

SKI CHATTER

A SCHENECTADY WINTERSPORTS CLUB PUBLICATION

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Members Show and Tell March 5

Show and Tell Night - "SWC Winter Travelogue Medley". Members are encouraged to bring pictures (memory sticks or CDs preferred) of their recent ski trips for a night of Show and Tell. Presentations don't have to be fancy. We're looking for a 4 or 5 or 6 folks with a few pictures and a willingness to share experiences. We'll project the pictures and you fill in a few of the details. Tell us about the stupid stuff your buddies did, or the incredible run you had down STH, or the powder you ate for three days at Stowe. Heck, pull some pictures off the Internet and tell us that was you doing the 40' huck at Jackson Hole. The more presenters (and beer), the merrier.

Meeting is at the **Ancient Order of the Hibernian Hall, 1748 State Street in Schenectady**. We have a spacious meeting room and generous parking (You can park in the Bowling Alley parking lot to the east). And, the liquid refreshment cost is very reasonable.

There is a social session from 7:00 to 7:30 where you can catch up on what is happening in the Club while the formal meeting starts at 7:30.

Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St. is just east of Rt 7 (the Cross town) in uptown Schenectady. To find the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** take State Street toward Albany. It is on the right side approximately 4 ½ blocks past the Rt 7 overpass. If coming from the Thruway take I-890 to Rt 7 East and exit at State Street (Rt 5). Turn right at the top of the ramp and go East 4 ½ blocks. From the Troy direction, take Rt. 7 all the way to State Street (Rt 5) and turn left at the top of the ramp and go 4 ½ blocks to 1748 State St. on the right.

All About Snowshoeing Mar 19 Meeting

The snowshoeing expert from L.L. Bean will be on hand to discuss the specifics on hiking in snowshoes. He'll start with the basics. How to fit yourself into the right pair of snowshoes and what style is right for you. He will tell us about the right footwear and how to layer for snowshoeing. In addition, a variety of hiking trails around the capital district will be discussed. Whether you are an expert or a novice, you'll be sure to go away knowing a lot more about the equipment and staying comfortable while you're out and about on your snowshoes. The meeting will be at the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Biking Trails in New York April 2 Meeting

A speaker from the NYS Biking Coalition will be talking about all the opportunities to bike on-off road Bike Trails in NY. There are trails stretching from Battery Park in NYC to Buffalo and most of the towns in between. Learn how to plan a trip and how to find lists of amenities along the trails. The meeting will be at the Hibernian Hall in Sch'dy.

Kornrumpf's Photos of Wales 4/16

In anticipation of the coming bicycle season, Gina and Bill Kornrumpf will be showing their photos of their Sept 08 bike trip through the beautiful hills, valleys and seashore of Wales.

Elections and Old Club Video 4/30

Our official Club annual business meeting will be on April 30 at the Hibernians Hall in Schenectady. The elections of officers and an ice cream social will be featured. During the ice cream social we will be showing the "50th Anniversary Commemorative Video" SWC's first 50 years - narrated by Ernie Tetrault and club founder Vince Schaefer. The tape starts with Ernie and Vince discussing the early snow trains while showing footage of "Ride up, Slide Down" Ernie continues the narration while footage of Rotterdam Hills, the racing program of the 50's and 60's, the early Stowe house project, and the first Towpath Regattas. (45 minutes)

Easter Weekend at the Clubhouse

The Kornrumpfs will be hosting April 10-12 at the Clubhouse. Enjoy 2 days of Spring Skiing (or biking), Saturday night Easter Dinner with all the trimmings. Sunday Sunrise service at the top of the Gondola and free morning skiing, followed by a full brunch at the Clubhouse. Make your Clubhouse reservations now.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mar 5 Meeting "Members Show and Tell"
Mar 4-7 75th Anniversary of the first Snow Train celebration at Gore and North Creek
Mar 18-22 Stowe Ski Days Hosted at the Clubhouse
Mar 19 Meeting All About Snowshoeing – LL Bean
April 2 Meeting Biking Trails in NY, NYS Bike Coalition
April 16 Meeting Biking in Wales with the Kornrumpfs
April 30 Annual Meeting with Elections & Ice Cream
May 2-3 Spring Work weekend at the Clubhouse
May 7 First Thursday night bike ride: Call Terry Tamer (435-1704) to volunteer for a host date.

