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General Membership Meetings

Are held at the Elk's Club on **1315 Champlin Ave** in Yorkville at **6:30 PM**. Meetings are now the **3rd Tuesdays** of every month from **Sept. to April**. Guests are always welcome.

See You All in September!!!

Newsletter Articles must be received by **August 20th** to be in the **September** newsletter and sent in Word format. E-mail to newsletter@geskiclub.org

Membership Forms can also be found on the website at <http://www.geskiclub.org/pdfs/memapp.pdf>

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Board Meetings

Board Officers meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Gander Mtn. store in New Hartford. Aug 11th, Sept 8th, Oct 13th, Nov 10th, and Dec 8th.

If any general member wishes to bring anything up to the board, - they are welcome – but strongly suggest they contact the Prez to get on the agenda.

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NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

AUGUST 2015

The sun finally came out and I hope all are having a great summer with friends and family. I think my garden weeds are taller than my tomatoes !!

July 4th weekend was great for all. Heard lots of picnics & parades were around.

The Boilermaker road race was a big success this year. A little warmer than we like, but the water stop had lots of ice and water for the 1000's of runners. Parties were great. Does anyone know how many of our members actually ran?? Thank you to Andy who did a great job as chairman for this event. - GREAT AGAIN.

Lake Harris was great camping. Different groups each year makes a nice weekend. Easy to make new friends over a campfire and coffee. Summer is still early, anyone camping again as a group?? We are looking into a new location for next year – more details soon.

Organized ski trips are almost set – see the notice from Trip Committee. We will schedule more “local” events as they become public to us.

We will be updating our webpage this fall. Any suggestions?? Any favorite sites that we could “copy”? Drop a note to Tim or Beth with your ideas.

Next month our regular meetings start and the season begins. We are still looking for a few leaders. Many of the events are scheduled, just need a coordinator. This is a great way to learn and help us out. More next month.

Pay attention to news blasts, FaceBook and MeetUp for more info

Thanks to all for your assistance,,,,,Tom and our Team

HAPPY HOURS

(around 6 pm for Happy Hour)

JUNE	JULY
Aug 5th – Savoy Restaurant – Rome – Party on the Deck with music	Sept 11th – Happy Hour – Piggy Pats in New Hartford
Aug 14th – Lake Delta Inn (Rome)	Sept 25th – Stampede's. the old Joels Steak House – Vernon (Rt 365 & Rt 31)
Aug 20th – Saranac Thursday – Classified Band	
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Past Events

Boilermaker Race



Another great race by those people inclined to run either 3.1 or 9.3 miles on a hot Sunday morning. They made it with the help of all the volunteers along the way. I want to thank all the club members who helped at our water station. You all did a great job whether it was a first timer or a seasoned veteran. You helped over 15,000 runners finish. From the ice handlers, the cup fillers, the ice and water cup passer outers, the rakers, the garbage picker uppers, and everyone cheering on the demented people running, it was great.

I would also especially like to thank Kathy White, Marty Baca, and Pat O'Hara who answered the call for extra help for pouring beer at the post race party. I understand they were kept pretty busy. The post race party captain told me they were so thankful for the extra help. The younger people are not volunteering as much and many of the people who have done this for years are getting older and retiring from volunteering. Next year we will probably need to send some more folks to the party to help. In this light the G E Ski club could also use some more volunteers. Please keep this in mind for next year.

We are a pretty well oiled machine now and most all dig in and do what needs to be done, which makes my job easier. Thanks again to all, and see you next year.

Andy Reath
Waterstation captain

Camping 2015 @ Lake Harris



It was another great time at this July's camping trip at Lake Harris in Newcomb NY, attended by 16 members and a few guests. Weather was fine except for some rain-dodging Friday evening. Everyone made out O.K. – some in tents & some in campers- a few clouds will not keep us down. Many had a nice time kayaking on the Opalescent River & others around our campsite, some went biking and hiking, while others drove around for garage sale shopping. Think everyone went swimming at least once.

There was no mischief at all during the trip!! The battle of the sticky notes between Wayne, and Sue & Jody was cute with the girls being best in the competition. One campsite seemingly had electric service on their site. When did that get installed? Why didn't Jody's drip coffee maker work, or cell phones not charge? Thanks to all who came and made it a great time!!

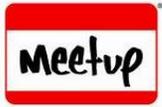
Food, beverages, social hours and campfires were shared by all. Only thing missing was more friends. We are starting to plan next year's camping weekend. Any ideas??



Irish Festival – Friday night was attended by over a dozen members. All had a Good Time! The festival asked our club to volunteer next year. Maybe?



LIKE GE SKI CLUB ON FACEBOOK AND VISIT FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS. If you have any pictures of club events, post them. If you are at or participate in an event, smile because your picture may appear on FaceBook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly McGlynn through FaceBook or email Beth at h teb44@live.com.



JOIN GE SKI CLUB ON MEET UP. Go to <http://www.meetup.com/G-E-Ski-Club>. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal through the MeetUp page or email Beth at h teb44@live.com.

