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50 YEARS OF CATSKILL HIKING
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WINTER WEEKEND
53RD ANNUAL DINNER
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TRAIL MIX

A BLEND OF NEWS AND NOTES
FROM THE CLUB

CANISTER DISTRIBUTION**WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE**

The Catskill 3500 Club Board is discussing whether we should stop printing paper copies of our Canister newsletter. Despite the reduced demand for paper copies, we continue to spend over \$2,000 per year on printing. Environmental ethics dictate a move away from paper-based communication as well. The printing and postage costs could be well used in other areas, such as stewardship. We would like to hear from those members that do not have internet access at all and for whom not getting a mailed copy of the canister would mean they would no longer be able to read about Club activities and schedules. Please be in touch with Maria Bedo at firstvp@catskill-3500-club.org or call 917-881-9272 if you are only able to receive the newsletter by mail as we research alternatives for those individuals.

LOGGING ON VLY

Logging is being carried out in the Vly-Bearpen area and may present some parking problems at the southern approach, Rt3/Johnson Hollow Road. Please be aware, and plan accordingly.

DUES NEWS**Members and Aspirants**

Dues or subscriptions for calendar 2018 are now payable. Those of you who receive the emailed quarterly link from us also get a dues reminder. Members and Aspirants, who joined after the middle of the year, may renew at a half year rate to get back to "calendar year renewal." Contact Mike or myself to confirm your status. Forms and rates are on the membership page of the website.

Dave White & Mike Dwyer

You may now use PayPal at <http://www.catskill-3500-club.org/membership.php> or directly at <http://www.catskill-3500-club.org/dues.php> or renew by mail and/or order additional member items: <http://www.catskill-3500-club.org/forms/DuesNotice.pdf>

Please make checks payable to the **Catskill 3500 Club**.

CANISTER SIGN INS**IT'S MORE THAN JUST A NAME**

CANISTER CHAIR JIM BOUTON

Before the days of identity theft and herd paths, hikers found the canisters using a map and compass, and then signed the canister logs, usually leaving some personal information, such as an address or phone number and almost always their 3500 Club number. This way they could either contact or be contacted by other hikers. Times have changed, herd paths are here to stay, and the tendency for people not to leave information for others to see has become the norm. When a backcountry search for a missing hiker begins, the Forest Rangers often head to area summit canisters to ascertain not only if the missing subject has been there and when, but also to gain information from others who may have seen or been in contact with the lost hiker. There is no other sign-in information as most of our trail less peaks have no registration box at the trail heads.

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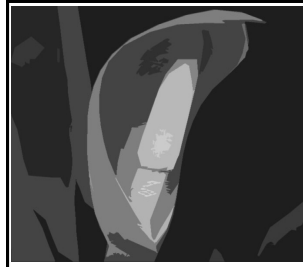
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SPATHE AND SPADIX THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Hot tea in my thermos and rime ice on the balsams. I'm a recent convert to winter hiking, picking up my first pair of crappy snowshoes several decades into my hiking career. As an asthmatic and cold-weather-phobe, I always thought winter outdoor exertion was just not for me. Wrong!

Snowshoeing in deep virgin powder is my favorite way to hike. True, it can be hard to come by in the Catskills, but absence has made this heart grow fonder. Deep snow evens out the terrain and softens footfalls, easing descents for creaky knees and rendering level the jagged rocks. Deep snow cover also protects all that lies beneath. Fragile plants takes a pounding from peakbaggers during dry winters but recover nicely after a long sleep under deep snow.

Adequate snow cover makes winter the best time to do your bushwacking... but it's also a season that offers other significant challenges. Short days, cold temperatures, and breaking trail in deep snow mean long hikes that can be grueling and intimidating, especially for beginners.

How can we deal with the challenges of winter hiking? By being prepared. Learning about gear, clothing, and techniques help us stay safe and increase our fun quotient. Most of us can look back and laugh at our newbie mistakes (the frozen CamelBak tube is a classic), but through the generosity of more experienced hikers and a healthy dollop of trial and error, we learn and improve. I'm no longer freezing my tube, but I'm definitely still learning better ways to be more safe and comfortable.

