

# SKI CHATTER

7/1/2014 ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS  
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## Thursday Night 2014 Bike Rides

Although we've had low attendance on occasions due to rain, SOMEONE has ridden, albeit shortened, even on those rainy evenings. In addition to that, we've always been able to get together, have pizza or other delectable morsel and enjoyed each other's company.

Whether the rides had beautiful weather and were well attended or the weather was yucky and not as well attended, THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who have hosted the rides. We still need one more host for Aug.

For years we have been saying that biking is an excellent form of aerobic exercise and it is a great way to keep in shape for next year's snow season. Well, it is true! It is also a good time to take an evening ride and enjoy good conversation with your fellow skiers and bikers while you have some pizza and beer or other delicacy our host might come up with afterward.



The riders ready to ride at the Seyse Camp on Galway

## Dues were Due June 1

Since the Club's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31, now is the time to send in your dues. The new membership form is on the outside page so you can just print a copy and send it in. You can also use the Membership page on the website ( [www.swcweb.org](http://www.swcweb.org)) to pay by PayPal or credit card. The website is preferred as it makes less work for our volunteers.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 12 & 13 Canal Days at Schoharie Crossing  
July 12 Electric City Regatta (NYMCRA Canoe & Kayak Points Races) Sch'dy County Community College  
July 18-20 Hiking in Vermont from the Clubhouse  
July 27 Paddle the Battenkill with Lat Schmidt  
Aug 1-3 Trails & Ales Weekend at the Clubhouse  
Aug 8-10 Antique Car Show weekend at the Clubhouse  
Aug 22-24 Clubhouse Recreational Paddling Weekend  
Aug 23 Barge Chaser Canoe & Kayak Race at Kiwanis Park, Rotterdam  
Sept 26-28 Paddlers Lodge Weekend with Sue Knapik  
Oct 3-5 Leaf Peeping Weekend at the Clubhouse  
Dec 11-13 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bomber Pre-season Ski Clinic  
Every Thursday: Bike in the evening

## SWC participating in Schoharie Crossing Canal Days

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

SWC will host an information table on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site's Canal Days Celebration in Fort Hunter, NY to promote awareness of our club and recruit new members. Canal Days is an annual community festival which brings together many parts of the regional community to show off their contributions and celebrate the history of the area. Entertainment includes music by the Nellies, an alternative country Americana band, and Sara Milonovich, outstanding fiddler and vocalist. Other performers include Pip Squeaks the Clown and magician Jim Snack. There will be a 5 hole disc golf course and beginner's clinic, the Utica Zoo Mobile, a Saturday chicken barbeque, farmers market, wagon rides, old fashioned engine show, tag sale, and on Saturday, a children's bouncy bounce. Several community organizations will be participating including SWC, the Environmental Clearing House of Schenectady, Forever Home Grey Hound Adoption, the Girl Scouts, Easy Street Horse Rescue, Montgomery County Board of Elections, Montgomery County SPCA, Louis Berger Group which worked on archeology for the Amsterdam Bridge Project, and Run By Dogs, an organization offering dog sledding excursions and educational services. Admission and parking are free. The bike path and Mohawk River are adjacent to the Schoharie Crossing property, so come and combine a bike ride or paddle with the festivities at Canal Days. If you would like to volunteer to answer questions about SWC for an hour or two between 11am and 4pm on either Saturday or Sunday, please contact Marilyn Mattice at 489-6174 or [mmattice2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmattice2@nycap.rr.com).

## Battenkill Day Trip, Sunday July 27

Join other SWC-NNYP members to float the Battenkill in your canoe or kayak on a day trip planned for Sunday July 27. We assemble at 10:00AM at the first bridge upstream (south) of Shushan NY off County Road #64. Pack a lunch and a bathing suit if you want- we typically stop for lunch and a swim in the clear-flowing water. Paddlers must be able to back-paddle, ferry and land quickly in case of snags, downed trees and other hazards that may exist.

We take out near Skellie Road and share a watermelon and other refreshments. Contact Lat Schmidt at [gltschmidt17@yahoo.com](mailto:gltschmidt17@yahoo.com) or at (802) 442-9301.

