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GEARING UP FOR WINTER MOUNTAINEERING

When it comes to winter hiking, people want to know how they get started, what special equipment they will need. Let me deal briefly with some of the most common questions.

Many people climb in leather hiking boots, but they can easily get wet. Plastic climbing boots are good in deep snow, but uncomfortable on hard ground. I usually wear vibram-soled, felt-lined boots with a rubber bottom, known as Sorels. I wear a size smaller than my normal boot size, as a sloppy fit makes them unusable. Sorels with traditional chain tread are lighter, but provide poor traction and are too flexible for crampons, which may break or pop off under stress. The same is true for flexible hiking boots.

Crampons are sets of metal spikes that are strapped to the boots to provide traction on ice. Those that cover the entire sole of the boot are called full crampons, and usually have twelve points (or spikes). The crampons should be hinged so that they can flex when you walk. Salewa makes an eight-point full crampon that uses a flexible metal plate. This can be worn with flexible boots, but does not have front points. Front points are spikes that angle out the front of the crampon and are used to climb vertical ice. Instep crampons usually have four points, and while they will not suffice to climb sheets of ice, can be an excellent traction aid when occasional icy patches are encountered. Use a crampon case to protect yourself and your gear from getting punctured. Rubber point protectors are a struggle to put on and come off too easily.

Snowshoes will be needed when snow is over two feet deep and should be carried even though conditions at the trailhead might suggest otherwise. Walking without snowshoes in deep snow is known as "postholing" and is not only exhausting, but inconsiderate, as your frozen footholes often remain as obstacles till the next snowfall. On a heavily used trail, you may find the route packed solid so that you can walk without snowshoes; however, if temperatures rise above freezing, the snow can soften up and you may find yourself sinking in waist deep.

There are many good choices of snowshoes but by far the most popular are "Sherpas." Most people use the 30-inch "Lightfoot" model with a Tucker binding which has a built-in crampon. Lighter people can use the 25-inch long "Featherweight." When it comes to snowshoes, bigger is definitely not better.

An ice axe or ski pole is very useful in deep snow. If you use an ice axe, you will want one 70 centimeters or more long (a short axe is for ice climbing) and you should cover the axe head, and attach a snow basket to the shaft to prevent it sinking in too deep. Novices will probably be better off with ski poles.

Winter hiking is very unforgiving to the unprepared. Temperatures can drop from 50° to -20° in a few hours. It can rain any time. Conditions at the trailhead can

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lull you into leaving gear that you may need at higher altitude. Always carry enough to survive a night outdoors in the worst weather.

Clothing can be synthetics or wool, but should never include cotton. Even cotton underpants will absorb moisture and become a cold, clammy rag wrapped around your vitals. Synthetic underwear, such as "polypro" or "Capilene", wicks moisture away to keep you warm and dry.

Both gloves and mittens should be carried. I recommend mitten and glove gauntlet shells. Depending on how cold it is, I use a pile liner in the mitten shell, or expedition-weight polypro liners inside the glove shells. Polypro liners cut the wind better than fleece and can be worn alone, though the shells will help keep them dry when you are thrashing through snow. Polypro gloves always get wet, if not from snow, then from perspiration, so always carry a spare pair.

I carry an expedition-weight polypro balaclava and a heavier fleece hat with earflaps. The balaclava is good when you want your face protected, but do not want a heavy hat. The two can be combined in extreme cold.

You should also carry an insulated parka or pile jacket. A down parka is light and compressible, but will not insulate when wet. Polarguard or Qualofil parkas will keep you warm when wet, but are very heavy and bulky. A pile jacket is not nearly so warm, but will insulate when wet and is not so heavy.

There should always be a flashlight in your pack, especially in winter, when the days are so short. A headlamp is best, as it leaves your hands free. Alkaline batteries quickly die in extreme cold, so they must be carried next to the body. A lithium battery, however, is unaffected by cold. The most popular type of headlamp has a single D-cell lithium battery on the back. The lever on this model has a nasty habit of turning on accidentally, so I loosen the bulb when I put it away and carry a spare battery.

Consider carrying a few basic survival items: hand- and foot-warmers are useful; a small foam pad is handy to sit on and can also be placed under an injured person; an emergency space blanket is no bigger than an ace bandage when folded and can fit in a first-aid kit; and you should always carry a map, compass and whistle.

Most people do not realize how important it is to drink plenty of fluids, even when it is very cold. Dehydration greatly contributes to fatigue, cramps and hypothermia as your body cannot produce energy without water. Drinking icy water is unappealing on a cold day. If you fill your bottles with hot water and insulate them, by the time you're ready for a drink, the water will be at an acceptable temperature. A thermos is also a good idea; a cup of hot tea or soup can make a frozen sandwich more palatable.

All this adds up to a lot of bulk so you will want a larger pack. An over-stuffed day pack will feel like a log on your back. A small internal frame backpack works better and will enable you to carry crampons, snowshoes, and sufficient clothes and survival gear.

