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Fellow NJBBA Members,

I would like to introduce myself to those who don't know me. My name is Gary lee Conk Sr. and I have been a member since the 1998 I am married to my wife Pam for 35 years and we have 4 grown children and 6 grand children. I've been on the Board of Directors for the past 10+ years. I was elected president at the annual meeting in February.

I would like to first thank everyone for your membership in NJBBA. As you know our organization provides many opportunities for active involvement in various volunteer activities within the state of New



Jersey for the betterment of our surrounding environment. Some of these activities are – NJBBA's "Pete D'Alessio's "Memorial Fishing Flea Market, fencing projects including the Dunes, Trails & Piping Plovers, beach cleanups, Trail Projects, Judges for the Governor's Cup Tourney, Veteran Fishing Outings at Stone Harbor, NJBBA Youth Fishing Tournament, National Hunting and Fishing Day for challenged youth, NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife Expo at Colliers Mills, The Great Fall Classic Fishing Tourney, Newsletter Articles and Newsletter folding as well as many others that I have failed to mention. With all of these activities it takes people power to make them be successful. This is where member volunteers come into play as with just a few hours lent to help an event makes all the difference in the world for it to be successful.

So now I appeal to the general membership to lend a hand in any manner that you can to help the organization that you proudly display the membership plate of - NJBBA. We currently have Board of Director positions open if you would like to get involved on the NJBBA Board level.. We meet once a month at New Egypt High School. Otherwise involvement in any activity would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you on the beach or at a volunteer activity helping an environmental cause.

Remember it is not "OUR" beach ... we are just borrowing from our grandchildren so let's keep it clean for them and future generations!

"Working hard today for a better tomorrow"

Yours in NJBBA – Gary Conk Sr.

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Standing Room Only

The NJBBA held 2 driving classes this past April, one on Saturday 27th in Brigantine instructed by Doug Taylor and the other at IBSP on Sunday 28th. The class at IBSP was taught by Bob DeLeonard and Bob Conover who had 61 people attend, standing room only! Doug had 40 in attendance and both classes had NJBBA members who helped with the hands on beach driving.

The class featured a viewing of the NJBBA safety video, a group Q&A session and a drive on the beach. Topics covered were safety equipment, tire pressure, technique, rules of the road(beach) and an introduction to the NJBBA Code of Ethics. It is our conduct on the beach pursuant to our code of Ethics that sets us aside from other beach users. Our members subscribe to this code out of respect for the beaches of New Jersey. This class is very informative and is held every year on the Sunday after Easter. Attendees arrive with a bit of nervousness and leave with a sense of new found confidence.

Thanks to all who attended!

Bob DeLeonard #7





2019 Beach Clean-up Projects

Adopt – A – Beach was held on March 2nd at Island Beach State Park. We cleaned up from A-23 to the jetty. 5 NJBBA members and 1 volunteer braved the chilly morning and cleaned the beach. The area wasn't bad, really had to hunt for the trash. After an hour and a half; we managed to pick up 2 5 gallon buckets of assorted trash. Mostly plastic bags of different sizes, a few plastic bottles, 1 beer bottle, and 1 full can of beer, a five foot piece of rubber weather stripping and a couple of party balloons.

Holgate Cleanup was held on March 16th at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge on LBI. 10 NJBBA members and 30 some volunteers showed up and went on the beach with 6 or 7 trucks. We had walkers with 5 gal buckets and trash bags in tow. Everyone picked up enough trash and debris to fill the large dumpster on site. Assorted items were removed from the Oceanside as well as the bayside of the refuge. Included were: shoes, 1 boot, a flip-flop, netting, signs on poles, 2 large rusted fire extinguishers, logs, docks, ramps, a lot of waterlogged wood pieces up to 15 feet in length, a lot of plastic in assorted sizes, old rusted metals from some type of machines and even a very large tire used as a bumper on a tug boat. This tire was the "trophy" of the day! It was actually off a jet-liner, with a speed rating of 235 MPH. A large red buoy was also found. Three hours later, after the work was complete, the workers remaining were treated to a hot dog lunch. Everyone was happy with the work completed and hopefully will return for the 2020 clean up.

Thank you to all the great caring volunteers! Ken Hollins #23 Event Director



NJBBA Annual Banquet & Gift Auction

The 43rd NJBBA Annual Awards & Gift Auction Banquet was held on March 30th at "The Grand @ 1600" Lakewood, New Jersey. Celebrating 65 years as a statewide organization, a night of dinner and dancing was combined with announcing the 2019 Officers and Directors. The 2018 Jeff Paul Memorial Scholarship recipient, NOAH CAP-PELLO was there to accept the \$750.00 scholarship awarded to him. In addition, the 2018 NJBBA Surf Fishing Contest and Fishing Pool winners were recognized. Over 90 gift baskets ranging from house wares, autographed sports memorabilia, various rods, reels and fishing tackle to a 40"color TV and Full size Igloo Cooler were auctioned off to some very lucky winners. A special thank you goes out to "The Grand @1600" for hosting this tremendous event and "DJ Party Hardy" for providing the entertainment. A job well done to the banquet committee, Maureen Bailey #239 chairperson; co-chair, Sherry McAllister #120, and Diane Hollins # 4337, who worked hard all year to make this a special night. Sincere gratitude extends to Carole Harris #11, Paul Harris #88, and Ken Hollins # 23 for the additional help with transportation and setting up the event. Lastly, to all of the donors, members and friends who supported this event and continue to support this organization and all of its events throughout the year.

