

SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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No More Meetings this Season

The annual election and ice cream social meeting was the last of our season. The next meeting will be in the fall. However, there are lots of club events so keep reading the Chatter/Blade to see what is next.

Have you seen your Mechanic yet? Bike Rides Start May 3

By Gina Kornrumpf

Last season at one of the after ride parties one of you (I won't say who) revealed that she hadn't taken her bike in for servicing in 5 years!! (As columnist Dave Barry would say, "I am not making this up.") Now would be a great time to establish a relationship with a good bike mechanic if you don't have one. My relationship with my mechanic is like my other marriage-- I have been with him for over 20 years and I trust him with my life. Your safety is worth it.

Our Club rides begin May 3, members get together every Thursday evening May through August to get some exercise, enjoy the outdoors, and socialize over pizza afterwards. Our first ride will be May 3rd from the Niskayuna Town Park (train station) on River Rd., followed by a tailgate party. See details and ride schedule elsewhere in the Chatter. If you've enjoyed riding with the club but have never hosted, please volunteer. It is simple and I can help you if you have questions. Thank you to our long time faithful hosts; we hope you will volunteer again this year. I have dates in July and August that are still available. Call me (370-4017) to offer your help.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 3 Bike Ride Niskayuna bike path
May 6 Jumbo Comedy Club Benefit
May 10 Bike Ride Dorie Valenti
May 16 Ride of Silence Niskayuna 6:30 pm
May 17 Bike Ride Holly Hawkes
May 18-20 Spring Work Weekend at the Clubhouse
May 24 Bike Ride Nancy Hauenstein
June 7 Bike Ride Bob Miller & Carol Hamblin
June 14 Towpath Regatta Scotia to Rexford
June 15 Spring Picnic at the Crossings (Friday)
June 23-24 Hiking weekend at the Clubhouse
July 6-8 Paddling weekend at the Clubhouse
August 10-12 Bike weekend at the Clubhouse
Every Thursday bike ride at 6:30 Sharp

Ride of Silence May 16

On May 16, cyclists across the globe will gather for a silent, slow paced evening ride to honor those killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. The local ride will start in Niskayuna at 6:30 pm to honor local cyclists including Al Fairbanks, Joel Melnikoff, David Ryan, and Robert Zayhowski.

The Ride of Silence will be starting at the St. James Square (Nott St. and Balltown Rd. in Niskayuna) parking lot by the Starbucks at 6:30 PM and should be finished in an hour. It will happen rain or shine.

It is a 4.6 mile loop that we will do twice, some may only do it once. The ride is meant to be slow ("think funeral procession"), with the group staying together riding no faster than 12 mph. Volunteers will be stationed at the main intersections to assist in traffic flow. At this point, there is no police escort although the Niskayuna PD are supportive of the ride.

Latham Girl Scout troop 373 is making black armbands for riders, bring your own if you can.

More information call Sue Troll 782-4982, email trollasko@aol.com or : <http://rideofsilence.org>

Clubhouse Work Party May 18-20

The work weekend will focus on increasing the appeal of the Clubhouse with cleaning and painting. We need skilled painters who can get all of the paint on the walls and not on the floors for this weekend. We also need carpenters to install new doors and trim on the old doors. Give Bill Kornrumpf a call on 370-4017 to sign up as the good jobs are going fast.

Spring Picnic Friday June 15

The spring picnic is scheduled for June 15 at the Crossings Park in Colonie. The Crossings is on Albany-Shaker Road just east of Wolf Road and the Times Union Building. Folks are welcome to arrive at the Pavilion anytime after 3 p.m. with the barbequing to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Club will provide the meat, non-alcoholic beverages and paper products. Everyone attending should bring a covered dish so we can all look forward to some great taste treats. Kathy Perrego (869-1155) is the leader of the event. Give her a call to let her know you are coming and what you will be bringing.

Please bring whatever games you have such as bocce, Frisbee, cards and board games for all to enjoy. We can all look forward to getting outside and enjoying the warm weather and old friends once again. See YOU there!

President's Corner: by Jon Skalwold

There once was a saying that I remember hearing when I was younger that went something like "Blah de blah de blah blah". It took a while for me to understand what that saying means. But, over time I have come to realize that what it means is that if you are going to do something, the success of that something is not so much of a result of your efforts as it is the efforts of those who support you. This has never been so true as it is for the Schenectady Wintersports Club and Northern New York Paddlers. As President of SWC/NNYP for the past 5 years the successes that we have had has been at the hands of the others who volunteered to support our various activities and I owe them all a debt of gratitude for their efforts and making my position all the easier. Thank you.

