

SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Club Meetings Starting Sept 6!

Annual First Meeting Get Together

The first meeting will be the Club centric fall get together with your SWC friends. Meet the new Board members, hear about the improvements to the Club House, find out what direction the Club is going, and the latest news concerning the Club. We'll have time to hear about plans for winter activities! Dorie Valenti is currently forming the BEST race team in the area! Shall we party at Grafton Park or Maple Ski Ridge this winter? Discuss different ideas to have fun at the Club House? What's it all about? This is a meeting you will not want to miss! It's a great opportunity to voice your opinions, give suggestions, see friends you haven't seen in the summer and ask questions. The meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of the Hibernian Hall at 1748 State Street in Schenectady**. We have a spacious meeting room with no stairs to navigate and generous parking right outside the door (You can park in the Bowling Alley parking lot). Even better, the cost of liquid refreshment 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 the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** 1748 State St. on the right.

Ski Equipment Sept. 20 Meeting

Doug (Goldstocks Sporting Goods) Roylance will be our featured speaker at the Sept. 20th meeting. He is back from his trip to the annual ski show with news of all the new skis, skiwear, and gadgets. Doug has all of the new ski equipment at his shop and will be telling us all about the new trends in skiing. He was able to try many of the new skis last year and can help you with your new equipment. As always, the meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

Renew or Be Removed

This is your last Chatter/ Blade if you have not renewed your dues. Renew to stay informed and benefit from club membership. Membership is required for Cheap Ski Days, Clubhouse use, Paddling results and updates of your favorite sports.

We have made an exception for the forgetful members this year and have continued to send the Chatter/Blade through this issue. Your Club year runs from June to the end of May so as of May 31 your dues were due. When members "forget" to pay their dues in June our hard working volunteers have to track the membership, change the mailing list and then add you later when you remember that you need the Clubhouse combination or need a cheap ski ticket. Remember, the Clubhouse door combination will be changing and you will need your new **GREEN** membership card. **Send in those dues now!!!**

Third Meeting of Season Oct 4

Pete Weykamp is still trying to firm up the meeting speaker for October 4 as the Chatter goes to press. We hope to get your next Chatter out to you in time to let you know what is happening then.

Speakers Needed Call Pete

If you have heard a great speaker (outdoor sport oriented) call Pete Weykamp, VP Admin (785-6433) and he will contact the speaker and set something up. Pete really needs your input so call him now so he can lock in those great speakers.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sept 1 Deadline for Mt. Tremblant trip sign up
- Sept 6 First meeting of the new season
- Sept 20 Ski Equipment with Goldstocks
- Sept 28-30 Leaf Peeping at the Clubhouse
- Oct 4 Meeting (See next Chatter for more info)
- Oct 5-8 Paddlers Weekend at the Clubhouse
- Oct 12-14 Fall work weekend at the Clubhouse
- Oct 18 Meeting
- Oct 20 Accolades of Praises Party
- Nov 2 - 4 Capital District Snow Show (Albany)
- Nov 17 Sch'dy Holiday Parade (march with SWC)
- 1 Dec 8 & 9 Warren Miller Movie Palace Theater

President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer

This time last year the club had quite a different feel then it does now. We were facing significant work at the Clubhouse and our location for club meetings was sold forcing a quick and uncertain move. What a difference a year makes. We are again at the Hibernian Hall for our meetings and we are going into the winter season with the Clubhouse in full operation after the multi year effort of upgrades.

The good news gets better. We have our Warren Miller notices for shows with some really great times. We have had one of the best summers of paddling and bike rides. Even the price of gas has come down.

What does all this good news mean? In the words of Warren Miller, "If you don't do it now, you'll only be another year older when you do." (or something very close to that) So think about doing something while the going is going well. Plan a trip to Stowe this fall or winter. Autumn in Vermont is world famous and we have family friendly rates at the Clubhouse. With the discounts for skiing as we have had at Jay Peak, Stowe and more, you just can't get a better deal for family skiing.