THANK YOU!

Maureen Bailey # 239





TOMS RIVER SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FISHING INDIANS

Toms River South High School Fishing Indians sponsored by NJBBA was started in 2015 by member Paul Harris #84. Paul and Dan Peterson, the school advisor, have entered the group as both individuals and as a team in several fishing tournaments this year. Our Fishing Indians have competed in 3 tournaments so far this year. The first being the Nicole Born Memorial tournament held on the beaches of Long Beach Island on April 27th. There was only one 20" blue fish caught in that tournament. The team members who fished that day were Sal Morante, Andrew Ganun, Ben Brenner, Sam Hernandez, Jayene Kennel and Colin Graham.

We fished in the first American Anglers tournament held in Seaside Park on April 28th. The winning fish was a 19 ½" blue fish. The team who fished on this day were where Sal Morante, Andrew Ganun, Shane Gibson, Keifer Samul, Colin Fallat, and Craig Winton.

Lastly, the Fishing Indians entered 10 members as individual participants and as a team representing Toms River South High School at the 28th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing tournament held at Island Beach State Park on May19th. The following students who represented the team on this day were Andrew Ganun, Ben Brenner, Sam Hernandez, Colin Graham, Josh Russo, Robert Rahover, Andrew Parshall, Nate Brown, Joey Genovese, and John Veizer.

They fished against 7 other teams, Manasquan HS, Columbia HS, Brick Memorial HS, Donovan Catholic, Lacey HS, Delaware Valley HS, and Gateway Regional HS. Toms River South High School won 1st place for the second year in a row. They measured in with a 26 1/4" blue fish caught by Colin Graham. 2nd place was Manasquan HS with a 25 6/8" blue fish, while 3rd place was won by Columbia HS measuring in an 18 3/8" bluefish.

Ben Brenner also won 3^{rd} place in the individual 13-17 age group with a 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ " bluefish just behind Colin Graham won 2^{nd} place in the individual 13-17 age group with a 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ " bluefish. The overall winner of the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament this year was John Kolacy who had the biggest fish of the day, a 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " striped bass.

Some of our high school members also volunteered their time to help at our annual flea market held in January of this year at Toms River South High School. We are looking forward to fishing in the fall once school is back in session and anticipate entering in a few of the ASAC tournaments.



NJBBA 2019 Flea Market

The 2019 NJBBA's "Pete D'Alessio Memorial" Flea Market was held at Toms River South High School on Saturday, January 26th. The market which started with setup Friday evening continued with selling on Saturday was held in coordination with the NJBBA sponsored TRSHS "Fishing Indians" - the TRSHS Fishing Club.

The Flea Market featured over 40 vendors selling their merchandise at 132 tables in the TRSHS Cafeteria and adjacent hallway. Attendees not only were able to purchase goods for the upcoming fishing season but were able to partake in a light breakfast of donuts, bagels and coffee and or an awesome lunch featuring delicious hot chili combined with the infamous NJBBA Hot Dogs and Baked Beans. All proceeds from food purchases went directly to the TRHS Fishing Team.

The 2020 NJBBA Fishing Flea Market will be held on Saturday January 25, 2020 at the Toms River South High School. A huge parking change will be that the buyers for the event will be parking in front of the school at 55 Hyers Street and entering on the side entrance by the football field instead of parking off Hooper Avenue. Reason for the change was that vendors took up all the spaces and buyers had limited parking but now there will be over 150 parking spots for attendees. More information about the flea market will be posted in the next newsletter and on our webpage at NJBBA.org - check it out. Any questions call Gary Conk Sr. at 609-556-9241 or email him at gcjock@aol.com. Hope to see you at the event. Gary Conk Sr. #1585



BY-LAW CHANGE

🜣 Proposed By-law changes regarding Section 9 Sustaining Membership approved by the board of direc- 🖄 ★ tors at the May 2019 monthly meeting are being presented for the first notification here. The second ★ 🖈 notification will be printed in the December issue of the newspaper and subsequently voted on by the 🛧 membership at the 2020 NJBBA annual meeting.

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Current By-Laws: Section 9 Sustaining Membership

- A. Any member in good standing and fully paid for two (2) consecutive years can become a Sustaining Member for the fee of ten (10) times the annual dues, payable within six months, paid to the Treasurer, upon applix cation and approval by the Board of Directors.
- ★ D. Those monies received by the Treasurer will be set aside in a separate account, or a separate accounting, 🕁 and only the interest derived from the principal can be used for membership purposes. Upon receipt of the 🛧 monies a plaque will be awarded.

Proposed Changes:

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- ★ A. two (2) consecutive years to be changed to five (5)
- ★ D. Delete word 'only'
 - Change 'membership purposes' to 'organization'
 - Delete 'Upon receipt of the monies a plaque will be awarded'.

Thanks to Bob DeLeonard for handing me this collection of newspaper articles entitled "The History of NJBBA' and suggesting to reprint it in our newsletter. It has been my pleasure to reprint this and in doing so, it has brought back many memories. There is a rich history pertaining to the NJBBA, the individuals responsible, the early beach buggies, each person and their unique contributions will live on. Past NJBBA president Bob Lick is helping me edit this collection and bring into our time so to speak. Once completed there will be a digital copy of the whole story that can be shared with future generations. Maybe have it on the website. Some of my friends and their relatives that were present when I started surf fishing 40 some years ago are no longer with us and I found myself making phone calls and texts to friends and reminiscing about certain individuals from the past and what they meant to me. If anyone recognizes a name and can remember something about that person or has some information, a story from the past, please contact me so we can share it with all our readers.

