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Boilermaker Weekend

Sunday July 11 is the boilermaker race. The 15K race starts at 8AM. The 5K short race starts at 7:30 AM. The roads will be blocked off before the start of the 5K race. **Our water station is on Whitesboro street Utica, at the corner of Cherry St** just west of Heintz funeral parlor and across from the fire house. There is some parking on Cherry St, but you won't be able to move until the race is over. Parking is available on Erie St, one block north of Whitesboro St, near Kernon ave or on Kernon if you're early enough. We need people there early to set up the tables and get the water and cups ready. Everyone and anyone is welcome to help, but only those who have signed up by May 15 will be able to get volunteer party tickets and a tee shirt. The **volunteer party** is Fri July 9 at 6 PM at the Masonic home on Bleeker St. Tickets for that will be mailed to you.



Any questions you can call **Andy at 735-0349**, or last minute, **Tom O'Hara at 738-0941** or 525-1858 as Andy will be out of town from July 3 to 9.

Andy

SARANAC THURSDAY NIGHTS



June 3rd, OBLIQUE June 10th, REUBEN JAMES June 17th, CRAZY FOOLS

June 24th, GRIDLEY PAGE July 1st, HOT STEPPERS July 8th, UNITED BOOTIE FOUNDATION

July 15th, SIMPLE PROPS July 22nd, THE BOMB July 29th, VERTIGO Aug. 5th, STAGE ROAD

Aug. 12th, SHOWTIME Aug. 19th, GRIDLEY PAGE Aug. 26th, REVISION Sept. 2nd, JOMAMA & SOULTRANE

Great Time

May 16th Kayak/canoe Trip down the Otselic River was GREAT. Sunshine and no blackflies as promised. Twenty members enjoyed the day with three rookie kayakers. We even had two people go swimming at "Maureen's Tree". Fantastic picnic followed. Thanks to all that helped make the day enjoyable.



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General membership meeting

Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, (see calendar). Guests are always welcome.

HAPPY HOURS:

(Begin after work, although, many arrive after 6)

June 4th, Bucky's Rome
June 11th, Kitty's Utica
June 18th, Tiny's Utica
June 25th, Waterfront, Ilion
July 23rd, crazy clam, Sylvan Beach

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

June 5th, Kayaking west Canada Creek
June 18th, MWPI summer bash
June 19th, CANAL PICNIC
June 26th, Kayaking 9 mile swamp
July 11th, Boilermaker Water Stop
July 16th, Party @ The Dorn's Clinton

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

May has come and gone: there was golfing, biking, kayaking, social hours, not to mention the Hi-Way Clean-up and Spring Banquet, but wait there's more in store.

June: More biking, kayaking, golfing, also tennis, roller blading, Music, (Classified) at Munson-Williams, and don't forget the Lock 20 Canal Picnic.

Keep reading your newsletters and e-mails for other activities and events scheduled for this summer:

Camping, Boilermaker, Beach Party, Hiking, Raquette Lake Cruise, Tubing, for example.

Thank-you to Andy Reath and his crew for cleaning up 5B on May 1st, Kudos to Virna Thibault and committee for a beautiful as well as interesting Banquet at Dibble's (dancing on the ceiling anyone??) Finally Thanks, cousin Tom for coordinating a great day kayaking the Otselic River and party/picnic afterwards at your camp. And it was all you promised sunshine, no blackflies, etc....

That's all for now. **Ski you later. Pat OH**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING @ 6:30 PM
AM LEGION POST 1113 WHITESBORO
DOOR ON RIGHT, RING BELL
MEETING DOWNSTAIRS**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

**HEATHER (337-2818) or
CATHYDESTITO (334-9372**

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE

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MWPI June 18th,

A One - Two Punch

Happy Hour & Summer Bash at Munson Williams Proctor Institute.

Friday, June 18th, **First**, We're Meeting for Happy Hour at Tiny's Grill on State St at 5:30 pm
Then, we'll head over to Munson Williams for their Munstitute Mixer / Summer Bash at 7PM.
Classified, Featuring Cool Jazz, Hot Brass will Play from 7-10 PM Under the Festival Tent
Between The Museum and Fountain Elms. General Admission is \$10 / \$5 for MWPI Members.
Free Beer & Soda. *Also Don't forget that the **MWPI ARTS FESTIVAL** is from June 22nd to June 27th, with entertainment nightly under the big tent.*

Mid-September Golf Outing

" date - TBA, location - TBA . Start practicing now.....fun outing, look in future newsletter.....Sign up with Tom O'Hara at oharatom@dreamscape.com

Summer Camping Trip



This Year , we are camping at Golden Beach on Raquette Lake on July 30th – August 1st. we'll be on the loop they call bear alley. Campground includes hot showers, swimming area with Sandy Beach, & Boating. Quiet Hours are 10 pm – 7 am and are STRICTLY Enforced.

