations. Negotiations that failed for the most part due to a preemptive lawsuit filed by participants who appeared to be less than serious during negotiations. We cannot have our beach without an ORV Plan but NPS can adaptively manage this Recreational Area without most of the overly restrictive rules and regulations currently in effect.

Don't sit on your hands and expect someone else to do the letter writing, if we all do this we may as well ask NPS to turn our beaches into Fish & Wildlife sanctuaries. Participate now, you may never have another opportunity.

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The North Carolina Beach Buggy Association is a non-profit organization, established in 1964, dedicated to preservation of and vehicular access to the natural beach resources of the Outer Banks through conservation, a code of ethics for beach behavior, and support of local, state, federal officials and other organizations dedicated to these same goals.

- MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES**
- Official Numbered License Plate and Decal
 - Junior Membership (Birth to age 16)
 - Quarterly Newsletters
 - Member's Fishing Tournament
 - Annual Meeting and Fishing Tournament
 - Member's Fishing Citations
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 - Adopt-A-Highway Program
 - Angler of the Year Award
 - Member Advice on Beach Issues
 - Members Scholarship program
 - George Deems Conservation Fund
 - NCBBA Red Drum Tournament each October
 - Regional Fishing Show Participation

From Membership

When ordering a replacement plate, the year embossed will be the year you originally joined NCBBA. Please note the ordering process of a replacement tag can take a couple of 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

AFFILIATIONS

- 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

2013 Calendar of Events

- * APRIL 13 • 9 AM-12 PM**
Operation Beach Respect & Adopt A Highway
- APRIL 13**
NCBBA BOD Meeting & Cookout
- APRIL 27-28**
4 Plus 24 Hr Surf Fishing Tournament
- APRIL 30**
NCBBA Fishing Citations Due
- MAY 1-3**
Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament
- MAY 18**
Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Tournament Annual Meeting
- MAY 25**
NCBBA Annual Meeting, Pig Pic and Member Fishing Tournament
- MAY 26**
Casting Seminar, sponsored by Ryan White
- JUNE 8**
NCBBA BOD Meeting
- JUNE 19**
Fritz Boyden Youth Fishing Tournament
- * JUNE 22**
Operation Beach Respect & Adopt A Highway

* 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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Application for Membership
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Phone Number (____)) _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

Enclosed is \$25 for membership initiation fees and numbered license plate. (Dues are \$20 per year thereafter.)

Life Membership \$350

Junior Membership \$5 New and Renewal

Birthdate ____/____/____ Make Checks Payable to NCBBA

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Date Received _____ Number Assigned _____

ACHIEVERS - 2013
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, 2013.

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.

2012-2013

Message from Park Superintendent Barclay C. Trimble

My tenure at the Outer Banks Group, and particularly Cape Hatteras National Seashore, began in late October 2012 when hurricanes were supposedly "out of season." The first night in our new home was without furniture and electricity so we camped out in a hard-sided tent per say with a Coleman lantern and stove as Hurricane Sandy rolled passed the Outer Banks of North Carolina and it is a family memory I will treasure forever. I took that as an omen that my tenure at this park would be exciting and stimulating to say the least!

Growing up surf fishing on the Texas Gulf Coast I remember hearing about Cape Hatteras National Seashore and it being called the nirvana for surf fishermen whose pilgrimages to America's first national seashore date back for decades. The thrill and exultant joy of pulling those huge blues or puppy drum (red fish from my upbringing but I'm learning the new lingo) to the wet sand leave lasting impressions which I can't wait to share with my children. An evening campfire, were many hotdogs and marshmallows will be roasted to perfection, bringing a perfect ending to a long day beside the mighty Atlantic Ocean.

The popularity of the Outer Banks of North Carolina, with extensive miles of protected national seashores, national wildlife refuge areas, state parks, scenic byways, historic landmarks, culturally unique areas to visit.....all with their own unique identity and great wealth of natural and cultural resources....have been a "drawing card" and major tourism attraction for visitors to this region of the country for decades. Long a popular recreation destination, Cape Hatteras attracts about 2.3 million visitors a year who come to walk the beach, swim, sail, fish, use ORVs,

and enjoy the ambiance of the shore. In the towns that dot the Outer Banks, a major tourism industry has developed to serve the visiting tourists and local beachgoers, including ORV users. In 2011, visitors to the three islands spent approximately \$121 million (an increase of 13 million dollars from 2010), and supported about 1,700 jobs. With that popularity comes increased visitation.... and here's the glitch.....with that increased visitation comes increased regulations in order to protect the very natural and cultural resources, the wildlife, the essence of "wildness" that attract people here in the first place. Beaches can become so crowded that they are no longer desirable places to come and recreate.

Until recently, Cape Hatteras National Seashore did not have designated ORV routes as mandated which require NPS units to issue regulations to designate specific trails and areas for ORV use based upon resource protection, visitor safety and in order to minimize conflict among users of federally protected and public lands. Although, today's Seashore beaches are more regulated than those cherished years of yesterday, the new ORV management plan is a balanced approach to addressing the many needs of our various park visitor groups, preserving some of the ways of the past, while also protecting the shorebirds and sea turtles that also call these places their summer home.

Under the science-based species protection measures of the Consent Decree, many of which are incorporated into the ORV management plan and special regulation, a trend of improving conditions for beach nesting birds and sea turtles has emerged. Although breeding success depends on a number of factors including

weather, predation, habitat availability, and level of human disturbance, there has been a striking improvement in the condition of protected beach-nesting wildlife species. The Seashore has experienced a record number of piping plover pairs and fledged chicks, American oystercatcher fledged chicks, least tern nests, and improved nesting results for other species of colonial waterbirds. The number of piping plover breeding pairs has increased from an annual average of 3.6 pairs from 2000 to 2007 under the Interim Strategy to an average of 11.75 pairs between 2008 and 2011 under the Consent Decree. In 2012, the NPS documented 15 piping plover breeding pairs. The number of sea turtle nests also significantly increased, from an annual average of 77.3 from 2000 to 2007 to an average of 129 from 2008 to 2011. In 2012, sea turtle nesting in the Seashore climbed to an all-time high of 222. Although the prescribed buffers have resulted in temporary closures of some popular locations when breeding activity was occurring, even at the peak of the breeding season there have generally been many miles of open beach entirely unaffected by the species protection measures.

Dare County, where the Seashore is located, experienced record occupancy and meal revenues in 2012, as reported by the Outer Banks Visitor Bureau, despite the impacts of Hurricane Sandy that closed or substantially limited traffic along North Carolina Highway 12 to Hatteras Island from late October to late December 2012. This occupancy revenue has continued to climb over the last several years as follows: 2009 (\$318 million), 2012 (\$330 million), 2011 (\$343 million), 2012 (\$382 million through the end of November) while meals revenue has also increased

as follows: 2009 (\$185 million), 2010 (\$188 million), 2011 (\$191 million), and 2012 (\$201 million though the end of November).