Mark Dzindzio - Newsletter Editor - redroselandscaping@gmail.com

The History of NJBBA

PART IV: INCORPORATION

By Jack Mayer #10

Over the past three issues of the **NJBBA News** we have reviewed the reminiscences of our founder, Jeff Paul. We discussed the climate of impending beach buggy restrictions which made our association necessary and the staged of development leading up the first organizational meeting. From this point we must refer to the few personal stories which have been submitted plus sketchy information gleaned from the club archives.

At the end of this article we will print the names of our "charter members." Please locate those men who are still healthy and ask them to cvontact me by mail or phone so we can plumb their memories and continue the story. Even if you, as current members, remember any of those listed and can retell a story or two, send them in and we will piece them together.

The organization meeting on September 19, 1953 began the formal emergence o NJBBA as an entity. Jeff Paul, elected president, had in hand, a code of ethics (which has changed little over the decades) and the beginnings of our By-Laws (which have changed much). Jeff understood the necessity of establishing legal credibility for the fledging association, so along with his fellow elected officers: Milton J. Romary, Vice President; Gordon D. Homer, Secretary; and F. William Gregor, Treasurer and a select committee, set about the task of the Incorporation of NJBBA as a non-profit organization under Title 15 Chapter 1 of the Statutes of the State of New Jersey. The officers and key members met in the Law Offices of fellow founding member William T. Hiering in Toms River on December 21, 1953 to draw up the papers. Also witnessing the document were Clifford R. Brown, Carl D. Mahlstedt, Steven Pendino and Clayton N. Sterling. Jeff's signature does not appear on the document as he was not a full time resident of Ocean County and had his publishing business to manage in Merchantville.

The Incorporation paper was registered at the County Court House on January 4, 1954 and the final working copy turned over to secretary Gordon Homer on January 19. As a historical footnote, the cost of this process "amounted to \$5.00 to clerk of the County of Ocean and \$6.00 to the Secretary of State." Attorney Hiering wrote in closing. "As far as my services are concerned, I submitting no bill and wish to make it my contribution to the Association." Thus NJBBA burst onto the beach scene with official status. We still operate under the sanctions of this charter 30 years later (now 65).

Establishing a list of "Charter Members" other than those named above takes some concentration in order to achieve fairness. We hold the original sign up sheets for the organizational meeting and the September 1954 Club roster from one year later. From the secretaries notes we know that twenty seven of the seventy-two original beach buggy ownerswho signed up did not pay the \$2.00 membership dues (how many interested buggy owners in 1984 still decline the commitment of membership) so we will list the 1954 members marking those who "signed up: first with an *. Oh, how I'd like to hear from every one of these original members: Walter Anderson, Fred Aver, Joseph Belinsky*, Charles Berger*, Herbert Blackwell*, Authur Beer, Ernest Butcher, Wm. J. Bentz*, E.J. Buehler*, Dr. R.L. Betts*, Theo. A. Bloom*, Harold Brindley, Arlie Bussard, John Butcher, Clarence Cless*, Leslie Connolley, Gill Cosgren, Clarence Carter, Herbert Cory, Elwood Colvin, Harry Duckworth, Jack Dwyer*, Louis De-Sauls, Thomas Deacon, O.M. Davenport, W.L. Dallas, Chas. Ferrara*, John Foster*, Frank P. Fagan, Mason Frey*, Hugo Fugmann*, R.D. Fite*, J.M. Francis, Francis Golembski*, Geo. Glazier*, Chas. Ginther, Lewis Ginther, James Gannon*, M.P. Griffith*, Richard Gruber, Otto CGatsch, E. Clifford Grover, Joseph Hahn*, John W. Herbert*, A.H. Hope, Louis Handley*, Robert B. Hayman, Wm. T. Heiring*, Edward Howlett, Stephen Kish, James Keegan, David Kahn, Chas. L. Klein, wm. Koerner*, Edw. C. Krayl. Also Dr. Samuel Loveman, F.S. Lefterson*, Walter Lavsen, Wm. Mayer, Duke Metchau*, Nick Migliaccio*, Thomas Mattell, James moore, Ray Malsinger, John O'Hara*, James pickens*, Bob Pidcock*, Chas. W. Potter*, Dr. F.M. Parker*, Joseph Rick*, Alex Rulkowski*, Chas. Rossi, Jacob Rittman*, Geo. Rittman, Jos. G. Skirm, Robt. Sutton, Paul Schmidt*, Carl Sterling, Paul Stockinger, Wm. Schmidt*, Thoe. Snible*, Tan R. Tippett, Matso Tomisawa, K.R. Voorhees, C.R. VanNess, Elisha P. White, emil Wirth*, and Donald Zotta*.

Part V: LOGOS, ETHICS, EXPANSION

By Jack Mayer #10

Assembling this chronicle becomes more challenging with each installment. Jeff Paul, our founder, built a career in journalism. This carried through in his accounting of the first years development of NJBBA. Other early members responded to our questionnaires, but many details of what transpired in 1955, 56 and 57 were not recorded for historical purposes. We need a copy of the original By-Laws (1953-54) which Jeff adopted from the Merchantville Surf Fishing Club. In all areas correct us when we were wrong and fill in details when we omit them.

