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As this issue went to press, Hurricane Irene departed our area leaving behind devastation in the Catskills. We offer condolences to all who have suffered losses and pledge to do our role assisting with clean up. Please check our website for details. Please note that due to the extensive damage to local roads and trails, the 3500 Club Hike Schedule is suspended until further notice.

Confessions of a peak-bagger's "widower" By Tom Moeller #1778

It all started innocently enough: A first date walking her dog on the rail trail, in the rain, in January. "Wow," I thought, "A real gamer." By the third date we went on another dog walk at a local park in the snow. I wore loafers but she said I'd be fine. By the fifth date I was so smitten that I missed yet another warning sign: She'd forgotten her inhaler for the asthma that is most often triggered by cold or exertion, and decides she can hike up Giant Ledge anyway. Did I mention it was March, with a foot or so of snow on the trail? Her motto seemed to be "just say no to limits."

By then I was doomed but just didn't know it. We were both fairly experienced hikers before we met. I could claim a good bit more experience in the backpacking department but we were otherwise about equal. Well no, not equal in endurance and zeal for peak bagging. One day she suggested that we join the 3500 Club and redo all the peaks together. Great, I thought. What a great way to deepen our bond and rack up some shared experiences. Count me in. One year, another dog and a wedding later, we proudly collected our patches and reveled in the accomplishment. That summer we sampled widely: the Gunks, Taconics, a bit in the Berkshires and others, enjoying the brief respite from a list.

Then came the third dog and the Winter Rocker for the 3500 patch. We incidentally had already climbed about ten of the peaks in winter. She said it would be great to knock off the rest this coming winter. We literally hit the ground running on December 21. In early March we came stumbling off of our finisher on Graham; soaked, partly frozen, nearly drowned but triumphant. Love those MSRs. We collected our winter patch and I thought that

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The President's Column

Bootprints

There have been lots of changes in the set of volunteers who make this club function — including a brand-new editor for this Canister. Welcome to Heather Rolland! She takes over from Ed Gilroy, who produced one issue, and Marty Cohen, who was the long-term editor before that.

The people you interact with most, the hike leaders, include people who have been leading hikes for decades together with a lot of newcomers. We can always use more leaders, so volunteer! Manuel Peraza continues to put together the list of hikes every quarter and manage hike leaders. Jim Bouton continues to keep track of those canisters on the trailless peaks.

Dave White continues to handle the membership database, dues collection, and the all-important function of producing and handing out the membership certificates at our annual banquet. The aspirant chair changed last fall, from Cindy Kuhn to Terri Maxymillian. The banquet itself is arranged by Mike Doehring.

Most of the other changes are more invisible to you. If you attended the great winter weekend last January at Frost Valley, you saw the efforts of our new coordinator, Maria Bedo, who replaces the previous long-term coordinator Art Zimmerman. This year we'll have a lodge to ourselves there, still at a very reasonable bunk rate. It should give an even better chance to socialize with fellow club members, and if you want to bring your family there are lots of activities at Frost Valley for all ages.

I hope you've been thinking about participating in the club's trail and lean-to maintenance activities on Table and Peekamoose, as well as the

litter pickup. These are important aspects of being the Stewards of the Catskills. We're doing it this fall the last weekend in September, so move from thinking about it to doing it! Elie Bijou had been the long-time chair of these activities, with Donna Wamsley as his assistant; recently they swapped roles.

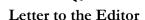
If you subscribe to the 3500 club yahoo group, you know that Laurie Rankin, our long-time Secretary, is coordinating a number of one-time lean-to repair (or replace) projects and one-shot trail maintenance efforts (like over Eagle). Carol White continues to keep us informed on conservation issues involving our beloved Catskills. Tom Rankin, our first vice-president, is also webmaster for our club website, catskill-3500-club.org (where email links to all these people can be found). *Continued on page 3*

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Behind the scenes, we have a new treasurer, Jay Hui, replacing long-time treasurer Ed Gilroy. Joe Bogardus has finished his presidential tour of duty, being replaced as Past President by Jeff Glans. Moonray Schepart has joined as Second Vice President. There is even a new T-shirt coordinator, Ira Orenstein; this was yet another job ably done before by Ed Gilroy.

There is also an audit committee and a nominating committee, but my column is too long already. So – enormous thanks to all who have stepped down from their positions, welcome to all who have stepped up, and happy hiking to everyone.