At the end of this month I will become "Past President" and Bill Schaefer will be taking over the reigns of this wonderful organization. Bill comes into the position of President of SWC/NNYP with a great enthusiasm for skiing, the Club and the Club's history. His family was instrumental in founding SWC in the '30's and worked to develop it into a vibrant organization. I expect that Bill will continue with his family tradition and I hope that you will continue to support him and the Club as you did for me.

This club survives because of those who volunteer for SWC. There are those who have volunteered, both in the past and the present, to be on the Board of Trustees. This is what I call the inner workings of the Club and their service to the Club is a vital part of guiding SWC's direction and building on its successes. No less important are those who volunteer for various Club activities and functions, including organizing/leading canoe trips, bicycle rides, cross country ski trips, alpine ski trips, hikes; publishing the Chatter and Blade, putting on barbecues, taking reservations for the Club House, organizing repairs and improvement to the Club House, working on the Club House, being a weekend Club House Chair Person, selling tickets for the Warren Miller Movie, working the door at the Warren Miller Movie, organizing our contingent of the Holiday parade and building the float, being a representative to the New York Capitol District Ski Council, teaching canoeing, organizing Monday night pot lucks, collecting door prizes for the Holiday party, etc, etc...If I have left anything out for which someone has done something, I apologize for being forgetful. But I think you get the picture, there are a lot of things that this club does because of its volunteers and everyone benefits from the efforts of those volunteers. As I leave the position of President of SWC/NNYP I hope that you think that I provided favorable leadership of the organization and I, in turn, appreciate your support of my efforts. **Thank you.**

Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda

By Bill Kornumpf

Those three words came to mind as I was skiing down the top of the Starr trail at Stowe this weekend (4/14). This has been the year of late snow at Stowe with over 48 inches of snow in the preceding 7-day period. More members **shoulda** looked at the weather reports during March and April and taken advantage of the superb skiing going on at Stowe and Jay. They **coulda** skied trails generally unskiable by the mere mortals in our group. This has been the year when the moguls and frozen granular have been buried under feet of fresh snow making all the trails a pleasure to ski. They **woulda** been rewarded with smooth (naturally groomed) trails all over the mountain and natural snow trails with nary a rock showing. On Easter weekend, the cars in the Clubhouse parking lot had 4 inches of the driest fluff we have seen in years. It was truly Western powder on the mountain, better than what we skied in Utah this year. The cruising trails had been smoothed into a snow thruway with the blue ice long since buried and forgotten and the steeps tamed by the lack of rock ledges and slick surfaces.

The weekend of 4/14-15 there were 14 of us at the Clubhouse skiing Sugarbush, Stowe and Jay Peak. All came back to the Clubhouse with stories of perfect conditions (Epic was one description) and near perfect runs in 20-degree weather. It looks like this year will turn out to be the year of endless winter and not spring skiing and parking lot parties. If you got up there you know what I mean. If you didn't, you shoulda done it and then you coulda been talking about it instead of wondering if it woulda been as good for you as it was for me.

JUMBO'S COMEDY CLUB May 6th

Come join us **Sun, May 6th** for an evening of adult comedy with Jumbo's Comedy Club with 4 live acts. MC for the night is Eric James, Featured Act is Aaron David Ward with Headliners Johnny Watson and Chips Cooney. The show will start at 6 pm at the Colonie Elks Lodge, Elks Lane, Latham, NY. Proceeds benefit our local ski clubs, INCLUDING SWC, and the New York Capitol District Ski Council. The more tickets we sell, the more money SWC makes. This is a unique fundraiser for us, so come out, have a laugh and support your club. Tickets are \$15 and are available from any SWC Board Member or go to WWW.NYCDSC.ORG for ticket info; see WWW.JUMBOSCOMEDYCLUB.COM for comedy club information.

Clubhouse Corner:

Spring and Summer Special Weekends at the Clubhouse

Plans have started for **FUN ACTIVITIES** at the Clubhouse this spring and summer. We will be listing the activities as they get organized. Call Kathy Perrego on 869-1155 if you would like to sponsor an event. We have lots of volunteers who can help you with the planning and mechanics during the weekend so don't be shy. Remember, we will have a fresh coat of paint in the ladies rooms by the time the summer rolls around.