Warren would encourage you to take advantage of those end of season deals on bikes, canoes, and kayaks. Best of all, with the club you never have to do any of these activities alone. Come to a meeting this fall and find those members with the same interests, or try something new. You will find all levels and abilities in your club members.

Warren Miller's "Playground" **Save the Date 12/8 & 9!**

As our hottest day of the year has just passed, an email arrives from Warren Miller. SAVE THE DATE – 12/ 8 and 9. We understand the movie "Playground" will have two shows on 12/8 and one show on 12/9 at the Palace (Albany). We will put details on the website as they come in, including a link to the movie trailer. This sounds like a great alternative excuse to stuffy Christmas parties and spending the day or night at the mall shopping. REMEMBER – the tickets the club sells make money for your club, and this is our biggest fundraiser. When the time comes, please buy your tickets from a club member. We do not make money from the box office.

ACCOLADES OF PRAISE PARTY **Saturday, October 20**

This year's auditions for the SWC ski team will take place on Saturday, October 20th, at the home of your VP of Alpine Skiing, Dorie Valenti, 24 Plymouth Avenue, Delmar.

Commendations for the 2006-2007 season will go out to Pete Pfaffenbach for donning a brilliant blue spandex and for attending ALL four races; to Walt Kangas for skiing fast, really fast; to Bill Kornrumpf for trying once again to master brawn with brain and not quite but almost succeeding; to Pete Weykamp for his unending competitive spirit which will surely send him screaming through the gates lickety split and almost faster than Walt and for bringing two new racers into the SWC family fold: Stetson Tanner and Larry Callahan, both of whom skied like pros consistent with the great SWC tradition; to Denis Nadas, William Schaeffer, Ray Asselin, and to Mary Weber Kuykendal for showing excellent form during our invitational at Gore, and to Cash Jones for almost making the sign up deadline; to all of our junior racers: Peter Valenti, Ian Weykamp, Christian Weykamp, and the infamous and always great Casabone kids, who this year will surely be able to drag their father into the mix; and always great thanks and praises to our gatekeepers, Gina Kornrumpf, Jon Skalwold and Kim Copenhaver.

Also special thanks to all of the cheery cheerleaders whose praises and encouragement helped us attain our lofty goals.

In keeping with the great SWC Ski Team tradition, all those who audition automatically make the team, and all those who do not audition will be asked to join the team and all those who do not audition and who do not join the team will be asked to shower the team with accolades of praises.

The SWC Ski Team NEEDS YOU!

Your Editors Need Articles

Your tireless Editors would like to request that you send in more articles for the Chatter/Blade. The Chatter/Blade is how we keep all the members in touch and the editors rarely censor any of the articles. Email articles to Allan Foster at adfos@aol.com or Bill Kornrumpf at wkornrumpf@ieee.org

Clubhouse Corner:

Bike Ride Weekend Report

The August 11-12 weekend turned out to be a perfect late summer weekend: moderate temperatures, no rain, good friends at the Clubhouse, and many different bike rides for the 18 members joining Walt Kangas for his Biking Weekend. The rides ranged from a leisurely ride on the Burlington bike path and causeway to a serious ride up to Smugglers Notch and around to Jeffersonville and Johnson. In between were shorter trips along the Mad River and the Stowe bike path. If biking was not your event, there was the Stowe Antique Auto Show and parade. The food was prepared by new member Earl Lahna. After an appetizer of steamed mussels we had pork tenderloin roasted over an open bed of wood coals, fresh corn and grilled veggies. The meal was finished off with a three layer fresh strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. You really missed an event if you missed this one. See you next time.

Fall Events at the Club House

Sept 28-30 Leaf Peepers Weekend with Jean & Warren Burton hosting.

Oct 5-8. Paddlers Fall Weekend with Anna Dugan

Oct 12-14 Fall work weekend

Look at the Glorious Colors 9/28-30!

Vermont is beautiful in all seasons, but the fall is spectacular. Plan to come to the Club House the last weekend in September (9/28 to 30) to enjoy the foliage. This is the **Annual Stowe Oktoberfest Weekend** for those interested in things German. There will be lots of opportunities for canoeing and other recreations. In addition, Warren Burton will lead those interested in some photography expeditions. This is a no-brainer for awesome photos. Bring your camera, your canoe, your hiking shoes, and your smile. Give Warren and Jean a call to make a reservation, 872-2333.