Our efforts so far have been noted by Life Member Charles W. Potter #6, a friend of Jeff's who reports that most of the planning discussions on the need of a New Jersey Beach Buggy Association took place in the barber shop he operated in Merchantville during 1953-54. AH! Remember the place that the local barber shop played in small town America before the Beatles and Cable TV, Back to our narrative. Last issue we named the original officers, the charter members and the 1954 roll call. Now lets catch up to the beginning of the story with the club's logo.

The archives do not tell who designed our club logo. Maybe Jeff Paul drew it himself or instructed a member of his newspaper staff to do so. We know that out emblem came to be in September 1952 at the time of the organizational meeting. Jeff knew the 'symbolic' value for a club to have a means of identification. The design was unique and perfect for our use. Incorporating both humorous and classical motifs there's none like it anywhere. You who fish out of three quarter ton trucks mounting nine foot long, ten foot high campers may think the tired old jalopy on our badge a bit archaic, but I'll ask you to remember that before 1960, the average buggy was a chopped up Model A Ford equipped with an extra low truck gear and over sized tires (Jeff used '49 Lincoln wheels) that sputtered precariously along the water's edge. Our club symbol depicts the public and private view of buggy fishing in that era where a new Ford cost \$1,500.00 and considered frivolous. The NJBBA logo emblazing our hats, coats and shirts today stands as beautiful as in November 1953 when Jeff placed an order of \$113.52 for 200 cast bronze auto emblems for distribution to the membership; thus giving a start to the club store which we still maintain.

Somewhere in each issue of the "NJBBA" News, you find our code of ethics printed. Among the files we found the rough draft of this document dating from the summer of 1953. We mentioned before that Jeff had made contact with the Massachusetts B.B.A. which had been in existence since 1937. He adopted our Code of Ethics from the MBBA model, then revised it again blue penciling the original item eight which called for digging latrine trenches, Boy Scout fashion behind the dunes. Again to capture the feeling of an era where canned beer was rare and we all burned trash in back yard incinerators; and air conditioned campers with hot showers had not appeared; we will reprint the entire draft of the 1953-54 code: NEW JERSEY BEACH BUGGY ASSOC. CODE OF ETHICS 1 - To enter and leave beaches on prescribed ways. 2 - To eliminate speeding and reckless driving. 3 - To respect local ordinances and the rights of property owners. 4 - To offer aid to any fisherman or buggy owner in trouble on the beach. 5 - To respect picnicking and bathing groups by (a) avoiding them whenever possible and , (b) by slowing to a minimum speed when passing picnicking or bathing groups. 6 - To avoid littering the beach with trash by using trash barrels when available, or by burning paper wrappers and burying other rubbish. 7- To leave no dead fish or bait of any kind above the high water mark. To throw dead trash fish and bait back into the surf where they will be found by gulls and other scavengers. 8 - To avoid overcrowding any one area elbowing other fisherman out of their chosen spots. This is particularly important where surf men without buggies are concentrated. 9 - To leave the track when a halt is made so that other buggies will not be forced to detour. 10 – To fill in holes after getting stuck and to avoid indiscriminately criss-crossing tracks. 11 – To observe the rules of common courtesy on the beach. 12 - To simplify passing of vehicles meeting head-on on a single track: the driver who has the dunes on his right will be required to turn out of the track to the right. This rule is to be tempered by common sense in difficult circumstances. The New Jersey Beach Buggy Association is a non-profit organization created as an instrument to secure voluntary acceptance of certain rules which will benefit the sport of salt water angling, and to insure a unified effort in any discussion of problems involving beach buggies on the New Jersey coast.

We have discussed how NJBBA began when traditional fishing practices were threatened by the state of NJ absorbing the private Phipps Estate into the State Parks system and the negotiations with the bureaucracy to preserve buggy operation. Our charter members fished the seaside area almost exclusively, but within a year of incorporation in January of 1954 the notoriety of the club had spread. Jeff's success at I.B.S.P., the press coverage received and the need for buggy use to be defined and protected elsewhere, brought a period of expansion.

Across the inlet from Island Beach Iay Long Beach Island, home of the Annual Striper Derby. When in October 1955 an NJBBA member was "questioned by a resident of Barnegat Light as to his rights of driving on the beach of that borough," another round of negotiations began. Jeff wrote to the Long Beach Island Board of Trade, sponsor of Derby for clarification. He found that the only legal beach buggy access on L.B.I. was at 9th and Boulevard in Ship Bottom. From the tone of the letters we read, NJBBA was considered anotsider group and beach buggy fishing was not encouraged. Subsequently, meetings were proposed with each of the six municipalities on L.B.I. with some positive results. These diplomatic missions continue right up to 1984 as NJBBA

Part VI: BEGINNING COMPETITION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS – 1956 and 1957 By Jack Mayer #10

During the past two years we have followed the ascension of our club from its roots in the Merchantville Surf Fishing Club and the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, through the private campaign of Jeff Paul, the public organizational meetings, the filing of incorporation papers and the "charter membership", to the development of NJBBA as a statewide focal point for all mobile sports fisherman. We trust that everyone has grown to relate to the heritage of our founding members and to identify with the reasons for NJBBA to exist them, now and into the Twenty First Century.

