



# The Bucket and Buoy

The Official Newsletter of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps

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## “CONTRACT NOW!!!”

The JBLC rallied on Wednesday, July 21st at Jones Beach to protest the fact that our contract negotiations are at a standstill for no apparent reason.

It was an impressive turnout. Approximately 200 members were supported by Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg, JBLC alumni, family, friends, NYSUT executives, other NYSUT chapters, patrons, other State park employees and our Junior Lifeguard program. When you subtract the opening shift already out on the beach, the part-timers at their weekday jobs, and the East End crews (Montauk, Wildwood, Orient), almost all the guards who could attend were there.

We extend our hearty thanks to Antoinette Blanck, John Coyne and Mike Dolder, Presidents respectively of the Northport, East Williston and Bellmore-Merrick Teacher's Associations, for their presence and bringing other teachers with them to the rally.

We met at Field 6, and heard remarks from JBLC President Tom Donovan, NYSLC President Bruce Meiowitz and our guest speaker Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg. Numerous TV, radio, online and print media crews present.

We marched down to the Administration building at Central Mall, handing out flyers explaining our situation and calling for help. Marching with us were Walter Dunn, former NYSUT Executive VP; NYSUT executives Vinnie Lyons, Executive Director for Suffolk; Ron Smith, Suffolk ED Director; and LRS's Peter Martineau and Sean Callahan. Town of Babylon lifeguards marched with us, as did federal air traffic controllers and local EMT's.

Directly outside the front door of Administration at Jones Beach, we stopped. A State employee opened the front door to see what was causing the commotion. With Cary Epstein leading the call "What do we want?!", 200 voices repeatedly responded "Contract Now!" Our message drove straight into the building.

With the help of our NYSUT associates and legislative friends like Assemblyman Weisenberg, our message is being driven straight at the legislature. We cannot let up until we gain what we have earned and so richly deserve.

Use the link to send Bruce's letter that was published in the last issue. Contact your Beach Rep for the details on our next activity. Join NYSLC. Attend our meetings. Become a part of the refined union strength of the JBLC chapter. We're getting stronger every day. Help us help you.

Click on these links for some of the news reports.

[http://www.news12.com/articleDetail.jsp?articleId=256731&position=1&news\\_type=news](http://www.news12.com/articleDetail.jsp?articleId=256731&position=1&news_type=news)

<http://www.newsday.com/video/lifeguards-protest-for-contract-1.2126795?qr=1>



Above right: Directly outside the front door of Administration at Jones Beach, Cary Epstein leading the call "What do we want?!"  
 Above left, 200 voices responding "Contract Now!" Below: Protest march from Field 6 to Central Mall and back.



NYSLC President Bruce Meiowitz

## Stay Connected.

For our next contract-related activity, contact your Beach Rep. We will post the details soon. Additional pictures from the rally are on my Facebook page.

For the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps website, click here: [www.jblc.net](http://www.jblc.net)

For the New York State Lifeguard Corps website, click here: [www.nyslc.net](http://www.nyslc.net)



Numerous radio, TV, online and print media were present to cover the event.

The Cash family on time and in uniform.

Assembly Harvey Weisenberg (bottom row right) at Field 6.





**Above and below:** Lifeguards Do More With Less. **Left:** Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg and JBLC President Tom Donovan are interviewed by the media.



## Long Beach Biathlon Results

## Pay Period

## Payday

On Sunday, July 18th, a small contingency of Jones Beach lifeguards competed in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Long Beach Biathlon. The race is a competitive 3 mile beach run along the shoreline followed by a 300 yard swim. Temperatures hovered in the 90's with thick humidity, making for a grueling run. Though competitors were relieved by the cool water, the small wind chop and changing sweeps (currents) made for a very challenging swim.

JBLC Results: Mike Hanley (RM2) 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall; Brian Koralewski (JB Fld. 6) 5<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place age group; Paul Franco (JB Fld. 6) 7<sup>th</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> age group; Tommy Meehan (RM5) 19<sup>th</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> age group and Rich Barkan (JB Fld. 6) 21<sup>st</sup> overall.