Clubhouse Work Weekend May 18-20

See the article on the first page for more information on the spring work weekend.

CLUB HIKER'S WEEKEND June 23/24

Join club members and share a day or two walking the trails of northern Vermont. There are a variety of interesting hikes nearby the club's Waterbury Center house. A climb of Camels-hump, the distinctive wild peak southwest of Waterbury, is planned Saturday, weather permitting. But the other recommended choices include;

- A stroll on the Stowe bike trail,
- The short walk (0.4 miles) to Moss Glen Falls north of Stowe:
- A climb to the fire tower on Mount Elmore which is about 4 mile round trip.
- The bucolic hike from the parking lot on the east side of the Statehouse in Montpelier to the stone lookout tower at the top of the hill behind.
- A mountain climb up Hunger Mountain or on one of the Mount Mansfield trails.
- Or lead a walk to a place you have wanted to visit.

This weekend is near the summer solstice and the long evening twilight at this higher latitude can be enjoyed on the clubhouse deck with a meal and good company. I may share some homebrew for the occasion if it comes out quaffable. Call or e-mail to let me know you are coming. Lat Schmidt 372-2915. glschmidt17@yahoo.com

Paddling at the Clubhouse July 6-8

Terry Tamer and Judy Brandow (518-482-4610 to make your reservation) will be your paddling weekend hosts. There is great biking and hiking in the area too so bring all your toys join us. The Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival, one of Vermont's most popular summer celebrations, is also being held this weekend. (details at www.stoweflake.com). To see what's happening in Stowe this summer visit www.gostowe.com.

Bike with Walt Aug 10-12

Walt Kangas will be hosting a bike weekend at the Clubhouse on the weekend of August 10-12. The rides will be as easy as the Stowe Bike/Hike path to as challenging as you would like to make it. There are many rides of moderate difficulty with great views of the green country side. The ultimate ride is over Smugglers Notch and back to Stowe via many of the back roads north of Stowe. Give Walt a call on 370-5136 to sign up for his weekend.

Luau in Vermont Aug 24-26

Come, enjoy the beautiful Vermont air this **August 24, 25, 26** with Sophie! (That's Fri-Sat-Sun). Sophie and her "Helpers" have planned a fun weekend, including Saturday luau with the following activities:

- *Best Hawaiian-themed costume*
- *Best Hula Dancer (lessons by Sophie)*
- *Best Pineapple Jumper (think ski jump--no balcony use allowed!)...Volunteer Judges needed*
- *Best Hawaiian Drink Mixer (libations provided)*
- *Best Ukulele Player (lessons by Sophie)*

Other weekend attractions: swim, canoe, hike, walk, read, bask, breathe, eat, talk & laugh! If you need any more motivation to join in, we can't help you! So, hope to see ya there! "Be there, or Be Square"!

Overdue for that Family Reunion? (Another Reason to go to Stowe)

By Bill Schaefer

Thought about a having a reunion of friends or family, but its' just to expensive or hard to plan? Your Club House in beautiful Stowe VT is the ideal spring, summer and fall place for it! The lodge can sleep 40. The off-season rates of \$15 non-member guests, and \$13 for a member are such a bargain! For example, you can have 25 guests stay overnight, \$375, cheaper than one person could at the Trapp Family Lodge at Stowe! (Did we tell you how good the lodge is looking lately?) The yard has a great private shady deck, canoes to paddle on the Waterbury Reservoir (great beach in walking distance) which is set to reopen Memorial Day, a great yard for games, a kitchen where your group can prepare a feast. Activities include, local biking for all abilities, sailing, world class shopping and dining, golf, museums, hiking, Ben and Jerry's factory, VT Teddy Bear factory and much much more. There are plenty of dates available this season - Off ski-season is our clubs' best-kept secret. Make it yours!

For more information on using this resource for your group, contact Lodge Committee or Board Members.