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THE PRESERVATION OF SURF FISHING AS SPORT THROUGH THE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

The years 1954 and 1955 solidified our club's position representing beach buggy operators in the state of NJ. Even under negative scrutiny from state officials, local political bodies and the uninitiated public, NJBBA had begun to turn the sword of criticism from the heart of our sport. Expansion of our membership into Long Beach Island and elsewhere continued as more over sand vehicle owners understood the value of joining an organization which sought to advance their personal interest and present a dignified image for their hobby. Our founder, Jeff Paul, had originally helped organize the Merchantville Surf Fishing Club in the 1940's. so that he and his friends could enter tournaments sanctioned by the Association of Surf Angling Clubs which required affiliation for recognition. It follows that the fledging NJBBA organization wanted similar privileges for its members who wished to fish in tournaments and also for the increased prestige for the Association which involved out of such competition. On November 3, 1956 member, Don Zotta, put forth the motion that NJBBA pay \$15.00 dues to ASAC which passed. Immediately a committee consisting of Lou and Vince Hendley and John O'Hara was formed to begin preparations for a sanctioned tournament sponsored by NJBBA. O'Hara drafted a letter to H. Willard Sharer, Secretary of ASAC who responded on December 5, opening the possibility for future development.

This beginning effort took twenty-two years before it reached implementation, but the surf fishing fraternity which participates in our very successful Wildwood Tournament each October can well appreciate the efforts of our hard working committees past and present.

The next NJBBA meeting we know of was held on June 22, 1957. Aside from the activities of the tournament committee (John O'Hara, Frank Golembski, Don Zotta, Alex Rutkowski and Cap Calvin) scheduling teams for the year's competitions, the membership was concerned with public relations matters. As always, conflicts had occurred between 'Beach Buggy owners and bathers, picnickers, etc., on the Beaches". To help in the educational process, it was agreed upon that 2000 copies of the NJBBA Code of Ethics be printed and distributed at the gate of IBSP and that self policing on the part of buggymen be expanded.

Communication with Long Beach Township was continued at the meeting as NJBBA relations on L.B.I. had reached a new high and everyone felt that Jeff Paul's efforts had produced a better atmosphere of cooperation which had led to greater buggy access and use.

Thus in the third and fourth years of our history the traditions of public education, competition and cooperation by gentlemen in the name of sporting activity were established. We who support NJBBA today advance this effort with pride, greeting visitors to Island Beach State Park with a slide show, meeting political bodies for negotiations and entering tournaments to demonstrate our skill in SURF FISHING.

Part VII: BACK TRACKING THROUGH ONE MAN'S MINDS-EYE

By Jack Mayer #10

We gladly take a two issue break from our association Chronicles and return to an original source in our effort to recreate the origins of NJBBA.

On Lincoln's Birthday 1985, your historian traveled the turnpike in rain and melting snow to Jamesburg for an interview with Mr. J. Ernest Butcher, a founding NJBBA member and pivotal personality in creation of the spirit of surf fishing on Island Beach State Park.

We met in Mr. Butcher's tasteful den, surrounded by deer heads; mounted fish; carved decoys; photographs and memorabilia of his twenty-three years of service to the New Jersey Turnpike. Our interview was warm and my notebook filled with anecdotes, , personalities and recollections about the early days of surf fishing, which we will attempt to discover through this column.

Ernie Butcher visited Island Beach for the first time in 1920 at the age of 11. He arrived as the guest of a Mr. Elley and Mr. George Ford, who owned a bait store at the time. He remembers that in those days before, Phipps bought the peninsula, a substantial farm stood at the area of the present park entrance (Chicken, Cows, etc). He does not recall the name of the farm family who hosted the party, but remembers that the dirt road ended there. Beyond the farm stood a Life Saving Station, which was supplied by boat and several squatter's shacks peopled by folks who drove on the beach. Ernie believes that there were at least three vehicles outfitted for surf fishing at the time. George Ford's buggy was a "stripped down model T" which negotiated the sand quite well. He observed the men fishing and caught the fever. After Henry Phipps bought the property in 1926, Mr. Butcher began surf fishing on I.B. in earnest (no pun).

For those of you who visit IBSP today, let us discuss the conditions of the 30's and 40's through Ernie's recollections. Users fell into two categories: Mobile fisherman, who ran buggies and squatters who resided in shacks. The shacks, build of Flotsam and Jetsam were rough and just sprang up before and during the Depression. The ghosts of the squatters remain in some place named today "The Dutchman" and Gilligan and Judge Hartson, whose shanty was moved from the bird sanctuary to area 12-13 before 1953. There was a Voorhees shack and another unnamed, where a woman was killed by a vicious dog. Of course, Ernie developed a life-long relationship with Cholly Berger and his brother Mike whose squatters rights exist today in the area behind the point. The squatters lived an interesting position under Phipps' control. They were mostly gentlemen of means who enjoyed the seclusion (no roads, electricity or phone) and who paid the Phipps Estate for the privilege of occupancy. Other gentlemen paid for the privilege of driving on and fishing from IB under a tightly regulated system which approached feudalism. A new man had to be sponsored by two permit holders and any infractions of the rules, "you were in trouble." They paid an annual fee of \$15, no small amount in the 30's, for their passes and the handful of fishermen formed a closed fraternity. (Cont. on page 11)

