

# SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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## 14 Years of Florida Canoeing photos by Ron (Big Tony) Tersigni Meeting April 10

Ron has been attending the annual Florida mid winter canoe adventures for 14 years now and has amassed a photographic record of the treasures and trials of the trips over those years. He will be showing his slides on the new SWC high definition projector at the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

There is a social session (7 to 7:30) where you can catch up on what is happening in the Club, programs start at 7:30 before the business meeting.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St.** is just east of Rt 7 (the Cross town) in uptown Sch'dy. From Sch'dy take State St. toward Albany. It is on the right 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 St. (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 St. (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.

## Elections, Club Status & Ice Cream April 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

This is our last meeting of the SWC/NNYP year. It will be 4 long months before we have another chance to get together at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians**. You will be voting for the candidate of your choice for our Club board membership at the meeting. See the slate of officers in the adjoining article. We will be showing slides of this year's events and have a brief update on the summer happenings from our events leader Kathy Perrego. Then it is on to the main order of business with an Ice Cream social.

The meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Apr 10 Meeting: Photos of Midwinter Canoeing with Ron Tersigni  
April 18-19 EMS Club Appreciation 20% off Sale  
Apr 19 NYCDSC Banquet  
Apr 24 Meeting: Elections and Ice Cream Social  
Apr 26 -29 Women's Retreat at the Clubhouse  
May 1 First Bike ride of the season Holly Hawkes  
May 8 Bike Ride Niskayuna Park Bob & Charlotte Distel  
May 10 -11 Work weekend at the Clubhouse  
May 17-18 Spring Fling at Clubhouse Ed Miller Chair  
July 25 27 Luau at the Clubhouse with Anna & Sophie  
August 8-10 Biking weekend at the Clubhouse

## Bike Rides Start May 1

Join riders of all skill levels every Thursday from May through September to get some exercise, enjoy the outdoors and socialize afterward over pizza.

The rides begin **May 1** with a ride from the home of Holly Hawkes in Burnt Hills. The rides are relatively easy over mostly flat roads north of Burnt Hills. The rides will continue every Thursday evening starting promptly at 6:30. See the article elsewhere in the Chatter for more details about the rides and how to find Holly's house.

## May 10-11 Clubhouse Work Weekend

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

## SPRING FLING May 17-18

We are planning a spring fling at the SWC clubhouse for May 17-18. We will have a couple of canoe trips. There are lodge canoes, and maybe paddles and PFDs but it's a good idea to bring your own if you have them. If it is too windy for canoeing, I will probably go looking for wildflowers and I always like company. I hope to have someone else lead more vigorous hiking trips and in the past there has been biking and even shopping. Plan to bring your favorite toys. You can sign up via the Clubhouse reservation system: [swclodgeres@yahoo.com](mailto:swclodgeres@yahoo.com) or after April first by calling Ed Miller on 518-489-7216.

## Notice of group Clubhouse Use

It is the policy of the Clubhouse to let you know when there will be moderate sized groups at the Clubhouse during the summer. You need to let Walt Kangas (370-5136) know if you plan on hosting a summer group so we can get it in the Chatter.

Bill Schaefer is planning to have a reunion group of friends at the Clubhouse **May 2-4**. Not exclusive, but be aware there will be folks up there to share with.

## Whiteface Club Appreciation Days

Whiteface has \$35 tickets for Ski Club members on 4/7-8. The regular price is \$64. You have to show your membership card.

**President's Corner:** by Bill Schaefer

We are into the time of year when we start to see more rain than snow fall from the sky and the snow that melts along our trails fills the riverbanks for our paddlers. It really is a perfect club – there is no complaining as we shift from one season to the next. Lots of activities no matter the season.

It only took a moment of reflection to know how I should use this space this month. This issue nearly completes another year of SWC, now going on 76 years old. What would a club be without its volunteers? It would not be a club. It would not exist. You might not have someone to paddle, bike hike or ski without the year around efforts of the volunteers.

Much like the academy awards, it is dangerous to recognize individuals as you might miss someone who did a lot, but slipped your mind because it is a different season. It is worth the risk.

Thank you to the Board – you have made the decisions that have kept the Club running. You have met every month of the year, kept the club financially viable, relevant and most of all, made sure everyone would have fun. You paid the bills, maintained the website, planned races, x-c days, events and parties. You made the club function.

