



# THE BLADE

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NORTHERN NEW YORK PADDLERS

## Keep The News Coming

Thanks to you cub reporters. Continue sending your news (SWC/NNYP or otherwise) to Allan Foster: [adfoss@aol.com](mailto:adfoss@aol.com), 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of month please. Please put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb. Keep 'em coming.

## Monday Night Canoeing & Potluck Suppers

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

Just to show you that the group is raring to go, the first meeting was scheduled for June 4. However, an ad hoc and informal group of some 14 people got together already on May 7. Word was that it was a beautiful evening, and a good time – so I guess the season has started.

Also, the potluck dinners 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 put it on your calendar, and come 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 too fancy), and bring your own beverages. Cathy, Sandy and Ellen have volunteered for the June potluck, and we could use volunteers for the ones in July and August. Speak up, OK.

## YOUR Dues are Due Now

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

## Scuttlebutt

Ed Miller, Wil Holt & Shields Bishop have made progress since their respective "incidents" earlier this year. Wish them all continued progress.

Uncle Donnie has a new (for him) car!

The word is that both Anna and Sophia are already planning for the 2007 Hawaiian Luau, which will be held at the Clubhouse on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Hotline

Just a thought. If anyone is thinking of going canoeing or hiking with two- or three-day notice, I wonder about putting it on the Hotline (370-0304).



Lady Lois and her Court Jester, on this year's Florida canoe trip

## SWC-NNYP Events and Races

As in past years, there will be at least five major events. However, please check the Hotline to hear about anything that has been arranged on short notice.

### Time Trials, Wednesday evenings, thru 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](mailto: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](mailto:eleccityrace@yahoo.com) or [www.eleccityrace.org](http://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 Floation 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](mailto:gl Schmidt17@yahoo.com)

## Summer Vacation/Brown's Tract – July 20-26

Kathy Perrego (869-1155) and Ed Miller (489-7216) are co-chairs of the Summer Weekend blast at the SWC clubhouse. July 20-22. Bring your favorite toy, bike, canoe, kayak, sailboard, hiking boots, credit cards or whatever. Kathy has great plans for dinner, while Ed will do breakfasts and lead canoe trips. One will be a trip around the Waterbury Reservoir, which now has water and is newly-reopened -- it has been years and we are looking forward to enjoying it again. Paddling on the Winooski and/or the Green River Reservoir are also possibilities.

Coming home from the clubhouse Sunday July 22nd, Mary and Ed plan to go to BrownsTract State Park (near Raquette Lake Village.) for 3 or 4 days of canoe camping. Everyone is invited. Just come join them and camp and canoe on the lakes around there. Ed and Mary will be using their van, and can take one more tent on their site – let Ed know if you are interested. Otherwise let them know when you arrive at Browns Tract and join them for the next days paddle.

You can do either the Summer Weekend or the Brown's Tract, or both.

### Barge Chaser/Fun Day – Sunday, September 23

As with the last few years, this will be run by Sue Brisley Knapik - 518-843-8133, [sbrisley@localnet.com](mailto: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, was 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).

## SWC Race Results

### Upper Susquehanna Pedal/Paddlers 18 mile. (Geoff Moore)

The start of this Points Race was Oneonta, the turnaround Bainbridge, and the finish was 3 miles upstream at Otego. The conditions were fast downstream with the Susquehanna just under flood stage, but a hard slog upstream to the finish. The weather was sunny and warm (finally) but the snowmelt from the previous week's nor'easter made the water real cold.

C1 Stock Male Under 50	
1. Jim Amell	1:56:00
2. Geoff Moore	2:16:29
C1 Over 50	4. Dale Carpenter 1:53:44
C1 Veteran	1. Jim Cunningham 2:00:07
K1 Male Unlimited Over 50	1. Dave Wiltey 1:38:29
C2 Mixed Over 501.	Bob and Linda Cooley 1:58:15
C2 Men Under 50	
2. Roger Henry & Brian Young	1:44:30
3. Ted Lutz & Gene Pratt	1:45:50
7. Ed Greiner & Bob McCormick	1:54:22
C2 Women Under 50	1. Pam Fitzgerald & Kim Greiner 1:55:52

## STATEWIDE EVENTS/RACES

More at [nycra.org](http://nycra.org) or [macscanoe.com/awa](http://macscanoe.com/awa)