President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer

As I write this note in mid-Feb for a March arrival at your mailbox, I am hoping March "came in like a lion". The ground hog promised us that we'd have 6 more weeks of winter and I'm holding him to it.

I hope you've caught up with the news that Gore Mt and North Creek are co-celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the first Snow Trains, which were started as activities of the SWC. See the schedule on the right. I hope you get to enjoy them.

The Club's Stowe tickets have been a hit. We worried about selling 50 and have sold over 300. We're glad we were able to work that out for you. How about discounts for Sugarbush, Mad River Glen and Bolton Valley? We are now working with the Waterbury Visitor Center on those deals. Some are available now, but we are still working on the details. If you are interested in this before you hear more, give me a call as I might have more details by the time you are reading this.

For the 09-10 ski season, plan on discounts at ALL of the ski areas that surround our clubhouse. The pricing discounts will more than offset your lodging cost essentially making your stay at the lodge "free".

Membership: as of Jan we had 852 members and surpassed last year's high of 839. Terrific news, now let's get friends and family signed up to make it 1000.

Next month we will announce the Club elections and slate of officers. Are you interested in a position? I didn't think so. But who will step up then? If you think you could enjoy the activity of making the club work, please let me know. The current board and volunteers have done a terrific job of keeping the club solvent and relevant. We always need the next individuals who can keep it viable. The club is on a sound footing and it is a great time to join the club leadership. I can assure you that any vacant position is rewarding. One position to consider is President. I encourage you to apply.

North Creek Snow Train and Ski Movies of 1934 to 1939 Schedule

Movies from the SWC & Schaefer family archives will be shown on Wed, Mar 4 at North Creek. These were professionally made movies to promote skiing in North Creek. The movies show the first snow train, trails, rope tows and areas of early Gore Mt. Also featured is the First Aid Committee, which was the forerunner of the national ski patrol.

The Snow Trains – This compilation shows the arrival of the trains, the buses and open trucks transporting skiers, and the extensive trails of Gore Mountain. - 21 minutes

75th Anniversary Celebrations of the First Ski Train to North Creek

Wednesday, March 4th

10:30 The time of the first train arrival. (North Creek Train Station). Speeches and refreshments at the Train Museum. Gertrude (Schaefer) Fogarty, first SWC Secretary and Snow Train Search Committee to speak.

7:00 Reception and Ski Train Movies at Tannery Pond Community Center – SWC and Gore Mtn. co-host this reception. The annual Perret/Schaefer Ski Patrol award will be presented and historic movies from SWC and the Schaefer family. listed below.

Thursday – March 5th

3:00 - Weather permitting, Guided Ski from the Summit of Gore to the Ski Bowl. Depart the Summit Warming Hut at 3:00 pm. Bowl will be available for skiing until the Shuttle brings you back to Gore at 4:00pm.

- Members are encouraged to bring club brochures to share.

Friday, March 6th

- Free Ski Day at the Ski Bowl – hosted by Town of Johnsbury

Saturday, March 7th

75th Gala Celebration: Fireworks at 7:50 and Live Music at the Ski Bowl

\$19.34 Prix Fix menu and shopping opportunities available in North Creek throughout the days.

Visit Gore Website at www.goremountain.com and go to Events listing

Additional updates regarding a specific club activity may appear our website at www.swc-nnyp.org

Bill Schaefer, 518-370-0229, wshaef1@nycap.rr.com

The First Snow Train – March 4th, 1934 and The First Ski Patrol –

- This movie shows more trails, trains and concludes with the First Aid Committee in action. - 18 minutes

Cloud Trail – 1939

- A summit of Gore to Ives Dam continuous dawn ski decent by Gore's best skiers – 9 minutes
- Ride up, Slide Down – the 50th Anniversary Edition* narrated by Vincent Schaefer and Ernie Tetrault.

This uncut version made 25 years ago for the 50th anniversary of SWC. This was the most popular of the movies used extensively in ski promotions of

Clubhouse Corner: A Great Season at the Clubhouse

Your Clubhouse is experiencing a much-improved season this year. We have seen more attendance than in recent years with an upsurge in young people. There is still plenty of snow left in the mountains of northern Vermont so make your plans now for at least one more trip up to enjoy the skiing and good times at the Clubhouse.