I'm also learning new and better ways to protect and preserve the forest. I seek information from the experts about the wilderness itself, receiving guidance from the foresters at DEC - people who have both the academic knowledge and the field experience to offer such guidance. When I asked the foresters what I could do as a Catskills hiker to promote forest recovery and minimize my own impact, restricting bushwacking to times when deep snow cover protects the earth beneath was the one concrete answer I received.

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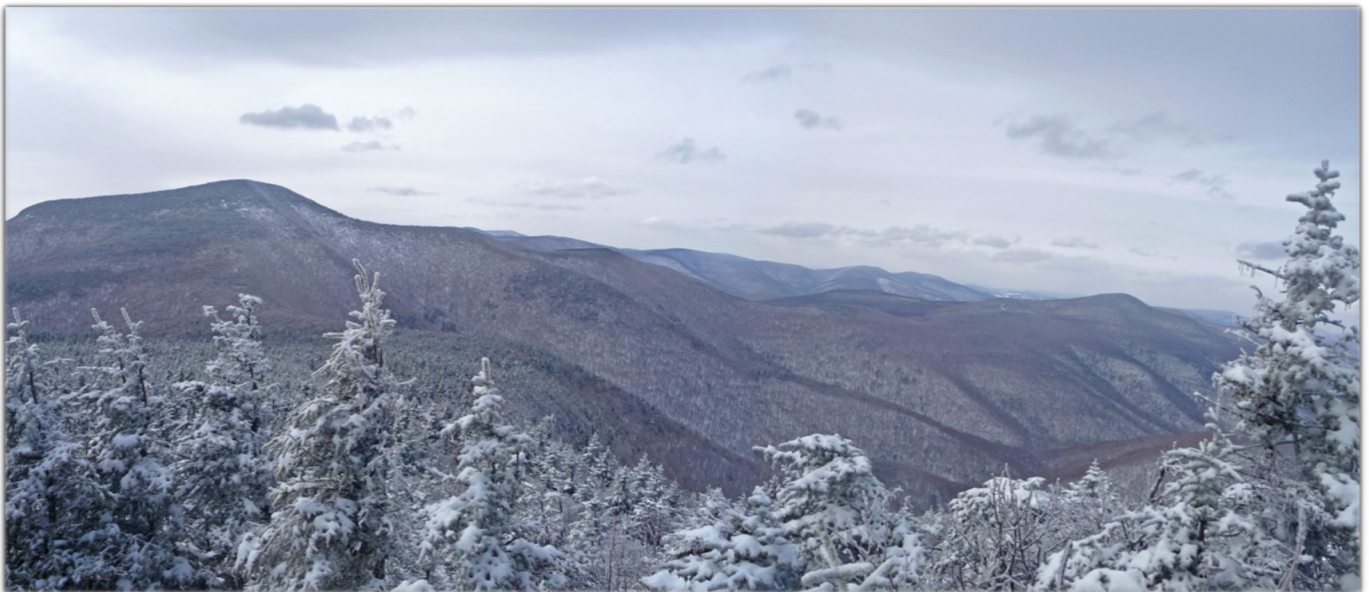
THE PRESIDENTS COLUMN
SPATHE AND SPADIX.....CONTINUED

The Club's mission statement includes both promotion of hiking the Catskill high peaks AND conserving them. We have been fulfilling the former most zealously, increasing the number of hikes we lead to meet the ever growing demand by new aspirants, eager to earn their patch. We've also increased our support of conservation efforts, supporting projects by NYNJTC and CRISP, among others. These are excellent efforts which we will continue to support.

But how are our actions - our hikes themselves - helping or harming our conservation efforts? What is the impact of our ever increasing numbers? The webs of herd paths on every trail-less peak offers visible and tangible evidence that despite our best efforts, we are damaging the mountains we love. When Forester Jeff Rider spoke at the club's annual dinner last spring, one audience member suggested that 'no one in this room is responsible' for the damage done. That's not quite true. While none of us engage in misuse (littering, graffiti, or vandalism), overuse is a problem we all own. This January, as I take stock of 2017 and face 2018, I will be doing some soul searching regarding what I can do differently to further reduce my impact when I hike. I encourage all club members to do the same - take a look at how you hike, when you hike, and where you hike. What can you do differently to ease your impact?

