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## GE SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Spring Banquet

**Chesterfields Restaurant**

**April 30, 2005**

**Cocktails (cash bar) from 6 PM to 7 PM**

**Dinner at 8 PM**

**Music and Dancing from 8 PM to 11 PM**

**Cost \$ 27.00**

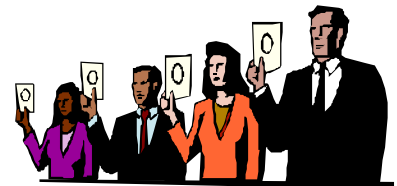
**Sign up deadline in April 15, 2005**

**Call Virna Thibault -725-0166 or**

**Sue Torres - 7247461 or**

**E MAIL at [social@geskiclub.org](mailto:social@geskiclub.org)**

## **Vote April 05, 2005**



**Come to the April Meeting and cast your ballot for Officers you want to represent and work to get you the best year of exciting activities and events. With your help and great officers we can have a great club. Do your part and**

## **Vote.**

## **BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005**

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	KIM HACKLEY	822-4451

### **General membership meeting**

Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month from Oct. to April. Guests are always welcome.

### **HAPPY HOURS:**

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

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Carmella's Grill New Hartford  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, UNO'S Grill New Hartford  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 257 St eakhouse Utica  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, Cavallo's New Hartford

### **!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Election of Officers  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bike Ride Kitty's on the Canal  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, Contra Dance, Barneveld  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, SPRING BANQUET Chesterfield's Rest.  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, Highway Clean up Zebb's Parking Lot  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bike Ride for Missing Children  
June Tour de cure  
July Camping trip

## **NOTES FROM THE PREZ:**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SPRING???** Don't worry diehard skiers out there, I'm sure mother nature has one more blast for you. But for the rest of us, the board has planned some activities for the warmer weather. As you can see in this newsletter, we've been busy and to top it all off, we have our traditional **SPRING FLING** (banquet that is) and will be introducing the newly elected board. Please fill out the questionnaire on the back of the ballot, so they can start planning activities and meeting programs that you would like.

As a side, I would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. I have really enjoyed being your president and would do it again if circumstances at this time were different.

I have put up my skis, now I'm looking forward to biking and paddling. So I can't say ski you later this time, but maybe see you around.

**Thanks again!!**

**Pat OH**

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:**

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

**HEATHER MARTIN ( 337-2818 ) or  
CATHY DESTITO (334-9372**

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

### **CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE**

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## **Come Dance the Night Away**

**Contra Dance Friday, April 29th  
Dinner is at 6PM. Dance begins at 8PM.**

**Pot luck Dinner and Contra Dance**

**Located at Unity Hall , Barneveld on VanderKamp Ave.**

**A Contra Dance is a called step that features a caller and a live  
Band. No Partners Needed. Bring a dish to pass.**

**Cost is \$10 to cover the band, caller and Hall Rent.**

**Call Janet at 865-8559 for more info. Deadline for sign ups is April 13th**

**Send checks, payable to The Tramp N Trail Club**

**To: Janet Morgan, 7040 Glass Factory Rd, Holland Patent NY 13354**

## **Missing Children Bike Ride**

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is holding its' annual bike ride on May 20. The purpose of the 100-mile ride is to raise funds for the printing and distribution of posters for missing children. 100% of the money raised is used to print and distribute posters. In 2004, 594,272 posters were sent out for 209 missing children; 173 of these children have been recovered. Kathy and Jim White are seeking donations. Please consider this most worthy cause and speak to Kathy or Jim at 853-5946. Other club members participating in the ride and accepting donations are Deb Weakly, Carolyn Morgan, Warren Hamblet and Joe Rizzo.



### **Bike Ride**



The season's first bike ride (to keep those legs in shape) will start at Kitty's on the Canal Sat. Apr 23 at 9:00 am. This will be an easy one to start out with as the canal path is all level ground. We will head in the direction of Oriskany and see how far we get, depending on the pace the group is moving at. We're going to try to time it so the ride will finish up back at our starting point around lunch time so everyone will have the rest of the day for other plans. So if you haven't already done it get those bikes checked out and ready to ride. See you there. Any questions contact Ron S. 542-6781

## **SUMMER CAMPING TRIP**

**The July Summer Camping Trip will be the Weekend of July 22-24th at Rollins Ponds Near Tupper Lake. We have 7 Water sites Reserved. More Information will be coming along in Future Newsletters. Mark your Calendars.**

# XC Corner

We finished the 2005 cross country season on a high note, literally, as we scampered up and over foot-high snow banks to ski near Wayne Franz's new house in the Turin backwoods on March 26. There was more than enough snow to go around on a delightful afternoon highlighted by mild temperatures, brilliant sunshine, scenic views and a hookup with the Tramp & Trail Club on the Carpenter Road trails. Wayne also gave us an opportunity to get lost. Then we tackled one steep downhill before we returned to the party and set up a roaring bonfire.

