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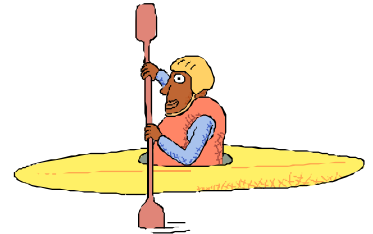
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## No Black Files

### Tom O's Kayak and Canoe Trip



***Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be boating "somewhere TBA" in the Southern Tier, either the Upper Otselic River or the Tioghnioaga River (tie-off-knee-o-ga) near Marathon (Greek Peak). The location depends on the spring rains and the water levels. No white-water, yet lots of fun sharp turns. Advance beginners and up welcome.***

***Meet at 8:45 am in front of Herb Phillipsons in New Hartford Shopping Center. Printed directions and exact route will be handed out. Bring a dish to pass for picnic at Tom's camp after. Few of us are camping over !!!!Want to join us???***

**Contact Tom O' at [oharatom@dreamscape.com](mailto:oharatom@dreamscape.com) or 315.525.1858 after 4pm.**



### 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 June 05<sup>th</sup>, at the Verona beach St Park. Several different ride Lengths are offered; a 15 mi, 25, 40, 65, and 100 mile length. Contact Mike Hardiman at 732-2826 if you are interested.**



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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 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)

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Van's Tavern, Barneveld  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, Piggy Pat's Pub, Washington Mills  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chatterbox, Utica  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, El Chico's Rome  
July 29<sup>th</sup>, Harpoon Edie's Sylvan Beach

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

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Kayaking Tom O'Hara's Camp  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, Tour de cure  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, Relay For Life  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, Dinner @ Horned Dorset, Leonardsville  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, Rollerblading Ononadaga Lake Park  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, Bike Ride Clark Mills  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, Kayaking Lock 20 Marcy  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, Kayaking Prospect Pond, Hinkley  
July 22-24<sup>th</sup>, Rollins Pond camping trip

## **NOTES FROM THE PREZ:**

Well, were off to a great start to the summer, I'm sure we'll have snow soon! But seriously folks, even with May's cold weather we've managed to have fun. The West Canada River trip was great for those of us that went, I'm still peeling from the sun burn! You can ask Ron Squires about the jumping carp on lake delta or Cathy Destito about biking the barge canal. So many opportunities so little time. We've planned some excellent activities for June so if you can brave freezing temps to ski you can brave the 60's to do other activities. Remember when you keep in motion, you keep warm. Hope to see more of you participating. Also please come support the clubs Relay for Life team at JFK school.

Randy

Newsletter Article must be received by **June 27<sup>th</sup>**, to be in the July newsletter

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

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:  
**Donna Pratt ) or  
Roger Pratt—736-1206**  
ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

**CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE**  
UPDATED BY GUY Y AT  
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## Anyone interested in a Boating Trip?

ASK and thy shall receive

**Boating and BBQ on Old Forge Lakes  
SATURDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

**We will meet at HSBC Bank in Old Forge @ 10 A.M.**

**Relax at Katie Smith's waterfront camp on Hollywood Hills Road.**

**There is a boat launch nearby for people who want to bring a motorboat.**

**Call Donna Pratt To get info on where and how to launch.**

**Come join us for a fun day of swimming, boating, water skiing, and BBQ ing.**

**Please bring your own grilling items or cold dish and what beverages you want to drink.**

**For more info contact: Donna Pratt**

**736-1206 or 725-2077 cell**

**E-mail: DonnaPratt@verizon.net**



## **Bike Ride**

**Wednesday, June 22nd.**

**Meet at Frosty's in Clark Mills at 6pm for a relaxing bike ride in the Clark Mills- Kirkland area. This is a re-scheduled trip due to poor weather previously. Frosty's does have Food and Ice Cream , so I'm sure we'll be treating ourselves afterwards!!**