There are more of us now than ever before. How we handle this balancing act - what we enjoy on one side of the scales, and ecologically best practices on the other - shows what we're made of. Are we the best hikers we can be, leaders in Catskill conservation, ever conscious of our impact and tirelessly searching for ways to mitigate it? I think we can be.

HEATHER



RAMBLES AND BRAMBLES: HIKE SCHEDULE JANUARY-MARCH 2018

Mon. Jan. 1 - HUNTER & S.W HUNTER (Weekday)

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elev: 4045', 3720'
Moderately paced loop hike.
Registration period: Dec. 25-30
Leaders: Joe Ferri #2223, newpaltz33@yahoo.com
914-489-1582 Shari Aber #2224 shnaber@yahoo.com
914-489-0654

Sat. Jan. 6 - INDIAN HEAD & TWIN

Distance: 8.5 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 3573', 3640'
Moderately paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Dec. 26-Jan. 5
Leader: Steve Welgoss #2709 yankeepride20@gmail.com

Sun. Jan 7 - SUGARLOAF & PLATEAU

Distance: 9.4 mi. Ascent: 2290', Elev: 3840', 3800'
Moderately paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Dec. 26-Jan. 5
Leader: Steve Welgoss #2709 yankeepride20@gmail.com

Sat. Jan. 13 - BLACKHEAD & BLACK DOME

Distance: 5.8 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elev: 3,910', 3980'
Moderately paced hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 8-12
Leader: Stuart Smith stuart@prfmgt.com

Mon. Jan. 15 - BIG INDIAN & EAGLE (Weekday)

Distance: 11.8 mi. Ascent: 2240', Elev: 3700', 3602'
Moderately paced hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 8-13
Leaders: Joe Ferri #2223, newpaltz33@yahoo.com
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Sat. Jan. 20 - BALSAM (WW)

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1795', Elev: 3600'
Moderately paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 5-19
Leader: Pamela Martin #2102 pamelamartininc@gmail.com

Sat. Jan. 20 - BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY (WW)

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 3694', 3623'
Moderately paced hike on a very strenuous bushwhack.
Registration Period: Jan. 5-19
Leader: Leaders: Doug Garrity #1757, W701
Suzanne Garrity #1968, W846 garrid0@lycos.com

Sat. Jan. 20 - BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM (WW)

Distance: 9.8 mi. Ascent: 1650', Elev: 3723', 3868'
Moderately paced herd path and trail hike.
Map & compass instruction.
Registration Period: Jan. 15-19
Leader: Ed Gorczynski #2398 verticallyinclined1@live.com

Sat. Jan. 20 - RUSK & EAST RUSK (WW)

Distance: 5.0 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3680', 3640'
Moderately paced bushwhack and trailed hike.
Experienced snowshoers only
Registration Period: Jan. 11 - 18
Leaders: Margaret McGrath #2009, W939, Jim Bouton
#1539, W614 mmcgrath55@msn.com (email preferred) 845-
750-8671 before 8 pm.

Sat. Jan. 20 - TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE (WW)

Distance: 9.6 mi. Ascent: 2950', Elev: 3843', 3847'
Moderately quick-paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 1-19
Leader: David Bunde #2269 W925; david@dgbdesign.com

Sat. Jan. 20 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK (WW)

Distance: 6.4 Ascent: 1500' Elev: 3524'
Relaxed paced trail hike
Registration Period: Jan. 8-16
Leader: Ira Orenstein #415 W777, Karen Bloom #1733
W776 ksbiho@aol.com (preferred) 914-262-5816

Sun. Jan. 21 - BEARPEN & VLY (WW)