**Presidents Column** by Dorie Valenti

Winning is everything. I love winning. I love winning at everything and at anything. I love winning at even the most simplest contests, although losing is ok, I mean, losing has to be ok because I lose a lot, but winning, winning is the ultimate. One Saturday I won at Pooh Sticks. We were strolling around 5-Rivers when we crossed the bridge over the Vlomenkill, and on the other side were three twigs, almost sticks, lying across the path. Picking them up, I challenged those behind me to a game of Pooh Sticks. Admittedly, I had the advantage because no one behind me had ever played the game before nor heard of it either for that matter, but you know, I mean, one must think and strategize around the rules of the game, which I clearly stated. The rules are: stand on one side of the bridge looking down at the stream, drop the stick into the flowing waters, then walk over to the other side of the bridge, look down into the flowing stream, and whoever's stick is the first to flow out from under the bridge wins! I won!

When Mel called me the other day and asked me to partner up with him at the towpath regatta I said, absolutely, thinking, YES! Joe and Judy are goners. We will leave them in the currents in way behind, for sure and George and Margaret and Prince Charles as well. Not that I've ever paddled with Mel before, but rumors have it that he is fast. 'Would you sit in the back?' He asked. Hmmmm. At this point in the conversation, I realized that Mel probably did not realize that I do not know how to race a canoe, or paddle one at all, really. Donnie gave me a few lessons so I do know that sitting in the back requires a skill set in steering and in reading the waters. The front means power. I have neither. I 'fessed up to Mel though. 'Really? I thought you knew how,' he said. Nope! And as far as I was concerned at this point in the conversation partnering up with Mel was a done deal. He asked. I accepted, and no way was I gonna back out, just because I've no idea what I'm doing. The problem was now his.

Not too many showed up at Monday Night paddling, the night I met Mel who agreed to teach me how to paddle a canoe being that it would also be in his best interest to show me the how-tos before we put in at the Regatta and go sailing by our opponents, or perhaps more appropriately stated, in order to go sailing by our opponents. Standing on the banks of the river, Mel showed me how to paddle, Geoff showed me and then Terry showed me, and for some time I paddled the air, sweeping it behind me, whoosh, over and over again. I must've showed some talent because as I paddled the air, Mel took his canoe down from the roof of his truck and we carried it to the river. He suggested I sit in the front. The power position! We headed toward the island. 'Well, kid, doesn't look like we're gonna be breaking any records here,' he said and my heart sank to the depths of the muddy Mohawk as I envisioned Judy and Joe and George and Margaret and Prince Charles sailing by us.

A few days later after a Thursday night bike ride (on which, by the way, I blew by Mel while pedaling up a hill, leaving him gasping for air), he gave me a book entitled Canoe Racing with a page earmarked showing a diagram of a canoeist at various stages of a paddle.

The diagram made perfect sense to me, however my challenge will be to motivate my body to listen to my brain which will be telling my body to paddle like the figure in the diagram and when it comes to sports, or when it comes to anything for that matter, my body seems to have a mind of its own. My body's independence from my brain has been a recurring issue through out my entire life and I'm wondering if at my age it is still possible to reel it in and make it listen.

What's that old Mahatma Ghandhi saying? Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment. Full effort is full victory.

**We need your Program Ideas**

Perhaps you heard a good speaker? Maybe you are taking a great trip this summer? Suggest a good movie? We need to line up the programs and need your ideas. Contact Will Seyse (369-4254), our programs coordinator. Now is the time to make a suggestion so Will can do the coordination and scheduling for next season.

**Wow, this year will be Bomber's 35<sup>th</sup> Pre Season Clinic at Stowe!**

Save the date, the event will be on the Dec 12, 13, 14th weekend. There will be 3 days of lift tickets, lessons and 3 nights of lodging. In addition to the welcome party on Thursday night, there will be a 35th Celebration party on Friday night. The clinic is operated in conjunction with the Stowe Mountain Resort Ski School and we are staying at the Stowe Motel. Details to follow.

**DISC GOLF FREE CLINICS (BEGINNERS NIGHTS)**

Now that we have a pair of Disc Golf baskets at the Clubhouse, our members may want to attend the free Disc Golf clinics at Schenectady Central Park (July 16 & Sept 10) and Niskayuna's Blatnick Park (Aug13), All Wednesdays @ 6:00PM Meet at the Disc Golf Kiosk near hole #1

Instruction for new players in the basics of Putters, mid-ranges & drivers. Discs and portable baskets available for practice. For more information, contact Kenji @ 518.836.9557 Or Bob @ 518.330.4743 Or email: [SchenectadyDGC@gmail.com](mailto:SchenectadyDGC@gmail.com)

**SWC/MVHC/NNYP Photo Contest**

Show off the beauty surrounding the SWC Clubhouse or members having fun. Whether the image was captured by your phone, Instamatic or digital SLR with post processing, you can enter the photography contest. The only rule of the contest is the image must be taken while you stayed at the lodge.