Never climb alone, especially if you're a beginning winter hiker. Go out with an experienced group, and call the leader beforehand to make sure you're properly equipped and prepared. Consider borrowing equipment till you establish your own preferences and learn by observation and practice.

Always tell someone your itinerary and give them the appropriate emergency phone numbers. Have a snow shovel, jumper cables and sand in your vehicle. Be safe, be prepared and have fun.

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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (January-March 1993)

ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

December through April, the windchill on exposed ridges may reach 50 below zero. If you do not know what type of clothing will be adequate, telephone the hike leader in advance. If you cannot buy, rent, or borrow snowshoes, avoid the mountains in winter. Unless specified otherwise, full crampons should be carried. Properly dressed and equipped, and in proper physical condition, a hiker can enjoy the Catskills in what many people consider the most beautiful season of the year.

Saturday, Jan. 2 RUSK, HUNTER, and Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2900'
SOUTHWEST HUNTER Elev.: 3680', 4040', 3740'; Order: 21,2,15
A very strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Henry Edmonds (#661), (203) 743-7039
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Saturday, Jan. 9 SHERRILL Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3540' Order: 31
A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Warren Hale (#576), (908) 236-9543
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Jan. 10 WESTKILL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), (518) 622-8870
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Saturday, Jan. 16 HUNTER Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4040' Order: 2
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Paul Hoyt (#315), (718) 631-4784
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

- Sunday, Jan. 17 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Bleecker Staats (#272), (914) 758-6304
Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday, Jan. 23 BALSAM Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28
A moderate trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: James Shearwood (#700), (718) 937-6277
Meeting Place: Alpine Inn at 9:00 A.M. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR WINTER WEEKEND.)
- Saturday, Jan. 23 BLACKHEAD Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5
A moderately strenuous trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), (914) 698-7219
Meeting Place: Alpine Inn at 9:00 A.M. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR WINTER WEEKEND.)
- Sunday, Jan. 24 SLIDE (and possibly WITTENBERG and CORNELL) Distance: 6 (14) mi. Ascent: 1700' (3600')
Elev.: 4180' (3780', 3865'); Order: 1 (14,9)
A scenic moderately strenuous trail hike (with possible additional distance of 8 miles and additional ascent of 2900 feet). Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), (914) 431-5861 (7:30 A.M.-3:40 P.M. Mon.-Thurs.)
Meeting Place: Alpine Inn at 8:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR WINTER WEEKEND.)
- Saturday, Jan. 30 BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3940', 3990', 3945'; Order: 5,3,4
A strenuous trail hike, with some bushwhacking. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Tim Watters (#268), (212) 984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Jan. 31 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev. 3524' Order: 33
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: John M. Kennedy (#247), (914) 876-3269
Meeting Place: Rte. 23 state parking area at trailhead 3 mi. west of East Windham at 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, Feb. 6 WITTENBERG and CORNELL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'
Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9
A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), (212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Feb. 7 PLATEAU and SUGARLOAF Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3840', 3800' Order: 12, 13
A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), (914) 331-1206
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:45 A.M.

- Saturday, Feb. 13 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21
A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), (518) 622-8870
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Sunday, Feb. 14 INDIAN HEAD and TWIN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23
A moderately strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Alvin de Maria (#655), (914) 255-1704
Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday, Feb. 20 FIR and BIG INDIAN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3625' Order: 24, 20
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), (914) 236-4208 (before 10:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Feb. 21 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35
A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: John Graham (#478), (914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Saturday, Feb. 27 PANTHER and Giant Ledge Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18
A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396
Meeting Place: Parking lot behind the Phoenicia Pharmacy in Phoenicia at 8:00 A.M.
- Sunday, Feb. 28 SLIDE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1
A scenic, moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Kathleen M. Borsody (#568), (203) 334-3237
Meeting Place: Slide mountain parking area, County Rte. 47 at 9:30 A.M.
- Saturday, Mar. 6 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Bleecker Staats (#272), (914) 758-6304
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Mar. 7 HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34
A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), (518) 439-1074
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, Mar. 13 FRIDAY and BALSAM CAP Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'

Elev. 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25

A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moonhaw Road. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), (609) 924-4679

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.

Sunday, Mar. 14 DOUBLETOP

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'

Elev.: 3870' Order: 7

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), (609) 924-4679

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 28 and County Road 47 in Big Indian across from Morra's Grocery Store on County Road 47 at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, Mar. 20 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'

Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. All-weather hike.

Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), (607) 432-2583

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Mar. 21 SUGARLOAF

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1700'

Elev.: 3800' Order: 13

An extremely strenuous trail hike and bushwhack with some cliff climbing. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396

Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, Mar. 27 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'

and Huckleberry Point Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A scenic, moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: John Graham (#478), (914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Platte Clove Road (County Rte. 16) and Prediger Road, just south of Tannersville, at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Mar. 28 Ashokan High Point Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1980'

A moderately paced hike on wood roads combined with bushwhacking. Strenuous climb, excellent views. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), (914) 236-4208 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 A.M.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday, Apr. 3 TABLE and LONE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2100'

Elev.: 3847', 3721' Order: 10, 17

A strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Severe weather cancels.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), (212) 984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Sunday, Apr. 4 DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'

Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Severe weather cancels.

Leader: Jack Driller (#483), (201) 652-4031

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING SCHEDULED

Keep Saturday, March 27, 1993, free for the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, New York. Invitations will be mailed in February.

ROUTE TO ASHOKAN HIGH POINT CLOSED TO HIKERS

Mr. E. McCully of Samsonville informs us that two hikers who claimed to be members of the 3500 Club trespassed across his property to get to Ashokan High Point. Be advised that the trail to High Point from Freeman Avery Road is closed and posted. If you plan to climb Ashokan High Point, please use the Kanape Brook trail from Peekamoose Road across state land.

CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND

January 22 - 24, 1993: The Alpine Inn, Oliverea, NY 12462, 4 miles on County Rte. 47, south of Rte. 28 at Big Indian, NY. Tel.: 914-254-5026.

Members and aspirants are invited to our annual winter weekend in the heart of the CATSKILLS. Hikes have been, and will be, scheduled for aspirants who might need any of the required winter peaks. You don't have to hike or stay overnight at the Inn, but if you're in the area drop by for the Happy Hour and dinner (reservations required for dinner). If you have any questions, contact Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, Tel.: 201-447-2653.

Reservations: A \$40.00 deposit per person must arrive by January 2. Make check payable to "The Alpine Inn" and mail, along with the completed form below, to The Alpine Inn.

All rooms have two twin or double beds and private bath. Rates are based on double occupancy. Please specify preference of roommate, if any. For a third and fourth person in a room, there is a 30% discount. Room assignments will be in the order of receipt of reservations. Saturday night only accommodations can be arranged, if available. Extra dinner Friday night and Sunday afternoon - \$17.75, plus tax and gratuity, available by reservation only. Dinner Saturday night only - \$20.00, plus tax and gratuity. \$4.00 will be added for the Saturday P.M. "Happy Hour." Saturday dinner is available by reservation only. Trail lunch - \$6.25 (sandwich, fried chicken, fruit and cake) plus tax.

After dinner on Saturday night, Shirley and Albert Rosen will present a slide show on their recent trip to Antarctica.

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2 nights = 2 lodgings, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner (tax and gratuity included)

Deluxe accommodations have 2 double beds, standard have 2 twin beds.

Deluxe: des Alps _____ \$128.00 Edelweiss _____ \$128.00

Standard: Ski Hut _____ \$115.00 Edelweiss _____ \$115.00

\$ _____ deposit enclosed for _____ persons. Roommate _____

_____ Friday evening dinner. _____ Sunday afternoon dinner.

Signed _____ Address _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW MEMBERS

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RECORD NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS

The hiking year that ended with the annual dinner on March 28, 1992, saw a record 61 individuals receive their 3500 Club patches and certificates. The group included 19 women and 42 men with an average age of 36. The men were a little older at 37 and included youths of 8, 11, and 14 years, along with two men of 65 years and two of 64. The women, including 8- and 10-year-olds, averaged a little over 34 years. Contrary to current perceptions, only one woman did not provide her age, while four men did not.

The average length of time to complete the peaks was a little over 5 years and 7 months, with the men about 2 months faster than the women. One man finished in 5 months, and one woman in 6. Those who were in no hurry to finish included a woman who took 24 years and 5 months and a gentleman who required an extraordinary 56 years and 4 months. This must also be a record.

Slide mountain, with Balsam Lake a close second, had the highest number of first-time climbers in the Catskills and Southwest Hunter was the finishing peak for more hikers than any other peak. More people mentioned Westkill as their favorite mountain, with Balsam Cap the least popular, and Rocky the most difficult.

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ALL 50 - OVER 60

As Kip and Norm Smith tell it, we each really began hiking in our 40s. Our beginning hikes were with the Adirondack Mountain Club in Palisades Park in southern New York State and in Mohonk in the Shawangunk mountains. This escalated into summer and winter climbs in the Catskill mountains and membership in the Catskill 3500 Club. Then we pushed north to the challenge of the 46 Adirondack mountains over 4000 feet, along with trips to the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the peaks of Vermont, Massachusetts and Maine, adding membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club to our credits. The full fever of climbing found us having summited, summer and winter, the 111 northeastern peaks over 4000 feet and the 100 Highest of New England, Kip being the first woman to have done the latter in winter.

As if this were not enough to keep busy, Norm began to work on the 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado. Later, Kip joined him. There were also trips to Mt. Rainier and Popocatepetl with hiking friends.