SWC Decals and Patches

To help celebrate **SWC's 75th year**, we have ordered SWC decals in two sizes. The larger (2.5 inches) are great for helmets and car windows. The smaller (about half the size of the larger) are great for ski tips, poles, and helmets with limited space for a decal. The decals will help make your equipment unique (easier to find in the ski rack and harder for someone to accidentally take the wrong equipment). They also make good conversation starters while riding the chairlift. We also have patches you have seen on jackets and ski bags. Displaying these gets our Club visibility out in the world and helps recruit new members. Recruiting new members is how we will keep the Club going in the next 75 years. This is also a small fundraiser to help the club finances.

Large decals are \$3, small decals are \$1 and the patches are \$3. See Walt Kangas at one of the summer events or you can send a self-addressed envelope; listing those items you want, with a check made out to SWC to the address below. Mark the envelope - SWC Decals. Include your phone number in case Walt has questions.

This is just the start of our **75th** celebration.

Walt Kangas
1061 Waverly Place
Schenectady NY 12308

SWC Logo Performance Fleece

There is still time to order your SWC performance fleece jacket worn by your fellow Club Members. They're from LL Bean and have the SWC Logo embroidered on the chest. They're a lightweight black 1/4 zip pullover and are in both men's and women's styles. Comments have been complimentary. Cost is \$40 each, payable to SWC. If you are interested, talk to or call Walt Kangas at 370-5136. When we get the minimum order quantity, we'll order the next batch, so call NOW.

What's Happening at Stowe?

A great website to access when wanting to find out what's happening in Stowe at any time is www.gostowe.com then at the top center of the page, click on "THINGS TO DO". You'll find all kinds of fun things to do as you plan your spring and summer outings.

Names and Numbers to Remember

Board of Directors:

Bill Schaefer, Pres	H 370-0229
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Anna Dugan, VP Nordic	H 489-5092
Kathy Perrego, VP Activities	H 869-1155
Dorie Valenti, VP-Alpine	H 334-0652
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Ray Asselin, Treasurer	H 355-1882
Walt Kangas, Lodge Director	H 370-5136
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At Large	(open)
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Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: burton@mybizz.net or Jean Burton, PO 46, Gallupville, NY 12073. Do not send them to the editors, or to the Club PO Box, they will get lost.

We need new Leaders (Help YOUR Club)

A number of our Club leaders would like to step down and enjoy a well-deserved retirement from years of duty to our Club. We need YOU to volunteer to help out with the administration of the Club. We are now looking for:

Clubhouse Reservations

Dawn Knutson will be leaving the reservations job at the end of this season. Thanks to Dawn for all her service to the Club during these years of service. We are looking for someone who can take over the responsibility of reservations by phone or email. This position has the added perk of free lodging at the Clubhouse. Call Dawn on 355-7123 for more information on the position.

2007 Bike Ride Schedule

May 3	Niskayuna Bike Path
May 10	Dorie Valenti Delmar
May 17	Holly Hawkes Burnt Hills
May 24	Nancy Hauenstein Charlton
May 31	Terry Tamer & Geoff Moore
June 7	Bob Miller & Carol Hamblin
June 14	Towpath Regatta No ride
June 21	Don Patneaude Kiwanis Park
June 28	Kim Copenhaver Saratoga

Our season officially begins on **May 3rd** with the Niskayuna Bike Path ride. **Hosts are still needed for July and August.** Please call **Gina** (your ride coordinator) at **370-4017** to choose your Thursday.

Ride Information

The mechanics of participating are simple. **Call the host to let them know you are coming** so they can plan refreshments. Allow enough time to arrive by 6:15 PM. Rides begin at 6:30 SHARP. If you need a hand with your bike (air in tires, adjustments) get there even earlier and someone will be happy to help you. A helmet is required.

The rides are usually divided into **longer** for the experienced and **shorter** (less hilly) for the more novice riders. The host provides route maps, and refreshments after the ride, (like soda, beer, snacks, and pizza.) It is customary that **each participant contributes \$5.00** towards the host's expenses.

Directions to Rides/ Host Homes

May 3 Niskayuna Bike Path Gina 370-4017

To Niskayuna bike path & train station: From points North, take the Northway south and get off at exit 6(RT 7 West) head West about 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Rosendale Road at light. Take a sharp left at bottom of hill and go $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. The parking lot is on the right. From Schenectady and West, go onto Rt. 7 heading east. Turn left onto Rosendale Road. Take a sharp left and go $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to parking lot. Pizza in the parking lot will follow the ride.