If you don't have an image yet, there is plenty of time, reserve your stay at the SWC Lodge by yourself or at one of the Summer Weekend Event(s). The photo contest will be juried by the club members at a SWC meeting after the Leaf Peeping Photo and Hiking Weekend (Oct 3-5). Send the image to Ronda Anderson [iceanderson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:iceanderson@nycap.rr.com) or mail it to Ronda Anderson 130 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

2 Winning photo will be included in the SWC Chatter and enjoy a complimentary night at the SWC lodge.

## Clubhouse News by Terry Tamer

### Words from our Director:

There is not much new to report this month. By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed a bicycling weekend from the lodge hosted by Bill and Gina. They have returned from a biking vacation in Denmark and who knows how that compares to rides here in the USA.

As of this time, we have not yet decided about the future of how we are going to address the Lodge costs, whether and/or how much we are going to adjust the rates for staying there. There will be much discussion. Probably no one will be entirely satisfied. I certainly don't expect to be. Stay tuned next month for the outcome.

Did you know, however, that the four months when there is skiing at Mt. Mansfield are not the busiest months of the year for Stowe? Well, they are not. It is truly a warm weather paradise. We SWCers may not appreciate it as much because we don't have to go that far to enjoy the wonders of the northeast. I have made it a personal policy not to leave this area any more during July and August. I went to Paris one time in August and there were no Parisians left. They were all on vacation. Much of southern and western United States is ghastly hot during these summer months.

However, if you want to get away from your daily routine at home, why not stay in the northeast and get away to Stowe/Waterbury Center? (I feel like I am doing a commercial for our Lodge in Vermont for the summertime. **I AM** doing a commercial for the lodge.) Well, think about it. Take an inexpensive but beautiful vacation in Vermont and help the club by using our lodge. Take a look at what we have scheduled and make use of our place.

### Make Summer Clubhouse Reservations

We are now requiring you to make reservations for the Lodge whether it is during the winter or summer. The Lodge reservation system is online for our entire year. It is important that folks who are planning on using the house make reservations so that others will know what to expect when they arrive. We have had folks think that they were staying in their favorite rooms (and had reserved that room) find the room filled when they arrive. This is a situation that is easy to avoid if everybody just takes the time to make a reservation before they start the drive north. Please be considerate.

Please make reservations **on line** or by calling Tom Jaras (518-489-6174) for **ANY STAY** that you are planning for the Waterbury Center Clubhouse.

### Would you like to make the clubhouse a little bit more fun ?

We would like to raise \$ 1,000 to invest in improving the opportunities for fun in the non-ski seasons at the clubhouse. One investment is to purchase and install Disc Golf in our back yard.

We will have some 50-50's and other activities such as silent auctions at our gatherings. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, or an item for a silent auction, please contact Bill Schaefer or any club officer.

## Scheduled Weekends at the Lodge

### JULY 18 - 20 DORIE'S HIKING WEEKEND AT THE LODGE with Dorie Valenti and Sid Sidway.

Dorie has recruited Sid (from Western MA and avid lodge user) to help her lead a weekend of hiking some of the more popular areas the Clubhouse

### AUGUST 1 - 3 TRAILS AND ALES WEEKEND AT THE LODGE with Kelly and Michael de la Rocha

Take a self-guided tour of some of the region's fine breweries or join the group for an invigorating hike in the mountains or do both! Later we'll enjoy a meal inspired by local beer and sample a few artisan brews, too.

### AUGUST 8 - 10 ANTIQUE CAR SHOW AT THE LODGE with Walt Kangas

The plan includes the antique car show at Stowe (featuring club members' '71 Nova Super Sport and a '62 Rolls Royce), biking, and boating (paddling and maybe Walt will bring Tuuli - his Ness Yawl sailboat). If we are lucky, we may just have Chef Earl to provide a culinary masterpiece for our Saturday night dinner.

### AUGUST 22 - 24 JUDY'S RECREATIONAL PADDLING WEEKEND AT THE LODGE with Judy Brandow and Marilyn Mattice

Although this will be primarily for recreational paddlers, folks should also bring their toys, such as bikes and hiking shoes. Make your reservation for these dates in August for an active and fun time.