Thank you to the MANY Volunteers – Jean and Warren for processing our 807 members, Dawn for mailing all those Jay tickets, Ed for all those Clubhouse reservations, to all of those who stood in the cold spotting a race gate or in the heat helped a paddler in a race or crew for the 90 miler. To everyone who hosted an event, a hike, a paddle, a bike ride (Thank you Gina for organizing the summer rides) hosted a weekend at the lodge, a moonlight cross country outing, getting the Chatter/Blade out every month (Thank you Bill and Allan), kept the Clubhouse operating, (Thank you Bill, Walt and clubhouse volunteers), and who am I forgetting? As soon as I finish – I will think of many more. I also want to say thank you to the “significant others” who supported those who volunteered.

I would also like to thank those who helped the club with either expertise or financial contributions. Your support is very valuable to our future.

**As we end 07-08, many of last years volunteers have said “count me in for next year”. With those commitments, the club goes forward to its 76<sup>th</sup> year.**

**NORDIC TRIPS- HOTLINE 370-0304**

Call the Nordic hotline to join a trip. Contact Lat at 372-2915 or glschmidt17@yahoo.com to open your outing to club membership or for information.

**Slate of Officers**

The following slate of officers has been nominated by the nominating committee for your consideration. If you would like to nominate some other person, you can present that nomination from the floor at the elections meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>

President	Bill Schaefer
VP Administration	Pete Weykamp
VP Nordic	Anna Dugan
VP Activities	Kathy Perrego
VP-Alpine	Dorie Valenti
NNYP President	Open - (This was covered by Anna Dugan in 07-08)
Secretary	Lat Schmidt
Treasurer	Ray Asselin
Clubhouse Director	Walt Kangas (appointed)
At Large	Tony Dorangrichia
At Large	John Reck
At Large	
Past President	Jon Skalwold

**58<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital District Ski Council Banquet April 19**

The annual NYCDSC banquet will be held at Mallozzi's at the Western Turnpike Golf Club at 2354 Western Ave in Guilderland on Sat April 19.

Cash Bar and Hors D'Oeuvres to start at 6:00 pm, with a sit-down dinner to follow at 7pm.

The dinner entree selections include: Chicken Parmigiana, or, Sliced Sirloin of Beef served with, Oven Roasted Potatoes, and fresh Seasonal Vegetable. Also included – House salad, rolls & butter. Dessert will include a selection of Villa Italia Pastries & Cookies, and coffee & tea.

We will be recognizing all of the top racers in the council, as well as the incoming and outgoing Council officers and board members, plus a few other surprises!

Ticket prices are \$35.00 pp, and can be obtained through your ski club reps, or by contacting Maria Lattanzio, VP Activities NYCDSC via email: [marial12203@yahoo.com](mailto:marial12203@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** NO tickets will be sold after Wednesday, April 16, 2008!

**EMS Club Days April 18-19**

Eastern Mountain Sports will be holding club appreciation day April 18-19 with a 20% off sale for Club members. In addition to the 20% sale, there will be some in store clinics during the event. You can contact Emily Durrant, Outreach Coordinator, 518-482-0088 and edurrant@ems.com

## Women's Retreat at the Clubhouse April 26-29

Because we had so much fun last year, Ronda Anderson and Gina Kornrumpf are hosting another women's retreat this spring, bigger and better than ever. This special event includes 3 nights lodging, daily morning yoga, healthy but enticing food, including breakfast, lunch (box option) and dinner. **The highlight of your stay will be a Day Spa Package at the Top Notch Resort** in Stowe, where you will immerse yourself in the luxurious spa experience! Enjoy a whirlpool, sauna and steam and then relax by choosing one of the following 50 minute services: clay body mask, Swedish massage, combo massage, aroma mountain massage, reflexology, craniosacral therapy or Reiki. In addition to the use of all pools, private lounges, sauna, steam, whirlpool and juice bar, you will have access to fitness classes, (like Pilates mat class and Yoga), and a gourmet lunch in the Buttertub Bistro. Visit their website at [topnotchresort.com](http://topnotchresort.com) and see what a treat you are in for!