### 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](mailto:bmoulton@twcny.rr.com)

### Long Lake and Tupper Lake Flatwater Challenge, Saturday June 16

The 40 miler starts in 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](mailto:macadk@northnet.org) or [www.macscanoe.com](http://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 413-637-2597 or [patty.spector@verizon.net](mailto: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 [olforqny@telenet](mailto:olforqny@telenet) or [www.oldforqny.com](http://www.oldforqny.com)

**Armond Bassett Canoe and Kayak Race** Saturday July 7. NYCRA points, 3 mi. rec & 10 mi. marathon. All NYMCRAs canoe & kayak classes. Start & finish at Genesee Waterways Center, Rochester, NY. Register: 9:00-10:45. First Start: 11:00. Entry fee: \$15 + \$5 insurance/paddler. Contact Kevin Berl at 315 986 8361 and [k\\_berl@msn.com](mailto:k_berl@msn.com), or Tim Henning at 315 926 5749 and [thenning3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:thenning3@rochester.rr.com)

### Empire State Games – Masters Div

Saturday July 28. 10 and 3 miles. Pre-registration required before 7/2/07. Wallkill River, New Platz. \$25/paddler. Contact Jan Whitaker 585-292-6107. [janwhitaker@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tucker@paulsmiths.edu).

## USCA Nationals

August 7-12, Warren, PA.. [uscanoe.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:macadk@northnet.com)

### Long Lake Long Boat Regatta

September 22nd -- 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](mailto:macadk@northnet.com)

## For Sale

### Kayak:

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

### Canoe

Wenonah graphite J190, C-1, like new \$1595. Perception 14.5 Corona Sea Kayak w/rudder, like new \$895, Perception Method ww kayak \$250. Wanted: Alumacraft canoe, Steve, Berkshire Outfitters, Adams, MA 413-743-5900.

### Racing Canoe – Excellent Condition

2004 Wenonah J-193 solo, 18 ft, 23 lbs. \$1500. Call Leon 372-8396

### Car for Sale

1985 Classic Buick Riviera, 102 K gentle miles, very good condition. Syracuse, NY  
Pat George 315-656-9362 \$4995

## Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: [burton@mybizz.net](mailto: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.



## 2007 Bike Ride Schedule

May 31	Terry Tamer & Geoff Moore
June 7	Bob Miller & Carol Hamblin
June 14	Towpath Regatta No ride
June 21	Don Patneau de Kiwanis Park
June 28	Kim Copenhaver Saratoga
July 5	Jan O'Hare Clifton Park
July 12	Lois & Will Seyse Galway Lake

### 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 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 ¼ 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 de 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 onto Fitch Road (1<sup>st</sup> left after Stewarts Shop). Stay right onto Chapman Hill road, travel up the hill, and take your 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**July 5 JAN O'HARE - 383-4768****45 Glenbrook Ct., Clifton Park**

From Albany take Northway to Exit 9, go left on Route 146 for a short distance to a right turn on Plank Road which you will follow for 8 or 9 blocks -- watch for "Woodcliff" on your left, the next left is Glenbrooke Ct. Jan's house is the first on left past "dead end" sign, park in driveway on right. From Schenectady (West) take Route 146 East to a left onto Bruno Road. Right on Plank Road (at the end), First right onto Glenbrooke Court.



The start of the May 3 bike ride from the Niskayuna town park

**July 12****Lois & Will Seyse****Galway Lake - Phone # - see below**

Lois and Will Seyse will host from the camp on Galway Lake. Take 147 North out of Scotia to the Light in Galway, Left at Light (just past Ryan's Funeral Home). Right onto Lake Road at top of hill (one mile from light). Do not follow road to the left (you will be lost). Stay on Lake Rd. for 1/2 mile. Turn Left into Ruback's Grove (small sign), there is a Picnic Pavilion on the left just inside the grove. Bear right onto the road just past the Pavilion. Follow the SWC signs (very small) and camp is on the left (It may say Buhrmaster on it). The phone is **882-1830 that night or 382-1757 days** to let them know you are coming. **Bring Bathing suits!!** There is a great beach and a fine selection of watercraft.