Ed Miller is still taking **reservations**. He **strongly requests** that you use email for reservations. There is a reservation email form in the Clubhouse page of the website. If you can't get to the website, you can email Ed at SWCLodgeRes@yahoo.com Be sure to include the names, gender, phone number and membership status of **everybody** you are reserving a room for. You also need to tell him who will be **eating Sat dinner** at the Clubhouse. Do not expect Ed to be clairvoyant. If your message is incomplete, your reservation cannot be completed and you may find yourself without a room.

Above all, enjoy the Clubhouse. Your Clubhouse committee works hard to keep the Clubhouse an enjoyable place - at the lowest possible cost to our members. As members, you are part of the operation of this fabulous asset. If you see a problem, please tell Bill Kornrumpf (518-209-3244) or Walt Kangas (370-5136) so we can fix it.

Clubhouse to Ski Lift Bus Service

The Green Mountain Transit Authority operates bus service to VT. ski areas. Take the bus and leave your car at the Clubhouse, or if you just want to be on a different schedule than your ride. Depending on route, the cost is free, \$1, or \$2. You can take the bus to the Village of Stowe, from Stowe to the Ski Area, or to Waterbury for transfers to the Mad River Valley areas including Sugarbush. You can flag the bus down at the lodge, or call on the day before to schedule the stop. For schedule information, go to www.gmtaride.org.

Car Pools to Stowe

We've heard from a few members looking to either give or get a ride to Stowe. If you are interested, email me at wschaef1@nycap.rr.com or call me and I will get you in touch with the other parties. (Bill Schaefer)

Correction: The Clubhouse reservation email address was incorrectly given in the last Chatter. The correct email address for Reservations is: SWCLodgeRes@yahoo.com

\$50 Ski Tickets for Stowe Stowe and Jay Discount Tickets

Our Stowe discount tickets have been so popular that we can't keep them in stock. Make sure you plan ahead and allow enough time to get yours tickets.

Ski Stowe, **any day, anytime** for \$50. (\$45 for ages 65+ and 6-12)!!! **No blackout periods**, good any day of the season. You must be a club member to take advantage of this deal. Don't wait to order them, as they may be gone.

We also have **Adult Jay Peak** tickets for \$40 good for any day. We do not have any Junior/Senior tickets to Jay this year.

For tickets send a self addressed stamped envelope to Dawn Knutson, 5 Colonial Dr., Schenectady, NY 12306 with a note identifying the location and number of the tickets being ordered and a **check made out to SWC** for the full amount. Give yourself plenty of time or call Dawn on 356-5242 to make sure she will be able to fill your order in time (she does have a life and may be on a ski vacation). Bill Kornrumpf will have a small supply of tickets at the Clubhouse – when he is there.

Stowe Ski Club Appreciation Days

The last Stowe really cheap ski days are March 18-22. Last year the Clubhouse was full (not quite packed but full). The skiing in March was superb with piles of new snow on a massive base. Adult (under 65) prices are ~\$32/day and senior/junior is only ~\$13/day. There is an advantage to outlasting your younger friends. Check the Stowe web site for more details.

March 18-22 at the Clubhouse will be hosted with meals served. Please make reservations for these days to ensure you have a room and meals. Beyond the usual weekend meals, breakfast and dinner will be provided for Wed thru Fri. **Weekend hosted rates will apply to these weekdays.** See you there.

Bob Burgess is taking advantage of the club rates at Stowe on 18,19 of March and would be glad to take somebody up on Tues. 17th. Send an email. rburgess1@nycap.rr.com .

More Notes from Anna Dugan

Remember **Tuesdays at the Pine Bush** w/Dave Graves. There's still snow at the Wilton Preserve, Charlton State Forest, Partridge Run, Grafton St Park, Vischer's Ferry--be prepared to snowshoe or hike in case the sun has done its dirty deed in the meantime.

Keep an evening open in **mid-April** for a **Bowling Night** with Ellen LaFontayne; call her for details 370-5885. Have some laughs, a couple of brews, and bowl a few games, or have fun tryin' !