NOT ON FACEBOOK? YOU CAN STILL VIEW PHOTOS!

Go to www.geskiclub.org and click on photo album and you will be taken to the photo albums section of the web page where there is a link to click to see the photos posted on FaceBook. To see an album, click on the album name to open it. To enlarge and see the description of a photo, click on it and use the arrows to scroll. If you have any pictures of club events, please email them to Beth at h teb44@live.com. If you are at or participate in an event, smile because your picture may appear on FaceBook and Website. IDEAS? WANT TO HELP? Contact Beth at h teb44@live.com.

UpComing Summer Events

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August

Special Safety Note for all Kayakers and Canoers

Did you hear the sad news from a few weeks ago?? Two brothers drowned while kayaking near the Syracuse area. One flipped and the other tried to rescue him. Please – I strongly suggest – to wear your life jackets at all times.



SEVENTH LAKE (near Inlet)

KAYAK/CANOE

August 1st

Meet your leader at First Niagara Bank in Mapledale at **8:45 AM**. Bring your suits as we will be swimming at the beach after a paddle through the coves. Please bring your PFD's and you **MUST** wear it. This will be a joint paddle with Tramp & Trail Club of Utica. For more info, please call Donna at 527-0142.

For anyone who is interested there will be a few folks camping in the Old Forge area to cover both kayak trips. If interested, please call Donna at 527-0142 by Thursday, July 30th. For more info.



MOOSE RIVER (near Old Forge)

KAYAK/CANOE

August 2nd

All abilities. Meet at the end of North St. (at bridge) (North St. is across from Pride Piper) at **10 AM**. We will shuttle a few cars to the end, to save time when done. After water activities we will merge on over to the old Howard Johnsons restaurant - now call the Back Door Bar (and Front Door Diner). The Bar just added

two decks - one on ground level and another on the roof - overlooking Old Forge pond. Great sandwiches. (Note: Don't have a kayak or canoe? Go and reserve one at <http://www.mountainmanoutdoors.com> and they will deliver one at the North Street bridge and pick-it up at the end. (Green Bridge) Leader - Tom Ohara - 525-1858 Forgot your lunch??? Stop into DiOrio's IGA grocery store to pick up goodies. Great deli sandwiches - call ahead @ 369-3131.



PARTY ON THE DECK.

Savoy Restaurant - Rome

Aug 5th Wed Nite

This is Saranac Night in Rome. Listen on the deck and eat some of the best Italian food in the state. The name of the band is "Off the Reservation". An acoustic rock with American theme.



Mohawk Valley Blues Festival - August 8th, 1 PM at Herkimer County Fairgrounds. More information see page 9 of this newsletter.



Summer Time Picnic

August 9th

Sherrill Brook Park (New Hartford Town Park)

Noon - 6 PM

Bring food to share, drinks, and games to be play by all. Make Plans to be there!! Turn into the park make your first Right down to the shelter. ENJOY!!!!

Happy Hour at Lake Delta Inn - Rome - Aug 14th





Saranac Thursday - Classified Band - Aug 20th

Not only will we be able to listen to Central New York's favorite pop band, but our long-time member and former sales manager of Matt Brewery will be offering a special "tour" prior to the music. Show up @ 4pm (or as soon as you can) at the gift store, check-in, and attend another great tasting and story time. Some of our Syracuse friends will also be joining us.

After an enjoyable hour or so upstairs, we will go down the private entrance and enter the music venue like kings. After Classified ends, join us at the Celtic Harp. Outside, stage right.

Everyone wear a **RED shirt** so we can find our friends. Our "home-base" will be in the left side of the picnic table area.

Happy Hour at Harpoon Eddies - Sylvan Beach - Aug 28th

SAVE THE DATES:

Labor Day Weekend

Nothing official planned YET for early September or Labor Day Weekend. Some members are going to the State Fair to listen to music, eat hot sausage sandwiches, drink free milk, look at butter, buy junk, see the horses, etc.

Sept 11th Happy Hour - Piggy Pats in New Hartford

First General Meeting of the Season!!! - Sept 15th

Sept 22nd Dinner @ Zeina's Cafe, Varick Street, Utica -

Sept 25th Social Hour - Stampede's. the old Joels Steak House - Vernon

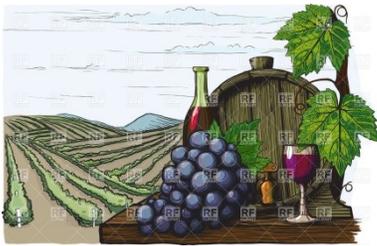


Old Forge Boat Cruise

Sunday September 27th we are trying to cruise the scenic chain of lakes between down-town Old Forge and Inlet. The camps and mountains of Fulton Chain of Lakes will be sparkling with early fall foliage. Upper deck or down below - the trip goes on. This narrated sightseeing cruise will be open to all current ski club members and their families - and to potential member and their families. Group prices will be announced in the next newsletter. (\$20 or less for adults).