In early 1989, we read about the 50 High Points in a book by Paul Zumwalt and an article by Don Berens, and this spurred us to begin our High Points. The summer of 1990 we concentrated on northern state High Points, as well as those in Wyoming and Montana.

The following spring, we decided to tackle Mt. McKinley (or Denali as it is also known) and set about training in preparation. The climb was successful for Norm, but Kip had to turn back at 19,000 feet.

After Alaska we went to the Sierra Nevada to finish Norm's conquest of all 69 of the 14,000 footers in the lower 48. By coincidence, we were able to attend the High Pointer's dinner in Bishop, California, at which Jack Parsell stood up and announced he had done all 50 High Points after the age of 50. That night Kip's mind worked overtime and in the morning she suggested "We could do them all over the age of 60." "Great idea," Norm said, "but we'll have to do some over for you because you were only 59 when we began our High Points." After he counted how many needed to be redone, the idea seemed much less appealing to the instigator, but it was a good goal.

The re-climbing began on Nevada's Boundary Peak and then Mt. Whitney before we started home by way of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. On the way, we swung north to revisit Mt. Sunflower in Kansas, Elbert in Colorado, Kings Peak in Utah, and the High Points of Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio before again heading eastward.

The fall found us in New York and New England redoing more peaks. By the end of the year we had only 12 and 13 High Points, respectively, to do. In February, we headed south for three weeks to work on our remaining states, along with sightseeing and visiting relatives. The last climb we had scheduled was Virginia's Mt. Rogers, but Norm did the unthinkable for a peak bagger. He decided we should abort our climb and wait until Kip could have another try at Denali, already planned for June, so we

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could complete the 50 High Points together at the High Pointer's gathering on Mt. Rogers the following October.

Despite the horrendous climbing season of 1992 on Denali, we were favored with truly great guides and a break in the stormy weather when we reached 14,000 feet so that our whole group was able to attain the 20,320 foot summit in gorgeous weather on the 15th day of our climb. The ash from the eruption of nearby Mt. Spurr during our ascent also made our descent interesting by speeding snow melt and opening the crevasses on the Kahiltna Glacier.

Our completion of the High Points in Virginia came about as planned, although waiting three months for the event was difficult. However, we would not have traded for anything the enthusiastic reception the amassed High Pointers on Mt. Rogers gave us as we climbed the summit rock. Best of all, the membership chairman, Jack Longacre, surprised us with champagne and hors d'oeuvres for all to celebrate. That evening at the club's dinner, we received our plaque for completing "All 50 - Over 60," the first to reach this goal and also the first husband/wife team to complete the 50 High Points. We felt it very fitting to finish on Mt. Rogers because, after all, Virginia is for lovers, isn't it?

What next? Well, we have climbed in Nepal, Switzerland, Austria, New Zealand, and there is still

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IN MEMORIAM: N. JANSEN FOWLER

N. Jansen Fowler, #250, died October 14, 1992, at the age of 83. Nick was secretary of the Catskill 3500 Club from 1980 to 1982. He and his wife were faithful attenders at many Winter Weekends at the Alpine Inn.

A lawyer for 57 years, Nick served on the Kingston Board of Public Works, the Board of Education, the Ulster County Community College Foundation, the Savings and Loan Association, the YWCA Board, and as President of Kiwanis, Community Chest, Chamber of Commerce, and Governor Clinton Hotel (where the Club held its annual dinners from 1966-78). He was on active duty with the United States Navy from 1942-46, and retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

Nick's survivors include his wife, Mary (#317), and his daughter, Barbara Badalato (#325).

PRESIDENT SELECTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Howard Dash has selected Allen Maser, Larry Leslie, Roy Messaros and Richard Kline to serve as a nominating committee and to recommend a slate of officers for next year to the membership of the annual meeting. Members can also make nominations from the floor of the meeting.

Members interested in serving the club or in recommending others should contact the nominating committee:

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COMMITTEE REVISES CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee has been working on revisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-laws. The changes, which will be voted on at the Annual Dinner on March 27, are for the following purposes:

1. To make the Certificate simpler and to put the details of the operation of the club into the By-laws;
2. To clarify the By-laws concerning the governing and fiscal policies of the club;
3. To reflect changes (e.g., the addition of Southwest Hunter to the required list of peaks) made since the club was incorporated;
4. To enable the club to apply for tax-exempt status.

Copies of the revisions may be obtained either at the dinner, or from Sue Eilers, (914) 698-7219.

NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

Darielle Graham has been appointed Editor of the Catskill Canister and replaces Doug Robins, who will stay on as Assistant Editor. Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication in the Canister should send it to Darielle at 60 Barker Street, Apt. 419, Mount Kisco, New York 10549.