Also included in this special event: a wine and cheese welcome reception Saturday afternoon, preparation of recipes from spas like the Green Mountain at Fox Run in Ludlow, Vt., homemade facials and other treatments, and a couple of little surprises. There will be plenty of free time for outside activities and just relaxing with your girlfriends.

The price, which includes all day spa and clubhouse costs, is \$260 for SWC members, and \$280 for guests. For more information or to make a reservation call or email Ronda at 885-0971, [iceanderson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:iceanderson@nycap.rr.com), or Gina at 370-4017, [gkornrum@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gkornrum@nycap.rr.com). They will send you the complete schedule. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required by April 1 to secure your space, which is limited.

### Attn Season Pass Holders:

#### An additional way to save money

Do you have a season pass but hate the holiday crowds? Try a non-holiday pass next year and go to our Clubhouse in VT for the holidays. I saved several hundred dollars on my season pass, and paid only \$20 per night for lodging and skied a quiet Jay Peak for \$35 dollars. No crowds and very little money. On top of that, don't forget gas in Vermont is about .25 cents per gallon cheaper and you can fill up right across the border in Fair Haven.

## Bike Ride Schedule

May 1	Holly Hawkes Burnt Hills
May 8	Niskayuna Bike Path
May 15	Available
May 22	Available
May 29	Available
June 5	Geoff Moore & Terry Tamer

Our season officially begins on **May 1** with Holly Hawkes hosting from her house in Burnt Hills. **Hosts are still needed for this season.** Please call **Gina** (your ride coordinator) at **370-4017** to choose your Thursday.

### Ride Information

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

The rides are usually divided into **longer** for the experienced and **shorter** (less hilly) for the more novice riders. The host provides route maps, and refreshments after the ride, (like soda, beer, snacks, and pizza.) It is customary that **each participant contributes \$6.00** towards the host's expenses.

### Directions to Rides/ Host Homes

**May 1**      **Holly Hawkes**      **399-2596**  
**14 Davids Lane, Burnt Hills**

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

**May 8**      **Niskayuna Bike Path**  
**Charlotte & Bob Distel 372-7016**

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

## Clubhouse Corner: Clubhouse for All Seasons Happenings

Our extra Clubhouse Days last spring and summer were very successful! There was a 100 % increase in events over the year before! Best of all, members enjoyed Vermont 100 % more! Some of the activities will be repeated; however we will be creating more weekends this year **with the help of volunteer hosts and activity directors.**

April starts out with a **school vacation April 12 – 20.** If you can't go to Florida this year, but you need to entertain the kids...The Clubhouse is the spot! Take the kids swimming for the day at the Swimming Hole (featured in a previous newsletter,) visit the Aquarium in Burlington, spend time at the Teddy Bear Factory, see a Glass Blower at work, bike on five miles of bike trail that starts in Stowe Village, and have a picnic followed by ice cream after a tour at Ben & Jerry's! At night, feature a movie on a large screen using the club's DVD player and projector. Popcorn anyone?

**April 26 -29 Women's Retreat** is a special time for the ladies thanks to Gina Kornrumpf. (When's Men's Weekend?) Please see Gina's article.

Stowe is featuring a **Weekend of Hope on May 2-4** for people diagnosed with cancer, cancer survivors and their families. Club Members may want to plan a gathering at the Clubhouse after attending the seminars to compare notes and perhaps start a support group.

**Work Weekend** is coming up **May 10-11!** Now that safety issues have been dealt with, it's time to decorate! We started painting rooms, adding special pictures of the local sites, and creating useful space to enjoy the house. Adopt a room and display your photography skills with a theme of the local area. A library, WIFI, and fixing up the recreation room has been mentioned. Don't let Bill K. work you past 5 PM on Saturday, because the champagne toast will start without you! And why not plan a fun activity for Monday or bring up your mother/wife for mothers day?

May also has a **Spring Fling** of paddling, biking and hiking with Ed Miller **May 17 & 18.** Ed will lead the paddling trip, however he will need leaders for the other two events. Please read the article for details.

We have a **Golf Weekend** planned this year! Tony Dorangrichia and Bob Gartley will be organizing that weekend. Check out Vermont's best courses! The 19<sup>th</sup> hole will be the Clubhouse!