**Names and Numbers to Remember****Board of Directors:**

Bill Schaefer, Pres	H 370-0229
Pete Weykamp, VP Administration	H 785-6433
Anna Dugan, VP Nordic	H 489-5092
Kathy Perrego, VP Activities	H 869-1155
Dorie Valenti, VP-Alpine	H 334-0652
NNYP President	(open)
Lat Schmidt, Secretary,	H 372-2915
Ray Asselin, Treasurer	H 355-1882
Walt Kangas, Lodge Director	H 370-5136
Tony Dorangrichia, At Large	H 435-9981
At Large	(open)
Rich Vanderwood, At Large	H 368-1149
Jon Skalwold, Past Pres.	H 382-8458

**Others:**

Jean Burton, Membership	872-2333
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Phone numbers in the Ski Chatter are in the 518 area code unless otherwise noted. WEB Site: [www.swc-nnyp.org](http://www.swc-nnyp.org)

## Your Dues are Due Now!

Your Club year runs from June to the end of May so as of May 31 your dues are due. We will be changing the Clubhouse door lock combination so make sure you pay your dues now. Every year we have folks who "forget" to pay their dues in June and it results in more work for our hard working volunteers who have to track the membership and get out the cards (when they get printed). **Send in those dues now!!!**

## Thursday Night Biking Season Kickoff Celebrated

The biggest gathering in recent club memory (32) turned out at Niskayuna Town Park on May 3rd for the first ride of the season. A near perfect night was marred only slightly by the very late arrival of the pizza delivery guy to our tailgate party. Gina was forced into serving dessert first. Dorie Valenti hosted our 2nd ride from her home in Delmar. Her timing was perfect as she led us back just before the skies opened up. The tried and true lesson here is don't be scared off by threats from your meteorologist. Come on out and join us for a ride, and if the weather happens to get in the way we can still enjoy the goodies your host planned.

For details on upcoming rides check the schedule inside the Chatter.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 7 Bike Ride Bob Miller & Carol Hamblin  
June 14 Towpath Regatta Scotia to Rexford  
June 15 Spring Picnic at the Crossings (Friday)  
June 21 Bike Ride Don Patneau de Kiwanis Park  
June 23-24 Hiking weekend at the Clubhouse  
June 28 Bike Ride Kim Copenhaver Saratoga  
July 5 Bike Ride Jan O'Hare Clifton Park  
July 6-8 Paddling weekend at the Clubhouse  
July 12 Bike Ride Lois & Will Seyse Galway Lake  
July 20-22 Paddling weekend at the Clubhouse  
July 23-25 Canoe/Camping at Browns Tract  
August 10-12 Bike weekend at the Clubhouse  
Every Thursday bike ride at 6:30 Sharp

## 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 South Pavilion anytime after 3 p.m. with the barbequing to begin at 5:30 p.m. There are 4-5 miles of biking trails, plenty of grassy areas on which to play games and a pond to relax by. The park has a great playground for small children and a great 'maze' near the playground for kids big and small.

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!

*Getting there:* From the North take Northway Exit 4, turn left on Albany-Shaker road to the park. From the South take Northway Exit 4, go left onto Wolf Road and then right onto Albany-Shaker Road past the Times Union Building and Colonie Library. Take a right at first light into the Crossings Park and follow the park road to the end where you will find the south pavilion and parking.

## Thanks from Shields

This is to thank all of you who sent me get-well cards and fruit baskets and visited me while I was in rehab recovering from the joint-replacement operation on my right hip. I didn't know I had that many friends. It makes me feel warm all over just to think of it. I am still going to physical therapy where they work my body to help me recover some of the strength I lost while my new joint was knitting up, and the therapy is working. Bless you, good people, for your kind wishes.

Shields Bishop

## President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer

I write this note to you one issue earlier than I thought I would have to - Responsibilities come quick!

Over the last few years I have come to learn about many of our past presidents. SWC does indeed have a rich heritage. Most recently in a Chatter article, I learned about past president Paul Lozier. The club has been fortunate to have such leaders over its 75-year history.

The club has also been extremely fortunate to have its volunteers. After many years of service Howard Westerholt is turning the lodge chair to the capable hands of Walt Kangas; Dawn Knutson is passing the torch - (did I hear Ed Miller is coming out of retirement?) Cyd Bishop has just completed a board term and is now spending more time with Shields.

Where would we be without these volunteers? There are many un-sung volunteers who continue to serve which makes this be great club. Bill and Gina Kornrumpf who have kept the lodge open, the bike rolling and the Chatter in our mailboxes for longer than I have been a member. And where would we be without Jean and Warren Burton who keep our membership roles up to date so we can have our Membership Cards and Chatter? Thanks to Alan Foster we also have a Blade.

The club also has volunteers for Club House Hosts, Bike Ride Hosts, Trip Planners for ski and paddling trips, parade float makers, work weekend workers, paddling hosts and teachers, and others I am sure I have left out and hope I have not offended.