The standard buggy of the era was a Ford, first model T, later model A. These vehicles brought the advantage of right weight, strong engines, parts availability, low cost and frames which went to adaption for recreational use. Their major disadvantage centered around cooling systems which were inadequate for the heavy strain over sand travel put on the engines. A fisherman had to carry extra water and often left the beach only after adding a part of the Atlantic Ocean to his radiator. Secondly, the rears of the early Fords were basically straight axles which provided excellent forward and reverse traction in a straight line, but played havoc in attempting 180 degree turns due to the statues of differential design. Usually a fisherman had to push his buggy back and forth by hand to turn around, a third problem came from the humidity. Wooden frames rotted and sheet metal rusted from exposure to the salt spray atmosphere. The stereotype of vehicles held together by baling wire and twine became a prominent fixture on the beach. Look at the tired old rattletrap on our beloved club logo and imagine yourself negotiating an entrance ramp in a 20 horse power, two wheel drive with 19" tire spinning and your doors lashed shut and the sand visible through your floor-boards. Ah, those days of iron men and wooden cars.

The primitive aspect of these vehicles took nothing from the ingenuity and creativity of the surf fishermen of that pre-war era. Rod holders, tool/tackle boxes, soldered metal fish boxes cut out of rear decks, make-shift camping accommodations, adorned most buggies as each owner sought to accommodate his needs. Everyone experienced with transmission clutches, rears, balloon tires and paints available from other auto marquees (or trucks) for some mechanical advantage. Life on the beach brought its stresses on men, equipment and bank accounts, but the tradition of buggy fishing developed under these conditions and the heritage which NJBBA fights to maintain today had begun.

Ernie Butcher owned three model A buggies. The best he bought from Cap (Jim) Keegan. This well modified RV lasted into the 40's when he picked up a WW II jeep and made by Ford by the way.

Next issue we'll discuss the War, advances in technology, more of Ernie's family life, his views on the origin of NJBBA and some of the negotiations which kept on the beach in the face of strong political forces.

Ocean Fun Day at Island Beach State Park

Awesome – Tremendous and Stupendous are a few words used to describe the 16th annual Ocean Fun Day sponsored by NJ Natural Gas and NJ Sea Grant Consortium held at Island Beach State Park on Saturday, May 18th. Hundreds Of visitors enjoyed the free activities which included seining, coastal crafts, energy saving scavenger hunts, youth fishing clinics, face painting, touch tanks, and the NJSGC's famous fiddler crab races.

The NJBBA provided the opportunity to see their organization's mascot - a 1930 Ford Model A Beach Buggy which was driven on Island Beach back in a day. Informational environmental games provided for children were Sea Creature Tic-Tac-Toe and cane pole fishing at "The Ole' Fishin' Hole." Each child was awarded a prize of their choice from the Treasure Chest filled to the brim with worldly trinkets. Also on display was an environmental beach scene table, complete with sedge grass, Oyster shells, Clam shells, Skate Egg Casings and Horseshoe Crab shells which brought about quite a few interesting discussions on beach topics.

Setting up and manning the booth for the day was NJBBA officers - Val Dzindzio, Mark Dzindzio and Gary Conk Sr. Q&A's were handed out to those interested in joining the organization as well as information about the next day's Governors Cup.

To sum the day up "Totally awesome –YOU should have been there!" Gary Conk Sr.



Welcome New NJBBA Members:

The following are new members who have joined since December or renewed.

We welcome you and hope to get to know you through your participation in our many programs and projects.

Ken Freeman	1017	Tom Duffy	5358	Michael Loperfido	5343
Robert Sabatini	5334	William Fowler	5337	John Loperfido	5342
William Drapczak	5335	Daniel Foy	5362	Michael Marsh	5361
Thomas M. Rac	5340	Frederick Giordano	5357	Fred Mason	5355
Michael Mende	5341	Edmund J. Haemmerle	5367	Richard Mawker	5344
Karl Beckett	5364	Rodney Heaney	5366	Teri "Wiencke" Mc Cann	5345
George Bond	5363	Henry Keubler	5354	Michael Romance	5349
Jessica Corrigan	5338	Robert Kirby	5353	Richard Switlik, Jr.	5365
Jack Costello	5352	Dan Kurani	5350	Bob Venditti	5356
Chondra Danza	5351	Mindy Lichter	5360	Richard Mawker Jr.	5369
Randy Dey	5336	Gina Lippolis	5359	Rick Thiel	5346
Tracey Fox	5368	Brendan L. Keating	5370		

1st Annual Delaware Valley Surf Anglers Tournament

1st place team with 407 points was the NJBBA
Pictured holding plaques are Alan Eckert, Albie
Ridgeway, Bob Jackson and Kurt Renart

Congratulations! NJBBA



Kurt Renart also took 1st place at the American Anglers Tournament on April 6th with the largest Striped Bass!

These plates are available for sale from the Membership Secretary. They are \$10.00 each. You MUST be a "Senior, Sustaining, or Life Member" to own one. To order: Please contact Ken Hollins #23 at: turkey.trot2@optimum.net or call 732-278-7312



Special Shout Outs

I realize there are many volunteers within our organization that lend a hand when needed and I thank you for that help. Then there are those members that have positions that take on a daily responsibility that needs to be acknowledged and to those I say a special "THANK YOU" as you are the core of what makes NJBBA work smoothly – thanks for going above and beyond for the good of the NJBBA cause and efforts.