In addition, there was a recent article in US News Travel which ranks the Outer Banks Beaches as the #1 family vacation destination spot due to the varying opportunities of the Seashore and the surroundings. (See link:<http://travel.usnews.com/Rankings/USA/#Family>). The new plan not only provides diverse visitor experience opportunities, manage ORV use in a manner appropriate to a unit of the National Park System, and provide a science-based approach to the conservation of protected wildlife species, but also adapts to changing conditions over the life-span of the plan. It includes a five-year periodic review process that will enable the NPS to systematically evaluate the plan's effectiveness and make any necessary changes to preserve and protect this amazing resource for today and future generations.

The National Park Service welcomes visitors to enjoy the beautiful, undeveloped ocean beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Most of the year, miles and miles of beaches are open to both ORV use and pedestrian only areas providing a wide range of recreational opportunities for all park visitors. I will be utilizing all types of recreational opportunities during the coming years and look forward to meeting the members of the organization on the beach while playing with my kids, seashell hunting, and fishing - by the way, fishing tips are welcomed!

I know Cape Hatteras National Seashore is special to all of you and appreciate all you do in helping us protect this special place. Enjoy your visit!

Secretary's Report: Highlights of Board Meeting: March 2, 2013

by Pam Smith, Director, Life Member #13271



Introduction & Welcome Guests
NCBBA BOD Meeting was Held at Kelly's Restaurant on March 2, 2013. President David Joyner called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed guest members Jim Wilson #10381 and Pete East #1031.

Minutes from last BOD Meeting
President David Joyner, asked the board to accept the minutes from the last BOD-Meeting from January 19, 2013, Motion was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The Treasurers & Financial Report
Presented by Treasurer, Tom Heggie.

Balance Sheet
Capital increased by \$1,439.03 as a result of our operations for the first two months of 2013. This figure has not been adjusted by Merchandise Inventory

sold in February or cost of printing the newsletter

Cash Position
Our month end cash in the checking account was \$8,193.47. Given the cost of the printing of the NCBBA Newsletter, Treasurer Heggie transferred \$7,500 in principal from a CD to cover anticipated cash disbursements.

Income and Expense Statement
We had a Net Income of \$1,493.03 for two months with a Net Income of \$2,209.70 in February. The loss in January is attributed to the write off of fixed assets.

The operations for 2013 have not been adjusted by Merchandise Inventory for February and the cost of Printing the newsletter.

Internet and NCBBA Website
Presented by Mike Metzgar

Improvements to our Internet and NCBBA Website were reviewed. Our Members were given passwords to gain access to the website to enable the Members to update their personal information. Mike Metzgar is being trained by Link on the process of adding photos to the NCBBA Website and how to download PDF documents. This additional training should save NCBBA in fees for these services. The BOD agreed that there is a need for cross training and shared knowledge between BOD.

There is a New Tutorial for the Administrators of the Website. David Joyner, Rod Palmer, Carol Mowers and Mike Metzgar are the Administrators for NCBBA Website and can assist our Members with access.

Mike McNichol will be our Constant Contact Representative. Mike will be attending further training in Virginia Beach as our Constant Contact Representative.

Scholarship Program

Presented by Mike Metzgar
There has been one application for Member's Children.

Harry Nash made a motion to provide a scholarship for an Ocracoke student in 2013. This was seconded and approved by the board.

2013 Fishing Tournaments
Presented by Bill Smith
The NCBBA Fishing Team for the Ocracoke Tournament is full. Confirmation with Harborside Hotel for the Team's lodging has been completed.

Citations
Presented by Bill Smith
Nothing new to report with regard to citations. BOD were asked to contact their assigned shops to give the shops the current citation forms. Bill Smith agreed to visit the tackle shops on Hatteras Island

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2013-2015 Slate of Directors



FOR DIRECTOR:
William King #1467

I have been a visitor/care taker of the outer banks of North Carolina for in excess of 45 years, 30 of those years I have been a member of NCBBA. I have served on many local organizations, boards and panels from volunteer fire chief to Congressional advisory position. I have raised my family on Hatteras Island on yearly vacations to just recently spreading ashes of my long time friend and former police co-worker at our favorite fishing spot. I am committed to the cause of saving open access to CHNSS & RA.



FOR DIRECTOR:
Mike McNichol #13276

I am running for a position on the Board of Directors for this term to try and make a contribution to keep our beaches open. I have been a visitor to the Outer Banks for over 40 years and have seen many changes along the way. The upcoming year will be critical to keeping beach access open to all visitors. I currently reside in Hampton, VA but spend every other weekend year round in Frisco, NC. I hope to be

able to contribute in any way I can in addition to editing the NCBBA Newsletter. Vote for anyone you like, but please vote!



FOR DIRECTOR:
Ronald Saunders #12755

Please place my name into nomination for another term as a Director with the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association. If it is the desire of the membership, I would like to continue working for the association, as there is much to be done. Also, in keeping with my past communications, I would again encourage all members to consider running for a Directors position when the time is right for them. Until then, please show your support by voting in the upcoming election.

ing election.



FOR DIRECTOR:
Carol Mowers #10999

I am running again. Since 2005, I have served on the Board in this position. With the changing rules and regulations, I feel it is very important for the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association to be visible to the public to answer questions and recruit new members. With the help of many volunteers, I represent the organization at various shows in Raleigh, NC, Richmond, VA, Chesapeake, VA and, this year, Somerset, NJ. There is always a membership booth at the local fishing tournaments. I attend all board meetings and seldom do I miss a function to promote the organization. Occasionally I am a delegate for UMAP meetings.

The fight for open access is an important issue with me, therefore I am an active member in other organizations that share this common goal such as CLMS, AMSA, DMS, ASA, OBPA and CHAC.

In this position, I guess you could call me the Membership Secretary, in that I do all the paperwork dealing with old and new members. I have made some mistakes in the past, such as sending late or deletion notices to the wrong person, but believe me it is not intentional and I try to correct my mistakes on an individual basis.

I would consider it an honor if you would reelect me to the Board of Directors. Please support your organization by casting your vote.

2013 Annual Meeting & Pig Pick

by Bill Smith, Director, Life Member #7128



Mark your calendars for the **2013 Annual Meeting and Pig Picking**. The event will be held on **Saturday, May 25**, at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center in Rodanthe, NC. The meeting begins at 2:00 PM with the Pig Picking to follow.