The club has existed for 75 years because a lot of people care enough to take a turn keeping a club function going. This I have learned more than anything about our Club. I hope to continue in the fine example set by these dedicated volunteers who keep our club running. Thanks for letting me work with this coming year!

## Membership Card Delay

We are experiencing a delay with our printer in obtaining membership cards for the '07-'08 season. Please be assured that if you have sent in your membership for the new season your membership has been recorded. We will send out the new cards as soon as we receive them.

## What a BLAST! By Ray Asselin

The first weekend of May, Bill Schaefer and I invited six of our fall canoeing friends to the Club House and we had a great weekend! We left early on Friday and stopped to test Magic Hat beers in Burlington. Then we proceeded to the house for lunch. After lunch we had so many options like to tour Cabot Cheese factory, Ben and Jerry's, check out Stowe or relax and enjoy the conversation. We chose the latter and enjoyed the spring sunshine as well. A couple of guys put together the new club grill. Late afternoon was the grand tour of the area including the Trapp Lodge. Bill pointed out that the stage in the meadow is the best place for a spectacular sunset! Then we returned to the house for a BBQ. Saturday morning, after a large breakfast, we adventured to Moss Glens Falls, which we could have spent the day viewing, climbing and laying in the sun, but we didn't! It's a short walk and we also had plans to explore the bike path. Riding along a beautiful stream, crossing several bridges, and checking out a stone gazebo made for a perfect ride! Other friends found wonderful covered bridges, and then they joined us for lunch. Unfortunately, our first destination, Smuggler's Notch, was still closed. Returning back to the house we stopped at the reservoir. It's a super picnic area in easy walking distance from the house, though it is uphill on the way back. My favorite spot is on top of the knoll, which allows a better view of the water. We were tempted to use the Club canoes but the air was still very cool for water sports. Three of the guys went soaring over the mountains for forty minutes in a glider and lived to tell us about it! Saturday night was red wine tasting, provided by some of the guests, and followed by New York Strips grilled to perfection. A fireside chat concluded the evening. Sunday started with cider donuts from next door followed by a pancake and sausage breakfast. Some had to leave after doing dishes due to distance, while others continued to explore the area. Bill and I held our passenger captive not wanting to leave. We did a few things around the house, toured the village and had lunch on the deck at Gracie's. As we left reluctantly at 4:15, we left relaxed and happy with our trip. The total cost for lodging off-season and food was only \$55 per person. We all had a blast and three of the non-members signed up before leaving, while the others will be talking to their families about joining SWC. We will be posting links to the activities and an event calendar on our website [www.SWC-nnyp.org](http://www.SWC-nnyp.org) very soon.

## Clubhouse Corner:

### Spring and Summer Special Weekends at the Clubhouse

Here are the plans for **FUN ACTIVITIES** at the Clubhouse this summer. 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 may have a fresh coat of paint in the ladies room by the time the summer rolls around.

### 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. [gl Schmidt17@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.stoweflake.com)). To see what's happening in Stowe this summer visit [www.gostowe.com](http://www.gostowe.com).

## Canoeing Weekend July 20-22

Kathy Perrego and Ed Miller are joining to chair a canoe weekend at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite toys: bike, canoe, kayak, hiking boots, credit cards, whatever. Kathy has great plans for dinner and Ed will serve breakfasts and lead the canoe trips. One trip will be around the Waterbury reservoir, which finally has water in it. Paddling on the Winooski and/or the Green River Reservoir are also possibilities. Contact Ed at 489-7216 or via e-mail at [Miller430@aol.com](mailto:Miller430@aol.com) for reservations.

### Browns Tract Canoe Camping July 22-?

Coming home from the clubhouse on Sunday, July 22nd, Mary and Ed plan to go to Browns Tract state park near Raquette Lake Village for 3 or 4 days of canoe camping. You are invited. We are allowed a tent on our campsite so if interested in camping, contact Ed (above). Otherwise, let us know when you arrive at Browns Tract and join us for the next day's paddle.

### 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 countryside. 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"!

### 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](http://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.

# **Membership Application 2007-08**

**June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008**

Schenectady Wintersports Club & Northern New York Paddlers  
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Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

For Family Membership, please indicate

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Names and Ages of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_

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;

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

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

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

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in Club administration? If so what areas \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in working with the NY Capital District Ski Council ( )

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to SWC and mail with the completed application to the above address.

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