Paddlers Weekend Oct 5-8

Anna Dugan and friends will be hosting the annual Paddlers fall weekend at the Clubhouse. See next months Chatter/Blade for more information. Call Anna (489-5092) to sign up.

Fall Work Weekend Oct 12-14

This fall we will be making the inside of the Clubhouse more presentable with fresh paint and some new woodwork and doors. We are looking for quality painters (ones that get the paint on the walls and not the floor or friends) to help with these tasks. We are looking for good carpenters to help with the woodwork. Call Bill Kornrumpf 370-4017 to sign up.

Clubhouse Reservations for 07-08

Ed Miller has volunteered to be our Clubhouse reservation coordinator this season. **Reservations for the new season will open on the night of October 18th at the regular club meeting in Schenectady. There will be no telephone or Internet reservations accepted until after the November 1st meeting.** After Nov 2nd, Ed will accept both phone and Internet reservations in addition to reservations at the meetings.

The reservations email address and telephone number will be published in the next Chatter. Do not call Ed before Nov 2nd as he is instructed to put you on the black list if you bug him early.

Record Breaking Bike Night

The Kornrumpfs set an all time attendance record (35) at their Thursday night bike ride. No doubt they drew such a crowd curious to see the chaos at their construction site, formerly their home. At least the patio was finished. A big thank you to our other hosts this past month- Charlene and Dave Campanelli, Patricia Evans and Paul Kurowski, Bernie and Celia Mansbach, and Allen Vollmer.

Gina Kornrumpf, your ride coordinator for the past 4 years, is looking for a replacement for next season. She would welcome your offer to take over for a while, and will supply you with a database to get you started. If you've enjoyed riding with your club please give her a call and volunteer, 370-4017.



Denis, Gina, Bill, Terry, Walt & Judy at the top of Smugglers Notch on the Clubhouse Bike weekend

2008 Ski Trips: Sign Up Now

SKI 93 WITH SWC FEB 24 - MAR 1

Bob Wright is organizing a weeklong ski trip to NEW HAMPSHIRE from Sunday Feb. 24 to Sat. March 1. The plan is to ski six major N.H. areas including Attitash (1750'), Bretton Woods (1500'), Cannon (2146'), Loon (2100'), Waterville (2020'), and Wildcat (2112'). We would stay 3 nights at Lincoln and 3 nights at North Conway. Costs are expected to be reasonable with local dining out and car-pooling where feasible. Call Bob at 279-1428 days or e-mail at wright19@nycap.rr.com to reserve your place.

THINK SNOW! Ski Trip Plan Mont Tremblant Mar. 23 – 30 (08)

Editors Note: This is your last chance to make reservations for this great sounding trip

Warren and Jean Burton have decided to seek out snow as far north as Quebec. They have located chalets that will hold 12 people in comfort. Would you be interested in a week of fabulous cross-country skiing?? One chalet has an indoor pool, some have saunas, and all have fireplaces, full kitchens, linen provided, washer/dryer and more. If you're a downhill skier, Mont Tremblant is an easy ride down the road. The chalets are south of Mont Tremblant where cross-country trails go on for miles and miles. The plan is to extend skiing into late spring, with the good skiing up north, probably the week of March 23, 2008. The plan is to arrive Sunday evening (car-pooling) and stay until Saturday. Meals would be jointly prepared. The estimated cost of housing is ~ \$220 per person and food another \$50 or so. The cost of tickets or activities in the village would be in Canadian dollars (an advantage to us). If you are interested in this adventure please contact us by email (burton@mybizz.net) or phone 872-2333. We understand many people cannot make a commitment at this time of year for March of next year. Nonetheless we will need a firm commitment, with a deposit of \$100 per person by September 1st. Space is limited, so let us know your level of interest sooner than later. *Warren and Jean Burton*

Change Of Address Notices

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

SWC Goodies on Sale

To celebrate **SWC's 75th year**, we have SWC decals in two sizes, patches and a great SWC logo fleece.