**Culinary Week** is **June 13 -22**, so stay the week! How about a Culinary Evening after attending seminars June 14 or June 21?

Gardener's will enjoy the **Garden Festival June 27-29**, and then have dinner at the Clubhouse with spring produce. We need hosts for these events.

How about attending the **Hot Air Balloon Festival July 11-13** and bike or paddle during the day! Interested in hosting?

The **Arts and Crafts Festival** is **July 25 – 27**, which will be a great weekend for a **Luau!** Once again **Sophie Leary and Anna Dugan** have offered to host this popular event. Reserve early because last year it was a full house!

**August 8 -10 is Antique & Classic Car** weekend. It's a great weekend to visit the covered bridges, the countryside and waterfalls as well. Try out your photography skills! **Walt Kangas will be hosting and leading a biking outing.**

On **August 16, Pedal for Paws** helps our furry friends and offers 3 cycling tours. It concludes with a BBQ. No cooking that night! However, we need a host.

Please call Ray Asselin, 355-1882, if you are interested in hosting or organizing any weekends. Kathy Perrego is the keeper of the calendar. She'll make sure that nothing is double booked and the events are spaced out. We would like to have most of the events planned prior to our last meeting on April 24(The Ice Cream Social). Remember, you don't have to have a host to make your Clubhouse stay a success. Just read the instructions for the heating system and treat the house like your own and leave it cleaner when you leave that when you arrived.

## Clubhouse Reservations for 07-08

Ed Miller, our Clubhouse reservation coordinator is still taking reservations till the end of the ski season. During the summer, you will need to contact any special event host that is listed in the Chatter.

Ed **prefers that you e-mail** your reservations to him at [swclodgeres@yahoo.com](mailto:swclodgeres@yahoo.com). Please use "SWC reservations" on the subject line of your e-mail reservation. Include: your **name, names & gender of all** with your party, **arrival & departure dates**, room preferences, if you will be **eating Sat dinner** and your phone **number**. Only if you do not have email, you can call him at our **new reservation number (518)-522-5474** between **10 am and 10 pm**. Make sure that you **speak clearly and slowly** so he has a chance of understanding your message and leave your phone number for a follow up call. You can also sign up at the regular Club meetings.

## Clubhouse Rates Reduced for Kids

There are reduced rates for juniors that we hope will make vacationing at the Clubhouse more affordable for families in both summer and winter.

**Alpine Skiing Corner:** by Dorie Valenti**The Tale of the Yellow Banana**

The best part about the Gore Race was the 10 ft banana; the worst part about the Gore race was that Gore was closed. The ice storm brought down trees that fell on the cables that brought up the chairs and the gondola to the top of the mountain. Most of us showed for the race, and as we drove into the top parking lot, the ski patrol met us and told us the news, probably no race because Gore lost all power. Most of us decided to park our cars and bring in our boots and lunches into the lodge anyway, probably because for a mountain to close on the Sunday and really be closed all day on Sunday seemed like an impossibility but the facts came true about an hour later, as we watched a boarder and his board attempt to climb the slope in front of us, a sheer sheet of ice. He didn't make it. Gore announced that the mountain would be closed all day except for, a slim chance maybe, they might be able to get the Sunway chair going, maybe, but probably not. And so most of us left.

And most of us ended up going into North Creek to find a spot for breakfast and it was in North Creek, while sitting next to the window, that a very large yellow banana, all wrapped in plastic, pulled up next to us. What's up with the banana? A customer behind us asked. Hey, look at the banana! Look at the kids with the banana! That's quite a banana! Leaving the banana attached to the truck, a group of young men entered the café. Hey! Nice banana! The customers called out. That's quite a beautiful banana. What's up with the banana? I asked, for we were sitting next to the window, and next to the door. We've been driving for 6 hours, coming up from Pennsylvania, for the cardboard derby and Gore's closed. Oh yeah! The cardboard derby! They wouldn't even let us hike the banana up the hill for a maiden voyage. So what are you going to do with your banana? I asked. We don't know. Would you like to have it? They asked. (Coming home with a 10-foot banana was an attractive idea for me and I envisioned the banana strategically placed near our 8-foot long paper-mache dinosaur.) The young gentlemen caught wind of my interest. We'd tie it onto your car for you. I looked at my son who looked back at me whose expression was most definitely telling me, not the banana. The young gentlemen iterated, we're driving all the way back home with this banana in the truck, and the driver reiterated. I'm not driving with the banana any more. (The banana must've taken on a life of its own in the back of the truck, all made out of cardboard and duct tape.) No, I'd really like to take your banana, but I can't. But you know! Why don't you leave it on the door stoop of the old train museum? They might want your banana as a symbol of Gore's annual cardboard derby. The idea seemed to give the gentlemen a moment of peace, for not having to discard their banana before turning around and heading back home.