May 10 Dorie Valenti 334-0652 24 Plymouth Ave, Delmar

Take Thruway to exit 23, Exit immediately on right, Left on 9W at end of ramp, go 0.6 miles, stay straight onto McAlpin St. Go 0.3 miles and turn left onto Delaware Ave (Rt 443), go 1.4 miles and turn left onto Plymouth Ave. House is #24 on right at end of street.

May 17 Holly Hawkes 399-2596

14 Davids Lane, Burnt Hills

Take Rte 50 north from Scotia to Burnt Hills. Turn left at light onto Lake Hill Rd. Turn right onto Goode St. (second right). Turn right onto Davids Lane (second right). Holly's house is # 14, at the end of the street.

May 24 Nancy Hauenstein 399-1695

137 Crane Street, Charlton

Take Rte 147 (Sacandaga Rd.) north out of Scotia and follow for about 5 miles to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Dawson Rd. and follow for about 1 mile to Crane St. Nancy's house is on the right at the corner of Crane St. and Dawson Rd.

May 31 Terry Tamer & Geoff Moore 435-1704 2A Lacy Lane, Loudonville

The ride will start and finish at the Colonie Town Park on the Mohawk River off of Rt 9. The party will be at Geoff and Terry's house in Loudonville.

Directions to Ride: Colonie Town Park

From points south, east and west, take Route 9 north from Route 7. Turn left onto Old Loudon Rd. (first left past light at Dunsbach Ferry Rd.) Turn left onto Schermerhorn Rd. Park where Schermerhorn Rd. crosses the Mohawk-Hudson bike trail. From the north on Rt 9, go over the Mohawk River; turn right onto Old Loudon Rd. and right onto Schermerhorn Rd.

Directions to Geoff & Terry's House:

From the Colonie Town Park, take Schermerhorn up the hill to Old Loudon Rd, Right on Old Loudon, right onto Rt 9. Follow 9 south past the Latham Circle, Rt.155 and Rt. 378. Turn Right onto Crumitie (first light past Rt 378), Follow Crumitie till end and turn right onto Albany Shaker Rd., Lacy is the **first left** (it is very soon after Crumitie). If you come to Everett Rd turn around and come back two blocks. Their house is the first house on the left.

June 7 Bob Miller & Carol Hamblin 6314 Hawes Road, Altamont 861-6034

Coming from Schenectady, go south on Broadway from State St., turning left onto Guilderland Ave and the "Y" just beyond the Campbell Ave. intersection. Continue south past Curry Rd (Rt.7), where Guilderland Ave. becomes Rt.158. Two miles beyond the traffic light at Rt.20 intersection, turn right on Rt.146, toward Altamont. Go $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the top of the hill and turn left on Hawes Rd. (by a cemetery). It is the 7th house on the left.

From the Northway, continue past Crossgates Mall off-ramp, to the "T" intersection at Western Avenue (Route 20). Turn right and proceed west 5 miles to Route 146, where there is a Stewarts Shop and signs to Altamont. Turn left on Route 146 west. Continue on 146 through Guilderland Center and past the intersection of Route 158 (where there is a prominent hardware store on the corner) and ¼ mile on up the hill to Hawes Road, as above.

June 14 Towpath Regatta (No bike ride)

Come watch the paddlers from Jumping Jacks to Rexford.

June 21 Don Patneau

Kiwanis Park, Rotterdam Junction

(No need to call Don to say you are coming)

Don will host a ride from the Kiwanis Park & Boat Launch. It is located on Route 5S in Rotterdam Junction. **From Schenectady**, take I-890 West to Exit 1A – West (Route 5S West), for about 1/2 mile and look for the Kiwanis Park sign on the right. Drive across the bike path (watch for bikers!) and enter the lower parking lot.

From Albany, take Thruway to Exit 26. Take the I-890 West exit (straight ahead) and then the Exit 1A-West to Route 5-S. The Park is just off the exit ramp. The after ride festivities will be held at the park in the picnic pavilion. This location offers biking, roller bladeing and boating so bring your other recreational equipment and come early.

June 28 Kim Copenhaver

208 Burke Road, Deans Corners 583-0261

Town of Saratoga Ride: Fields - Horse Farms – Vista's, and no traffic.