Events, Announcements & Reports

SWC TOUR DE CURE TEAM

Get ready – in only 4 months (Sun, Jun 7) the American Diabetes Association will conduct the Tour de Cure fund raising bike ride. You can help in one of three ways. You can join the SWC Tour de Cure bike team on the 10, 25, 50, 62.5, or 100-mile routes. You can volunteer to help with the event, including working the rest stops, etc. Finally, you can support the effort by sponsoring one of the SWC riders.

Riders start the day with free bagels, fruit juice, and coffee. Rest stops are every 10 miles on each route with bathroom facilities, snacks, and drinks. When you finish you will be treated to free lunch, massage, music, and more!

Please help prevent and cure this deadly disease, and improve the lives of people affected by diabetes. You can join the team or sponsor riders through the web at <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/SWC>. Alternatively just Google "Tour de Cure" and find the Saratoga Springs event. Volunteers should contact Mary Patenaude at pooh32mcm@yahoo.com. Contact Al Vollmer at allengv@nycap.rr.com or at 383-0341 for more information about the Tour.

Magical Adirondacks Report

Merriment and laughter punctuated the snow and great food at Rock and River in early Feb. Despite the varied skiing abilities we all found a challenging trip that got us out in the fresh air in those gorgeous mountains. The weather was warm but not enough to melt the snow. Some of us climbed Owl's Head, others trekked seven miles to Marcy dam, and others leisurely snow shoed around. Several even did the Jack Rabbit before breakfast. Our only lament was that more people didn't join us. Therefore we are beginning to recruit now while everyone is still thinking about snow. Plan for a great weekend in the outdoors next year, or for an early Valentine's romantic getaway combined with some skiing, snow, great food, and friendly company. Right now there is space in the bunkroom as well as doubles, triples, and quads available. If we can fill all the beds, the cost is reduced for everyone. When we are full, the approximate costs for the weekend would be as follows: Bunk room \$75, doubles \$160-180, triples \$200, and the quad \$220 (plus breakfast, tax and gratuity). Rock and River (rockandriver.com) is a full service bed and breakfast—all bedding, towels provided in an immaculate, beautifully appointed Adirondack building. Breakfast is served and dinner is a potluck. Come join this adventure next Feb 5-7th. Call or email Jean Burton 872-2333 or wburton2@nycap.rr.com now! If you are interested you can be placed on the waiting list with no money down. If you are more confident, put down a deposit and reserve a specific room. Summer is coming but the snow will return after that!

Utah Ski Trip Report *by Keith Holmstrom*

Six members of the Schenectady Wintersports Club ventured to Utah Feb 4-11th. The group consisted of 2 new visitors and 4 returnees. The drives up the Cottonwood Canyons are as breathtaking as ever with the snow capped rock spires, flowing streams, and winding roads.

The first day was ideal for the new-bees with the sunny skies to take in the beauty of the mountains and the details of the Alta ski terrain. Then came the snow, snow & snow. Some members of the group with 30 to 40 years of skiing under their belt and broad resumes marked some runs on this trip as the best of their careers. For me, two runs in the Catherine's area of Alta will take that label.

Bob Wright has been coordinating this trip for several years and has become a pro. Flashbacks of the trip, face shots of powder, the beauty of the scenery, and the smiles and hoots from the group throughout the week will keep me anxiously awaiting a return.



Keith Holmstrom, Dave Madden, Lat Schmidt, Cindy Thomson and Craig Lindsay at Snowbird

New Board Members Needed

All organizations need new blood to keep vital and SWC is no exception. We are expecting some of our board members will be retiring and are looking for new replacement board members. The job is not time consuming and you can start in one of the At-Large positions or one of the other positions if you feel you are qualified. You can look at the list of board members in the Chatter and see where you might fit in. Give Bill Schaefer a call on 370-0229 if you would like more information on the duties or you want your name on the ballot at the April Elections.

Stop the Tax at Small Ski Areas

We need your help. NY Governor David Paterson is proposing the addition of sales tax on lift tickets sold at the privately owned ski areas in New York. Please take time to review the attached website and forward this link to any friends or family who are skiers. Adding up to 8% to the cost of lift tickets and lessons would have a negative effect on our business (areas in NJ, Ohio, MA, and PA do not charge sales tax.) Please get involved and spread the word.