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2000', Elev: 3600', 3529'
Moderately paced bushwhack, roads and trails.
Registration Period: Jan. 15-19
Leader: Ed Gorczynski #2398 verticallyinclined1@live.com

Sun. Jan. 21 - BLACKHEAD (WW)

Distance: 4.5 mi. Ascent: 1840', Elev: 3,940'
Moderately paced hike. Dogs welcome.
Registration Period: Jan. 15-19
Leader: Bill Winterbottom #1904 billw@usdsoftware.com

Sun. Jan. 21 - INDIAN HEAD & TWIN (WW)

Distance: 7.2 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 3573', 3640'
Moderately quick-paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 1-19
Leader: David Bunde #2269 W925; david@dgbdesign.com

Sun. Jan. 21 - PANTHER (WW)

Distance: 6.8 mi. Ascent: 2100', Elev: 3720'
Moderately paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 7-19
Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sun. Jan. 21 - PLATEAU & SUGARLOAF (WW)

Distance: 5.4 mi. Ascent: 2855', Elev: 3840', 3800'
Steep and strenuous trail hike with rocky scrambles.
Registration Period: Jan. 12-19
Leader: Ted Shemella #1550 w789 tshemella@yahoo.com

Sun. Jan. 21 - SLIDE (WW)

Distance: 5.4 mi. Ascent: 1760', Elev: 4180'
Moderately paced trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 6-20
Leader: Pamela Martin #2102 pamelamartininc@gmail.com

Sat. Jan. 27 - WITTENBERG & CORNELL

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elev: 3780', 3860'
Difficult trail hike.
Registration Period: Jan. 17-23
Leader: Neil Berenholz #2443
neilberenholz@gmail.com

Sat. Feb. 3 - BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM

Distance: 9.8 mi. Ascent: 1650', Elev: 3723', 3868'
 Moderately paced herd path and trail hike.
 Registration Period: Feb. 18-22
 Leaders: Joe Ferri #2223, newpaltz33@yahoo.com
 914-489-1582 Shari Aber #2224 shnaber@yahoo.com
 914-489-0654

Sat. Feb. 11 - BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 3694', 3623'
 Moderately paced hike on a very strenuous bushwhack.
 Map & compass instruction.
 Registration Period: Feb. 5-10
 Leader: Ed Gorczynski #2398 verticallyinclined1@live.com

Sun. Feb. 11 - BIG INDIAN & FIR

Distance: 10.5 mi. Ascent: 2200', Elev: 3700', 3620'
 Strenuous bushwhack and trail hike to two trail-less peaks.
 Moderate pace.
 Registration Period: Feb. 1-8
 Leader: Tom Martone #2454 W1010
tom.martone.cmc@gmail.com

Sat. Feb. 17 - WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

Distance: 6.2 mi. Ascent: 1482', Elev: 3524'
 Beginner hike but sometimes strenuous.
 Registration Period: Feb. 8-15
 Leader: Ted Shemella #1550 W789 tshemella@yahoo.com

Sat. Feb. 17 - HALCOTT & SLEEPING LION

Distance: 4.4 mi. Ascent: 2269', Elev: 3537'
 Moderately paced bushwhack.
 Registration Period: Feb. 1-16
 Leader: Michael Bongar #2173 W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sat. Feb. 24 - BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM

Distance: 9.9 mi. Ascent: 1938', Elev: 3723', 3868'
 Long and sometimes strenuous trail hike.
 Registration Period: Feb. 15-22
 Leader: Ted Shemella #1550 W789 tshemella@yahoo.com

Sun. Feb. 25 - PANTHER via Fox Hollow

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2300', Elev: 3,720'
 Moderately paced trail hike.
 Registration Period: Feb. 15-22
 Leaders: Margaret McGrath #2009, W939, Jim Bouton #1539,
 W614 mmcgrath55@msn.com (email preferred) 845-750-
 8671 before 8 pm

Sat. Mar. 3 - NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2500', Elev: 3540', 3610'
 Moderately quick-paced bushwhack.
 Registration Period: Feb. 19-Mar. 2
 Leader: David Bunde #2269 W925; david@dgbdesign.com