<b>ASC Invitational West</b>		Place
Junior Girls	Liz Goody	1 <sup>st</sup>
Junior Girls	Amanda Vanderzee	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Boys	Peter Valenti	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Boys	Matt Enny	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Womens SuperVet	Anna Dugan	1 <sup>st</sup>
Womens Vet	Dorie Valenti	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Womens Open	Kitty Gelberg	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>SWC Invitational Gore</b>		
Junior Girls	Liz Goody	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Boys	Christian Weykamp	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Boys	Peter Valenti	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Womens SuperVet	Anna Dugan	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mens Class II Team	Alex OConnor	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Bill Kornrumpf	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Chip McCormick	
	Bill Schaeffer	
	Terry Tamer	

**Cross Country Corner:** by Anna Dugan**XC Skiing with Ruth and Jens at the Camp Fowler trip Report**

"Hmnn? Yes!"; "You saw what, where?"; "Okay, it'll be all right. I'll just tell Chris, the manager."; "You can't find it? It should be right there. Yes, here it is!"; and "I sure will do that!".

These are just a few of the many overheard interruptions handled by Ruth Brondel, as she and Jens ease away people's anxieties before settling into a wonderfully relaxing x-c ski weekend, filled with friendly chatter and inspiring Celtic and Nordic music. However this lovely couple does it, I don't know, but it is always, without a doubt, the most enjoyable time for me wherever we are—Climbers' Lodge, Camp Fowler, Lake George, the Clubhouse—anywhere. Last weekend at Camp Fowler was just one more great time with the group. Be sure to see Anne Bailey's photos on the web site and, hopefully, in this newsletter: The snowfall from the roof of our cabin reached halfway up the windows! Other overhangs were frozen about a foot from the edge of the roof, resembling frosting on a gingerbread house. Snow banks were as tall as I am at 5'6", and taller in some cases! The Kumjamuk River trail was absolutely beautiful with the sun shining on icy water and mountains in the background; deer and small animal tracks along the shore or here-and-there through the trails all just filled this nature lover's soul.

So, on behalf of all of us thank you, Ruth and Jens, for your knowledge on the good trails to ski, your hard work, but mostly for your warm hospitality. You outdo yourselves each time.

## 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
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## Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: Jean Burton, PO 46, Gallupville, NY 12073 or [wburton2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wburton2@nycap.rr.com). Do not send to the editors, or the Club PO Box, they will get lost.

## SWC Goodies on Sale

To celebrate **SWC's 75<sup>th</sup> 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 some event 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 **75<sup>th</sup>** celebration.

Walt Kangas, 1061 Waverly Place, Schenectady NY 12308

## SWC Logo Fitness Fleece

We are getting orders together for the LL Bean Fitness Fleece again. These are the same fleeces you have seen on many of your members. Great for hanging around or use as a layer in your ski outfit. This year we will offer several colors. For men: Black, Deep Red, Bottle Blue, Graphite, and Night (navy blue). For women: Black, Deep Red, Dark Plum, Green Tea, Ivory, Sea Blue, and Slate Teal. Cost is \$40 and includes a small fund raising contribution to SWC. Call Walt Kangas (370-5136) with your size and color selection.

## Chatter/Blade on Website

The Chatter/ Blade is timed to arrive at your doorstep for the first of the month.

As it is sent to the printer, we also post it on our website. This means the Chatter/Blade can be viewed about the 20th of the month, or about 10 days earlier. (The best part is the pictures look great in color)

## What's Happening at Stowe?

A great website 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 year round outings.