**Call Pat @ 853-6728**

## **Bike Ride**

**Tuesday, June 28th**

**Meet at the Parking area along Rte 291 near the Canal for a ride either along the canal or a loop in the Marcy area. Meet 6pm.**

**Call Ron 732-5926**

## **Bike Ride**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM**

**Meeting at Bev s Dinner in Oriskany**

**Peddle along the Old Erie Canal From Oriskany to Rome and back.**

**After biking we will stop at Bev s for something cold to drink**

**Contact Donna Pratt @ 736-1206**



## Rollerblade, Walk Or Bike At Onondaga Lake Park

Sunday June 19th - Join us for another day at Onondaga Lake Park. This day the Highway will be closed down (From 9am -noon ) for even more space to bike , Rollerblade, etc. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Westmoreland Thruway Entrance.

**Directions:** Thruway (I 90) to exit 38. Turn right onto Oswego St (Rt 57) and go into Liverpool. Turn right on either Vine St or Cypress St and go toward lake. You should run into the park. (Possibly) look for signs for the skate park or Wegmans playground. This is the southeast end of Onondaga Lake Park and there is a parking lot there.

### Highway Clean-up

Highway clean up was a great day. Pickings were slim but we managed to get 6 bags full. We noticed our sign was missing so I informed the DOT about it. They assured me that it will be back in place before the next clean up date. Thanks to Karen McBride, Pat O'Hara, Kathy Green, Skip Manzer, Andy Reath, Mike Hardiman, for a job well done. Thanks, Bill

## Saranac Thursday-August 18<sup>th</sup>

We will be pouring the beer that night and advertising the club. We need 15 or so able bodied individuals to just pour or serve beer that night at the two beer tents. Sign up for a shift of two hours starting at 4:30 to 8 pm. The band that night will be Square Pegs. Contact Pat O'Hara at 853-6728 or Marci Green at 737-8936

Mountain Travel Symposium  
Aspen, CO  
April 6-10, 2005  
By Marci Green

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I had the opportunity to represent our club at the MTS in Aspen this year. I met with approximately 40 tour directors, property owners, ski area representatives, and marketing people from the U.S., Canada, and Europe. There were 126 reps like myself attending and a total of about 300 people all together. It was a very informative, learning, and exciting experience.

Further, meeting and socializing with many other ski club representatives gave me many ideas what other clubs do, how they run their trips, where they go, etc. It's amazing how many ski clubs there are in the south! Some go on as many as 10 trips per season.

With all of this information, Chuck and I hope to make our 2006 ski trips better than ever!

Marci

## Greetings GE Ski Club Golfers!

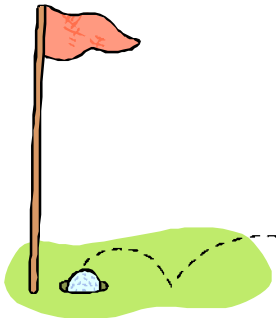
The GE Ski Club **FUN GOLF LEAGUE** started on **Monday, May 16th, 2005!**

Join us for this FUN, non-competitive league! Everyone at **ANY** level of golf is welcome. Come when you can -- no obligation to play every week. And it's only **\$5.00** per 9 holes.

Hope to see you at the **Hamilton College Golf Course** on **Mondays at 5:00 pm.** Feel free to bring along your golf friends. Hope to see you out there!



Directions to Hamilton College Golf Course: 12B (Utica Street) to and through Clinton, stay in the right-hand lane by SUBWAY and follow College Street west. Cross Route 233 and up the hill, near the top take the first right onto Campus Road. Turn left at Loop Road. The 7th Tee will be on your right when you turn. Take the first right in to the parking lot by the tennis courts and park at the far end. The Golf Shack is on the first tee. Sign in and pay \$5.00. See you there!



If you have any questions, please email Jeannine Murtaugh at [jmurtaug@hamilton.edu](mailto:jmurtaug@hamilton.edu) or call her at **859-4339**. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the weekly golf league emails, please have them email Jeannine.