Take the Northway (I-87) Exit 14, Turn left on Rte 9P South towards Saratoga Lake, Cross the lake bridge Turn left on to Fitch Road (1st left after Stewarts Shop). Stay right onto Chapman Hill road, travel up the hill, and take your 1st left onto Condon Road. At the stop sign go straight onto County Route 67, stay left/straight, traveling up the hill. At the top of the hill turn left onto Burke Road, at the T turn left to stay on Burke Road. Kim's house is the 1st driveway on the right # 208. It takes about 10 minutes from the Northway Exit. For more information call Kim 583-0261. Remember to start early, as this will take 45 minutes from Schenectady.

FOR SALE:

**MINT, NEW, ALMOST NEVER USED:
RACING BIKE**

If you are a racer, this is the bike for you.

Trek, model 2300, racing narrow tires, composite frame, non-aluminum, non-Chromalloy tubes. All parts top of the line Shimano. Brand new, only used about 3 times, 90 miles on the bike. Stored for 18 years indoors, a cream puff. Colors include yellows and blacks. The bicycle has shift levers on the down tube. *(This was the last year that shifting was maintained on the down tube. The next year, shifting went to the brake handle assembly. Down tube shifting allows for more rapid and concise shifting control.)* This is a racing bike, not a touring bike. There is no bike that weighs less then this. Not a mark on it. Original cost: \$1500, will sacrifice for \$375 cash.

Call 383-3421, speak to Jay or Susan.



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Keep The News Coming

Please don't make your Blade Editor feel lonely. Send your news (SWC/NNYP or otherwise) to Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12th of month please. Put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line, and pictures should be less than 100Kb.

Monday Night Canoeing & Potluck Suppers

Bring your watercraft and/or good spirits to Kiwanis Park on Route 5S around 6pm every Monday from June until September and join the group. If you know of someone who just wants to try canoeing or kayaking, tell them to come along – chances they can hitch a water ride from someone.

Then, a potluck dinner will be held on the FIRST Monday of each month – so that will be 6/4, 7/2, and 8/6. This has been quite popular through the years, so come and join in. There is time to paddle beforehand if you desire. We'll plan for the food to start at 6:30pm. As before, bring a hot or cold dish for the group (nothing is too fancy), and bring your own beverages. . Cathy, Sandy and Ellen are apparently volunteering for the first one, and we could use volunteers for the July and August potlucks. Speak up, OK.

Scuttlebutts

First – Uncle Donnie is doing OK. Or, at least, he seems to be as mean and ornery as normal!

Second, Ed and Mary are going to Italy the first week of June where Mary's son, Michael, is getting married.

Third, Al Foster has a very small part in the Capital Rep's production of "The Crucible" -- Arthur Miller's masterpiece on Salem Witchery with McCarthy-Era Hearing overtones that still resonate today. Equity rehearsals (8 hour/day every day except Mondays). Show will run during May.

Fourth, the word is that both Anna and Sophia are already planning for the 2007 Hawaiian Luau, which will be held at the Lodge on August 25th and 26th. Mark yee well on the calendar.

YOUR Dues are Due Now

That means **YOU**, not the person sitting next to you. The NNYP/SWC fiscal year runs from June to May so now is the time to send in your dues.

Summer Clubhouse/Canoeing

It may not be general knowledge, but the Waterbury Reservoir will reopen Memorial Day for the season. Combine it with a stay at the Lodge, for summer fun.

International Scene

The month of March saw three NNYPers compete in international cross-country ski events. It started out with Alec Davis competing in the Vassa Loppet relay races in Sweden with over 600 five-person teams competing. Each leg was approximately 25K. Then he joined Roger and Joan Henry in Rovaniemi, Finland for the Masters World Cup that was a weeklong event with 10K, 15K, and 30K free style and classic races, along with 4x10K relay races that Alec and Joan competed in also. Then Alec was off to the Border-to-Border tour, which went across Finland starting in Kuusamo on the Russian border and ended in Oulo on the Gulf of Bothnia. Each day consisted of approximately 50K. Then back for a couple of days and Alec was off to Bend, Oregon for the US Nationals. They are really throwing down the gauntlet to proclaim there is really more to life than canoeing in the winter! They now await all challengers. Come on all, step up! Also sounds like a real good talk for a future meeting, to me.

Club Canoe Availability

We (NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use:

18' 6" Wenonah CC	18' 6" Lincoln CC
18' 6" Sawyer CC	18' 5" Alumicraft
12" Acadia Kayak	

These boats may be borrowed by Club members for a \$5/day, \$25/week donation. They are located at Uncle Donnie Patneau's house at 741 River Road. Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483.