Sun. Mar. 10 - ROCKY & LONE

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2225', Elev: 3508', 3721'
 Strenuous bushwhack. Difficult, long and strenuous bush-
 whack to remote peaks.
 Registration Period: Mar. 1-8
 Leader: Michael Bongar #2173, W994
michael@bongarbiz.com

Sat. Mar. 17 - BEARPEN & VLY

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent: 2000', Elev: 3600', 3529'
 Relaxed paced bushwhack, road and trails.
 Registration: Mar. 10-15
 Leader: Jon #2816, Ben Gordon #2817
jonathan.gordon@gmail.com

Sat. Mar. 24 - WESTKILL

Distance: 6.4 mi. Ascent: 1,786', Elev: 3,880'
 Moderately quick-paced trail hike.
 Registration Period: Mar. 12-23
 Leader: David Bunde #2269 W925 david@dgbdesign.com

Hikes designated "WW" are Winter Weekend hikes. These are very popular. If you are interested in these hikes, contact the Hike Leader as soon as possible.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE SEVEN
 LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES FOR ALL
 YOUR HIKES:

- ◆ PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE;
- ◆ TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES;
- ◆ DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY;
 - ◆ LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND;
 - ◆ MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS;
 - ◆ RESPECT WILDLIFE; AND
- ◆ BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS



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Rangers did this recently during large search covering Big Indian, Doubletop, and other areas around the Seager trailhead. When I reported to the Command Center for this search detail, I was shown several pictures of canister sign ins and asked if I could identify any of the names, so these people could be contacted. I could only ID one who I thought might be living in the area, the rest were a collection of scrawled signatures, trail names and several that were possibly dogs. The valuable time the ranger had spent gathering this information yielded only that the subject hadn't been there or hadn't signed if he was.

I brought this up at the last 3500 Club Board meeting and it was decided that we should encourage hikers to leave some sort of contact information, so they could be contacted in case of an emergency. Leave an address? A phone number? An E-mail? Your 3500 Club number (David White has your contact information.) A zip code? All were discussed, and it was agreed that whatever is comfortable for you, the hiker, was better than nothing. I will add that the books are collected and tallied by me and then turned over to our informal historian, David White, for safe keeping. As far as I know, I and possibly David are the only ones to read them. Reading about your journeys to these special places more than compensates for the hours of deciphering that it takes to complete the yearly count.

The next time you are signing (or not signing) the canister log remember that the information you leave might aid in locating or even saving the life of a lost or injured hiker. If you have any ideas on how to improve on this, feel free to contact me or any other board member.

Jim

FALL TRAIL MAINTENANCE

DAVID BUNDE

Thanks to our volunteers who helped out this fall on the Peekamoose-Table Trail work trip!! David Bunde, Wanda Davenport, Elizabeth Dimon (and Luna), Steve Emanuel, Peter Greweling, Glen Kime, Tom Martone, Yong Ae Moehs, Lynn Pettipaw, Mike Prestia, Miyon Sung, Steve Welgoss. This trail is in tip-top shape because of your help, Thank You!

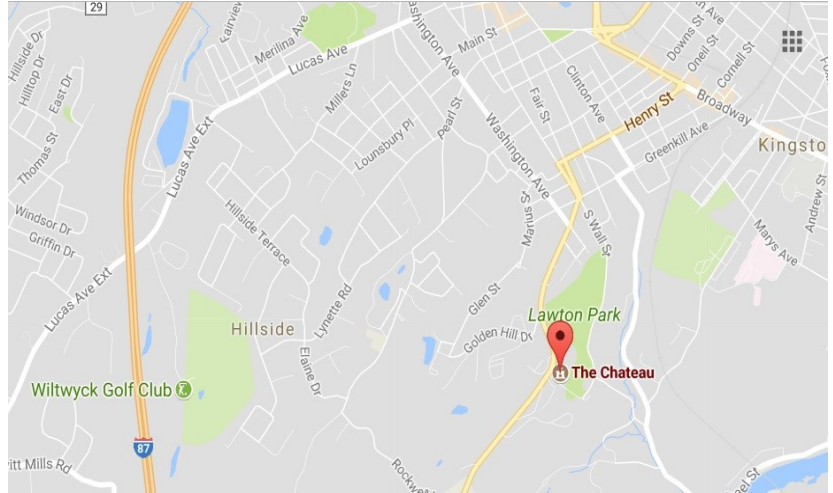


MEMBERS AND ASPIRANTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIFTY THIRD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018