Jean Taylor



To the editor:

In the last issue of the Canister, Club President Jean Taylor shared her distress concerning the practice of marking routes, placing route cairns, or cutting paths up trailless peaks. Jean also pointed to the 'recently improved' (my emphasis) herd path cut along the old railroad bed that got hikers most of the way to the summit of SW Hunter (Leavitt Peak). I share Jean's concern in what she describes as this deplorable practice. Hikers who need to mark the route to find their way should probably develop the skills to climb the peak without resorting to flagging, cairns or other devices. Otherwise they kill the sense of discovery and fun for those who follow. This editorial from the Spring 1966 issue of Peeks, the ADK 46ers newsletter is still timely and fitting for the trailless Catskills almost a half century later: "As you go on your trailless hikes, please destroy old cairns, markers, strings, etc. that were put up by hikers, thoughtless or incompetent. Such signs spoil the fun for true 46ers."

Sincerely, Alan Via (#429)

Words and Woods

Welcome to the new Canister! Can't find any real differences between this one and the old one? Good! I am delighted to take over the reins and steer the Canister forward into its new existence as an online as well as print newsletter. After I find my stride and bag my first few issues, I'll be exploring ways to make the most of the Canister's online presence. The potential for a more interactive and $21^{\rm st}$ century newsletter seems like a great opportunity to increase members' involvement with and enjoyment of the 3500 Club.

In the meantime, you can rely on the Canister for your hike schedule, annual dinner information, and the opportunity to see your name in print – as a new member, winter member, of perhaps a life member – and more.

Submissions, feedback and ideas are welcomed. Zip me an email at editor@catskill-3500-club.org Or sign up for a hike I'm leading and catch my ear on the trail. I'm looking forward to continuing the tradition of producing a great-looking, informative and fun newsletter! *heather*

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maybe this had satisfied the craving. I could not have been more wrong.

In the spring she started planning a solo round. Various personal questions and professional distresses had her talking about needing both an outlet for pent up energy and a desire to define herself by accomplishing a goal in the arena of hiking. Alone. DING DING DING DING: my male protectiveness alarm stridently pealed. I saw in her face how truly important this was to her so I decided that trying to dissuade her from such a project for her own safety wouldnt work. I also crushed the entirely workable plan to accidently trip-fall-knockher-down-and-break-her-leg for it's lack of long term viability.

For the briefest of moments I swore I'd kill her myself because I couldn't bear to worry about her this much, this often. I'm not built for running, or waiting, or worrying. My role is to protect, to defend, and to interpose myself in all of the ways we men have been doing for our loved ones since time immemorial. I took a breath and did what I always do: whatever it takes to support my partner. She needs me to be more than my neolithic impulses and to have faith in her and her abilities. The challenges call to her and demand that she answer her-self. Wittingly or no this is what I signed up for.

A couple of weeks ago she finished her solo round on KHP, without incident. I know better than to breathe a sigh of relief. Oh, and she's talking about getting a fourth dog, maybe a Dutch shepherd. They can be even more intense than the Belgians. •



Hike Schedule October—December, 2011

Assumed Risk: Hiking involves certain inherent risks and persons participating do so at their own risk. In cold weather hike participants should avoid cotton clothing, as it retains dampness and the resulting chill can result in hypothermia, which can lead to death. Instead, wear (and have available in your pack) garments of wool or fleece. Silk or polypropylene make the best base layers, as they tend to wick moisture away from the body. Hats, gloves and a headlamp must be part of the standard fall kit. Ice and snow can come early and unexpectedly to these peaks; if there is any doubt about the conditions that may be encountered, each hiker is strongly advised to bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead; the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike, but be aware that while there may be bare ground at the trailhead, there is often very significant ice and snow as the elevation increases, which could result in those improperly prepared being sent back. Anyone not properly equipped may be refused permission to participate, at the leader's absolute discretion. Fall in the Catskills is not to be treated lightly.

Rating System: Please be advised that the hikes listed herein would most likely be rated more difficult by clubs who hike in non-mountainous terrains.

<u>Cancelations</u>: Please be aware that, in the case of bad weather or bad driving conditions, most hikes will be canceled; if you are uncertain, please contact the leader before leaving for the hike. As a matter of courtesy to our volunteer hike leaders, we ask that you let them know as early as possible if you have to cancel your attendance on a hike.