Thanks. www.stoptheskitax.com

Scott Brandi, President; Wes Kryger, Chairman;
4 Russ Coloton, Legislative Chairman Ski Areas of NY

Racers Corner: by Dorie Valenti**SWC Ski Team Victorious**

SWC Mens Ski Team Takes First Place at SWC Invitational and the Women Sweep the First Place Medals for Vets and Supervets.

SWC once again shows its need for speed as the team took first place at the SWC Invitational held at GORE Mountain on Sun, Feb 8. Congratulations to John Rice, Tim Pehl, Peter Valenti, Bill Watkins and Bill Schaeffer. Also showing great form were our junior racers: Nick Caggianelli, Ali Pehl, Scout Watkins, Chris Rice and Zeph Watkins. Jessica Hayashi took first place in Womens Supervet and Kitty Gelberg walked away with first place in Womens Vet. Bill Watkins, supervets, and Bill Kornrumpf, Men's Class II open took 2nd place medals. John Rice took third in Mens Vet. Also skiing for the team this day were Walt Kangas, Linus Sherrill, Marilyn Bell, Dan Helin, Dorie Valenti and Mary Kuykendall.

Kuykendall believes Kornrumpf could do better in breaking wind on the course if he was not so big and tall and maybe she would have had a better run if she weren't so full of it.

Remaining 2009 Race

BROMLEY, ASC Invitational on March 15 We need gatekeepers. If you or someone you know would like to help, call Dorie Valenti (334-0652 cell, 473-3108 work). Gatekeepers get a free day lift ticket.

Nordic Corner: by Lat Schmidt & Anna Dugan**Sun, Mar 1st 2nd Annual Catamount Trail BC**

(BACK COUNTRY) Challenge Race 16 Kilometer Backcountry ski from Trapp Family Lodge to Bolton Valley Touring Center on the Catamount Trail. Most of the course is non-groomed and conditions can vary tremendously due to changing weather. Participants will encounter a 2420 foot vertical climb from Nebraska Notch Road to the highest elevation on the Catamount Trail and then descend 1820 vertical on a narrow trail into Bolton Valley.

www.catamounttrail.org

Saturday & Sunday March 7-8 NATO Telemark

Festival. The 34th annual North American Telemark Organization (NATO) Festival is the world's oldest and largest gathering of Telemark skiers. There are clinics ranging from beginner to radical terrain skills. It is at Mad River Glen, 40 minutes from the Clubhouse. Telemark equipment manufacturers are on hand to give skiers the opportunity to demo all the latest equipment. Do not miss the Telemark dance party Saturday night. 1-800-835-3404 or visit NATO's website at www.telemarknato.com



Marilyn Bell, Dorie Valenti, Mary Kuykendall-Weber, Walt Kangas, and Linus Sherrill at the Gore race

Ski Council Days Updated

Check the NYCDSC web page (www.nycdsc.org) or SWC web page (www.swc-nnyp.org) for updates. All deals require a membership card for each person.

Friday 6-Mar	Stratton	\$40	
Sunday 8-Mar	Mt. Snow	\$39	
Friday 13-Mar	Okemo	\$35	(group sales)
Monday 16-Mar	Stratton	\$40	
Mon/Tues 23&24-Mar	Whiteface	\$35	
Friday 27-Mar	Mt. Snow	\$35	
Sun/Mon 5&6-Apr	Whiteface	\$35	

Catamount ski club days Monday through Thursday \$20 Friday \$30, Weekends & Holidays \$36

Upcoming NYCDSC Council Events

The New York Capital District Ski Council is working on end of the season activities. The banquet is being planned for a Sat at the Western Turnpike Golf course. They are looking for suggestions for activities such as a bike ride, golf outing, DJ for after the banquet, etc. and help with those. If you are interested, please contact Jon Skalwold, 382-8458. They are also looking at having a summer picnic, what do you think? (Call Jon)