Hittem' Long and Straight!

## Kayaking News



### Kayak Outing After the Boiler Maker



Continue the Boiler Maker fun by joining us for a kayak outing. On Sunday July 10 we will be meeting at Prospect Pond below Hinkley Dam for a kayak get together. We'll meet at **2:30** at the DEC boat access just off Route 365 one mile from Prospect. Bring your sun screen. The past few years we have had great weather for this outing.

Call Paul at 724-2058 for more info.

### Thursday After work Kayaking

On Thursday night **July 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will be kayaking the barge canal from **lock 20** (River Rd. Marcy Near Rt 291), **at 6 PM**. We will put in at the dock and paddle west for 45-60 minutes returning and loading approx. 8 PM. Weather permitting. **Contact Randy Brooke at 225-4544. Please call between 8 AM to 10 PM.** Also I will post a status update to the forum page of the clubs web page a couple of days out and again on that day.

## UPDATED



### Cancer has touched all of our lives.

On June 11-12th We're Participating In The Relay For Life At JFK Middle School On Deerfield Drive East In North Utica. Our Team Will Help Raise Money For The American Cancer Society. To Help Fund Cancer Research. This Is a Very Colorful And Fun Event. It's A Great Opportunity For Our Ski Club To Help Our Community. We Will Be Camping-Out Near The JFK Middle School Track And We Will Have Volunteers Walking Continuously From 12 Noon Saturday Until Noon On Sunday.

Sign up to camp-out with us , or maybe you can spend part of your day with us to walk or help out at our campsite. . We are taking sign ups for 3 hour periods to walk, eat and party with us. Please sign up for one or more of the following time slots:

12noon -3pm            The Party Begins!!    Opening ceremony walk  
3-6pm                    Ice Cream Social, ice cream "hope" floats walk  
6-9pm                    Sausage roast cookout walk  
9-Midnight            Luminaries ceremony walk, Chocolate fondue with Strawberries walk  
Midnight-3am        Starlight walk  
3-6am                    Sunrise and gourmet coffee walk,  
6-9am                    Bagels and muffins breakfast walk  
9-12noon              Strawberry shortcake and Grand Finale walk.

Everyone has been touched by this disease. This is a GE Ski Club function. Please consider being part of our Team. If you can't participate please make a donation. Make checks payable to The American Cancer Society . Here is the list of Entertainment For the Relay for life on June 11 & 12th.

### Sat June 11th

11:00AM	Matt Grainger	12 Noon	Opening ceremony
1:00 pm	Side Street Sisters	2 pm	Calypso
3pm	<b>Gridley page</b>	4 pm	the Dancer
5 pm	<i>Merge</i>	6pm	Balloon Release
6:30	T J KAROKE	7:30	Coersion
8:30	Good vibrations	9:30	Faces of Relay
10 pm	Luminary Ceremony	11 pm	Late Night with Fat Katz comedy club

### Sunday , June 12 th

7 am	Father Bazam – Mass	9 am	DJ - Jo Esper
10:30am	Academy of Music	11 am	Closing ceremony

These acts are on a Main Stage.

We are Looking for some people to walk with us for One Hour, 2 Hours , for an afternoon, Evening or what Ever Fits Your Schedule. We Will have a Hospitality Tent That we Will Man where We sell things to make Money. There will be other groups there as well to offer goods and services also to make money for Cancer Research. It is an interesting Event.

Let us know if you can Help Out.