Webmaster – Kim Frank

Newspaper Editor & Coordinator – Mark Dzindzio

Treasurer – Valerie Dzindzio

Membership Secretary – Ken Hollins

Recording Secretary - Maureen Bailey

Clothing and Merchandise - Bob Conover

Thanks again,

Yours in NJBBA - Gary Conk Sr. - President



National Hunting and Fishing Day, celebrated the fourth Saturday of September, remains the most effective grassroots efforts ever undertaken to promote the outdoor sports and conservation. This is our **47**th year sponsoring an event. Mark your calendars for **September 28, 2018**.

NJBBA NH&FD P.O. Box 511 Seaside Park, NJ 08752

- The event will be held at Island Beach State Park, OBA-2 (hopefully instead of Area 21). Address: IBSP, Rt. 35, Seaside Park, NJ 08752.
- Entry fee into the park will be waived; at the gate just state you are there to participate in the NJBBA National Hunting &Fishing Day.
- Volunteers will meet at 8:00am where we will provide Coffee and Donuts.
- We host Special Needs groups from local schools and organizations for a fun filled day of fishing.
- Participants are expected to around 10am and with the help of our volunteer's fish and hopefully catch until 12:00.
- Break for our famous Beach Buggy hot dog lunch (plenty of sides and fixin's); after lunch we will continue to fish till about 1:30.
- All refreshments, bait and tackle are supplied by NJBBA and donations are always welcome J.
- We hope that members come out and volunteer for this rewarding day.

Hope to see you there!

For Information on our upcoming event stay tuned to our web or contact:

Chairperson - Valerie Dzindzio: 856-881-1822 <u>redroselandscaping@gmail.com</u>



April 9, 2019

Mr. Ken Hollins New Jersey Beach Buggy Association PO Box 511 Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Dear Ken and Committee Members,

Enclosed please find a donation in the amount of \$250.00 for your 2019 Youth Surf Fishing Tournament. In honor of our father, you agreed to name your first fish judges award as "Capt. Bill Snyder Sr. First Fish Award." Additionally, the back of your event t shirts will include "Family of Capt. Bill Snyder Sr." as an event sponsor along with other sponsors. My family will have first choice of renewing the award sponsorship for 2020.

ROBERT H. AND NANCY S. CARR 152 CHERRYWOOD DRIVE AMSTERDAM, NY 12010

Your youth fishing tournament is a perfect fit for honoring our father, a consummate fisherman who enjoyed teaching his life-long passion to others. After retiring from the corporate world in 1996, he was able to re-direct most of his free time as Captain and owner/operator of HI Hook II Inc., a professional charter fishing company based out of Sandy Hook, NJ which he founded in 1984.

Your first fish award was especially appealing to us because Dad would always announce "\$1.00 to the first fish" on family fishing outings.

We thank you for being a part of efforts to keep Dad's legacy alive. Best wishes on a success 2019 tournament.

Regards,

Nancy Snyder Carr and Family

ADVERTISE WITH US

Would you like to advertise in our next newsletter? Our publication is sent twice a year to over 1200 members and associations who are dedicated to preserving our beach access. Your addition to our newsletter would be a win-win opportunity, affording you the chance to be associated with a long standing, reputable organization while helping us defray our printing costs. Your ad will also appear on the NJBBA Website. Below you will find rates and application form. Thank you for your support!

Mark Dzindzio #207

NJBBA NEWSLETTER 2019/2020 ADVERTISING

The following prices are for 1 year/ 2 issues. All advertising will be printed in Black and White / Grayscale. Advertising artwork can be submitted via email as a high resolution JPEG or PDF file to **redroselandscaping@gmail.com**

Artwork files can also be scanned from a clean print at no extra charge.

Artwork files can be resized to space purchased at no extra charge.

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		Clayton, New Jersey 08312-1715

2018 NJBBA Fish Pool Winners

Paid Pool: Bluefish - Butch Pawson; Fluke - Ken Hollins; Kingfish - Bowden Firth; Striped Bass - Greg O'Connell

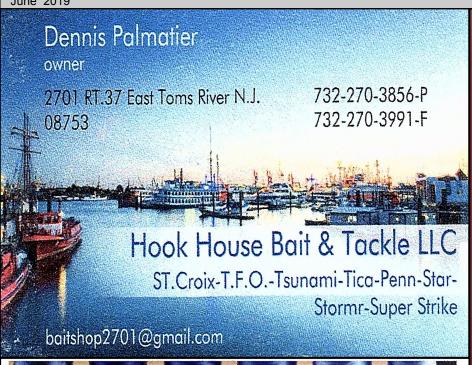
Free Pool: Bluefish - Butch Pawson; Fluke - 1st Ken Hollins; 2nd Ron Alia; 3rd Butch Pawson;

Kingfish - 1st Bowden Firth; 2nd Butch Pawson; Striped Bass - 1st Greg O'Connell; 2nd John O'Connell

SPECIAL THANKS

THE FISHING INDIANS WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO **DAVE PAULICK # 3648** FOR THE FISHING EQUIPMENT HE DONATED TO THE TEAM. IT WILL HELP KEEP THE TEAM UP AND RUNNING THROUGH OUT THE YEAR AND COMPEATING. IF ANYONE HAS FISHING STUFF THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT ME, PAUL HARRIS AT FIRSTFISHINGPOXaccomcast.net

THANKS Paul HARRIS # 84 FISHING INDIANS CHAIR PERSON





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Gary Conk Sr.