**SEPTEMBER 26 - 28 PADDLER'S WEEKEND AT THE LODGE** with Sue Knapik. The racing paddlers are occupied all summer long with their races. This will afford those paddlers and any recreational paddlers a chance to paddle some of the waters in Vermont or have a change of pace and go for a hike or a bike ride. You also don't have to be a racing paddler to come. They are really a great bunch of people and they don't bite.

### OCTOBER 3 - 5 LEAF PEEPING, PHOTOGRAPHY, HIKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WEEKEND AT THE LODGE with Ronda Anderson and Catherine Young.

These ladies will be bringing back the old tradition of the autumn leaf peeping weekend at the lodge. However, they have lots more ideas to make it interesting. In order to peep at the leaves you have to get out in the forest. Hence the hiking. Then, why not bring some of that beauty home to share with others? Hence the photography. You can be a rank amateur who just takes photos with your phone or you can have a highly technical one. It is the person who points the camera at something beautiful that has the greatest impact on the quality of the photo. More directly from Ronda and Catherine later.

## Thursday Night Bike Rides

Join riders of all skill levels every Thursday through August to get some exercise, enjoy the outdoors and socialize afterward over pizza. Terry Tamer is the ride coordinator this year, so please call him and volunteer to host that one **unscheduled ride on August 21**.

The rides are every Thursday evening starting promptly at 6:30. It's best to show up by 6:00 or 6:15 so you can get your bike tires pumped up and everything in order before leaving. Each Thursday the host plans at least two rides (a short, easy ride and a longer more challenging ride) so there is something for everyone. They will provide maps and all you need to bring is your bike and a helmet (helmets are required for all SWC rides) and \$8.00 to help pay for pizza and beverages.

### **Bike Ride Schedule:**

June 26 - Carol Jones  
 July 3 - Sue Knapik  
 July 10 - Bill and Gina Kornrumpf  
 July 17 - Kelly and Michael De La Rocha  
 July 24 - Jean and Warren Burton  
 July 31 - Paul and Patricia Evanowski  
 Aug. 7 - Ed and Kim Greiner  
 Aug. 14 - Bob Miller and Carol Hamblin  
 Aug. 21 - **HOST NEEDED**  
 Aug. 28 - Heidi Walsh and Anna Palmer

### **Driving Directions to Rides/ Host Homes**

**June 26 - Carol Jones 10 E. Haystack Rd. Clifton Park 383-1224**

**From Schenectady:** Balltown Rd. (Rte 146) cross over the Mohawk River (Rexford Bridge). Turn right onto Riverview Road. Bear left onto Grooms Road. Right onto Moe Road at light. Take 4<sup>th</sup> left onto Mystic (Crescent Estates-Aspenwood). Take first right onto Pico. First left onto East Haystack Road. #10 is on the left.

**From Albany:** Take Northway (I-87) to exit 8. Turn left – west – onto Crescent Road at 4<sup>th</sup> traffic light. Turn right onto Moe Road. Take first right onto Sugarbush Road (Crescent Estates- Aspenwood). First left on Pico. First Right :East Haystack Road.

**July 3 - Sue Knapik 649 Cranes Hollow Road, Amsterdam, NY 843-8133**

**From Albany or Schenectady:** I-890 W to end at Rt 5 or I-90 W to EXIT 26 (I-890 exit), Merge onto RT-890 W via the exit on the LEFT toward RT-5 /Scotia. Turn left on Amsterdam Rd (RT-5) toward Amsterdam.( 8.2 mi) Turn RIGHT onto Cranes Hollow Rd.,CR-2. (2.7 mi). 649 Cranes Hollow Rd is on the LEFT – Ranch house with maroon shutters, stone wall along road.

Sue has a pool, you are urged to bring bathing suits for an after-ride dip.

**July 10 - Bill and Gina Kornrumpf 335 Terrace 4 Rd, Rotterdam 370-4017**

The ride will be uphill on the Tomlinson training ride or down hill to the bike path.

**From Schenectady,** take I-890 West to the Campbell Road exit (2A). Follow Campbell Rd. to Rotterdam Mall, turn right at the light onto Putnam Road, going up the hill, cross railroad tracks, turn right onto the first road past the railroad tracks (the sign says West Hill), follow road to the left, their house is the seventh on the left.