**Fri, May 2nd - Sun, May 4th**  
**Stowe Weekend of Hope**

A Celebration of Life and Learning for People with Cancer and Those Who Love Them. Stowe Area Association, in partnership with Vermont Cancer Center will host this event which brings together people dealing with cancer to celebrate life and survivorship and to learn about this disease. The weekend will feature many educational workshops, lectures and displays presented by some of the nations leading oncologists, medical researchers, psychologists, survivors and health care leaders.

**Location:** Various locations throughout Stowe

**Website:** [www.stowehope.org](http://www.stowehope.org)

**More Info:** 800-GOSTOWE

**Sat, Jun 7th****North Country Animal League's MUTT STRUTT**

A 5k run/walk to benefit the animals at the NCAL shelter. Feel free to bring your dog along! More details to come.

**Website:** [www.ncal.com](http://www.ncal.com)

**Thu, Jun 12th - Sun, Jun 15th****2008 Vermont International Choral Festival at Stowe**

Stowe will again host the Vermont International Choral Festival. Two hundred singers from across the country will spend a long weekend in Stowe rehearsing and performing under the guidance of renowned choral director, Robert DeCormier. Stowe Community Church will host rehearsals.

**More Info:** TBA

**Fri, Jun 13th - Sun, Jun 15th****Green Mountain Corvette Classic**

An impressive field of magnificent Corvettes will compete for honours in various classes representing more than five decades of production. We will feature a Corvette memorabilia marketplace, and a Corvette corral for prospective buyers.

**Location:** Ye Olde England Inne, 433 Mountain Road

**Sat, Jun 14th****Spring Bounty Festival at the Vermont Culinary Classic**

Free food samples and goods available for purchase from local vendors; live music; kids activities; wild edible identification walk; seminars from local farmers, artisans, chefs and wildcrafters. Pancake eating contest and Mystery basket cooking contests! More information to come.

**Times:** 10am to 3pm

**Location:** Stowe Mountain Resort

**Fri, Jun 27th - Sun, Jun 29th****16th Annual Stowe Garden Festival**

A three-day celebration of garden-related events. Informative seminars, tours and open houses. This exceptionally popular Stowe event was selected by the Vermont State Chamber as one of the Top Ten Summer Events for 2006.

**Website:** [www.stowegardenfestival.com](http://www.stowegardenfestival.com)

**More Info:** [info@stowegardenfestival.com](mailto:info@stowegardenfestival.com)

**Fri, Jul 11th - Sun, Jul 13th****Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival**

One of Vermont's most popular summer celebrations includes a children's corner, live band, great food, beer and wine garden, balloon launches, and tethers! Twenty-five of the country's most prominent balloon experts will launch

Friday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. Saturday July 12th at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday July 13th at 6:30 a.m.

**Location:** Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa

**Website:** [www.stoweflake.com](http://www.stoweflake.com)

**More Info:** 800-253-2232

**Fri, Jul 25th - Sun, Jul 27th****The 4th Annual New Taste of Stowe Arts Festival**

150 Artists - fine art, craft, and cuisine. In collaboration with the Helen Day Art Center.

**Location:** Stowe Events Field

**More Info:** [www.craftproducers.com](http://www.craftproducers.com)

**Fri, Aug 8th - Sun, Aug 10th****51st Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet**

Rain or Shine the Show goes on!! Over 800 antique & classic cars on display. Food concessions, giant automotive Flea Market, car corral. Saturday's Fashion judging contest, antique car parade through town.

**Location:** Nichols Field, VT100, Stowe, VT

**Website:** [www.vtauto.org](http://www.vtauto.org)

**More Info:** 802-253-7321

**Sat, Aug 16th****"Pedal for Paws"**

North Country Animal League's Century Bike Ride. The second annual Pedal for Paws event offers a choice of three classic bicycle rides through the scenic countryside of North Central Vermont. Riders can choose from the 100 mile Century, the 60 mile Metric Century or the 25 mile Fun Ride. Each rider is asked to collect "pledges" for the event's beneficiaries (the dogs and cats at NCAL). There will be a post ride barbeque at the finish.

**Website:** [www.pedalforpaws.ncal.com](http://www.pedalforpaws.ncal.com)

**More Info:** 802-888-5065



# THE BLADE

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## Let The NNYP Canoe Races Begin!