The Day will include great music and lots of prizes! BJ's Cafe is once again catering the BBQ lunch and music will be provided by Low Pressure. You will have the opportunity to be introduced to our new Directors and our award winners for 2012/2013.

Be sure to bring your checkbook or your credit cards (yes, we can accept credit card purchases) for the many Raffle and Live Auction items that will be up for grabs.

As always, we are looking to increase

our membership, so bring Guests. Tickets are the same price for all and we would love to have others hear about efforts and our goals and consider becoming a part of our organization.

Tickets cost \$15.00 per person, with the cost for children under 12 being \$8.00 per child. **Deadline for ticket purchases is May 15th.** A limited number of tickets will be available at the door so **it's best to get your tickets early!** No tickets will be sold during the Annual Meeting. Ticket costs at the door, on the day of the event, will be \$20.00 per person and \$10.00 per child.

Be sure to get your tickets in advance by completing the order blank in this issue or by ordering online at www.ncbba.org. We hope to see you all there!



2013 Official Ballot

Only members in good standing are permitted to vote.
Ballots accepted until May 18, 2013.

ONLY OFFICIAL BALLOT forms from this Newsletter will be accepted by US Mail to: VP Rod Palmer, 4132 Valencia Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321

Login and Vote online at www.ncbba.org in the My Account section.

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 one below. Officers and Directors are elected for 2 year terms. (2013-2015).

Please read their Biographies in the January Newsletter and VOTE!!

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

Directors: Vote only for 4 names

- Carol Mowers #10999
- Mike McNichol #13276
- William King #1467
- Ron Saunders #12755

Directors: Write-in

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

PRINT YOUR NAME: (_____) NCBBA Plate # (_____)

Sign your name: _____ Date _____

If you desire to cast a proxy vote, use this portion and put an X here ().

I, _____, NCBBA # _____
Wish to cast a proxy vote for the 2013 election and for any other matters that may be presented to the membership at its Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday May 25, 2013.

I assign this proxy to: _____ Your Name _____



Pig Pickin' Ticket Request



ANNUAL MEETING - SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

(Print) Name _____
 NCBBA # _____
 Adults _____ @ \$15 in advance
 or _____ @ \$20 at door
 Children _____ @ \$8 each
 or _____ @ \$10 at door (thru age 12)
 Make check payable to NCBBA. Tickets will not be mailed out, but will be available for pick up at the Annual Meeting.
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
 DATE MAILED _____

Mail this request to: NCBBA Pig Pickin', P.O. Box 189, Nags Head, NC 27959

Beach Access for ALL

by Jim Keene #5680, Past President



As Spring & hopefully Summer approach our thoughts return to all of those days we enjoyed recreating within Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. This year, I hope that you, like my family, will make your plans and fulfill your dreams of pleasant days on our beaches once again.

Your Association in conjunction with like organizations continues their efforts to insure your ability to access your beaches. HR 819 has been introduced by NC Congressman Walter B. Jones and will receive its' first hearing on March 14th (a formal press release appears elsewhere in this newsletter). We, NC residents and visitors alike, owe the Congressman a heartfelt THANK YOU for his continuing efforts to restore reasonable management to our Recreational Area. Congressman Jones and his staff have been and continue to be in the forefront of our access fight. Testifying before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations on March 14 will be Mr. Warren Judge, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners - Dare County. Commissioner Judge has championed this cause since the original formation of the REG-NEG committee of which he was a member. We wish him success and give him our full support. The subcommittee hearing will no doubt be concluded before you read this but this is only the first step. Please contact the members of this committee and subcommittee, ask for their

support in moving this bill forward. The names and addresses of the members of this committee are available @: www.resourcescommittee.house.gov.

Our active suit, CHAPA Vs. DOI et al resides in the offices of Judge T. Boyle of the Eastern District Court of North Carolina. This court action will not be in an open court room but rather a review of the facts as presented by the Plaintiffs and Defendants with a ruling coming from Judge Boyle. We cannot logically expect a resolution until well after the 2013 vacation season concludes.

The current schedule (as posted by The Island Free Press):

If the parties cannot resolve issues related to the contents of the Administrative Record, motions to complete or supplement it must be filed by the plaintiff by March 6. Defendants may respond to the motion by March 20. If a motion is made to amend the record, then the parties agree to submit an amended schedule.

CHAPA motion for summary judgment - a judgment issued summarily without a trial - is due by April 19.

Defendants' and defendant-intervenor's cross motion for summary judgment is due by May 20.

Plaintiffs' response to defendants' cross motions due by June 19.

Defendants' and defendant-intervenor's replies in support of their motion is due by July 1.

Link Computer \$5,000 Legal Fund Donation

By Mike Metzgar, Director, Life Member, #5559



In June 2009 the NCBBA Board of Directors (BOD) committed significant resources to elevate our electronic presence in the electronic world. The BOD realized the need to partner with a larger technology firm with more staff and experience to help NCBBA achieve new goals for the benefit of the membership and the future of the Association.

NCBBA was handicapped by limited and special computer hardware, a custom written membership database, an outdated website framework, and member issues with our shopping cart, improper shipping calculations, limited email hosting and a variety of other concerns.

The BOD began a search and found Link Computer Corporation. Link was chose to partner with NCBBA and to bring the Association into the Electronic Age. Director Mike Metzgar volunteered to Chair and manage the project.

In June 2011 your BOD began working with Link to upgrade our electronic presence and make the functions and updates of the website, database and merchandise more 'turn key' for the volunteer Directors that make up this BOD and the membership.

At present you noticed a login on the website home page which benefits you, the member:

• Primarily to keep your NCBBA membership records up to date when changes arise.

• To access 'members only' information including all newsletters from 1964 to present.

• It allows our BOD to access membership information (In the Cloud) in real time to better assist you the member.

• It allows you to electronically receive and print the newsletter wherever you are as soon as it is available.

• It allows you to participate in BOD elections online.

• To print Citation forms

• To submit photos electronically for the Photo Contest

• To Purchase NCBBA Merchandise, Tickets

Link is a great partner and has worked with all BOD members in the last 22 months on a variety of issues.....all being solved to our needs.....professionally and efficiently.

All of these benefits have come with a cost and Link understands that support of 501c3 Charitable Non-Profit Organizations is critical. Link COO Mr. Jack Collins agreed to provide a \$5,000.00 donation to NCBBA at the completion of the project. This Director was privileged to receive this check on behalf of NCBBA on March 22, 2013.

Is your Corporation or Business interested in making a donation? If so, Contact mike.mcnicol@ncbba.org or ron.saunders@ncbba.org.