**From Albany,** take the Thruway to exit 25 and follow I-890 West past the GE plant to the Campbell Rd. exit. Then follow directions above.

**July 17 - Kelly and Michael De La Rocha, 9 Lolik Lane in Scotia, 428-4150**

**From Albany and Schenectady:** Go to route 5, Mohawk Avenue in Scotia. Turn North on NY route 147 (Sacandaga Road). Drive 1.9 miles, then turn right onto Spring Road. Drive another 1.9 miles and turn left onto Lolik Lane on your left. 9 Lolik Lane is a short way up the road on your left.

**From points north:** Take route 50 south to Van Buren (Sunoco) and turn right. Take Van Buren to the end and turn right onto Swaggertown Road. Go about a mile and turn left onto Spring Rd... Lolik is the second right.

**July 24 - Jean and Warren Burton, P.O. Box 46, 129 Manchester Drive, Gallupville, 872-2333**

**From Albany:** Take Route 20 (Western Avenue) out of Albany. Turn left onto Route 146 which will eventually go through the village of Altamont. In Altamont, go straight up the hill, taking Route 156 out of town. After passing through Knox, take a right at the sign to Gallupville. Go approximately five miles on this road, looking for Manchester Drive on the right. (If you find that you have descended into Gallupville, you have missed Manchester Drive.) Jean and Warren's is the second house on the left, # 129, a raised ranch.

**From Schenectady:** Take route 58 (Guilderland Avenue) out of Schenectady. Turn right onto 146, which goes through Altamont. In Altamont, go straight up the hill. Then, follow the above directions.

**July 31 - Paul & Patricia Kurowski-Evans, 343 Saratoga Road, Scotia, 384-3425**

**From Scotia:** Take route 50 North (Saratoga Road), for 3+ miles. Pass the Hannaford and Price Chopper Plazas and the Community Church driveway on your left. Go past one more driveway and ours is the third - with the reflectors. There is a long curved driveway and a small brick house.

**If going south on Route 50:** Look for Lee Street. We are the fourth driveway on the right after Lee St.  
**From Northway, Exit 9, Clifton Park:** Go West on rte. 146 for about 8 miles. **Do NOT** make a left at the light on 146. When you reach route 50 (Saratoga Road), turn right, (north) and go another half mile. Look for #343 (see details, "From Scotia")

**Aug. 7 - Ed and Kim Greiner, 558 Old Highway 30, Esperance, NY 12066-2040**  
**From Schenectady or Albany:** Take I-90 (Thruway) to Exit 25A, route I-88. Go 5.7 miles on I-88 and get off at exit 24. Go to Route 20 (left side of exit ramp, crossing over the highway). Turn Right, going west, onto NY 20. Go 6.3 miles, turning left onto Old Highway 30 (CR157). Go 0.4 miles. Kim and Ed's home is on your right.

You need to budget a longer time to reach the Greiners for this ride so start 15 minutes earlier than normal.



Some come to ride even in Tornado weather

## Pre-Estate Sale:

### Prices Drastically Reduced: Examples

Mountain Bike \$40  
 2 rocket boxes, car top ski carriers w/hardware \$80 each  
 Wheel Barrow \$10

#### Other Items:

2 new pfd's, red/green, mens large, zipper front  
 Gas snow thrower, fairly new, used only a few times  
 Electric Leaf Sucker  
 Fishing boat electric motor  
 Single bike rack for trailer hitch  
 Roof ski rack  
 2 person tent  
 Hand tools  
 6 white resin chairs

Take a tour of the shed, garage, cellar and house. Lots of nice items you might use; good starters for a recent grad's new apartment.

Call Cyd Geiger at 518-377-4098. View items at 246 Donald Ave, Schenectady, NY, 12304

## Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to:  
**John Boscarino** [boscarino126@aol.com](mailto:boscarino126@aol.com) , 126 Polsin Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303-2516

**Do not send to the editors, or the Club PO Box, they will get lost.**



General Clinton Race

credit Adam Gelinas



Madrid Canoe Race

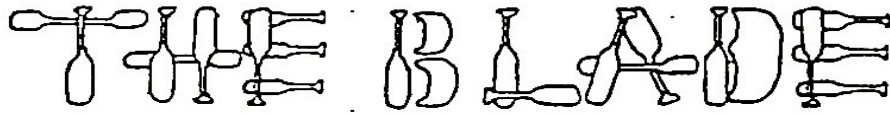
credit Adam Gelinas

## Needed: New Ski Ticket Seller

Do you have 5 minutes per day? The system is simplified and the ticket buyers are pleasant and cooperative. What more could you ask? Help the club and take over for a year or two. Bill will assist anybody who volunteers. You have the flexibility to modify/update the sales scheme. Contact Bill Schaefer 370-0229 to find out more. Who knows, you may qualify for a discount on your ticket prices if you volunteer.