Cost for this great outing is only \$ 15.00 DEADLINE FOR SIGN UPS IS JULY 13TH
The park is about 1 ½ hrs North on Rte 28, 4 miles from Raquette lake Village. There are many hikes and kayak trips : short hikes – Wilson Pond, Tirrell Pond; Longer hikes include Blue Mtn, Black Bear Mt, Sargent's Ponds, Owl's Head Mtn. Some Kayaking can be done on Raquette Lake, Blue Mtn Lake, and the Marion River.

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO : CAMPING , PO Box 327 New Hartford NY 13413; Checks payable to:
GE SKI CLUB Inc.

NAME _____ ADDRESS: _____
CAR MAKE _____ LICENSE PLATE # - _____
PHONE # - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. Participants are completely and individually responsible for their own actions on all trips and activities and bear the burden of liabilities thereof.
2. Participants by signing this agreement, agree to hold 'The Club' harmless and waive all right of regress for any injuries sustained, and for any other liability whatsoever that may arise during the course of the trip.
3. This policy applies to all trips without exception and to other Club activities at the discretion of the activity leader and the Board of Directors. **I have read the G.E. Ski Club Inc. trip policy. I understand and agree to abide by them fully.**

SIGNED : _____ DATE: _____



Annual West Canada Kayak Trip

We will be kayaking the west Canada from Putnam Rd. to Newport on Sat June 5th, meeting at 10 AM by the junction of rt. 28 and Putnam rd. bring a lunch for mid day break. We need to do a shuttle to get the kayaks back to the start. There are a few small rapids to negotiate along the way. Questions call Bill at 865-6156

Kayaking the 9 mile Swamp

We will be kayaking the **9 Mile Swamp** on June 26th, We will **meet** at the Great American parking lot in **Clinton at 10:30pm**. From there we will head south on rt. 12B to Deansboro, turn left onto rt. 315 to Waterville, then right on to rt.12. We stay on 12 past rt. 20 for 8 miles. At Green road cross the rr tracks then turn onto Wickwire rd. Bring a lunch. For more info contact your **Trips Chairpeople**.

June Bike Ride

Wednesday -6/2: Oriskany Bike ride (after work - 6:00). Take Rt. 69 (Oriskany Blvd) from Utica. Just before you Reach Rt. 233, there is a small parking lot on the right next to Stanwix Lumber Co (now Pic-N-Pay). We'll ride along the trail to Oriskany that follows the original Erie Canal. Surface is flat hard-packed gravel. Up and back is approximately 10 miles. Call Ed Campbell (336 -3510) for more info.

Clinton Bike Ride

Bike Ride , June 16th - Meet 6 PM in Clinton In Parking Lot across from Grande's Pizza (the old Cawley's) . We'll do a moderate 10-12 mile ride around Clinton avoiding any major Hills. There could be a stop for Ice Cream afterwards!!!
Ron G

Utica Bike Ride



Utica Bike Ride with dinner @ Kitty's on the Canal

Wednesday 6/30 (after work - 6:00 PM). Directions: Take Rt. 69 (Oriskany Blvd) from Utica and travel west. Turn right on Rt. 291 and look to your right to find the trail head and parking. We'll ride along the trail which follows the Erie Canal and runs adjacent to the Utica Marsh. We'll stop at Kitty's on the Canal for dinner (next to the Utica Marina) and then head back along the same trail. Surface is flat hardpacked gravel. Distance is approximately 10 miles. Call Ed Campbell (336-3510) for more info.

Hi-Way Clean-up

Thanks to Andy and his crew of seven for their wonderful job on May 1st. Once again, no showers and yes, we can keep up our signs on Rt.5B Again thank-you to Andy Reath, Heather Martin, Mike Hardiman, Mike Agen, Gail Charzuk, Ron Squires, and Bess and Barb. Pat O'Hara

A little pick me up was had by all who helped on highway clean up day, garbage that is. Eight hardy volunteers spent just over an hour making our section of Middle Settlement Road pretty again. Not to many strange things were found except for maybe the house gutter system down spout laying in the ditch. We then treated ourselves to some coffee and donuts at dunkin. The club would like to thank all that helped with this. So stay tuned as we do it again in the fall.

Thanks again. ANDY

Tube the Esopus Creek with the Town Tinker

On Saturday, August 21st, we'll be white water tubing with the "Town Tinker" down the Esopus Creek in Phoenicia, NY in the heart of the Catskills. This trip is new to us, but based on comments of those who've been there, it's a great deal and lots of fun!