2013 Russ Privett Memorial Surf Fishing Tournament

by Bill Smith, Director, Life Member #7126



Don't miss our 2013 Russ Privett Memorial Member/Guest Surf Fishing Tournament held prior to the Annual Meeting and Pig Picking on Saturday, May 25. Trophies will be awarded to winners in two categories: Youth (under 16 years old) and Adult (16 years and older).

The tournament will be from 6:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. You must have your feet in the sand to be eligible for a trophy. All catches must be reported to an Official NCBBA Weigh Station by 1:00 PM that day. Weigh Stations will report the results to NCBBA. You'll be fishing for Black Drum, Bluefish, Croaker, Cobia, Flounder, Gray Trout, Speckled Trout, Pompano, Sea Mullet, Sheephead, Spanish Mackerel, Spot and Striped Bass.

Fish will be judged by weight. In the case of a tie, winners will be determined by length. Be sure to adhere to all NC fishing Rules and Regulations regarding minimum lengths. When reporting, please provide the shop attendant your NCBBA number. If the fish is caught by a guest, be sure to report their name and then your name and membership number. Be sure to provide the age for anyone participating in the Youth Division.

Make the tournament a Family Affair, joining us for the trophy presentations at the Annual Meeting, beginning at 2:00 PM. Then stay for the Pig Picking, entertainment, raffles and auction afterwards. Get your tickets early! Good Luck!



Director Mike Metzgar #5559 and Mr. Jack Collins Link Computer Corporation Chief Operating Officer



"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear the good Lord intended us to spend triple the time fishing as taking care of the lawn".

Chuck Clark

Membership

by Carol Mowers, Membership Director, #10999



Thanks to the following volunteers who came out and helped with the shows. It is always a joy to meet and spend time with members. At the Raleigh, NC, Fishing Expo, January 11th - January 13th: Doug Thomas #11615, Jeannie Griffin #13555, Ryan Plumley #14750 Tom Walls LM #9462, Dave Mowers #11935, Rich Donner LM #14740, myself #10999, and Secretary Dottie Broadbent #12666. The Mid Atlantic Salt Water Fishing Expo in Hampton, VA: Chip Booth #1538, Eddie Howard #11848, Bob Pride LM#7756, Rich Donner LM#14740, Secretary Dottie Broadbent #12666, Vice President Rod Palmer #12252, Editor Mike McNichol #13276 and myself #10999. The future shows for March are the Great Bridge Flea Market March 9th, Hickory Ruritan Club, Chesapeake and ASA Saltwater Fishing Expo, Somerset, NJ March 15-17.

Check the Calendar of Events to see if there are events you can volunteer for. The next big one will be the Annual Meeting, Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend September 2nd, the Ocracoke Invitational May 1-3rd, and the Youth Tournament at all piers on June 19th. The NCBBA helps man the Avalon Pier along with the Sea Hags. Mark the calendar for the kids. It is guaranteed a fun day and its FREE!!!!.

Please continue to pay your dues on time. You can now pay dues for one or two years.

Have a great Spring and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



MBR #	Name	State
14817	Ron Bergey	NC
14818	Daniel Boone	NC
14819	Travis Holt	NC
14820	David Jones	NC
14821	F. Deane Erwin	NC
14822	Neill Barrow	NC
14823	Andy McKeel	NC
14824	Greg Barnes	NC
14825	David Massey	NC
14826	Eddie Brinkley	NC
14827	Chad Brinkley	NC
14828	Greg Fitzgerald	NJ
14829	Derek Binkley	NC
14830	Terry Hetrick	PA
14831	Ricky Holsclaw	NC
14832	Vito Finizio	NJ
14833	Rob Taylor	MD
14833	Rob Taylor	MD
14834	Greg Fisher	VA
14835	Fred Conger	VA
14836	David Kimball	VA
14837	Mark Wheeler, Sr	VA
14838	Lane Hayden	VA
14839	John Charron	MA
14840	Gary Dubovick	ME
14841	Robert Blossat	PA
14842	Michael (Tim) Wallace	DE
14844	Ken Currin	VA
14845	Max Isenhowser	VA
14846	Sandy Elliott	VA
14847	Steve Berkley	VA
14848	PAUL SEYMOUR JR	VA

MBR #	Name	State
14815	Paul Swisher	VA
14816	Jeff Wilson	NC

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

Member #	Name			
13462	Terry Smith	9183	Robert Hunt	13834
10866	Gail Brooks	7268	John Dibonaventura, Jr	2598
4343	John H Gabriel, Jr	9534	John Dibonaventura, II	6300
8835	Allen Greene	9158	Lloyd Vernon	2064
12279	Gene Britte	14182	John Mumford	7316
11271	Victor Milhans	2643	Douglas Jennings	12786
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229	Richard Holmes	9200	Carl Wehrer	3802
4932	Albert Pearson	9186	Karen Schreiber	13867
4464	William Swanner, III	686	John Troxler	13881
6156	Thomas Brueckner	13478	Dave Morris	12731
11933	Tim Daniel	10922	Don Morris	13146
12118	Joel Vanscoy	9977	Thomas Devlin	2002
2616	Dave Barton	6296	Sherman Pierce	8189
5715	Charles Helmer	3367	Sara Winslow	3827
				13882
				Tony Beck

Secretary's Report

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and Ocracoke Island.

Annual Meeting - Pig Picking

Presented by Bill Smith

This year's Annual Meeting and Pig Picking is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2013 at the Community Center in Rodanthe. The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Pig Picking Tickets will be sold on the website until May 17, 2013. Limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The Action Plan for the Annual Meeting were reviewed in detail. Responsibilities were reviewed and an updated copy of the Action Plan will be forwarded to all members of the Board.

It has been decided there will not be a speaker at this year's event.

The Russ Privett Memorial Member/Guest Fishing Tournament will be held the morning of the Annual Meeting with the winners announced at the meeting on May 25th.

OBR & AAH

Presented by Rod Palmer via a written report to President David Joyner.

Rod Palmer has an emergency at Langley AFB which caused him to be unable to attend this meeting.

Rob Palmer has requested the permits for the OBRs for 2013, The Casting Seminar at Salvo Day Use and the cookout after the last OBR in November. Rod has received emails from Members who are interested in volunteering for the OBRs. There will be a posting on the NCBBA Facebook Page and our NCBBA website soon asking for volunteers. The Board was asked to check the OBR totes at their tackle shops.

Supplies for the OBR Totes can be found in our storage unit.

Membership and Achiever of the Year

Presented by Carol Mowers

Carol Mowers has attended several trade-tackle shows since our last meeting.

Show Membership Merchandise

Raleigh \$245 \$310

Hampton \$245 \$242

Great Bridge Flea Market and Sommer-set New Jersey are two shows which we expect to show a presence.