Paul Zajac 724-2058 paulzajac@excite.com

Ron Geiskopf 732-5926 MAHARONIE@aol.com

# Horned Dorset

We will be going to the Horned Dorset for an evening of fine dining on June 16<sup>th</sup>. I for one am looking forward to enjoying a special treat our own Don Hackley has planned for us. Please let Don Know you are coming by **June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Call Don @ 855- 4159 or E- mail [dhackley@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dhackley@twcny.rr.com)

## G.E. SKI CLUB NIGHT

**Thursday June 16,2005 6:00PM Drinks 7:00 PM Dinner**  
**\$35.00 includes tax and tip**

### Soup

Classical French onion **OR** Chilled mango with smoked peppers

### Salad

Baby field greens with balsamic vinaigrette

### Entrees

#### Grouper filet

Filet of grouper served with a sauce of heirloom tomatoes and basil

#### Filet mignon

Grilled filet mignon over roasted garlic whipped potatoes, finished in a Guinness beer sauce and wild mushrooms

#### Chicken

Sautéed breast of chicken served with a sauce of procutto ham and Madeira wine

#### Vegetable Terrine

Grilled seasonal vegetables layered with goat cheese and wild leeks served with red bell pepper coulis

#### Dessert

Chocolate Bombe accompanied by Donald's famous macadamian ice cream



# Rollins Ponds July Camping Trip, July 22-24th



The club is camping at Rollins Ponds campgrounds, a Great Adirondack Mtn Park, which is about 10 mi North of Tupper Lake, NY. We have 7 “Premium” water sites (site #'s 127,130,131,132,133,134 & 135 ), most are reserved until Monday Morning if you wish to stay until then. Some sites are for Thursday night – Let me know ASAP. if you have any questions ( E mail: MAHARONIE@aol.com; Phone: 732-5926 ). Rollins Pond should be at the top of your list if you like canoes, rowboats, paddle boats or kayaks,( all available for rent at the boat launch livery site), fishing, hiking, bicycling, and Interpreter Activity Programs. Adventurer's can paddle the waterway leading to Fish Creek, or just try their luck fishing in Whey Pond, located adjacent to the livery area, and "stocked" annually with trout. The Large Saranac Lakes, Ampersand Mtn and the Sara-Placid Golf Course are also near by. Amenities: 287 campsites, hot showers, flush toilets, trailer dumping station, boat launch (25 HP or under), boat and canoe rentals, hiking trails, recreation activities program, & volleyball. Campers may use the day-use facilities, i.e. Beaches, at adjoining Fish Creek Pond Campground. Directions: Take Rte 28 North to Blue Mtn Lake, then take Rte 30 North. Follow Rte 30 N Turning Left approx 5 Miles Past Tupper lake, go 5-6 miles to entrance for Fish Creek & Rollins Ponds St Parks. Send your payment to: Ron Geiskopf 485 Van Ellis Rd. Utica NY 13502

Cost: Fri-Sunday:\$17; Thursday-Sun - \$22.

**DEADLINE is JULY 13<sup>th</sup>,**

Make Checks payable to GE SKI Club, Inc. Fill out Below ( or use Trip Form)



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE # - \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # - \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

<<SITEMATES: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_>>

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Social Hour Van's Tavern Barneveld	<b>4</b> Tom O's Kayaking and Picnic 9 am
<b>5</b> Tour DeCure Bike Ride Call Mike Hardiman	<b>6</b> GOLF Hamilton College 5:00 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Relay for Life
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> GOLF Hamilton College 5:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Horned Dorset	<b>17</b> Social Hour Piggy Pat's Washington Mills	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Roller blading Onondaga Lake Park 8 am	<b>20</b> GOLF Hamilton College 5:00 PM	<b>21</b> Board Meeting	<b>22</b> Social Hour Chatterbox Utica also Bike ride Clark Mills 6 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> GOLF Hamilton College 5:00 PM	<b>28</b> Bike Ride Rt. 291 canal park 6 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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## Kayak Safety

I recently went canoeing/kayaking with some old guys from Binghamton and boy, did they have their act together!!! Connect to their canoe club website ([www.ahwagacanoes.com](http://www.ahwagacanoes.com)) to find lots of neat things like whistle and paddle signaling, trip policies, and even links to the water level of any river within NYS. Any trip leader or serious kayaker should check this out!!! Tom O'