<u>Private Property</u>: All Catskill 3500 Club hikes respect "No Trespassing" signs and the owners' wishes in such regards; leaders shall obtain permission to cross private property when so required.

<u>Volunteer to Lead</u>: If you are a member of the Club please **consider becoming a hike leader**. Just contact Manuel Peraza (<u>outings@catskill-3500-club.org</u>; 718-698-4422 [7pm-9pm]), and Manny will arrange to add you to the low-volume private Yahoo list through which hikes are coordinated. You will be contacted via this means when hikes are needed.

<u>Group Size</u>: All Club bushwhacks are limited to 12 participants including the leaders. The DEC limits group size to 12 in the Wilderness Areas. Accordingly, one should assume that all Club hikes allow no more than 12 participants. If in doubt, please contact the leader.

Sat., Oct. 1 – HUNTER & LEAVITT (SW HUNTER)

Distance: 9 mi Ascent: 2225' Elev: 4040', 3740' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack which will include a stop at the John Robb leanto for maintenance. Registration Period: Please contact leaders to register. Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #s 1503, 1337; laurierankin@hyc.rr.com

Sun., Oct.2 - TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE

<u>Distance</u>: 9 mi Ascent: 3000' Elev: 3843', 3847' Moderately paced trail hike which will include a stop at the Bouton leanto for maintenance.

<u>Registration Period</u>: Please contact leaders to register. <u>Leaders</u>: Tom and Laurie Rankin #s 1503, 1337; <u>laurierankin@hvc.rr.com</u>

Sun., Oct.2 – THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME & BLACKHEAD TRAVERSE

<u>Distance</u>: 7.5 miles Ascent: 2760' Elev: 3940',3980',3940' Moderately paced trail, through hike (shuttle). Rain (or threat of) cancels.

Registration Period: Please contact leader to register. <u>Leader</u>: Ken Hubert #1351; <u>hikeleader3500@yahoo.com</u>; 718-463-5675 after 3pm (or 518-827-7327 Fri & Sat).

Sat., Oct. 8 - SUGARLOAF & PLATEAU

<u>Distance</u>: 10 mi. Ascent: 3000' Elev: 3800', 3840' Moderately-paced but strenuous trail hike. Great views, interesting artifacts along the way. If there is interest, may organize a shuttle to save on walking distance. Registration Period: Sep. 30–Oct. 6.

<u>Leader</u>: George Preoteasa #1478; <u>gvpreo@gmail.com</u>; 201-694-8344.

Sat., Oct. 8 - WINDHAM TRAVERSE

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elev: 3524'

A trail hike at a moderate pace hike up one side and down the other. Car shuttle required.

Registration Period: by Oct. 6.

<u>Leaders</u>: Mike & Ellen Dwyer #1453 & 1452; <u>jemsdwy@verizon.net</u>; 631-472-9290 NCA 9 pm.

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Each hiker is strongly advised to bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead; the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike.

Sun., Oct. 9 -- FRICK-QUICK-HODGE POND **CHAIN**

Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 1400'

A trail hike to three seldom visited ponds in the western Sat., Oct. 29 - BEARPEN & VLY

Catskills; route designed with several loops.

Registration Period: Oct. 2-8.

Leader: Aaron Schoenberg #1582; askus3@optonline.net

(preferred); 845-987-4893.

Sat., Oct. 15 - RUSK

Distance: 4+ mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev: 3680'

Moderately paced bushwhack. May whack the ridge and Distance: 9 mi. Ascent 2400', Elev. 3629', 3700'

include E. Rusk. Rain cancels. Registration Period: Oct. 7–13.

<u>Leader</u>: Alan Via #429; <u>peakbagr100@gmail.com</u> (please <u>Registration</u>: Please contact leader to register Oct.

leave phone contact)

Sat., Oct. 15 - KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900' Elev: 3655'

Moderately paced trail/unmaintained trail hike to sum-

mit & Hurricane Ledge.

Registration Period: by Oct. 13.

Leaders: Mike & Ellen Dwyer #1453 & 1452; jemsdwy@verizon.net; 631-472-9290 NCA 9 pm

Sun., Oct. 16 - WESTKILL

Distance: 8(6.4) mi. Ascent: 1900' Elev: 3880' A through trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle reguired. Bad weather cancels or modifies the hike to an out-and-back.