SWC-NNYP Events and Races

Check the Hotline to hear about anything not on the list, arranged on short notice.

Time Trials, Wed. evenings, May 2 to Sept 12

Time Trials will be held on Wednesdays at Aqueduct Park (where Rte 146 crosses the Mohawk at Rexford). Registration is at 6pm, and Start is 6:30pm. This is a 4-mile race against the clock. Cost is \$10, but free to SWC-NNYP Members. Contact Alec Davis (alecdavis@earthlink.net)

Towpath Regatta, Thursday, June 14.

Fun paddle, 4.5 miles on the Mohawk River. Start behind Jumpin' Jacks off Rte 5 in Scotia NY, and finish at the Boathouse on Rte 146 in Niskayuna. Registration starts at 5pm, race starts at 6:30pm. Entry fee: Free! The prize is a valuable bottle of genuine Mohawk River water, so you don't get much better than that. There is a class for every type of boat, and if we don't have one, we'll make one up. Convenient equipment rentals at the Boathouse on Aqueduct Road. Contact Geoff Moore (435-1704) or gmoore03@nycap.rr.com for details

Electric City Regatta, Sunday July 15

Will be run by Ed and Kim Greiner. 12, 6 and 1 milers, held at Erie Canal Lock #9, just west of Schenectady. Registration starts at 8:30am, races at 10am. NYMCRA points. Fee \$18/paddler (free for Fun Race). Contact Ed Greiner, 518-875-6497, eleccityrace@yahoo.com or www.eleccityrace.org

Canoe The Battenkill - Sunday July 15

SWC/NNYP (Lat Schmidt) jointly with the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK has a trip paddling the Battenkill in Washington County, NE of the Capital District. This day trip starts from upstream of Shushan Sunday July 15. The Battenkill is a delightful clear-flowing trout stream that makes a scenic & fun trip especially with sunny summer weather.

Paddlers need enough skills to negotiate this class I stream and be able to back-paddle and land quickly in case of snags or downed trees. All should have Personal Floatation Devices aka a lifevest. Plan to meet at 10 AM at the bridge above (south) of Shushan, at County Route 64 (next to the RR tracks). We will stop to eat lunch and swim, so bring eats & a bathing suit/towel. Take-out at the Meadow Camp off Skelley Road and we will eat a watermelon. Contact Lat Schmidt (372-2915) to sign up or for information. gl Schmidt17@yahoo.com

Paddling at the Clubhouse July 6-8

Terry Tamer and Judy Brandow (518-482-4610 to make your reservation) will be your paddling weekend hosts. There is great biking and hiking in the area too so bring all your toys join us. The Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival, one of Vermont's most popular summer celebrations, is also being held this weekend. (details at www.stoweflake.com). To see what's happening in Stowe this summer visit www.gostowe.com.

Barge Chaser/Fun Day – Sunday, Sept. 23

As with the last few years, this will be run by Sue Brisley Knapik - 518-843-8133, sbrisley@localnet.com. There will be a 3-mile course and a longer 7-mile race where the more adventuresome can compete. It will be held at Grafton Lakes State Park and, if last years affair was any indication, on a lovely fall day, just great for paddling. Registration starts at 10 am, and it only costs \$10/adult and \$5/youth. First Start is at 11am. A picnic will follow, but bring a dish to pass around (the dish should have food on it – we're not encouraging pan-handlers).

Others

There will probably be more events added to this list: Browns Tract sometime in August and others. Check the SWC/NNYP Hotline for any additions to the schedule.



Heading off on one of the prettiest Florida canoeing streams, the Juniper Springs



The 2007 Florida canoe group pointing the way to go on the Alexander Springs run

STATEWIDE EVENTS/RACES

More at nycra.org or macscanoe.com/awa

50th Anniversary Hudson River White Water Races

What would spring be like without the Hudson River Derby –this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Derby. The schedule for this year are: Sat, **April 28th** - 2007 Chuck Severance Memorial Downriver Race; Sat, **May 5th** 50th Annual White Water Derby Slalom Race, and Sun, **May 6th** 50th Annual White Water Derby Downriver Race. For details, contact Hudson River Whitewater Derby Inc, c/o Gore Mountain Region, Chamber of Commerce, North Creek, NY, 518-251-2612, email: goremtn@frontiernet.net