## Tax Deductible Club Donation

While our Club members are sometimes known for their frugality, they are also very generous. The Club is a tax-exempt organization, so you can give tax-deductible gifts to support projects like the preservation of our films and records, a specific improvement to the clubhouse. Your donation can be as specific as you like. We will provide you with a letter of contribution for your taxes. These donations can be anonymous or named or in memory of a loved one. *Specific project priorities the club membership would like to advance – documentary interviews of early club members, ski history, skier support.* Contact Bill Schaefer – 728-9395 or [williamwschaefer@gmail.com](mailto:williamwschaefer@gmail.com)



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NORTHERN NEW YORK PADDLERS

## Monday Night Paddling/ Pot Luck Suppers

Dinners with Burgers and hot dogs will be served the second Monday of May through September. Please bring a dish to share. There is a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of meat, buns, condiments, paper plates, napkins, utensils and fuel for the grill.

New this year **we are eating at 7:00 PM** so people can spend some time recreating such as canoeing, biking, and walking. Many folks complained that when we were eating earlier, there was no time for much else. I would like to thank Heidi Walsh and others whom made these Monday Nights so enjoyable.

Pot luck nights will be July 14, Aug 11 & Sept 8.

Your host George Astle and first Mate Margaret Parks

## Wednesday NNYP Weekly Time Trials May 7 to Sept 17

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM

Course is 3.65 miles on Mohawk River at Rexford, NY (Aqueduct Boat Dock)

Start 6:30PM sharp, on time for 99.6% over last 22 years NNYP members free, others \$10 for the season, first time. Free. Contact: Alec Davis 518-321-6820 or

[alecdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:alecdavis@earthlink.net)

## Saturday July 12 Electric City Regatta

NYMCRA Canoe & Kayak Points Races  
Schenectady County Community College Washington Ave.  
12 mi. marathon, 3 mi. rec., 1 mi. fun race

All NYMCRA classes including C4

Registration 8:30 First start 10:00

Entry fee: \$20, NNYP & NYMCRA members \$15

Post-race potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share or pay \$5 to eat. Contact: Ed or Kim Greiner 518-875-6497 or

[eleccityrace@yahoo.com](mailto:eleccityrace@yahoo.com) [www.eleccityrace.org](http://www.eleccityrace.org)

## Battenkill Day Trip Sunday, July 27

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We take out near Skellie Road and share a watermelon and other refreshments. Contact Lat Schmidt at [glschmidt17@yahoo.com](mailto:glschmidt17@yahoo.com) or at (802) 442-9301.

## Barge Chaser Canoe and Kayak Race

Day & Date: Saturday August 30, 2014

Location: Kiwanis Park, Route 5S in Rotterdam Junction (between Schenectady and Amsterdam)

Distance: 3 miles and 7 miles on the Mohawk River (between Lock 8 and Lock 9)

Registration Time: 10 am First Start Time: 11am

Entry Fee: \$12/person & \$5 youth. Picnic will follow. Bring

a dish to share or pay \$3 if you want to stay for picnic  
Contact Information: Linda and Bob Cooley, 518-393-9201, [cooleylinda9@gmail.com](mailto:cooleylinda9@gmail.com)

Classes: All NYMCRA classes, plus Recreation classes in the 3 mile race.

## Break a record for a good cause!

Paddlers may wish to participate in the "One Square Mile of Hope" on Fourth Lake in Inlet on September 13th. It's an event to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Paddlers gather to make one big raft, hoping to break the official Guinness record again.

The 2011 event ended up with Nancie Battaglia's cool aerial photograph in Sports Illustrated and other media. However, Suttons Bay in Michigan broke the record in 2013, so the Adirondack folks are trying again. Here is a link to their website: <http://www.onesquaremileofhope.org/>

## Paddler's Weekend at the Lodge

Suggestions welcome for the paddling weekend at the Vermont Clubhouse the last weekend of September. Want to visit your favorite waterways? Try new ones? Send me your ideas: [sbknapik@yahoo.com](mailto:sbknapik@yahoo.com)

## Race Schedule:

The race schedule is listed on the [www.swcweb.org](http://www.swcweb.org) in the archived April newsletter.