Prior to boarding, come to Old Forge for breakfast and shopping. After the cruise, we will be dining @ Peter Harris too - an upper level-outdoor bar and dining across from Walt's Diner. Make a day of it.

More info to follow. Bring a friend - new or old - make it happen.

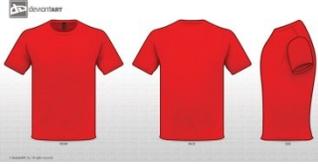


Finger Lake Winery Bus Trip

We are trying to go to Wine Country again. Not all details are in yet, but save the date of October 10th. Rosemary F. & Wayne D. are trying to organize a trip to a handful of popular and flavorful wineries. **Mini bus** from Utica area and tours. Price and details to follow in next newsletter and newsblasts.

Question: Are beer drinkers allowed if we behave??

T-shirts & golf shirts



The board has selected a color and logo for our 50th anniversary shirts, now we need a vendor. Any suggestions??? Any favorites in the Utica / Rome area??

Also we need a person or team to help take orders and sell the shirts at our meetings. Not a hard task, but we would love a 'newer" member or two to step forward.



SATURDAY • AUGUST 8
HERKIMER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Gates open at 1 PM.

We are excited to be featuring Louisiana blues artist Kenny Neal as our headliner this year. Neal is a triple threat on guitar, vocals, and harmonica; he comes from one of the great blues families and is steeped in the same Baton Rouge musical tradition that brought us Slim Harpo and Lazy Lester, but he adds a modern edge to his performances that will leave crowds wanting more. Check out his CDs on Alligator and other labels.

Steve Guyger is one of the tastiest blues harmonica players and singers on the scene today, having served an apprenticeship with the late great Jimmy Rogers for many years. We will be putting a band of area musicians behind him, including Rochester's Steve Grills and Syracuse's Morris Tarbell on guitar, as well as Sean Peters on stand-up bass and the ubiquitous Phil Leone on drums.

Our three regional acts are among the best CNY has to offer. Jimmy Wolf was recently inducted into the NYState Blues Hall of Fame. Funkyblu Roots was a favorite at last year's Mont Treblanc International Blues Festival in Canada, owing in no small part to the tasty fretwork and impassioned vocals of Mike Seraphim. Los Blancos has been an area favorite for fifteen years, winning many awards and accolades. This is their first Mohawk Valley Blues Fest appearance.

"With such a great line-up, this is shaping up to be our best festival yet--and since the whole site is under cover, weather shouldn't be a factor," say Mohawk Valley Blues Society board chairperson Tom Townsley.

Tickets can be purchased through www.TicketLeap.com - search for Mohawk Valley Blues. See you there!

SKI COUNCIL TRACK DAY

August 8th -- Featuring the Whitney



Gates open at 10:30

I will try to get a spot in the same location as last year near the paddock. Bring a fold up chair, blanket, and some drinks or food to share. I am sure Gary and Chris will have rum balls for breakfast!! Just remember no glass is allowed at the track so bring plastic or cans.



ALPINE CORNER



The alpine department has met several times over the summer to put together, for what we hope is, a great ski and board season for 2016.

To help plan your trips and vacation time, here are the locations and dates for next season.

Dec 10 – 13, Thurs – Sun, Stowe Vt. with Albany council & O. C. ski club. (car pool)

Jan 16 – 23, Sat – Sat, Whistler/Blackcomb Canada. (bus, plane)

Feb 5 – 8, Fri – Mon, Super bowl weekend at Bolton Valley , Vt.(car pool)

Feb 11, Thurs, Day bus to Gore Mt.

Feb 24, Wed, Day bus to Magic Mt. Vt.

Feb 26 – 28, Fri – Sun, (no vac time needed) Lake Placid, N Y (bus)

March 6 – 11, Sun – Fri, Sunday River, Maine (bus)

April 2 – 5, Sat – Tues, Mont Tremblant, Canada (bus)

There will also be other **day bus** trips and X-C days during the winter.

Gore, Sundays: Jan 10, Feb 21, March 13

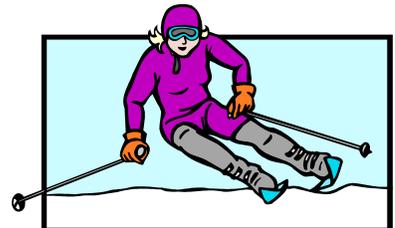
Elk Mt. Pa, Sat - Jan 30

Jiminy Peak, Ma. Sun - March 20

X-C days: Jan 17- Sun, Jan 31- Sun, Feb 13- Sat, March 5 –Sat

Full details in upcoming news letters

We hope to see you having fun on the slopes



August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Kayak/ Canoe – Seventh Lake
2 Kayak/ Canoe – Moose River	3	4	5 HH -Savoy Restaurant – Rome	6	7	8 Mohawk Valley Blues Fest Ski Council Track Day
9 Summer Picnic- Sherrill Brook Park Noon – 6 pm	10	11 Board Mtg Gander Mtn. – 6:00	12	13	14 HH - Lake Delta Inn (Rome)	15
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September

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