Remember to mark these dates down in your calendar for the Yr 2008 SWC/NNYP canoe race schedule:

By the time you read this, the New York Marathon Canoe Racing Association's 2008 schedule should be published and on its way to members via U.S. mail. It is an exciting calendar with some new events and some changes to long-standing ones.

Of chief interest to NNYP members are our own three races and our weekly time trials. The **Towpath Regatta** will take place on Thursday **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at Jumpin' Jacks in Scotia and ending at Aqueduct Park in Niskayuna. Registration opens at 5:30pm and the race starts at 6:30. Big Pockets Race Director Geoff Moore: gmoore03@nycap.rr.com or 518-435-1704 has agreed to pay the entry fee for everyone.

The **Electric City Regatta** will be a two day event this year. In addition to the NYMCRA amateur points race on Saturday **July 12<sup>th</sup>**, as well as the recreation and fun races, we will have a 4 mile Barton Cup qualifier for youth paddlers. Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> will include a C1 Pro race plus amateur, stock, recreational and kayak races. Any proceeds from Sunday's races will be donated to NYMCRA, the organization that oversees canoe and kayak racing throughout New York. Start and finish on both days will be at Lock 9 Park in Rotterdam Junction. Please help us in getting the word out so our expanded event will be a success. Contact Ed Greiner 518-875-6497, or [eleccityrace@yahoo.com](mailto:eleccityrace@yahoo.com) or visit our website at [www.eleccityrace.org](http://www.eleccityrace.org).

NNYP's third race of the year, the **Barge Chaser** is scheduled for Sunday **September 28**. There is a 3 mile and a 7mile race that includes two short portages. Registration begins at 10am and the race starts at 11:00. Grafton Lakes State Park is a great place to wind up the season with the leaves starting to change in the crisp autumn air. Director Sue Knapik 518-843-8133 or [coitsbb@omh.state.ny.us](mailto:coitsbb@omh.state.ny.us) asks that you bring a dish to share for the potluck picnic to follow the race.

**Time Trials** begin on the first Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be held every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm through September 17<sup>th</sup> at Aqueduct Park in Niskayuna (Mohawk River at the Rexford bridge). The course is 3.65 miles loop on the Mohawk River, and takes from 27 minutes to a week (which is why we hold them only once a week). Sign-up is between 6 and 6:30 and the start is promptly at 6:30 PM; so it works best if you're on the line at the start! It is a good idea to get there a half hour or so early to give you time to set up your boat and do a warm-up run. Regardless of your ability or boat type, these time trials are a good opportunity to track your progress, racing against the clock in differing conditions. It is also a chance to get some pointers from our veteran racers and practice starting in real racing conditions. Registration is free to NNYP members and \$10 for non members (first time is free).

The weekly time trials have become something of a regional draw, bringing good paddlers from Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Long Island, and even Albany. However, anything that can float and be human propelled will find a class to win at the time trials, just check the Thursday Gazette for results. For more information contact Alec Davis at 518-399-1435 or [alecdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:alecdavis@earthlink.net).

If you race canoes or kayaks in New York State, you should probably join NYMCRA. It is a dynamic group, promoting friendly competition and fitness on the water. Find out more at [www.nymcra.org](http://www.nymcra.org).

.....*The Greiners and Alec Davis*

## Florida Off-Season Canoeing

The annual (15<sup>th</sup> and still running) paddling trek to Florida came off with a week apiece on the streams near Ocala and Tampa. The big news was the weather – absolutely perfect. Uncle Donnie, in fact, was canoeing in tank tops (and some bottoms as well), with temperatures that were generally in around the 80's! A real good time was had by these heavy hitters.

Paddlers were Donnie Patneau, "Big Tony" Tersigni, Paul and Patricia Korowski, Patti Pratt, and Tom Kiernan (your Editor and Lois had to postpone at the last minute for another pressing engagement).

## The "Big Tony" Show - April 10<sup>th</sup>

For those who know "Big Tony" (alias Ron Tersigni), you know that he bought some pretty high-powered camera stuff a couple of years ago. He has lugged it around on a couple of the Florida paddling trips, as well as other places – and has gotten into quite serious photography.

Well, BT has agreed to do a slide show at the SWC/NNYP meeting on Thursday, April 10. Come down and see some neat slides - I think they are great.