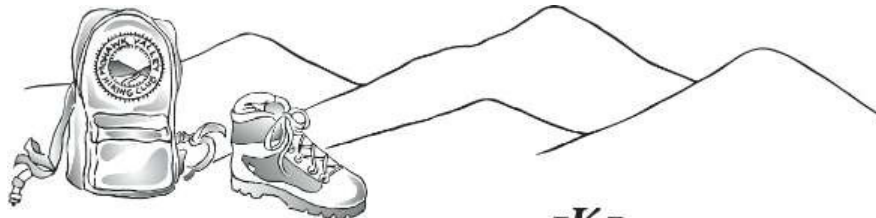
For Sale:

Skis: Volkl Supersport 6-Star 154 cm, Marker bindings, fresh tune \$100 Call Gina Kornrumpf 370-4017

Thule 2 bike rack for 2" receiver, like new \$75.00 Call Ronda Anderson 885-0971

Skis: Volkl Supersport 6-Star 154 cm, Marker bindings, fresh tune \$100 Call Gina Kornrumpf 370-4017

Jiminy Peak 8-hr Lift Tickets, good any day this season (and part of next season), \$39 each. All proceeds support Albany Vegetarian Network Inc. Call Richard Hamlin at 477-9633 or email president@nyvegetarianexpo.org if you are interested.



MOHAWK VALLEY HIKING CLUB

3/1/09

Conservation Report

by Henri T. Plant

There will be a conservation report next month.

Please call leader in advance; weather and other factors may cause changes. Please, no pets on any hike as a courtesy to others. This is a volunteer organization and with any activity there is a presumption of risk. Each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. Bring ample food and water, dress appropriately.

Hike leaders: Please send your reports to:

Cecilia A. MacDonald, 260 Sever Road, Delanson, NY 12053.

Soon the line reformed and dessert took over. It too was delicious and at last everyone was ready for the program. Bill Massoth took us on a trip through Alaska and thankfully, it was insect free!!! The scenery was magnificent and Bill delivered his talk with his inimitable droll sense of humor. There was even a question and answer session after. It seemed everyone was loath to end a wonderful evening.

Thanks to all those who worked to put this night together and to all the chefs who made it a such a culinary success. It was lots of fun and we enjoyed seeing so many friendly faces. CAM

OUTINGS

Saturday, March 7 - This will be another joint snowshoe walk with **Thatcher Park Nature Center**. Meet at the Nature Center parking area at **9:45**. This is the last scheduled snowshoe walk of the season. If there's no snow it will be a winter walk. Call Cecilia MacDonald at 872-0823 by Thursday for sign-up.

Trip Tales

Feb.1,2008 - **Four** of us went skiing at Sanders preserve in Glenville. The snow was hard & icy, not good for skiing.
No one got stuck in the snow. Report by John Rack

Feb. 7 - **Three** of us went to Wilton Town Park for the Annual Night X-C Skiing and Snowshoe Event. The paths were illuminated by candles. There was plenty of Hot Chocolate. There were many x-c skiers and snowshoers, with the snowshoers being the larger group. Reported by John Rack for Anne Twilley

Covered Dish Supper - Feb. 12 - The weather was changing, the wind was ferocious, but the facilities at the church were warm and welcoming. The tables greeted us with their red cloths and Valentine decorations. Food kept arriving (along with the terrific chefs). The serving table filled up and empty tummies growled in anticipation.

Finally empty plates filled, people went back to tables, and conversation took a back seat to the task at hand. Yum!





THE BLADE

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Towpath Set for June 18

Director Geoff Moore has set the date for the Towpath Regatta on Thursday, June 18 (registration at 5:30 pm, and race at 6:30).

When you see him – let him know that you know it's on June 18. He'll feel his efforts are justified.

Keep The News Coming

How can you lose – we'll publish anything!!!! Make up stories on your neighbors, spill the dirt on your co-workers – but send something in. Water sport write-ups, photos, jokes, stories, etc. or activities that might interest the group (like hiking, theater, etc) are fine. Send to Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 10th of month. Put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't Spam you, and pictures should preferably be less than 100Kb.

Florida Canoeing – 2009

Quite a large group made it this year. In addition to Chief Honcho Terry Tamer's Stuck In the Mud efforts, there were Uncle Donnie and his high school buddies Big Tony Tersigni and his daughter Kathleen, Big Willie Wright and Hank Sarnowski, Patti Pratt, Tom Kieran, the two and-a-half Nutmeggers Ann Bailey, Betty Palmer and Doris Repki, and the two Fosters.