Registration Period: by 6 pm Oct. 14.

<u>Leader</u>: Wanda Davenport #523; <u>c3500c@verizon.net</u>;

201-670-8383 NCA 9 pm

Sun., Oct. 16 - GRAHAM & BALSAM LAKE

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2040' Elev: 3723', 3868' Moderately paced hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: Oct. 10-14.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com; 718-

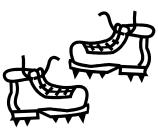
435-3092 after 7pm

Sat., Oct. 22 - BALSAM & EAGLE

Distance: approx 9 miles Ascent: 2150' Elev: 3600', 3600'

Moderately paced trail hike. Registration Period: by Oct. 20. Leader: Edna Blanchfield #1245;

goatgirl 35r@verizon.net; 845-246-3362



Sun., Oct. 23 - DOU-**BLETOP**

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850' Elev: 3860'

Relaxed-pace bushwhack. Registration Period: Please contact leader to register Oct. 13-22.

Leader: Hans Schick #1853 & #759W;

Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com; 845-896-6454 (7-10 pm)

Distance: 8.5 mi. Ascent: 2375' Elev: 3600', 3529'

Relaxed paced bushwhack and trail hike.

Registration Period: Please contact leader to register.

Leader: Jean Taylor #1440 & 584W; Taylor.Jean.E@gmail.com; 908-209-4750

Sun., Oct. 30 - FIR & BIG INDIAN

Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

24-29.

Leader: Bill Winterbottom #1904; billw@usdsoftware.com; 973-222-1077

Sat., Nov. 5 -- WITTENBERG & CORNELL

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 3000' Elev: 3780', 3860' Be prepared for the possibility of some early wintery conditions. Relaxed-pace trail hike. If participants wish, we can make it a through-hike by adding Slide.

Registration Period: Oct. 26-Nov. 4.

<u>Leader: Hans Schick #1853; Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com;</u>

845-896-6454 (7 to 10 PM)

Sun., Nov. 6 - PANTHER VIA GIANT LEDGE

Distance: 6.8 mi. Ascent: 1545' Elev: 3720'

Moderately paced trail hike. Registration Period: Nov. 20-25.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com; 718-

435-3092.

Sun., Nov. 6 – BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2200' Elev: 3694', 3623'

Moderately paced, but very strenuous bushwhack to two of the more difficult peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: Oct. 23-Nov. 3.

Leader: Doug Garrity, #1757; garrid0@lycos.com; 845-

471-1079

Sat., Nov. 12 - SLIDE

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1780' Elev: 4180' Moderately paced trail hike. Rain cancels.

Registration Period: Oct 24-28.

Leader: Jim Malumphy #890; lump@hotmail.com; 203-

206-0586. NCA 8 pm

Sun., Nov. 13 - NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elev: 3540', 3610' Moderately paced bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

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In case of bad weather or bad driving conditions, most hikes will be canceled; if in doubt contact the leader.

Registration Period: Oct. 31-Nov.10.

<u>Leader:</u> Doug Garrity, #1757, <u>garrid0@lycos.com</u>; 845-471

Sat., Nov. 19 – WINTER SURVIVAL NAVIGATION-HARRIMAN PARK.

Land navigation with map and compass/elements of winter survival.

Registration Period: by Nov. 5.

Leader: Joseph Polcha #1908; <u>Jpolcha@aol.com;</u> Home-914-245-4717; Cell-914-374-6242; Work- 718-999-2533

Sat., Nov. 19 – CATSKILL HUNTING SEASON STARTS – NO HIKING.

Sun., Nov. 20 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat., Nov. 26 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sun., Nov 27 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat., Dec. 3 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sun., Dec. 4 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat., Dec. 10 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sun., Dec. 11 – HUNTING SEASON ENDS – NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat., Dec. 17 - INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 6.5 miles Ascent: 1600' Elev: 3573'

Moderately paced trail hike. Registration Period: Dec. 11-16.

Leader: Jeff Glans, #793; glansj@yahoo.com; 203-816-

8142 NCA 10 pm

Sat., Dec. 17 - HALCOTT

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elev: 3537'

Relaxed pace bushwack.

<u>Registration Period:</u> Dec 7-16.