## What Some Paddlers Have Been Doing !

*These guys must have a perpetual wanderlust in them. Last year it was Sweden, Finland and Russia, as I remember*

..... Editor

Recently the **Empire State Games** were held in Lake Placid in which the following NNYP's competed. In the 10K Free Roy Keats received a 2nd, Alec Davis a 2nd, Alan Linck a 6th, Roger Henry a 5th and Joan Henry a 1st in their respective age groups. In the 10K pursuit Roy received a 2nd, Alec a 3rd, Roger a 6th and Joan a 1st.

Also Alec, Roy, Roger and Joan just returned from **McCall, Idaho** where they competed in the Masters World Cup and the US Nationals which was held in conjunction with the Worlds. There were over 1200 competitors from 23 countries with the US being the biggest contingent with over 660 competitors. Alec placed 1st for the US in the 15K classic and 19th overall; 1st in the 30K Classic for the US and 19th overall; 7th in the 10K free for the US and 28th overall and got 3rd place in the Worlds for the relay he was chosen to be on. Roy placed 12th for the US in the 30k classic and 37th overall; in the 10K free he placed 14th for the US and 31st overall and in the 30K free he placed 16th US and 30th overall. Roger placed 6th for the US and 29th overall in the 15K classic; in the 10K free he placed 11th US and 35th overall and in the 30K classic he placed 7th US and 30th overall. Joan placed 2nd US and 8th overall in the 15K classic; 7th US and 11th overall in the 10K free. A great time was held be all.

*Submitted by The Henry's*

## Tenandeho White Water Derby 4/6

It's that time of year, so get out those wet suits. The Mechanicville Tenandeho Canoe Association and the City of Mechanicville proudly hosts the annual Mechanicville White Water Derby again, this year on Sunday April 6th in Mechanicville. Registration starts at 9AM and the race starts at noon. If not competing, it's fun to watch. Contact Ken Perrault ("lauraperrault" ncreek9@nycap.rr.com, or .664-6781)

The "downriver" race is held from the Coons Crossing Road down to the old elementary school on North Main Street at the confluence of the Tenandeho Creek and the Hudson River.

## Hudson River White Water Races

What would Spring be like without the Hudson River Derby – this year marks the 51<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the White Water Derby. The race schedule is:

Saturday, May 3 White Water Derby Slalom Race!

Sunday, May 4 White Water Derby Downriver Race

For details, contact: Hudson River Whitewater Derby Inc  
c/o Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 84, North Creek, NY 12853, 518-251-2612  
info@whitewaterderby.com

## Scuttlebutts

There were none this month. The world stopped.

## For Sale

CANOE .

24 Lb. 14'-6" We-no-nah. Vagabond, graphite. "A small responsive solo that is easy to handle both on and off the water." Used gently twice on flat water, new in 2007. Lists \$2329, asking \$1829, Call G. Schmidt 2377-9134 or at [schmidtglll@yahoo.com](mailto:schmidtglll@yahoo.com)

CANOE.

Free to a good home: Wenonah 18'6" C2 white water racing canoe. Jensen design. Fiberglass. Needs some repair. Call Ed at 421-2947 or [twobears@nycap.rr.com](mailto:twobears@nycap.rr.com).

CANOES..

J202, Wenonah kevlar, 18' 6" Solo, C-1, like new w/cover \$1,295  
17' carbon fiber Wenonah, Voyager, C-1, like new \$1,295  
18' 6" USCA mixed cruiser C-2 kevlar, good shape - \$750  
Call Steve at 413-743-5900

## Club Canoe Availability

Getting to be that time of year, but remember that we (SWC/NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use by members:

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

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

There are also four canoes for members who are up at the Clubhouse, but no fair using them on Nosedive!

## Keep The News Coming

Your Blade Editor is hungry for news, or even not-so-news. His preference, in fact, is the gossipy, tabloid type – they will always get top billing (did you hear what Sophie Leary was doing on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Wow!!!!!!).

Water sport write-ups, photos, jokes, stories, etc. or activities that might interest the group (like hiking, theater, etc) are fine. Send to Allan Foster: [adfos@aol.com](mailto:adfos@aol.com), 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of month. Put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't Spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb.

# Membership Application 2008-09

June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

How did you hear about the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

This is a gift Membership from: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Interested 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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