The larger decals (2.5 inches) are great for helmets and car windows. The smaller (about half size) are great for ski tips, poles, and helmets with limited space for a decal. The decals will help make your equipment unique (easier to find in the ski rack and harder for someone to accidentally take the wrong equipment). They also make good conversation starters while riding the chairlift. The patches can be sewn on jackets and ski bags. Displaying these gets our Club visibility out in the world and helps recruit new members. The Fleece is from LL Bean and have the SWC Logo embroidered on the chest. They're a lightweight black 1/4 zip pullover and are in both men's and women's styles. Cost is \$40 each, payable to SWC.

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

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

Walt Kangas, 1061 Waverly Place, Schenectady NY 12308 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
Anna Dugan NNYP President	H 489-5092
Lat Schmidt, Secretary,	H 372-2915
Ray Asselin, Treasurer	H 355-1882
Walt Kangas, Clubhouse 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	H 872-2333
Gina Kornrumpf Bike coordinator	H 370-4017
Bill Kornrumpf, Chatter Editor & Facilities at the Clubhouse Coordinator	H 370-4017
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Dorie Valenti Webmaster	doriev@verizon.net
Ed Miller Clubhouse Reservations (Number soon)	
Clubhouse at Waterbury Center	802-244-8918



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Paddlers' Potluck – One More Coming

The last scheduled potluck of the season was held on Monday Aug 6 at the Kiwanis Park on Route 5S, and started closer to 6:30-7:00 pm, so some paddling could be done beforehand. The water has been perfect all summer. As before, people brought a hot or cold dish for the group, their own beverages and camaraderie – SWC/NNYP supplied the rest.

But stop the presses, folks. The powers that be have decided that people had such a good time that we will have one more Potluck (did I hear hurrahs in the background?). That's right folks, the really, really last Potluck for this season will be held on **Monday, September 10th**, the **second Monday of September** (instead of the first Monday) because of the Labor Day holiday. We hope to see all of you there.

The August 6th Potluck followed an evening filled with good exercise as many paddlers prepared for the 90 Miler race from Old Forge to Saranac Village. The other members supported them with their best wishes.

The noisy camaraderie of the 28 club members as they made short order of the wonderful assortment of covered dishes that were brought to share, was evidence of the great success of this outing. Hearty thanks go to Sandy Brien for bringing the meat and rolls, and to Terry Tamer for lugging those boxes of condiments and supplies in the absence of Mary Bruno, our steadfast hostess for many, many, many of these potluck suppers. To Joe Nicolletta, George Jamack, Ray Smith and Mel Kincel, (without whose help the hot dogs and hamburgers would not have been not only cooked, but cooked to perfection) we send a special "Thanks Guys!" And last, but never least, a number of desserts "to die for" were devoured.

And now a note to Mary: We all missed you at this latest Potluck. This time, and this time only, we will accept your excuse of not being able to attend since you were hospitalized. However, we will have no more of those excuses in the future. Our potluck was just not the same without you. So hurry and get well because we will be looking for you to host the Paddlers' September Potluck on September 10th.

.....Kathy Perrego

YOUR Dues are Past Due NOW

We have extended the Blade/Chatter mailing by one month to give you all a chance to pay your dues. The mailing list will be purged and this will be your last Blade if you have not paid your dues. It is not nice to treat our volunteer membership list keepers badly by not paying your dues on time. They have to purge the list and then put you back on when you decide you need the features that come with being a member of NNYP/SWC. If anybody asks why they didn't get their Blade, tell them to pay up now. You can remind them that the NNYP/SWC fiscal year runs from June to May so their dues are past due.

Scuttlebutts

To Mary Bruno's friends that missed seeing her at the recent paddler's potluck -----

Mary was in the hospital getting fitted out so that she can do kidney dialysis at home. Hopefully in a way that doesn't prevent Mary from canoeing and taking part in her favorite SWC events. The prognosis looks good; she feels fine and is chafing a bit because her Dr won't let her canoe until the surgical wounds heal. She is counting the days.