## Club Canoe Availability

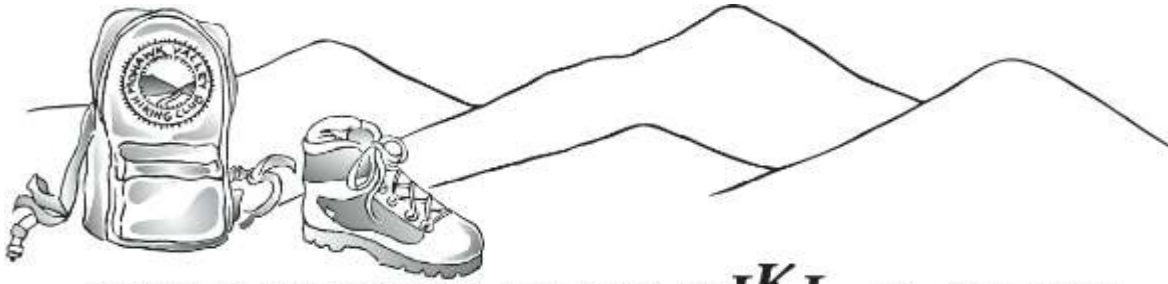
NNYP has canoes and PFD's for use by members, along with three adult-size wet suits:

18' 6" Wenonah CC 18' 6" Lincoln CC

18' 6" Sawyer CC 18' 5"

Club members may borrow these boats for a \$10/day, \$40/week donation. They are located at Sue Knapik's house, about 8 miles from Kiwanis Park.

649 Cranes Hollow Rd, Amsterdam. 518-265-5840  
There are also 5 canoes for members at the Clubhouse including a reasonable Old Town. Since the availability of life vests (PFDs), is limited, you should bring one if you have one.



# MOHAWK VALLEY HIKING CLUB

7/1/14

## TRIP TALES

**Thursday, May 15** - A balmy day greeted four of us for our walk in the Pine Bush from the Madison Avenue Pinelands trailhead. The wide trails in this area made for an easy hike with some effort needed up a number of dunes. Spring was definitely in the air along with the scent of a recent, prescribed burn. The lupine was up along with some other early May flowers. We kept a leisurely pace and walked for about an hour. All in all it was a nice mid-week trek close to home.

Heidi

**Saturday, May 31** - Five Rivers was a delight, as we had hoped. Everything was lush and green, and seven of us spent a leisurely two hours meandering along the trails.



A number of participants asked about the name "Five Rivers" and its derivation, and I would like to correct the information I gave out, which was wrong. According to a handout from the Center, the name does not refer to the streams on the grounds but to the general geographic area into which five major waterways flow. Those waterways are the Upper Hudson and its tributaries, the Sacandaga, the Hoosick, the Mohawk and its tributaries, and the Schoharie. "The Five Rivers Area" is a concept developed by Dr. Vincent Schaefer, former director of The Atmospheric Sciences Research Center at the State University at Albany and uncle of our esteemed member Bill Schaefer. For newer members, Vincent Schaefer is also the founder of The Mohawk Valley Hiking Club and later the Schenectady Wintersports Club.  
Ruth H.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** found hungry hikers arriving, ala Dorothy and Toto, at Collins Park, with the aid of the close to tornado scale winds. The sun was out, but the weather was COOL and the wind piercing. BUT, it wasn't snowing!

The tables were set, cloths firmly tacked down. The cloths tried to sail away so other heavy parcels were added to the general weight on them. It was an interesting battle between us and the breeze (?). Luckily we're a hardy bunch, and by the time we were ready to eat, the table was fully clothed. The food was excellent, per usual, and the comradery even better. After dinner, a small group pulled out the bocce balls and played a game. Three of us started on a short ramble in and near the park. We inspected the new Lion's Club pavilion erected recently, with the help of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and other businesses and individuals. It's lovely and has enough room for a full scale wedding. There is a beautiful lawn area as well and we found it was remarkably quieter, with no wind. We did, however, find there were oodles of mosquitoes. We decided the wind wasn't so bad at that.



All in all, it was a very pleasant picnic and we thank John for his work in setting up the picnic, foods and equipment. Thanks to Jane for all the calling and to Karen for her work with the table set-up. You're all great.  
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## OUTINGS

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