WANTED: MANUSCRIPTS, STORIES, NEWS ITEMS, BOOK REVIEWS

Your personal hiking or travel experiences, or an essay about the history, geology, flora or fauna of the mountains are wanted for future issues of the Canister. Book reviews are also welcome, so long as the subject matter appeals to the general audience of the Canister. Items which result in up to two or three pages of final text are best, while longer articles may have to be abridged or excerpted. We would appreciate that items from other publications be accompanied by the name of their source so that the Canister can make proper attribution.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (April-June 1993)ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

Sat. Apr. 3 TABLE and LONE Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 3847', 3721' Order: 10, 17

A strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Severe weather cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), (212) 984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)

Sun. Apr. 4 DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Severe weather cancels.

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Jack Driller (#483), (201) 652-4031

Sat. Apr. 10 WITTENBERG and CORNELL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'
Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9

A strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), (914) 687-7750

Sun. Apr. 11 HUNTER Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4040' Order: 2

A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), (518) 439-1074

Sat. Apr. 17 Mt. Tobias Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1500'

A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Paul Hoyt (#315), (718) 631-4784

Sun. Apr. 18 DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Seager parking lot: From Rte. 28 in Arkville, follow Dry Brook Road 9.5 mi. to trailhead at road end.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396

- Sat. Apr. 24 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21
A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in
Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Lawrence Armstrong (#827), (607) 783-2730
- Sun. Apr. 25 Southern Half of Devil's Distance: 12.5 mi. Ascent: 3600'
Path: INDIAN HEAD, TWIN, Elev.: 3573', 3640', 3800', 3840'
SUGARLOAF and PLATEAU Order: 30, 23, 13, 12
An extremely strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), (914) 471-6316
- Sun. Apr. 25 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
An easy to moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), (914) 431-5859 (7:30 A.M.-3:40 P.M. Mon.-Thurs.)
- Sat. May 1 EAGLE, Haynes and BALSAM Distance: 10-11 mi. Ascent: 2400'
Elev. 3605', 3420', 3600' Order: 27, 28
A moderate trail hike via Seager-Big Indian, Pine Hill-West Branch, Mink Hollow and
Oliverea-Mapledale trails. Forecast of heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Highmount Post Office at 9:00 A.M. NYC area hikers who wish to car-
pool should call leader by Thursday evening, April 29.
Leader: Richard Barr (#604), (212) 877-2694
- Sun. May 2 PEEKAMOOSE and TABLE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10
A strenuous trail clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path that the club is
responsible for clearing. Bring loppers, weed whackers, etc., if you have them. If
not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M. or
parking lot at the trailhead on Peekamoose Road at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), (914) 341-5515 (days); (914) 236-4208 (evenings
before 10:00 P.M.)
- Sat. May 8 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33
A moderate, all-weather trail hike.
Meeting Place: Rte. 23 state parking area at trailhead 3 mi. west of East Windham
at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Kathleen M. Borsody (#568), (203) 334-3237

Sat. May 8 Maplecrest Circular: Distance: 15 mi. Ascent: 4000'
WINDHAM HIGH PEAK, Burnt Elev.: 3524', 3940', 3990', 3945'
Knob, Acra Pt., BLACKHEAD, Order: 33, 4, 3, 5
BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE

A very strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Ann Hunt (#832), (718) 282-6585

Sat. May 15 INDIAN HEAD and TWIN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'
 Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), (609) 924-4679

Sun. May 16 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 1900'
 Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35

A very strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), (609) 924-4679

Sun. May 16 VLV and BEARPEN Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'
 Elev.: 3529', 3600 Order: 32, 29

A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396

Sat. May 22 Far Western Catskills: Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2250'
Cabot, Middle, Mary Smith Elev.: 2970', 2975', 2767'

A moderately strenuous trail hike in a section of the Catskills rarely visited by the club. Scenic viewpoints of a different area. Lots of ups and downs. Heavy rain cancels. Rain date: Sunday, May 23.
 Meeting Place: Roscoe Diner in Roscoe, N.Y., at Exit 94 off State Rte. 17 (Quickway) at State Rte. 106 at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), (516) 938-5721 (7-10 P.M.)

Sun. May 23 BALSAM and Belleayre Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1500'
 Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), (914) 361-4351

Sat. June 5 BLACKDOME Loop: WINDHAM Distance: 15.3 mi. Ascent: 3800'
HIGH PEAK, BLACKHEAD, Elev.: 3524', 3940', 3990', 3945'
BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE Order: 33, 4, 3, 5

A strenuous trail hike from Route 23 to Barnum Road. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Alvin de Maria (#655), (914) 255-1704

Sun. June 6 SOUTHWEST HUNTER and HUNTER Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2500'
 Elev.: 3740', 4040' Order: 15, 2
 A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
 Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), (914) 331-1206

Sat. June 12 WESTKILL and W. Westkill Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
 Elev.: 3880' Order: 6
 A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Howard Dash (#458), (914) 255-3409 before 9:00 P.M.