Since July we have 113 NEW MEMBERS and 273 DELETED MEMBERS.

The New Membership Card was presented to the board. NCBBA stickers were discussed.

Presently the leader for the Achiever of the Year, is Richard Donner who has signed up 10 new members.

Photo Contest

Presented by Pam Smith

Nothing new to report, no new photos entered.

Pam will do an article for the Website and for the NCBBA Newsletter to give information to our membership about the photo contest.

Merchandise

Dottie Broadbent has been active in the sale of Merchandise through the trade shows and the internet sales. Treasurer, Tom Heggie, informed the board we now have a cost list on the Merchandise.

Public Relations & Advertising

Presented by Harry Nash

NCBBA will continue to Advertise in The Island Free Press. Harry will be working on public relations for our up coming events.

Newsletter and Newsletter Advertising Mike McNichol was successful in having the Volume 49 Issue I of the NCBBA

News printed in full color and mailed to our membership. The new color format has been well received by our membership and our advertisers.

Fundraising

Presented by Ron Saunders

Ron Saunders had prepared a letter to present to business that he contacts regarding fundraising. Ron will be targeting business and banks in the future.

Social Networking

Our NCBBA Facebook Page has 2858 "Likes". That is an improvement of 158 since our last report.

Nominating -Election Ballots

The 2013-2015 Ballot is completed.

Running for election and re election: William King #1407, Mike McNichol #13276, Ronald Saunders #12755, Carol Mowers #10999.

Old Business

CHAPA

Presented by Past President Jim Keene

Jim Keene reported on the updates on CHAPA. There is nothing new to report on the Administrative Record Review by Judge Boyle. This process is expected to take sometime.

Senator Walter Jones continues to follow and push forward on the issue of Beach Access.

Red Drum Tournament

Presented by President David Joyner

The Action Plan for the Red Drum Tournament was sent to BOD last week. The Action Plan will need all of us to volunteer and help to make this event a success. The shirt color for the tournament will be Sand or Wood color as this is the 5th Anniversary.

New Business

Correspondence

Presented by President David Joyner

Letter from Toys for Tots thanking NCBBA for their support. Letter from Bill Smith and Pam Smith with applications for a Good Neighbor Grant from State Farm Insurance for their community service.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Presented by Jim Keene

Jim Keene past out an initial Action Plan for The 50th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on Oct 4, 2014. Items were discussed hours, venue, entertainment, caterer, open or cash bar, party favors, raffles-door prizes. BOD was asked to volunteer Open committees. The following open committees were filled.

Entertainment- Bill Smith and Pam Smith

Decorating/Set up- Carol Mower
Special Invites and thank you notes & Special Merchandise- David Joyner
Lodging- Tom Heggie

Any Items Neglected or Overlooked, Members Comments, Final Comments by the BOD President David Joyner

No comments or items discussed.
Closing Remarks President David Joyner

The members of the board were thanked for their service and continued support and hard work for NCBBA.

Motion to Adjourn
David Joyner, seconded by Carol Mowers.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:46

2013 Photo Contest

by Pam Smith, Director, Life Member #13271



Spring has sprung! Summer is quickly approaching. It's the time of year to think of travel and coming to the Beach. Be sure to pack your camera to snap those fantastic photos and then submit them to

the NCBBA Photo Contest. The entry form for the photo contest is in the NCBBA News Letter and on the NCBBA website. If you have any questions feel free to email me at pam.smith@NCBBA.org

Correspondences



March 7, 2013

The Honorable Walter Jones
U.S. House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jones:

As representatives of national organizations promoting motorized recreation, we write in support of and to thank you for introducing H.R. 819, the *Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act*.

As you know all too well, the final rule implemented by the National Park Service (NPS) in February 2012 inappropriately and unnecessarily restricts vehicle access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. When the NPS moved forward with the final rule, it rejected a successful interim management strategy (IMS) that had been in place since 2007. The IMS was not only successful in providing for access, it protected the species of concern including the piping plover and sea turtles as provided for in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Cape Hatteras National Seashore Interim Protected Species Management Strategy (Biological Opinion). H.R. 819 would provide for both the continuing protection of these species and for responsible access by overturning the final rule and reinstating the IMS.

The 2012 final rule is not only unnecessary to provide for protection of the species of concern, but it also directly and negatively impacts the economy of Eastern North Carolina. The Biological Opinion noted that Cape Hatteras Seashore is "...a popular destination for tourists, vacationers, and recreationists" and that visitation "has increased from 264,500 visitors in 1955 to more than 2.25 million visitors in 2005 (NPS, 2006). (Off-highway vehicle) use on CAHA beaches is provided for recreational purposes, including surf fishing, surfboarding, sunbathing, swimming, bird watching, scenic driving, etc." In Congressional testimony on this issue last year Warren Judge, Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners, County of Dare, North Carolina stated, "The consent decree has taken a heavy toll on a wide range of business types including - automotive parts & repair, bait & tackle shops, campgrounds, charitable service providers, child care centers, fishing rod builders, marinas, motels and cottages, professional artists, restaurants, and retail shops. Even businesses whose revenue has stayed level or showed a modest increase have accomplished this at a costly price. Many have had to cut back employee hours, forego much-needed capital improvements, and sacrifice profits." Clearly this is too heavy an impact to the local economy, particularly as the Biological Opinion notes that the IMS adequately protects the species of concern.

Again, thank you for introducing this important legislation that would ensure that sound science and reasonable access prevails. We look forward with working with you as this legislation moves through the legislative process.

• 1152 15th Street NW • Suite 800 • Washington, DC 20005 • PH: (202) 336-5116 •

Sincerely,

Larry Smith
Executive Director
Americans for Responsible Recreational Access

Wayne Allard
Vice President
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American Motorcyclist Association

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Greg Mumm
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Duane Taylor
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Lori McCullough
Executive Director
Tread Lightly!

Carla Boucher
Legislative Advocate
United Four Wheel Drive Associations



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Cape Hatteras National Seashore
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Manteo, NC 27954
352-473-2111



IN REPLY REFER TO:

A3821 (CAHA-S)

March 21, 2013

Mr. Harry Nash
Director, North Carolina Beach Buggy Association
P.O. Box 189
Nags Head, NC 27959

Mr. Nash:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you, David Joyner, and Jim Keene to address questions that you had regarding the off-road vehicle program at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore). We appreciated the time that you spent with us.

As requested, I have drafted the following information as a result of our discussion about decision making and public input as it relates to the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (Plan) and the outcome and future plans of the permit program.