Madrid Flatwater Weekend – June 9 & 10

Both Days: 3, 9, & 12 mi. Register: 9:00-10:45 First start: 11:00am. ToS points both days, NYMCA points on Sat. Start & finish at Madrid Community Park. Entry fee (each day): \$15/paddler (\$12 SLVP), \$25/pro, \$5/youth. Contact Bernie & Amy Moulton at 315-322-4041 or bmoulton@twcny.rr.com

Long Lake and Tupper Lake Flatwater Challenge, Saturday June 16

The 40 miler starts at Long Lake Beach at 9:00 AM and the 9-miler starts from the Crusher (north of Tupper Lake) at noon. Amateur classes, and pro races for C-2 and solo kayaks Register with AWA, PO Box 66, Lake Clear, NY 12945, or at start one hour before the start. Fees for the 40 miler are \$25 per paddler, \$40 per pro-paddler, and for the 9 miler are \$15 per paddler plus \$5 for insurance. Contacts are: Brian & Grace McDonnell, 518 891 2744 (AWA Hotline), macadk@northnet.org or www.macscanoe.com

Wild Goose Chase – Sunday June 17

1.5 & 10 mi. Race on Onota Lake, Pittsfield, MA. Register: 8:00 Start: 9:00/youth, 10:00/adults Entry fee: \$12/paddler for 10 mi. and \$3/boat for youth race. All NEKCRAs classes. Contact: Patty Spector at 413-637-2597 or patty.spector@verizon.net

Old Forge Paddle Classic, Saturday June 30

6, 12-mile and Kid's Fun Loop races starting at the Hemmer Cottage on the lakefront in Old Forge. NYMCRAs points series. Registration starting at 7:30am, with start at 10 am. Fees: \$15 per paddler plus \$5 insurance. Contact: Chip Kiefer, 315 369 6983, or olforgny@telenet or www.oldforgeny.com

Armond Bassett Canoe and Kayak Race Sat. July 7. NYCRA points, 3 mi. rec & 10 mi. marathon. All NYMCRAs canoe & kayak classes. Start & finish at Genesee Waterways Center, Rochester, NY. Register: 9-10:45. First Start: 11. Entry fee: \$15 + \$5 insurance per paddler. Contact Kevin Berl at 315 986 8361 and k_berl@msn.com, or Tim Henning at 315 926 5749 and thenning3@rochester.rr.com

Empire State Games – Masters Div

Saturday July 28. 10 and 3 miles. Pre-registration required before 7/2/07. Walkill River, New Platz. \$25/paddler. Contact Jan Whitaker 585-292-6107. janwhitaker@hotmail.com

St Regis Canoe Classic

Sunday Aug 5. 1, 5, 7, 11 miles. Start at Lower St. Regis Lake. Register 10:15 am, pre-registration possible. First race 12 am. \$15/adult paddler, \$5 youth. Contact Jim Tucker, Paul Smiths, 518-327-6389 (327-6150 fax) tucker@paulsmiths.edu.

USCA Nationals

August 7-12, Warren, PA.. uscanoe.com

Adirondack Arc Marathon

August 12. 30-mile flatwater race Upper Saranac to Tupper Lake. Registration 7 am (pre-registration possible). First start 9 am. \$25/paddler. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

North Country Challenge

August 18, Newcombe. NYCRA points. 5 & 10 miles, register 9-11:30 am, start 12. \$20, camping available. RF Smith, randenew@capital.net

Adirondack Canoe Classic

September 7-9. Old Forge to Saranac Lake. A 90-mile paddle through the heart of the Adirondacks. \$90/paddler. Pre-registration only, forms available mid-June. 250 boats max. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

Long Lake Long Boat Regatta

Sept 22 -- this is a relatively new event. 22-mile marathon for War Canoes. \$25/paddler. Also C-4, kayak, canoe, guideboat, outrigger, dragonboat for youth and adult. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

For Sale

Kayak: 16.5 ft. Dagger kayak with rudder, color blue, \$700.00. Call John Pecoroni @ 439-7898.

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Membership Application 2007-08

June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008

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To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 or 18 and still in High School.

Please indicate your Activity interests. Check as many as applicable;

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Comments _____

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