Sun. June 13 WITTENBERG, CORNELL and LONE Distance: 15 mi. Ascent: 4000'
 Elev.: 3780', 3865', 3721' Order: 14,9,17
 A very strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
 Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), (914) 331-1206

Sat. June 19 BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
 Elev. 3623', 3694' Order: 25, 19
 A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), (914) 698-7219

Sun. June 20 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500'
 Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
 A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Doug Robins (#153), (203) 693-0130

Sat. June 26 THOMAS COLE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1800'
 Elev.: 3945' Order: 4
 A moderate trail hike via Barnum Road. Heavy rain cancels.
 Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Warren Hale (#576), (908) 236-9543

SNOW ADDS EXTRA DEPTH TO WINTER WEEKEND

Another enjoyable Winter Weekend took place at the Alpine Inn complete with, of all things, snow. Hikers had a chance to try out their crampons and snowshoes on successful outings to Lone and Rocky, Slide, Balsam, Panther, Halcott, Blackhead, and Big Indian. The Lone and Rocky contingent caused some nervousness by returning three hours after dark -- probably not the first time this has happened, and probably not the last! As usual, the Alpine Inn provided plenty of great food, and Shirley and Albert Rosen's fine show on Antarctica capped the weekend's events.

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HIKING CROCODILE DUNDEE COUNTRY

It was the afternoon of our sixth day of bushwalking through Australia's Kakadu National Park. You probably don't recognize the name, but odds are you've seen Kakadu in the movies. It was the location for many of the outdoor scenes in the Crocodile Dundee films. Fourteen of us, two leaders and twelve participants (nine Australians and three Americans), were lounging in and around a deep rock pool, about 100 feet in diameter, fed by a small waterfall on Barramundi Creek. Our dress ranged from the clothes we had hiked in, to bathing suits, to nothing. It was hot, well over 90, but the water was cool; and because the humidity was low, the air was not uncomfortable. There was not a cloud in the sky, and if there was another human being within ten miles, we did not know it. If this wasn't paradise, it was as close an approximation of it as I am likely to experience on this earth.

Getting to this paradise involved some of the most difficult hiking I've ever done. Starting on a sandy track which could only be traversed by four-wheel drive vehicles, we had not walked on a single trail but had bushwhacked, or bush-bashed, to use the Australian term, through thick undergrowth, along sandy creek bottoms, and over the broken rock which covers a large part of Kakadu. Occasionally, we came to stretches of open woodlands where we could make good progress, but these were rare and our average speed stayed closer to 1 kilometer an hour.

Kakadu covers about 7,500 square miles and is located on Australia's north coast, about 200 miles east of Darwin. Our trip was in August, which is the Southern Hemisphere's winter; but since Kakadu is in the tropics, summer and winter have little meaning. Kakadu has two seasons, wet and dry. August is in the latter part of the dry. The average number of days of rain in June, July and August is zero. From May through September, Kakadu gets about an inch of rain, as compared with over 55 inches of rain during the rest of the year.

Most of Kakadu is flat, either on the Arnhemland Plateau, about 1,000 feet above sea level, or on the plains almost 600 feet below. Between the two levels are nearly vertical cliffs. While these cliffs mean that Kakadu has a number of beautiful waterfalls during the wet and early part of the dry season, climbing from one level to the other with a full pack is a strenuous exercise. The plateau is cut by a number of river valleys, most of which are also steep. To get to the pool we were relaxing in, we descended along a dry creek bed, which, except for the foliage, looked very much like one of the steeper trails in the White Mountains.

Kakadu's physical beauty is not its only attraction. At several points on the walk we passed Aboriginal art sites, where the "traditional owners" of the land, as they are now referred to, had painted pictures on rock ledges or in small caves. The most impressive of these was the Birthing Cave. Besides representations of animals, this site depicted a woman giving birth to a child, and may have been a shelter in which Aboriginal women gave birth. The rock paintings are very old, some are believed to date back as much as 40,000 years. Since they are exposed to the elements, they

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must be renewed periodically, and each site had an owner to take care of this work. The combination of natural beauty and cultural importance has earned Kakadu a place on the United Nations' list of World Heritage Sites.

For someone familiar with hiking in the Northeast hiking in Kakadu takes some readjustment. First, you can drink the water. The only places where we did not do so were near the public campground at the end of our trip and from pools sometimes so covered with algae that they were unappealing. But the leader assured us that if we had needed to, we could have drunk from these pools without any ill effects. Second, you need to drink a great deal. The heat and low humidity can dehydrate you much faster than would occur even under summer conditions in our part of the country.

Third, campfires are allowed. We carried neither stoves nor fuel for the trip, but always found enough wood for a fire to cook on and enjoy. The wood was so dry it produced very little smoke.

Fourth, we discovered a whole new set of constellations. The Big and Little Dippers are not visible, but we learned to identify the Southern Cross. Before the moon rose, we could see the Milky Way more clearly than I have ever seen it. The only Northern Hemisphere constellation I could find was Orion, which appeared after midnight. Our Australian friends told us that they call Orion the Saucepan. What we consider Orion's belt is the Saucepan's handle.