<u>Leader:</u> Hans Schick #1853;

Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com; 845-896-6454 (7 to 10 PM)

Sun. Dec. 18 - LONE & ROCKY

<u>Distance</u>: 11mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev. 3721', 3508' Very difficult, long and strenuous bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: Dec. 5-15.

<u>Leader</u>: Doug Garrity #1757; <u>garrid0@lycos.com</u>; 845-471 -1079.

Sat., Dec. 24 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sun., Dec. 25 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat., Dec. 31 – NO HIKE SCHEDULED

In Memoriam

Gerard W. Hoekstra, Jr., father of Gordon Hoekstra #1784, W762 passed away June 15. Gordon shared the following: "My Dad was a lifelong hiker, a dedicated volunteer and a great humanitarian. I owe to him my great love for exploring and caring for the incredible resource that is the Catskill Forest Preserve. Even more my Dad showed us all what it means to be a good citizen and to care for our fellow human beings, especially those less fortunate than we are." The stories of Hunter Mountain and its fire tower, where Gordon is now Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends of the Hunter Mountain Fire Tower Committee. are inextricably entwined with the Hoekstra family's stories.

David L. Clapper #177, husband of Ann (Leavitt) Clapper #13, passed away April 6th. He had served as club treasurer. He was a music teacher for Catskill Central and Hudson City School Districts, a pipe organ builder and church organist, and model railroader.

Franz L. Alt #421, passed away on July 21st at the age of 100, leaving his wife Annice #614. Franz was a much beloved leader for the AMC. He was a member of the 10th Mountain Division during WW II and was a rock climber, skier and mountain climber. He also was a chamber musician and, as a mathematician, a founder of ACM (Association for Computing Machinery).

Bob Munro # 811, past superintendent at Belleayre Ski Center, passed away earlier this year. No stranger to the mountains, Bob grew up near Belleayre and later Halcott Mountain. An avid cross country skier, he skied at least seventeen of the peaks, including a clas-

sic Catskill Ridge Traverse, crossing Belleayre, Balsam, Haynes, Eagle, BI, and out the Biscuit Brook, which lasted well after dark. At the time of his death at age 84 he was still trying to get through his list of skiing all 35 peaks. His grandson, Rob, recently started hiking the 35.



Scree

Love maps? Brice Faller discovered a trove of 100 USGS 15' maps plotted from ground surveys circa 1900. He has a complete set of old maps for the Catskills, as well as others for New York and parts of New England. These maps aren't needed by those who only need information, but would be desired by anyone wanting perfect, original maps. They were stored flat and are unfolded and unmarked. Does anyone in the Club have an interest in acquiring these maps? Contact Carol White for more information.

Aspiring to... Previous aspirant chair, Judy Weiner, didn't find new aspirants during her business trips to France but, after retiring, undeterred, she has gone to Sicily, Poland, Guatemala, Morocco, and Umbria. Maybe she'll collaborate with Carol White on Worldwide Peak Experiences.

Around and around he goes! On Saturday, June 11, Mick Dunn (#1272) did a one-day north-to-south traverse of Zealand, Guyot, West Bond, Bond and Bondcliff (19.8 miles) and completed the NH48 for the *seventh* time and the NH48 seasonal grid on the same hike. Spring was the last of the four seasons to complete because over the years he has spent most of the Spring hiking in the Catskills! Great work, Mick!

35ers in the ADKs: Hugh Neil Zimmerman #306 finally got his 46er #6682 some 30 years after he finished. Joe Whalen #1856 didn't wait as long for his #6938. Included in Winter finishers were George Baranauskas, Al Thompson and Dean Giuliano. Trail Work Participants included: Jim Barnshaw, Joe Bogardus, Wanda Davenport, Pat Desbiens, Mary MacDonald, Chai-Kyou & Richard Mallinson, Jane O'Connell, and Laurie & Tom Rankin (who also got their 46 hour service award.) Congratulations and kudos to all of them and to other 3500 Club members who finished their 46 but weren't listed.

Wilderness First Aid Course: AMC's NY-NorthNJ Chapter is offering a two day (16 hour) Wilderness First Aid course on October 2 and 9 at the Ramapo Reservation in Mahwah. This is the AAOS (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeon) program licensed through the Emergency Care & Safety Institute. It is also the recognized

Gowns for Greenbacks is Going Strong!

