



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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SWC Events

Battenkill River Day Trip - Saturday, Aug 11

Join us to float the Battenkill in your canoe or kayak on a day trip planned for Sunday, Aug 11. We assemble at 10:00AM at the first bridge upstream (south) of Shushan, NY, off County Road #64. Pack a lunch and a bathing suit if you like—we typically stop for lunch and a swim in the clear-flowing water. Paddlers must be able to back-paddle, ferry and land quickly in case of snags, downed trees and other hazards that may exist.

We take out near Skellie Road and share refreshments. Contact Lat Schmidt at glschmidt17@yahoo.com or at 802-442-9301. Co-leader and ADK representative for this trip is Bob Wright. Please provide a cell phone number. I will notify you if the trip is canceled at the last minute due to weather.

SWC Summer Picnic - Friday, Aug 16

When: Friday, Aug 16 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM
Where: The Crossings, South Pavilion, Albany Shaker Rd., Colonie
What: A chance to meet new friends and connect with old ones.
Food: Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share.
RSVP: Margaret Parks at 518-250-5452 or email: margaretparks213@gmail.com
Cost: Free
Other Activities at The Crossings: Walking trails, playground, hedge maze, birdwatching. The 130-acre passive park features a pond, acres of meadows, marshy wetlands and extensive wooded and wildflower areas - all of which are connected by 6.5 miles of multiuse trails for walking, running, biking and in-line skating that wind across the natural landscape.

The Great Brant Lake Canoe Race - Saturday, Aug 17

The North Warren Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the return of the Great Brant Lake

Canoe Race. Paddlers will begin at the north end of the lake and paddle 5.5 miles into the outlet, finishing just above the Mill Pond dam in the Hamlet of Horicon. Kayaks and Stand-Up Paddle boards are welcome as well, with categories for each.

The start will be at the bridge at the north end of Brant Lake at 9:30 AM. The race will finish and take out at The Hub's dock upstream from the Mill Pond bridge. There will be a day-of registration form 7:30 to 8:30 AM at The Hub and an award ceremony at 12:30 after the finish.

Meeting Programs for the 2019-20 SWC Year

by Bob Miller

The July Chatter invited SWC members to propose topics for club meeting programs for the coming year. Remember, we are a volunteer organization and your dues are to cover club costs and not a payment to have someone entertain you. Here is the meeting schedule as of this date, all at the Hibernian Hall:

- 12 September Program TBD
10 October Program TBD
14 November Program TBD
9 January Program TBD
13 February Program TBD
12 March Program TBD
9 April Living a season in Puerto Rico

Now it's not quite this bad, but here's some of the issues to be resolved. Ed Greiner is trying to line up a program on local environmental issues as well as a folklore-related program but there's nothing firm yet. We may have a program featuring how bicycle rescue is being done locally. For those who would like to learn more about pleasant nearby hiking opportunities, a program on the new ECOS Seven Nature Preserve Challenge is being investigated. If we are to continue the popular Chili Cookoff, we need a coordinator/organizer for this program.

In view of the demonstrated fondness of our members for food, we hope to have a Tapas Contest, tapas being a Spanish appetizer. Think of bringing samples of a favorite or a new experiment to accompany your beverage from the Hibernian bar, and

following a judging, presentation of an appropriate member Spanish travel experience.

But there's little that's firmly committed. Perhaps someone with a collection of photos would present a history of what Alpine skiing with this club used to be, with picnics on the mountaintop, and Lloyd Lambert's friends' parties at Hunter Mountain and the likes of that. I'm looking for volunteers and ideas yet. Please contact me at bobinaltamont@gmail.com or 518-861-6034.

Editorials

A Word From Your Clubhouse Director

by Bill Kornrumpf

Summer is almost half over for those of us in the North East, but I believe there is much that can be done between now and the ski season based at the Clubhouse. I receive the Stowe Reporter and see that both Stowe and Waterbury have all sorts of events happening during the summer and fall seasons.

While I just missed the Stowe hot air balloon festival, the Vt. Antique and Classic Car Meet in early August is on the same weekend (Aug 9-11) as the Stowe Folk Festival on the Spruce Peak Green. In addition to these big events, there are the smaller Weekends on the Green that features Artisan Markets, food trucks, craft beers and lawn games all in the shadow of Mt. Mansfield with its great hiking trails and toll road to the top for the climbing challenged. But climbing up the mountain will get you in better shape for the ski season when you will need good legs to get down under control.

I counted 5 community theaters who are catering to the summer tourists with productions like Mama Mia, Into the Woods and Cabaret to name a few of the evening events you can enjoy. But then there is also the lighter entertainment available also at the Rusty Nail, Zen Barn and other establishments that provide adult beverages to sip while dancing or just listening to the bands.

Last month I mentioned all the outdoor activities that are close to the Clubhouse. But I didn't mention that Stowe has an ice rink that is open in the summer if you want to get some ice skating in between the biking, hiking, canoeing, and swimming. The Green Mountain Club leads hikes and is organizing a Long Trail Day (Aug 3) where teams will be hiking segments of the 272-mile trail. By the end of the day, all the segments will be covered. The Stowe Trails Partnership organizes group MTB rides every Tuesday night and has great maps of the trail system around Stowe.

While looking through all the organized events in Stowe on the www.gostowe.com website, I found some not-so-common events you can enjoy while staying at the Clubhouse. There is a Night Corn Hole

competition at the Sunset Grill every Tuesday night with prizes even—that is one event you can participate in with a craft beer in one hand. But it takes two hands to enter the Monday and Wednesday Green Mountain Sailing Regatta at the Commodore's Inn. They have radio-controlled sail boats for loan if you don't have your own. It is one place that you can sail a boat and not get wet if it goes over.

You can see why I encourage all of you to take some time off and come up to the Clubhouse in the remainder of the Summer. Enjoy the release from working around the house and all the things that can get in the way of just relaxing and enjoying the out of doors.

Remember to make reservations any time you plan on using the clubhouse. Ellen Bidell will cancel and refund any unused reservations. Email her at swsctreasurer123@gmail.com. If you need to report any problems encountered at the clubhouse, please email me at wkornrum@nycap.rr.com and I will remedy any issues. See you in Vermont!

Housekeeping Items

Your Club Needs You!

After several years as SWC's VP of Alpine Skiing, Dan Kirkpatrick will be stepping down from the position. As a result, the Club is looking for a volunteer to step up and take over the job. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Dan at kirkpatrick80@gmail.com to learn more about it.

Canceling and Changing Clubhouse Reservations:

You Cannot Do it by Yourself!

If you need to cancel or change a reservation, email Ellen Bidell at swsctreasurer123@gmail.com and tell her you would like to cancel/change and how you would like a refund, if needed. You can ask for a refund to the card you used, vouchers for future usage, or gift the money to the Club.

Change of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to:

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126 Polsin Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303-2516

**Do not send to the editor or the Club PO Box; they will get lost*

Submissions for the Chatter

Content submissions for the SWC Newsletter should be emailed to swcchatter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month and should include a contact name and phone number. Content that needs to be run in subsequent Newsletters must be resubmitted each month.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Membership Renewal Application 2019-2020

Membership is from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020

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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.

Interested in volunteering? Circle any that you are interested in: Clubhouse, SWC Board, Snow Show, NY Capital District Ski Council, Activities, Warren Miller Movie, hiking, biking, and other Club help such as outreach.

Make check payable to SWC

and mail with the completed application to **John Boscarino, 126 Polsin Dr., Schenectady, NY 12303-2516**