We started with three days at the Okeechobee swamp in Georgia, then a week at Silver River (with it's monkeys and lovely cabins) and finally a week at Hillsborough near Tampa (one of the best canoeing streams in Florida).

A good time was had by all, although the evenings were on the unusually cold side. Those heaters in the tents make quite a difference.

The NNYP Racing Schedule

The canoe and kayak racing schedule for 2009 is finalized. NNYP races are the same as last year.

Time trials begin on Wed May 6th till Sept 16th.

Director Alec Davis is looking for more participation this year.

The Towpath Regatta will be held on Thur June 18th. Geoff Moore will be the director.

The Electric City Regatta is a two day event this year: Sat July 18th is the NYMCRA canoe and kayak points races. Sun has a Pro-Am event followed by a C1 Pro race. There will also be stock, amateur and kayak races. Race director is Ed Greiner.

The Barge Chaser at Grafton Lakes State Park on Sunday Sept 27th is directed by Sue Knapik.

For more details about these races, go to www.nymcra.org. We hope to see many of our fellow club members at all of our events.

For Sale

Kevlar Fabric for Canoes or Kayaks

35 feet long by 56 inches wide. Allan Dean, 120 Grant St, Queensbury, NY 12604, 518-793-3115

Dinner Conference

Being active in the paddling community often entails activities that would have been difficult to imagine just two decades ago. Imagine sitting at a desk with a computer in front of you participating in a conference call with three other people in various parts of the country. You are discussing action to be taken to revamp the US Canoe Association website. The committee chairman is at home in Wisconsin, looking for ideas and support from members in MA, NY and Indiana. Two members have webcams so their images are projected onto a corner of the screen in real time.

Now imagine you and your spouse have just prepared a nice, but poorly timed meal. Instead of leaving the meal to dry out in the oven, you set it on the "L" of the computer desk and proceed to eat it while participating in the conference call.

SWC/NNYP has been referred to as an eating club with a sports disorder so readers will appreciate these circumstances. Trying to enjoy a meal of Venison Marsala, Toasted Almond Rice, and Green Bean & Tomato Salad, complete with candlelight and wine, while discussing website links and budget constraints is more than bizarre. Tim Allen and toasted almonds might go together, but Gareth Stevens and marsala?

This experience is indicative of the conflicting lives we lead these days. We often make nice meals for ourselves and enjoy a long and quiet dinner time. We also often engage in high-tech activities in this fast moving world. Combining the two is something I hope not to do on a regular basis. *Submitted by Ed Greiner*

Club Canoe Availability

SWC/NNYP has canoes, paddles, PFD's (limited), and one kayak for use by members:

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 at 741 River Road, Lower Rotterdam Junction (0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch 887-5483).

**Schenectady Wintersports Club
Northern New York Paddlers
PO Box 228
Schenectady New York 12301**

**First Class Mail
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Permit #370**

Membership Application 6/1/2008-5/31/09

Schenectady Wintersports Club, Northern New York Paddlers &
Mohawk Valley Hiking Club, PO Box 228, Schenectady, NY, 12301

Name _____

Age Group (circle One) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

New Member () Renewal () \$20 individual () \$30 Family ()

For Family Membership, please indicate

Name of Spouse _____

Age Group (circle One) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members _____

For family membership, children must be under 18 or still in HS.

How did you hear about the Club? _____

This is a gift Membership from: _____

Please indicate your Activity interests. Check as many as applicable

Alpine Skiing () X-C Skiing () Paddling () Biking ()

Hiking () Ski Trips Western US, Canada, Europe ()

Ski Racing () Wilderness/canoe camping () Canoe Racing ()

Would you like to receive your Chatter/Blade by e-mail? YES NO

Interested in Club administration? If so what areas? _____

Interested in working with the NY Capital District Ski Council? ()

Make check payable to SWC and mail with the completed application
to **SWC, PO Box 228, Schenectady NY, 12301**

Names and Numbers to Remember

Board of Directors:

Bill Schaefer, Pres	H 370-0229
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