We'll be meeting at **8:30 a.m.** to carpool the 2½ hour drive. Both the novice and expert tubing courses down the Esopus are about 2 ½ miles long and take about 2 hours. Exciting rapids, fun flumes and calmer stretches mark the novice course, while white water rapids mark the expert course. [Other activities available include camping, hiking, horseback riding, and touring the historic and rustic town of Phoenicia.]

Inner tubes with seats rent for \$12 each, and the open boxcar train ride back to the starting point is \$5.00. Optional gear – helmets, creek sneakers, life jackets, etc. – are available at an additional cost. (A better deal is the rental package @ \$20.00/person, which includes inner tube, life vest, and transportation back to the starting point.)

If this outing appeals to you and you'd like more information, by Wednesday, **August 11th**, contact either Karen McBride @ 724-2359, skiesprit@aol.com, or Diane Palmer @ 732-8574. Complete information on white water tubing is available at: www.TownTinker.com and at www.CatskillPark.com.

Raquette Lake Luncheon Cruise



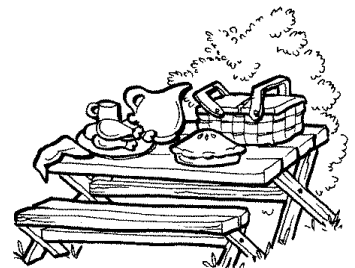
This summer, get ready for a cruise on Raquette Lake aboard the *W. W. Durant*. We are planning a luncheon cruise (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) on Saturday, July 24th in conjunction with the Tramp & Trail Club. [Their group went last year and really enjoyed it!] The cruise is narrated and will highlight historical landmarks. The per person cost = \$26.50. Other possible activities would be hiking Rocky Point with Tramp & Trail at 2 p.m., touring the Great Camp Sagamore, visiting the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mt. Lake, or taking a dip in Inlet's public beach. We will be carpooling for this, leaving Utica at 8:15 a.m.

If you'd like to *be aboard* for this luncheon cruise, please send your payment (\$26.50) to ATTN: "Raquette Lake," GE Ski Club P.O. Box 327, New Hartford, NY 13413 by Saturday, July 10th. Any questions, please call Karen @ 724-2359; or send an e-mail to Skiesprit@AOL.com.

Lock 20 Canal Picnic

June 19th - 11:00

\$4.00 per person



Bring your own food to grill.

Club will provide grills and beverages.

**Any questions e-mail Virna Thibault at
mood772000@yahoo.com or call at 725-0166.**

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Tennis 6 pm SUNY Call Betty 865- 4333	2 Bike ride old Erie Canal Oriskany 6 PM	3	4 Social Hour Bucky's Rome	5 Kayaking West Canada Creek
6	7 Golf Hamilton College 5 pm	8 Tennis	9 Roller blading Griffiss Tech park 6 pm	10	11 Social Hour Kitty's Utica	12
13	14 Golf	15 Board Meeting 6 pm @ Am Legion Whitesboro	16 Bike Ride Clinton 6 pm	17	18 MWPI Tiny's Grill	19 Canal Picnic Lock 20 11 Noon
20	21 Golf	22 Tennis	23 Roller blading 6 pm Griffiss Tech Park	24	25 Social Hour Waterfront Ilion	26 Kayaking 9 mile Swamp
27	28 Golf	29 Tennis	30 Ride and Dine Utica Erie Canal 6 PM			

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July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4	5 Golfing Hamilton College 5 pm	6 TENNIS SUNY COURTS 6 pm	7 ROLLER BLADING 6 pm Griffiss Tech Park	8	9 VOLUNTEER PARTY 6 pm	10
11 BOILER MAKER WATER STOP	12 GOLF	13 TENNIS, BOARD MEETING	14 BIKING	15	16 PARTY THE DORN'S	17
18	19 GOLF	20 TENNIS	21 ROLLER BLADING	22	23 Social HR. CRAZY CLAM SYLVAN BEACH	24 CRUISE RAQUETTE LAKE
25	26 GOLF	27 TENNIS	28 BIKING	29	30 CAMPING GOLDEN BEACH	31 STATE CAMPGROUNDS

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INTERCLUB COUNCIL NEWS

Events and ski trips sponsored by Clubs in Central New York State.

The Tramp N Trail club is looking for 4 more people for their Western Trip To Glacier National Park , Aug 30th- Sept 9th . This trip will feature hiking, biking, kayaking and more. More info is available from John Gilbert at 942-5176 or email: jwt@tlelnet.net

We Have Joined The NY Capital District Ski Council. This Gives Us The Opportunity To Ski Mainly During The Week When It Is Less Crowded And Very Affordable With The Albany Area Ski Clubs. Check Out The "Council Days" On The Out Of Control (OC) Ski Club's Website At Ocskiclub.Org , Then Click On CDSC Council Days For A Schedule Of Trips . Their Trips Are To Eastern NY And Vermont.