LOCATION: THE CHATEAU
RT 32
KINGSTON, NY 12401 (845) 331-4386
SOCIAL HOUR: 3:30-5:00
CASH BAR, HORS D'OEUVRES SERVED
DINNER 5:15
GUEST SPEAKER:

THE SPEAKER FOR THIS YEAR'S DINNER IS DR. MICHAEL TOUGER. DR. TOUGER IS AN EXPERT ON SNAKEBITES. HE IS AN EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN AND HAS EXTENSIVE AND INTERESTING EXPERIENCES DEALING WITH SNAKES AND SNAKEBITES.



Please detach and mail to:
Michael Doehring
7 Cloverdale Avenue
White Plains, NY 10603
tigermath@aol.com (preferred)

Reservations: \$45.00 per person
Amount of check: \$ _____
Checks made payable to "The Chateau" but mailed to Michael Doehring

Please circle choice of entrée

Name _____ Rib Eye Steak Chicken Française Mixed Vegetable Lasagna
Reg# _____ Winter# _____

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Please note: If you wish to sit with a large group, please print the names of people you would like seated at your table, and verify that they plan to attend and wish to sit with you. Tables seat 12

SPACE IS LIMITED SO RESERVE EARLY—CHECKS WILL BE DEPOSITED AFTER THE DINNER—THERE IS NO VALET PARKING.

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE _____

DEADLINE IS APRIL 7, 2018

NEW MEMBERS

2825	Nathan Wilson	09/02/17
2826	Michael V Lese	09/02/17
2827	Stephen Walsh	09/05/17
2828	Joel Sciascia	09/02/17
2829	Stanley "Stash" Rusin Jr.	10/10/17
2830	Travis J. Hartwell	10/10/17
2831	Brooke Williams	10/15/17
2832	Elzbieta "Bea" Swieton	10/14/17
2833	Catherine Stallbohm	10/14/17
2834	William Stallbohm	10/14/17
2835	Richard W Forrest	10/14/17
2836	Devon Jameson	10/15/17
2837	Katrina Quinlan	10/20/17
2838	Charlie Blanchard	10/08/17
2839	Julia Gagliardi	10/08/17
2840	Stephanie L Ruzzo	10/21/17
2841	Paul Tarnell	10/21/17
2842	Ed Morley	10/23/17
2843	Crystal Davis	10/22/17
2844	Dan Petit	10/22/17
2845	Heather M Post	09/30/17
2846	Barbara Z Restaino	10/25/17
2847	Sue Sheeley	10/25/17
2848	Andrew Warren	11/05/17
2849	Charles Benda	11/05/17
2850	Elizabeth Levine	11/10/17

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

0331	J. Rudd Hubbell
0827	Lawrence Armstrong
1174	Dean Macgeorge
2591	Marty Joelle Baker
Asp.	Mary Claire Magruder
Asp.	James Quinlivan
2268	Robert Halversen
2828	Joel Sciascia From Aspirant
Asp.	Cha Yul Kim
Asp.	Myung Ha Lee
Asp.	Kyong Ho Ahn
Asp.	Amy M Olson

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[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CATSKILL3500CLUB/](https://www.facebook.com/CATSKILL3500CLUB/)IN MEMORIAM

Robert P. Schertl, Life Member #1931 and Winter #771, passed away on 9/18/17 at the age of 38. In addition to hiking, he was an avid biker, recently completing the Black Fly Challenge, a 40-mile gravel road race near Indian Lake. Bobby's major hobby was amateur radios. The Summits on the Air (SOTA) network (W2CKL) awarded him the Mountain Goat Award in 2015 and 2016. As of his passing, he still held "last activator" status on 39 mountains in the Catskills and Adirondacks. Two canister log book entries from Rusk and Vly in 2014 end with "Activating the summit for SOTA.ORG.UK."