Bushwalking in Kakadu is as hard as bushwhacking in the Catskills, but the rewards are worth the effort. The scenery, flowers and birdlife were different from anything I had ever experienced, and the Aboriginal art was fascinating. You can truly get away from it all. During our eight days in the bush, we did not see anyone other than the members of our group, and, apart from an occasional fire ring and once a foam pad, saw very few signs of human life.

The one other challenge to Kakadu, besides the difficulty of its terrain, was its insect life. There are flies, which don't bite, and mosquitos, a minor annoyance. The big problem is green ants, which can brush off on to you as you walk through the bush. They are leaf eaters, but not averse to biting into flesh if it is available. However, they don't always bite and their bites only hurt for a second.

The trip was run by Willis Walkabouts, 12 Carrington Street, Millner, Northern Territory 0810, Australia, and was the second part of the Kakadu Circular. Willis also runs trips to other parts of the Australian Outback, so if you are interested, write to them at the above address.

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BOOK REVIEW

Good Fishing in the Catskills by Jim Caposella & other contributors, 267 pp, paperback, \$15.00, Backcountry Publications, P.O. Box 175, Woodstock, Vermont 05091

Every time I travel between Syracuse and New Jersey, I drive along Route 17 through the Catskills. When observing streams and ponds during my trip, I always wonder which ones are likely to provide the best fishing and how to access them. Good Fishing in the Catskills serves as a well-organized and comprehensive guide.

Authored by Jim Caposella and other contributors, the book covers an extensive area, from Binghamton in the west, Albany in the north, the New York State border in the east and the Pennsylvania border in the south. It is organized in two parts: Part 1 contains information relating to the Catskills and describes the streams, rivers, ponds and reservoirs in that region. A chapter on the Catskill Lake District identifies 31 lakes surrounding the Monticello/Liberty area. Part 2 describes selected waters adjacent to the Catskills, including the Mid-Hudson, streams and lakes in the Albany area, the Mohawk river, and streams in Otsego, Dutchess and Columbia counties.

Throughout the book general information is distributed describing techniques on equipment rigging for the particular game to be found in the area. Also included are fishing tips, primary game information for each location, and details on the best time of day to fish and the techniques to match lures to the hatch present.

The book contains many photographs and maps, and an overall cross-reference area map so that you can identify a general area of interest and then easily locate information specific to that area. Access information to each location is provided (keep in mind that changes can and will occur), but you will still need a supplemental detailed map, such as the New York State Atlas, especially for locations in unfamiliar territory.

Good Fishing in the Catskills has made it easier for me to stop and partake of a few hours of fishing. Perhaps, now, after reading this book, I can provide a meal of fresh fish at the end of my journey.

Geoffrey M. Green
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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE PEAKS?

One of the questions I'm frequently asked as a Catskill 3500 club member is what are my favorite peaks. I usually respond with Cornell, Wittenberg and Slide. As a day hike, all three offer a good, strenuous workout rewarded by superb views. When I was going for my winter patch, I rediscovered other peaks, such as Indian Head and Twin, which I'd forgotten also had good views, Balsam Cap and Friday where my Goretex jacket and pile hat made bashing through the balsam a lot easier yet just as challenging, and Windham High Peak where the walk through the aisle of tall pine is magical in any season. I could continue, but instead, I would be interested to hear from members and aspirants what your favorite peaks are, or, for that matter, your least favorite, and why. Please send me your anecdotes or poems to share with Catskill Canister readers.

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Sat. July 10 PANTHER End to End

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Shuttle required. Heavy/steady rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), (201) 670-8383 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Sun. July 11 INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3573', Order: 30

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Howard Johnson's on Rte. 32 just north of Saugerties (Exit 20 of Thruway) at 8:30 A.M. or Prediger Road trailhead at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), (914) 361-4351

Sat. July 17 Dry Brook Ridge

Distance 8 mi. Ascent 2400'

A moderate trail hike ascending from Arkville via German Hollow. Optional train ride on the Delaware and Ulster or a visit to John Burroughs' home and gravesite after hike. Heavy rain cancels. RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JULY 18.
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), (516) 938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sun. July 18 BEARPEN and VLY

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 3200'
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

Birthday hike. A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Prattsville Diner on Rte. 23 in Prattsville at 9:30 A.M.
Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), (914) 687-7750

Sat. July 24 SLIDE 'n Glide

Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1

A strenuous trail hike and streamwhack. Expect to get wet feet.
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396

Sun. July 25 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A moderately fast-paced bushwhack. All-weather hike.
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), (212) 490-7900 (9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Sat. July 31 WESTKILL End to End

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Shuttle required. Heavy/steady rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), (201) 670-8383 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Sun. Aug. 1 North Mountain via Escarpment Trail Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1100'