Decision Making and Public Input

Decisions are oftentimes complex and not necessarily easy to make. The National Park Service (NPS) must consider legislation, regulation, policy, budget and staffing constraints, and more when making a decision, and at times these may appear to be at odds with one another. However, when making a significant decision such as managing vehicle use at the Seashore the NPS must adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This Act requires federal agencies to utilize public input in its decision making process and consult with various federal and state regulatory agencies.

The Plan and its associated regulation were developed after nearly five years of hard work on the part of many individuals, organizations, and stakeholders. The negotiated rulemaking process alone involved numerous opportunities for public involvement and comment including committee meetings with stakeholders and the public, sub-committee meetings, public meetings held at various locations, and a number of public comment periods, all of which were used to provide input into the development of the Plan and regulation.

The Plan identified different types of infrastructure necessary to support implementing the Plan and managing vehicular use at the seashore. This infrastructure included parking areas, access roads, ramps, intermodal roads, and boardwalks. The proposed locations were based on the public input received during Plan development, as well as, an understanding of the resource closure conditions that would likely occur in the field. The NPS chose not to include the environmental and cultural analysis needed for these projects because the level of detail and required information would have added to the complexity and length of the document, and consequently make the document more difficult for the reader to follow and understand. The document was already complex enough without it. We identified in the Plan that the NPS would complete a separate Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzed the impact of the proposed infrastructure.

The EA was contracted in October 2011 with an anticipated completion date of December 2012; however, it has taken longer than planned to complete because of two hurricanes, road access issues, and contracting difficulties. The current schedule for the EA is that all field surveys have been completed, a draft document is being finalized, a 30-day public comment period is anticipated for the later part of April, and a final document and decision completed in June.

The comment period will provide an opportunity for the public to help us prioritize which projects to consider first. We believe that projects providing the most ORV access, such as a ramp that provides ORV access to a large section of beach between two closures, will be the most important projects to ORV stakeholders.

We have begun drafting the necessary contracting documents for many of these projects so that we can issue contracts in July and August assuming that the EA has been completed by early June. We do not know how many projects will be initiated or how long they will take because the cost and project requirements are unknown right now. We will have a better understanding of what will happen after we receive quotes. We know that there will not be enough money to complete the projects all at once, and we will need to phase the projects over time.

2012 Beach Driving Permits

We collected and expended \$1.88M during Fiscal Year 2012 (February 15 through September 30). All permit revenue remained at the Seashore to help offset the costs of managing the ORV program and meeting the intent of the Plan. However, as a result of the lawsuit, the proposed legislation in the House and Senate, 2012 being the first year of implementation, and financial requirements associated with a new financial accounting system brought on-line by the Department of Interior in September, the Seashore took a conservative approach to spending this revenue by not filling the positions called for within the Plan or initiating any major infrastructure project because the EA was not completed.

Last year's purchases focused on establishing the permit program, hiring and outfitting law enforcement and permit staff, improving operational capacity by purchasing equipment and supplies, contracting for parking improvements, and providing informational services. Below are the details associated with these broad categories and the amount of revenue that we expended for each.

Payroll (\$480,000)

12 Visitor Use Assistants (permit staff)
4 Protection Rangers
Background checks, uniforms, etc.

Equipment (\$590,000)

Front end loader for Ocracoke
Law enforcement vehicle rental, in-car computers and video cameras, 2-way radios, etc.
Utility vehicles for patrolling the beach

Interpretive Media (\$167,000)

ORV Brochure
Wayside exhibits for ramps
Signage
Access brochures

Construction Related Projects (\$501,000)

Paving contract
Road survey

Scope change for the infrastructure EA

Dozer repair
Ramp material

Permit Office Setup (\$76,000)

Building rental
Security requirements
Supplies and materials

Resource Equipment and Supplies (\$103,525)

GIS equipment
Adaptive management monitoring equipment
IT and database development

The permit revenue did not cover many of the costs associated with managing the ORV program such as the majority of law enforcement, resource management, and administrative staff costs, permit office installation costs, fuel, and more, which were funded from the Seashore's Congressional budget.

2013 Beach Driving Permits

The Seashore anticipates that the beach driving permits will generate additional revenue beyond the 2012 levels because of a full year of sales. Many of the 2012 purchases were initial purchases that are not expected to be needed again for several years; however, some expenses, such as payroll, will be higher in 2013 due to a full year of salary. New expenditures this year include the hiring of positions identified in the Plan, funding research necessary for adaptive management and the 5-year review, and funding as many infrastructure projects as possible. We are also continuing to work on the development of an on-line method to secure beach driving permits to reduce the time necessary at the permit offices.

Hopefully this information will shed some light on the concerns that your membership may have about the ORV program at the Seashore. We look forward to working with the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and building a positive relationship with the Seashore.

Sincerely,

Darrell L. Echols
Deputy Superintendent

Press Release



NEWS RELEASE Congressman Walter B. Jones

www.house.gov/jones

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 26, 2013

CONTACT: Catherine Fodor
202-225-3415

JONES REINTRODUCES HATTERAS BEACH ACCESS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today Congressman Walter Jones (NC-3) reintroduced H.R. 819 - the Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act. The bill is tentatively scheduled for a hearing before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation on March 14th. Congressman Jones introduced the bill in the last Congress and it passed the House of Representatives, but the Senate version failed to make it out of committee.

"This bill is about jobs and the taxpayers' right to access the recreational areas they own," said Jones. "It's about restoring balance and common sense to Park Service management. I would like to thank the Natural Resources Committee for scheduling a hearing and for doing what is right for the people of Eastern North Carolina."

H.R. 819 would overturn a final rule implemented by the National Park Service (NPS) in mid-February 2012, as well as the 2008 U.S. District court approved Consent Decree. Both the Rule and the Consent Decree excessively restrict human access to the Recreational Area. The bill would reinstate the Park Service's 2007 Interim Management Strategy (IMS) to govern visitor access and species protection in the Recreational Area. The Interim Strategy was backed up by a 113-page Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which found that it would not jeopardize the species of concern, namely piping plover and sea turtles.