She wants to thank her friends that hosted the paddler's potluck and hopes she will be able to play an active role on the next one on Sept 10. Ed Miller.

Your Blade Editor and Lois finished their 9000 mile trip around the US (Albany-Seattle-San Francisco-Yosemite-Yellowstone-Albany) in their 13-foot trailer. Other than wearing out the Subie tires, everything went well.

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 Patneude's house at 741 River Road. Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483.

SWC-NNYP Events and Races

These are the remaining events/races for 2007. 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)

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. 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).

Battenkill Watermelon Canoe Trip

Your Editor apologizes for not getting this in earlier – it was an example of US Mail while he was on his trip.

This always-pleasant Batten Kill trip was ably run by George Schmidt's family (George owns the take out property). His sons, Lat and Phil, were lead and sweep canoes. A grandson in a kayak would stop just above each tricky spot to coach people on the best procedure. With quite a large group, I believe we had only one upset. The water level (USGS gage was 4.4 ft @ 240 cfs) was high enough that little wading was needed. A few sprinkles of rain didn't seem to dampen our enthusiasm for this trip. We ate lunch in a light drizzle, watching the gray clouds disappear. Another gray cloud later on gave a few more minutes of light rain but it didn't last, so we took out at the A-frame cabin in sunshine and enjoyed the traditional watermelon. This was a joint trip with NNNYP/SWC/ADK. Attendance was very good – at least 16 people came but I believe not every one signed in on the clipboard. Thanks again to the Schmidt family for what has become a very nice annual tradition.*Betty Lou Bailey*

Brown's Tract Campout – July 23-25

This was a trip that Ed Miller and Mary were planning to lead, but Anna Dugan stepped into the breach with news of Mary's "indisposition". Mary need not feel threatened, however, because her favorite campsite is already waiting for her next year.

"A few of us ventured on without our Leaders-- Edgar, Mary J. and I, joined by Will Holt and Nancy Hauenstein on Wednesday of that week, and what a beautiful day that was! The stream connecting Brown's to Raquette Lake was full of beaver dams, about ten of them. My brand new Hornbeck was "a snap" getting over the dams, as its lightweight hull is perfect for such settings. Even lifting it onto the car is a breeze, and I highly recommend these boats to any one. Tracking is fine, faring no worse than a two-person canoe, and Peter Hornbeck even makes a Kevlar Hornbeck for two; also he offers one with special padding, gunnel to gunnel for a dog! Anyway I digress...back to the trip, it was a perfect day: the sun shone brightly and the water was just delightful.

On our lunch break, an interesting thing happened: we heard what sounded like sleigh bells! Reindeer? Santa?

Five dogs, with bells on, came bounding down a dirt road behind us, followed by a very healthy senior lady on a road bike, zooming down the hill and across our path. In her retirement, she has bought a house on top of a mountain at Inlet, thus realizing her lifelong dream. She reminded me of several of you members who would ask me what I do for enjoyment, which then made me realize how much I had put myself last in life. (Thanks, Tony E, Sophie, Jens and Ruth, Mary B and Ed, Mary J). Very inspiring people, all of you! Why didn't I have an SWC application for that lady?!

Anyway, we paddled through the winding paths, enclosed at times by tall reeds we rustled and jostled our way past; pickle weed, with its tall bluish-purple flowers; lily pads and their lovely white or yellow flowers; and a family of six to eight ducklings too close to their mother to count accurately. Upon returning to Brown's Pond, true to form, Nancy jack-knifed (?) off the boulders, and we swam by the campsite to cool off. After being treated to a delicious meal of buffalo burgers and fixings by Mary J, our day turned into a crystal clear, bug-free evening by the fire. Absolutely perfect!

Here's hoping we're all together next year for another wonderful camping trip.