2018 3500 CLUB WINTER WEEKEND

It's time to sign up for the 2018 Winter Weekend which is once again being held at the Alpine Inn in Oliverea NY. The Inn is ideally located near three of the four peaks required for the 3500 Club Patch, and is close to many other trailheads. Belleayre Mountain is also nearby for skiing, as are Woodstock and Kingston for shopping, antiquing and restaurants.

Room rates for the Club start as low as \$145.00 per person, double occupancy (plus tax and a \$10.00 per night gratuity), for the entire weekend. The package includes: accommodations on Friday and Saturday night, a hot breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner Saturday evening, which includes appetizer, soup or salad, dinner and dessert.

Several room choices are available. See the Inn's website <http://thealpineinn.com/> or call 845-254-5026 for details. Make sure you mention that you are with the Catskill 3500 Club. Our room rates are being held until December 15th, so make your reservations soon! The cancellation policy is 8 days prior to arrival and all cancellations are subject to a \$25.00 fee. A deposit of one night is required. Check the website for details in the "Discounted Trailwalker Rate Package".

Check-in is 4:00 PM on Friday, January 19. No dinner is available at the Inn on Friday. There are several area restaurants nearby which include: Brio's and The Phoenicia Diner. Breakfast at the Inn is served at 7:30 AM Saturday and Sunday, and dinner Saturday evening is served at 7:00 PM, one seating only. Bagged lunches are available. Please indicate if this is desired, as well as vegetarian options, when you check in.

If you are hiking, but not staying at the Inn, stop by and join the fun on Saturday evening. Dinner is \$35.00 and reservations can be made directly with the Inn.

After making reservations, please let the Winter Weekend coordinator, Jim Gebhard know. He can be reached at the following: gebhardaccord@aol.com or 845-626-4104.

Whether staying at the Inn or not, this is a great weekend to meet some of your fellow 3500 Club members!



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CATSKILL HIKING
CONGRATULATIONS MUDDYTOES



Sin

On October 21st Katrina VanTassle, #67 and 141W, celebrated her 50th anniversary of hiking the Catskill 3500 Club peaks by doing the traverse from Thomas Cole through to Blackhead. Katrina finished her first round on 9/21/69. Many years later, she did a round with her daughter, Rose Dong Zhen Brodell #1609, finishing on Blackhead on 1/29/06. Rose was nine years old at the time. On this hike, trail maintenance chair David Bunde also enlisted some assistance from the group, carrying out shingles from the dismantled Batavia Kill shelter for the NY/NJ TC. Pictured left to right are David, Miyon Sung, Katrina, Harold Oakhill #283, Barbara Nussbaum, and Scott Baltazar.

EARN SOME!

In addition to our regular and winter certificates, members may also earn the following awards:

1) A hike leader certificate for persons who have led at least six hikes scheduled by the 3500 club, including at least one bushwhack and one (separate) winter hike. Also required is attendance at a club-scheduled trail maintenance hike.

2) A service award for members or aspirants who have earned seven points by participation in service activities to benefit the club and the Catskill Forest Preserve. Service points are earned as follows:

1 for one 3500 Club Trail Maintenance event participation

1 for one 3500 Club Litter Pickup event participation

1 for one Catskill Trail Crew participation via established club relationship

1 for one year maintaining a Catskill Lean-to via established club relationship

1 for one year maintaining a trail section via established club relationship

1 for event attendance at Wilderness First Aid Course

½ point for 2 days manning a Catskill Fire Tower via established club relationship

½ point for 1 year on the 3500 Club Board or Committee Membership

½ point for 1 event special manned booth or event support.

To apply for the hike leader certificate, contact Bill Winterbottom, Outings Chair. To apply for the service award, contact Wanda Davenport at 169 Pershing Avenue Ridgewood, NJ 07450.