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

OFFICIAL NCBBA FISHING WEIGH STATIONS

Fish must be caught from the surf of North Carolina, and the west side of the Outer Banks (sound) from Corolla to Core Banks by legal methods during the period of January to December. **FISH CAUGHT FROM BOATS DO NOT QUALIFY.** Fish must be weighed at the following official NCBBA weigh stations:

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Corolla, NC 27927
(252) 453-9500
Keith Cummings, Owner

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Corolla, NC 27927
(252) 453-3339
Terry & Robin Stewart, Owners

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Bob's Bait & Tackle
1180-2 Duck Road
Duck, NC 27949
(252) 261-8589
Bob Vaught, Owner

KITTY HAWK
TW's Bait & Tackle
P.O. Box 278
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 261-7848
Terry & Robin Stewart, Owners

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Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
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Nags Head, NC 27959
(252) 441-5028
Garry Oliver, Owner

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2330 S. Croatan Hwy.
Nags Head, NC 27959
(252) 441-4807
Terry & Robin Stewart, Owners

Whalebone Tackle
7405 S. Virginia Dare Trail
(Manteo-Nags Head Causeway)
Nags Head, NC 27959
(252) 441-7413
Bill McGaskill, Owner

RODANTHE
Hatteras Jack's
23902 NC Highway 12
Rodanthe, NC 27968
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P.O. Box 25
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NCBBA 5th Annual Red Drum Tournament

by Dave Joyner, President, #5678



After nine successful Frank & Fran's Red Drum Tournaments, Frank graciously passed the torch to the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association (NCBBA) for our 1st Annual tournament in 2009. We have made it thru four years without any problems and are excited to be doing our 5th tournament October 24th - 26th, 2013 on Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area with over \$12,000.00 in cash & prizes up for grabs. Tournament Headquarters will be again be held at Frank & Fran's in Avon, NC. Registration begins at 10:00 A.M. October 23rd with fishing beginning at 12:01 A.M. October 24th thru 4:00 P.M. October 26th.

The \$100.00 tournament entry fee includes: tournament t-shirt & hat, heavy Hors devours on Wednesday evening during the General Rules Meeting & Saturday night's Tournament Banquet.

Last year tested all of us as we dealt with the effects of Hurricane Sandy approaching. All proceeds from the last two events have gone to the Hatteras Island Methodist Men to help the fine folks of Hatteras Island recover from storm damage. NCBBA has not given up the fight for beach access or our participation in the Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Association (CHAPA)! This year's proceeds will go to the NCBBA legal fund to help offset legal fees related to lawsuit CHAPA filed against NPS for our continued fight for "free & open vehicular beach access".

NCBBA will continue to hold this event as we continue to fight for what is rightfully ours. This tournament is "grandfathered" in the National Park Service's Final Rule, so we will be able to fish in the same areas as before the final rule. NCBBA has received the Special Use Permit required to allow us to use ORVs in the village beach areas between Ramps #23 and #38 that will be seasonally closed during the tourney and to use ORVs in the "vehicle free area" (VFA's) between Salvo and Avon. I have received assurance from National Park Service Special Park Uses Coordinator, Steve Thompson that all non-resource closed areas will be opened for this event. We can use any area that is not a resource closure or safety closure from the Rodanthe Pier south down to the no-driving zone south of Ramp #38. As in past years, this is subject to any full beach resource closures for turtles.

We survived the first year under the new rules & we now know how the Final Rule is being interpreted by NPS in regard to beach access for tournaments. The closed North beach areas will be opened at 8:00 A.M. Wednesday for you to scout before registration. For those who really want to get a head start on finding a prime fishing spot, The Capitol City Four Wheelers (CCFW) are holding a 24 hour tournament on Saturday, October 19th & 20th that covers the entire Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

Previous anglers have until May 31st to sign up. On June 1st registration will then be available to everyone on-line at www.ncbba.org so you too can fish these areas that are otherwise closed to vehicular access the rest of the year.

Judges are needed! Without them, we could not have a tournament of this type. If you are interested in being a judge you will be compensated for your time with a free entry into the tournament for the times when you are not judging. Each judge works a 6 hour shift at least twice during the 3 day event. Each judge will be assigned a ramp to work and will need a 4x4 vehicle to be able to cover a 3 or 4 mile area between the ramps. Depending on the draw, some judges are scheduled to do an additional 4 hour shift Saturday afternoon. At least 36 people are needed for these positions.

Head Judge for this year's tournament will again be David Flanigan. He will again be assisted by Bobby Halstead.

Again this year, we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots for Hatteras Island children who otherwise may not have a present to open on Christmas morning. Please drop off your donations at Frank & Fran's during the event. We will also accept cash donations anytime during the event. Checks should be payable to NCBBA & put Toys for Tots in the memo line on the check.

Your continued support of NCBBA & beach access is greatly appreciated.

The NCBBA Board of Officers and Directors appreciate your support and past participation and hope the 2013 tournament will be the best yet.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in October!

Tight Lines!



Citation Program

by Bill Smith, Director, Life Member #7126

Winter's cold weather will soon be behind us. The days will warm and the fish will be biting again! When you land a nice fish, make certain you check to see if your catch would qualify for an NCBBA Fishing Citation.

It is easy to download from our website and submit the entry form so you can be recognized for your fish. Your catch must be verified at an NCBBA Weigh Station or witnessed on the form, if the fish is released. Those who enter and qualify receive a Surf Fishing Citation Certificate

and an NCBBA jacket patch. Participation in the Citation Program also puts you in the contest for Angler of the Year. The criteria for this award is outlined on our website, with the winner being announced at our Annual Meeting.

Print off a few entry forms and keep them handy when you are fishing. Local tackle shops also carry the Citation forms and can assist in their completion. Here's hoping that 2013 is your best fishing season yet and remember to be recognized for your Citation fish.

2013 NCBBA Tournament Rules

- A. Official entry form (Anglers Species Report) must be presented when submitting a fish to a tournament official
- B. Fish must be measured & verified by on duty tournament official to qualify for entry.
- C. All fish caught on Oct. 24th must be registered before 11:59 P.M. on Oct.24th, all fish caught on Oct. 25th must be registered by 11:59 P.M. on Oct. 25th and all fish caught on Oct. 26th must be registered by 4:00 P.M. on Oct. 26th. Contestant must be registered when the fish is caught. No fish can be entered after 4:00 P.M. on Oct. 26th. Exception, if fish is hooked prior to 4:00 P.M. the angler may land the fish provided judge was called before 4:00 P.M.
- D. The Tournament Director, Head Judge or NCBBA may cancel the complete tournament or any portion of the tournament if circumstances such as bad weather arise. If the complete tournament is cancelled, a total refund of entry fee will be made. Once the tournament begins, no refunds will be made.
- E. All fishing will be governed by IGFA, state and federal rules and regulations.
- F. The Tournament Director or Head Judge reserves the right to disqualify any fish of suspicious nature that is entered.
- G. All anglers will display their fishing gear for examination to any tournament official on request.
- H. Cellular phone #'s (to be announced at tournament) will be used for tournament communications and emergencies only.
- I. No nets or gaff may be used by contestants. No use of boats or other flotation devices may be used for placing baits. No assistance allowed in casting or landing of fish.
- J. Anglers will need an area working cellular phone in vehicles.
- K. Surf fishing only. No sound-side fishing. Fish only in designated beach driving areas.
- L. All measurements will be determined by TAIL LENGTH. In case of a tie, first fish measured wins.
- M. ALL ANGLERS MUST HAVE A VALID NPS PERMIT DISPLAYED TO DRIVE ON NPS BEACHES!**
- N. All Anglers must have a valid NC Saltwater Fishing License.**
- O. In conformance with IRS rules all winners are required to fill out and sign an IRS Form W9 prior to payment/receipt of prizes.**

Slight changes in rules & prizes may occur between this printing and the tournament. All entries will be advised of any changes before start of tournament.