Membership Booster Club

For each \$10.00 donation you will have your name and expiration date listed in the NJBBA newsletters and website for one year.

Booster Club Special

** Make a \$20.00 donation for two years and get the third year free ***

Make checks to: NJBBA Membership Booster List

PO Box 511

Seaside Park, NJ. 08752 Att. Chairman Mark Dzindzio

Expired or expiring Boosters have a 30 day grace period. After that your listing will be removed.

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Paul #131 & Maria Ineson…02/16/2034

NJBBA CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

<u>ITEMS</u>	circle col	or & size	QTY	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>	QTY	<u>PRICE</u>	TOTAL
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		XXL		\$ 18.00		,			
		XXXL		\$ 20.00		NJBBA LICENSE PLATE		\$ 5.00	
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LONG SLEE	N / GRAY			ć 20.00		Custom License Plate		\$ 8.00	
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		XXXL		\$ 29.00		NJBBA LOGO DECALS			
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New Jersey Beach Buggy Calendar of Events:

All events are always up to date on our website.....NJBBA.org Please visit to take advantage of all we have to offer. Our commitment to keep beach access available to all is the goal of all our events.

June 22 Take the Vets Fishing Stone Harbor Pier

July 13 Take the Vets Fishing Stone Harbor Pier

September 7 & 8 NJ Wild Outdoor Expo Colliers Mills

September 8 Beach Plum Festival Island Beach State Park
September 14 Youth Surf Fishing Tournament Island Beach State Park

September 28 National Hunting & Fishing Day Area 21 at IBSP

To be announced Great Fall Classic

November 3 President's Cup Island Beach State Park

January 26, 2019 NJBBA Fishing Flea Market Toms River South High School

NJBBA Volunteers at work putting up snow fence on the border of Berkeley Township and IBSP

Ken, Ray, Maureen, Valerie and Mark

NJBBA Website Trading Post

For more information please go to the website http://www.njbba.org/membership-trading.html If you would like to post your fishing related or camper items. It's free to members in good standing.

Contact Kim Frank at: kcfrank61@yahoo.com

- 3 Sets of Rod Pro fishing Rod Carriers for inside Campers, SUV's or Truck Caps...prices on website
- Two "Silver–Top" Alum. Bumpers for Truck or Camper
- Heavy Duty Cart call Paul Harris

Please visit NJBBA.ORG for more information and prices





Please send fishing affidavits to:

Butch Pawson PO Box 1602

Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC. **NEW JERSEY**



SURF FISHING POOLS **ENTRY BLANK**

(Please Print Clearly)

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Date: Member #

Address:

City:

Zip: State:

Phone:

Participant's Signature

This pool is separate from the free Surf Fishing the winners amongst the individuals who join this pool. The largest fish in each category among members in this pool wins the total amount collected for that species. In the event no fish is caught in a species, all entries will be put in a hat and a winner will be drawn. Awards will be made at the Annual Banquet. This entry must be postmarked before the date any fish are caught that Contest but your entries in that contest determine is entered in this pool.

Circle the categories you would like to enter:

Type of Fish

\$2.00 \$2.00 \$2.00 \$2.00 \$2.00 No. Kingfish Striped Bass Weakfish Bluefish Fluke

Enclose \$2.00 for each category entered

Total Enclosed: \$

Make checks payable to NJBBA, Inc. Mail to NJBBA Fish Pools Seaside Park, NJ, 08752 PO Box 511

Good Luck!

The Witness

Weighed At:

Address

State: City:

Phone:

(Signature of person weighing the fish)

Rules and Regulations

This contest shall be known as the NJBBA Surf Fishing Contest. There is no entry or registration fee, however; only paid up members of the NJBBA may participate.

fish must me caught by hook and line/rod and reel between March 1 and December 31 from the surf, bay shore, pier or jetties in New Jersey waters (no

Species included are Northern Kingfish, Bluefish, Striped Bass, Weak Fish and Fluke.

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3std prize in each category, with \$50 for 1st, \$30 for 2nd and \$15 for 3td. No participant may win more than one prize for each category.

and must be postmarked within 5 days of the date the fish was caught. The affidavit must be filled out Only this Affidavit or an exact facsimile will be accepted completely and if not may be cause for disqualifica-Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Banquet.

Fish must be weighed at any bait and tackle shop in the state of New Jersey

Winners will be determined by weight and in the event of a

NJBBA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify this tournament or rules should the circumstances arise. The decision of the Officers and Board of Directors will be final.

Mail the completed Affidavit within 5 days of the catch to:

Seaside Park, NJ, 08752 NJBBA Fish Pools P.O. Box 511

BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC. SURF FISHING CONTEST **NEW JERSEY**



BEACH BUGGY AFFIDAVIT

(Rules and Regulations on Reverse Side)

The Fisherman

I certify that the following statements are the truth, that all contest rules were complied with and that the witness hereto actually witnessed the weighing of the fish caught.

Participant's Signature

[Please Print Clearly]

Name:

Member #

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Circle One No. Kingfish Bluefish Weakfish Type of Fish

(One Entry Per Affidavit)

The Fish

Surf Pier Jetty Bay Shore Caught From

Striped Bass

Fluke

Girth: Oz. Weight: Lbs. Location:

inches

Conventional: Date Caught: Spinning

Bait:

Lure:

(Over)

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