Scouts of America. For more information visit

program for Wilderness leaders for the Boy

www.amc-ny.org/wfaclass/.

Those crazy fundraising hikers are really making it happen: so far 12 peaks have been climbed **in ballgowns** by a total of 49 hikers — including several bushwacks! For more information, or to sponsor a hiker or two, check out g4g at www.gowns4greenbacks.wordpress.com.

Lark in the Park! 8th Annual Catskill "Lark in the Park" celebration runs October 1-10 - see details and events at www.catskillslark.org.

In Memoriam

Phil Fountain (#1223 and W469) passed away in Geneva, NY while working as a volunteer on marking off a bike race route. He was 46R #4617.

In Memoriam

John Hartford #1720 passed away on April 15th. He hiked the 48 White Mountains in winter. He wrote about being treed by a moose in winter on Mount Zealand with Marcia Larsen #1721, for *New England Peak Experiences*, due out in 2012. John was a rock and ice climber and avid scuba diver. Music was the center of his life; he taught piano and played the harpsichord, recording the Goldberg Variations, which he considered his greatest achievement.

Where's Porky?

You may have noticed that this issue is missing a good friend: the Peripatetic Porcupine! Our beloved Porky strolled off for a visit to the Rocky Mountains, but we tracked him down and lured him back. The PP editor and yours truly will be working together on creating a new and improved Porky, set to debut in the next edition of The Canister. Please send your submissions (member news, brags, tidbits, and notes) to editor@catskill-3500-club.org. Thanks!



Come join the 3500 Club Winter Weekend January 27-29, 2012!

Do you need any winter peaks? Do you want to get more comfortable with snowshoeing? All 4 required winter peaks will be led by experienced hike leaders so you can pack in two funfilled days in the outdoors and spend a great weekend in the beautiful Catskills. If you already have your required peaks and are working on your winter round, or if you just want to get away, you can join in too!

As last year's weekend was so popular, we will once again be at the Frost Valley YMCA - a great setting not only for hiking, but also for cross-country skiing. There are two housing options available: the Lakeview Lodge, which is a regular hotel-like setting at \$131 per person double occupancy, both nights included. The other choice is the Biscuit Brook Lodge, a large cabin with bunks at \$35 per person covering both nights, which has a central meeting space with a fireplace (perfect after a day of playing in the snow!). There are 2 rooms that sleep 6 and 6 rooms that sleep 4, so if you have friends you want to bunk with or if a couple wants to pay double to have their own room, there are lots of options available. Bathrooms are shared and further information is available at http://www.frostvalley.org/lodging/index.html

Food costs for the entire weekend are only \$80 per person and this includes all meals from Friday night to Sunday morning. On Saturday evening there will be ample opportunity to socialize with fellow club members around the fireplace (bring your own bottle), and enjoy the ambience of the Frost Valley setting.

To make a reservation or for more details please contact Maria Bedo: winterweekend@catskill-3500-club.org.; 917-881-9272; or at 61 Spring St., Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Our New Members 2011

1931	Robert Schertl	02/15/11
1932	Scott Chastenay	03/12/11
1933	Mark Oyer	04/03/11
1934	Nancy Hayhurst	03/19/11
1935	Thomas Hayhurst	03/19/11
1936	Dawn M. Mallory	04/23/11
1937	Phil McCaffrey	04/25/11
1938	Brendan Parker	05/08/11
1939	Amanda Parker	05/08/11
1940	Stephen J. Emanuel	05/25/11
1941	Peter Rieseler	05/28/11
1942	James W. Sullivan	06/05/11
1943	Michael V. Gebhard	06/11/11
1944	Tonda Highley	06/11/11
1945	Jason Hosier	06/18/11
1946	Yuna Sandy Lee	06/26/11
1947	Alla McGraw	04/15/11
1948	Joe Dorohovech	07/26/11
1949	Deanna Felicetta	07/30/11

New Winter Members

0771	Robert Schertl	1931	3/20/11
0772	Peter Judge	1501	03/15/11
0773	Stephen J. Emanuel	1940	03/19/11

New Life Members

1463	Francis Resch
1793	Duncan Still
1858	Chayim Goldberg
1916	Rich Barrett
Asp	Eileen Digan

"Being old is like climbing a mountain. The higher you get, the more tired and breathless, but your view becomes much more extensive." Ingmar Bergman