Red Drum Tournament Applications

By Mike Metzgar, Director, Life Member, #5559



Applications for previous tournament anglers and judges are being accepted now! Send them to Director Mike Metz-

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Fishing Report

by John Neubold, Fishing News, #14



According to the calendar, spring is here! But just step outside and you'll wonder if the forecast came out of Washington, D. C.

Cold weather has been the order of the day through most of March and it continues as I write this report. Water temps are down as well and the fish are just not here for us to catch. There have been a few sea mullet and blow-toads caught on the beaches in the Frisco and ramp 55 area, but the word FEW is the focal point for now. I have also heard of even fewer puppy drum being caught, again in the same areas. It is simply going to take several days of mild weather with light easterly to south-westerly winds to warm the water and stir the fish into biting.

This is the time of year for "toads" and although small, they are great fighters and tasty to eat. Cleaning these little guys can be a pain, but an old timer showed me a full-proof and easy way to quickly get the job done. Grab the fish by the head using a small fish rag. Saves wear and tear on the hands. Holding firmly with the rag, cut through the top of the head and skin straight down just behind the flippers, but do not cut the head completely off. Grasp the head with the rag, turn ninety degrees and use your knife to push against the meat and skin while pulling the fish into the blade. The meat should roll off the skin leaving what looks like a chicken leg. Cut off all traces on the liver which can be toxic, pick out the black blood lines, rinse and enjoy.

Catching these guys is fun and small pieces of shrimp or bloodworms are the baits of choice. Small gold spinner blade hooks made by Bear Paw in a size 4 or 6 work best and the fish are generally close to shore so long casts and big rods are not needed. Hold the rod and set hard when you feel the bite. Have a good supply of gold hooks with you since these toothy critters can and do bite through hooks

Sharon and I just recently returned from five weeks in Florida and caught nice pompano and sea mullet every day we fished. We rented a house in New Smyrna Beach from the owner and had a great time and plenty of visitors. We also fished with a guide twice in Mosquito

Lagoon where we caught nice size keeper puppy drum. Great place for a winter getaway!

Speaking of puppy drum, I am going to go out on a limb and predict a great spring season with this fishery. Many of the better places to fish have been closed by the NPS pre-nesting rules, but sloughs along beaches from Oregon Inlet to Ramp 55 should produce good catches of this fish. We had a great fall season with many small puppy drum and these same fish should have grown several inches over the winter to qualify as in slot keepers. Remember, one per day, 18" to 27" and also remember to lay the fish on the tape to measure rather than laying the tape over the fish. 5/0 circle hooks rigged to a fish-finder rig baited with fresh cut or small finger mullet is the best way to catch this great fish. Remember, drum are lazy bottom feeders and spend a great deal of time in skinny white water looking for snacks the waves turn up. Fish the edges of white water on breaks in the bar for best results.

We also had a great fall trout season and hopefully as the water warms these fish will grace our beaches again. Gulp baits seemed to do the best job and my guess would be to keep on doing what works! New colors are in the tackle shops as well as all the old favorites. Get in now to insure you have the shapes and colors you want.

Warm weather is just around the corner. Get you reels serviced and get ready for a great spring season.

Send me your photos on line to fishnfools@charter.net.
Tight lines!

Casting Seminar with Ryan White

by Dottie Broadbent, Secretary #12666



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 requested donation is \$25 for adults and \$15 for casters under 16. We will meet on the field at the Salvo Day Use Area on May 26th @ 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.

For more information contact dottie.broadbent@ncbba.org



NCBBA Fishing Teams

by Bill Smith, Director, Life Member #7126



Let 2013 be the year you participate as a member of an NCBBA Fishing Team. The NCBBA enters a team, each year, in the Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament and The Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Surf Fishing Tournament. Each copy of the NCBBA Newsletter contains the form to submit that shows your interest in participating. The NCBBA pays the entry fee into the tournaments, as well as arranging the lodging for the tournament.

Your cost is a non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00 and your expenses for bait, gas and meals. These tournaments are a great experience. They provide the opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new members and compete in a fun fishing adventure. Spots remain available and if you are interested, complete the Team Member Request Form included in this newsletter. Good luck and I hope 2013 is your finest fishing season ever.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

2013 Highway and Beach Clean-up

We NEED Your Help!

YES! Sign me up for the following clean-up!

April 13

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RAMP # _____

Highway crew _____

June 22

OBR & Adopt-A-Highway

wherever needed _____

Ramp times: Morning 9:00-10:30

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SIGNED _____ NCBBA # _____

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Phone: (757) 407-5095 or email rod.palmer@ncbba.org.

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Pam Smith #13271 (Life), PO Box 1407, Buxton, NC 27920

photocontest@ncbba.org

Merchandise Corner

by Dottie Broadbent, Director #12666



The 2013 merchandise is in and is now for sale. Don't wait till the last minute to get yours and get them while supplies last.

The new logo covers just some of the ways people enjoy the beach and this year emphasizes on "Preserving Beach Access for All" and that's what it's all about. Weather your into fishing, shelling, surfing, kite boarding or just enjoying the beach, we are all fighting for preserving it for the future beach goers.

So get them now and wear them proud. They can be purchased either using the order form or on line.

Pocket t-shirts either white or sand are \$15.00 each for S-XL and sizes 2XL & 3XL are \$17.00 each.



Pocket long sleeve black S-XL are \$18.00 each and sizes 2XL & 3XL are \$20.00

Help show your support for your organization and to preserve beach access.

Stay tuned to find out how to enter a new contest coming up where a member can submit their idea on a logo for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2014 and if your design is chosen we will have some cool prizes for the winner. So keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement.

Issues Before the Board:

- > Annual Meeting & Election
- > CHAPA Lawsuit Against NPS
- > 5th Annual NCBBA Red Drum Tournament
- > 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning

2013 FISHING TOURNAMENTS TEAM MEMBER REQUEST FORM

If interested, complete and mail to: **Bill Smith, Director, #7126, Life Member**
 P O Box 1407
 Buxton, NC 27920
 (252) 995-0185

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. 9-11 Nags Head Surf Fishing Tourn.
- Nov. 6-9 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.



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