We had a substantial nine events on GE's Nordic schedule this year. We found good conditions on every ski or snowshoe outing for a remarkable stretch of nine consecutive weekends, stretching from Ed's Beds weekend (Jan. 28-29) to Wayne's chili cook off (Mar. 26).

Thanks to Betty Murtaugh, Tony and Jan Bartolotti (twice), Ivan and Deidra Rankins, Bernie and Mary Miller and Wayne Franz for hosting the club members. I also want to acknowledge the assistance of Virna Thibault, Ron Geiskopf and Pat O'Hara. I will be accepting suggestions ( If re-elected) for next year's hikes starting in September.

For further information, contact Pat Malin, XC chair, at 735-2925 or [writeon7@juno.com](mailto:writeon7@juno.com).



## Highway Clean Up



*It is that time of the year again that our thoughts of being outside enjoying the beautiful sunshine is in our subconscious minds. You can't wait to go for a walk. Well I have just the opportunity for you. Come join us at Zebb's parking lot on May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM, to walk a mile or two. While walking we will (once in a while) bend over and pick up a foreign object. Yes it is highway clean up time once again. After we do our thing we will go have a cup of great coffee at DUNKIN DOUNUTS. Ya all come, ya hear.*



## Tour de Cure Ride

We are Looking for People to Ride the Tour de Cure Bike Ride and Participate in the Fundraiser for the American diabetes Association. This is Held on the 1st or 2nd Sunday in June at the Verona beach St Park. Several different ride Lengths are offered; a 15 mi, 25, 40, and 62.5 mile length. More information will follow as it Becomes available. Contact Mike Hardiman at 732-2826 if you are interested.





## Guest speaker for April 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting



Scott Locorini, owner and founder of Adirondack Exposure, has been in the paddling and outdoor recreation business now for 13 years. He worked for eight years at the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) in North Carolina, where he was a photoboater, a raft guide, a whitewater instructor in both kayak and canoe, retail manager, and trip leader. After NOC Scott managed the instruction program at the New England Outdoor Center in Maine, and then was the instruction and trips manager at Mountainman Outdoors (NY).

A native upstate New Yorker, Scott grew up in and around the Adirondack Mountains. Scott's the quintessential outdoorsman – on any given day you can almost always find him outdoors doing one activity or another, whether it's mountain biking, raft guiding, fly fishing, canoeing, whitewater paddling, rock climbing, snow-shoeing, or cross country skiing.

Scott has paddled and guided all over the world, from the eastern US to Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Switzerland, and Italy. Scott is an ACA-certified instructor in both whitewater and open water kayak, and is also a licensed Maine and New York State Guide. He is constantly updating his certifications in the ACA (American Canoe Association), attending symposiums, and is called upon to teach with other instructors along the eastern US coast.

### Meeting for Fundraiser Trip to Poland

An informational meeting has been scheduled to discuss an exciting trip to Poland, and the magnificent city of Krakow, with its colossal medieval Market Square, the cemeteries and the old Jewish quarter of Kazimierz, as well as Auschwitz, the Wawel Royal Castle, and the Cathedral. A few days will also be spent at one of Europe's most famous spas, Krynica, nestled in a picturesque valley in the mountains, where one can relax in the therapeutic waters, participate in hiking, biking, horseback riding, or even enjoy the exciting mountain views from the gondola railway. The trip will be escorted by HCCC's Professor Emeritus Helen Pannes.

A donation will be made to the Ilion Library for each participant in the trip, similar to recent trips to Italy, Australia and New Zealand. If you would like to be a part of this fundraising Travel Group, or to receive more information before the meeting, please contact Deb Lawendowski at the Cruise Wizards, 768-1700, or Helen Pannes at 315 894-4393 ([pannes@twcny.rr.com](mailto:pannes@twcny.rr.com).)

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at the Ilion Free Library, 78 West Street, Ilion, on Monday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you so much for your help with this fundraiser.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>April</b>					<b>1</b> Social Hour Carmella's N.H. council days @ whiteface \$25	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> General Membership Meeting 7:30 Am Legion Whitesboro -----	Guest Speaker Scott Locorini Kayaking & Election of Officers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Socal Hr. Uno's Grill N.H. council days @killington \$ 20.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Board Meeting New & old Officers Gander Mt. pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bike Ride Meet @ Kitty's on the Canal
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Contra Dance, Barneveld	<b>30</b> Spring Banquet @ Chesterfield's

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**For Sale:** 2 women's ski jackets small to medium - expensive new, cheap now! One red & white, the other black & white. One pair gray ski pants by Columbia, size medium, never worn, tags still on. Also a double width padded (like new) ski bag.\$ 20. Call Marci - 737-8936.

## **INTERCLUB COUNCIL NEWS**

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

**SKI DATES ARE BEING ARRANGED WITH NYCDSC**

**Check out Alpine Corner in this issue**

**You can see the list if you didn't get a copy at our last meeting at**

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