Oh--almost forgot...yes, I was frightened by bear sounds right by my tent. Fortunately, the trailer making the noise finally took a shower, and I knew a bear couldn't growl for quite that long a time. Phew! Saved again. :-)

Submitted by *Anna Dugan*

Riverwalk – Sept 30th

The 17th Annual Riverwalk will take place on Sunday, September 30th. It is a family day of fun and education along the Mohawk River. The NNYPaddlers will join in to bring our expertise for an interactive, hands-on activity to the Girl Scouts and public attendees, introducing them to canoeing and/or kayaking safety and skills. It all takes place in an atmosphere of fun, with hiking, biking and rollerblading along the bike path. In past years, from 2,500 to 3,000 people attended the three sites: SCCC, Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, and the Lock 8 location where we will be situated.

A shuttle bus carries the visitors between the two Schenectady locations throughout the day, regardless of weather. Setup begins at 10:00 am, and the event is open to the public from 11:30am-4:00pm. It will be publicized to the community, so all are invited-- families, friends.

Contact Anna to volunteer for an hour a two, or more. Lunch provided but bring your own drink. This event is held regardless of weather, so if you sign up, you should attend. Either call 489-5092 or email at adugan@nycap.rr.com, and do try to attend--it will be fun!

Anna Dugan

For Sale

(Ads will run for 2 issues. Renotify editor for renewal)

Racing Canoe – Excellent Condition.

2004 Wenonah J-193 solo, 18 ft, 23 lbs. \$1300. Call Leon 372-8396

Solo Recreational Canoe.

'07 Wenonah "Vagabond" 14'-6" Graphite ultralite layup, 24 pounds. Used twice by an 82 YO fisherman who decided he needed something more balanced. Near perfect condition. Fast & sleek. \$1600 firm. Contact Lat Schmidt 372-2915, gl Schmidt17@yahoo.com

C2- Crozier USCA Marathon.

18' 6" carbon, twin bailers, w/cover, mint \$2200. 18'6 C-1 Kevlar Wenonah J202, mint, w/cover, \$1600. 18' Kevlar Jensen C-2 mint \$1300. Steve, 413-743-5900

News Updates

It's happening out there, so please get any Blade news items to Allan Foster: adfost@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12th of month. Email is preferred, but not necessary. I'd suggest putting NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb. However, if you are going to use US Mail, I'd suggest letting me also know by phone, just in case I will be out of town

Old Forge Classic Record??

We received a very nice note from Lydia Kosinski, along with her SWC/NNYP membership dues (her credit rating will not take a nose-dive!!!!). Lydia mentions that this Sept 7th will be the 21st time she has raced in the 90-Mile ADK Old Forge Canoe Classic. She believes that this may be a record for our club. So any one who wants to challenge her let us know, but I know where I'm putting my money. Her recollections:

"I have now completed 20 of these onerous but fun events. I started in 1987 and did 19 with the same partner, most (past 15 years) with the same boat, a Jensen-18. [Strange how much heavier it seems to get each subsequent year...]

How many other NNYP-ers have ever done it? I see many of NNYP-ers in the race, but haven't a clue re the overall stats for NNYP: re # of members having completed it and how many total times, etc.

We signed up after reading an article about it in Adirondack Life. I will admit that we thought we read that the overall winning time that year- around 12+ hrs., was the finish time for the 1st day--- had we known what kind of competition we were up against we'd have thought better of it, I think, in retrospect-- we had a short & heavily reinforced wood gunwaled rec boat. However, it was Kevlar so they didn't know what to do with us & so put us in CC class along with Beavers & SuperAluminums. Those were the years when there was a continuous racecourse, no auto-portaging to the discontinuous start lines for each day.

My partner, Jas Yolles, and I do it strictly for fun-- not racing but just enjoying the beautiful Adirondacks. Best we ever did was a legit 3rd years ago- so we "retired". No CCs or pro-boats for us. - we'll leave that to the young/serious guys". *Lydia*

STATEWIDE EVENTS/RACES

More at nycmra.org or macscanoe.com/awa

Adirondack Canoe Classic

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

Long Lake Long Boat Regatta

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

Membership Application 2007-08

June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008

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

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Northern New York Paddles
PO Box 228
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Name _____

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 _____

Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members _____

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

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

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 _____

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