7/01–7/14	8/04
7/15–7/28	8/18
7/29–8/11	9/01
8/12–8/25	9/15
8/26–9/08	9/29
9/09–9/22	10/13

You must work at least **160** hours to be **ELIGIBLE** for **holiday** pay, which is then **PAID** after working **200** hours. **Rehire Test** pay should be received in your **first** check, and **CPR** in the check that covers the pay period when you took the class.

**Point Lookout One Mile Masters Ocean Swim**  
*Sanctioned by the Metropolitan LMSC for USMS, Inc. Sanction # 060-16*  
 Sponsored by Amstel Light, Town of Hempstead, Vita Coco, Kindbar, and Asphalt Green



**DATE:** Sunday, August 1, 2010  
**TIME:** Check-in: 6:45AM; Start: 8:00AM  
**LOCATION:** Town Park @ Point Lookout (site of the 2001 National One-Mile USMS National Championships)  
**RACE DIRECTOR:** Bob Kolonkowski [rpik248@netzero.com](mailto:rpik248@netzero.com)  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to USMS registered swimmers 18 years & older as of August 1, 2010 who can complete the course in one (1) hour or less.  
**COURSE:** Will be determined on race day depending on tides, currents, and wind direction.  
**SAFETY:** Safety services provided by the Town of Hempstead Lifeguard Patrol. All participants are required to wear a swim cap (provided). A one-hour cutoff time will be enforced. No personal escorts are permitted. No wetsuits, tri-suits or other swim aids permitted. Water temperature range: 68-74 degrees Fahrenheit.  
**ENTRIES:** Entries must be RECEIVED by Tuesday July 27 with a copy of your 2010 USMS registration card. Race day entries until 7:30AM.  
**MAIL TO:** Craig Kellar @ Asphalt Green  
 555 East 90<sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY 10128

**FEES:** Entry fee of \$35. (\$45. for late or race-day entries)  
 Payable to: Asphalt Green. A portion of event Proceeds will be donated to the TOH Junior Lifeguard Program and Asphalt Green Swim for the Future Scholarship Fund.  
**AWARDS:** T-shirts and swim caps for all swimmers, custom awards to top three male and female swimmers overall and all male and female swimmers in each age group: 18-24, 25-29 etc. Award ceremony and refreshments presented after the race.  
**RULES:** 2010 United States Masters Swimming rule book. *Race director and Chief Lifeguard reserve the right to cancel, or modify this event due to unsafe conditions.*  
**DIRECTIONS:** Long Island Expressway or Northern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Parkway south to Loop Parkway to end. Go straight across Lido Blvd. to Town Park at Pt. Lookout. *Free Parking before 7:00 AM.* By train: LIRR to Long Beach station; \$5 taxi (10 min). If you are coming by train please contact the race director to insure you make the start.

Print Your Last, & First Name _____	
ATTACH LEGIBLE COPY OF 2009 USMS REGISTRATION CARD HERE	Day Tel _____ E-Mail _____ Day Tel. _____ Date of Birth _____ LIRR Travel: yes/no _____

USMS LIABILITY RELEASE: I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Open Water swimming and agree to assume those risks.®

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Jones Beach / Robert Moses Lifeguards Golf Championship IX**



**Friday, August 27th**

**Lido Beach Golf Course**

**Golf Party Prizes Fun**

**Opening Shift 12 Noon - Tee Off**

**Party to Follow at Clubhouse**

**To Sign Up Please Contact**

**Robert Cornacchia 516-652-2927**

**[rcjbtx274@aol.com](mailto:rcjbtx274@aol.com)**

**or Jim Hammill 516- 455- 4041**

**[fuzzyjimbo@yahoo.com](mailto:fuzzyjimbo@yahoo.com)**

**Sponsored by: Field 1 & WE2 Lifeguards**

**Space Limited: \$130 per person - RSVP ASAP**

**Party Only: \$30**

**All Golfers and Party-Goers Welcome**