A fast-paced moderate trail hike with frequent stops for views. Steady rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Schutt Road Trailhead outside North Lake Gatehouse at 10:00 A.M.
Leader: John Graham (#478), (914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Sat. Aug. 7 HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 3520' Order 34

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), (607) 432-2583

Sun. Aug. 8 SOUTHWEST HUNTER Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), (914) 471-6316

Sat. Aug. 14 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), (201) 762-0396

Sun. Aug. 15 FIR and BIG INDIAN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3625', 3680' Order: 24, 20

A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Steady rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook trailhead at 10:00 A.M.
Leader: John Graham (#478), (914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Sat. Aug. 21 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Bleecker Staats (#272), (914-758-6304

Sat. Aug. 28 WITTENBERG, CORNELL and SLIDE Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 4200'
Elev.: 3780', 3865', 4180'
Order: 14, 9, 1

A strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), (914) 687-7750

Sun. Aug. 29 DOUBLETOP Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'
Elev.: 3870' Order: 7

A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), (914) 698-7219

Sat. Sept. 4 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville.

Leader: Lawrence Armstrong (#827), (607) 783-2730

Sat. Sept. 11 LONE and ROCKY

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2200'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35

A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Richard Taylor (#841), (914) 226-7639

Sun. Sept. 12 THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME (and possibly BLACKHEAD)

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2400'
Elev.: 3945', 3990', (3940')
Order: 4, 3, (5)

A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack (with possible additional distance of 2 miles and ascent of 600 feet). Heavy Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), (212) 486-2692

Sat. Sept. 18 Belleayre and BALSAM

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A strenuous trail hike of Belleayre and Balsam mountains following the Pine Hill-West Branch trail. Descent via Cathedral Glen. Heavy rain cancels. RAIN DATE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia FOR DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), (516) 938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sun. Sept. 19 Far Western Catskills:
Trout Pond Trails over Brock,
Sugarloaf and Campbell Mtns

Distance: 13 mi. Ascent: 3000'

A moderately strenuous trail hike in a section of the Catskills rarely visited by the Club. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Roscoe Diner in Roscoe, N.Y. at Exit 94 off State Rte. 17 (Quickway) at State Rte. 106 at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: Richard Barr (#604), (212) 877-2694

Sat. Sept. 25 BLACKHEAD

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5

A moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), (518) 439-1074

Sun. Sept. 26 BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 25, 19

A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Steady rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: John Graham (#478), (914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

The 28th annual dinner meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club took place on Saturday, March 27 at the Hillside Manor in Kingston, New York. During the meeting, in his final address as President of the Catskill 3500 Club, Howard Dash paid tribute to all the past presidents. Outings Chairman John Graham then took the dais and acknowledged all the members who had received the leadership patch award, and reiterated the requirements for receiving one. He was followed by Larry Leslie, representing the nominating committee, who announced the nominations of Sue Eilers as President, Bruno Walmsley as Vice President, Doug Robins as Second Vice President, Rosemary Walmsley as Secretary and Jack Driller as Treasurer. There being no other nominations, they were subsequently elected. Members were asked to vote on the revisions to the by-laws, and these were also affirmed. Last, but not least, Howard updated members on the status of the land acquisition bill regarding Bearpen and Vly. The evening ended with an impressive slide show presented by Frances Dunwell on the Hudson Highlands.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1992

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Dues	\$ 2,635.00	Canister -	
Life Memberships	400.00	Printing	
Canister Subscriptions	851.00	and Postage	\$ 2,572.70
Gifts	705.00	Other Postage	334.14
Miscellaneous	140.00	Miscellaneous	770.16
Interest	105.66	Donations	197.76
T-shirts	1,581.65*	T-shirts	2,007.88*
Annual Dinner	<u>4,325.00</u>	Annual Dinner	<u>4,718.52**</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,743.31	TOTAL:	\$10,601.16

* T-shirt transactions shown are for 1992. The entire project, which started earlier, netted a profit of \$495.18.

** Includes cost of mailing dinner notice to all members.

BALANCE SHEET (as of December 31, 1992)

a. Assets: \$11,003.20	b. Liabilities: \$3,760.00	c. Available Funds
Checking Account: \$3,029.16	Life Member Reserve:	(a - b = c):
CDs (one-year): \$7,974.04	(47 Life Mbr @ \$100	\$7,243.20
	x 80%): \$3,760.00	

MORE LEADERSHIP PATCHES AWARDED

Congratulations to Howard Dash (#458), Stephen Fishman (#618), Joe Gardner (#572), Gerald Gervais (#687), Richard Kline (#720), James Shearwood (#700), Bruno Walmsley (#610) and Tim Watters (#268) who have each been awarded leadership patches. The club awards the leadership patch to members who have led six separate hikes scheduled in the Canister. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak, and at least one other must be led during the winter.

REMINDER

Membership dues for members and subscription fees for aspirants are now past due. Please send \$5.00 to Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481-3322.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW MEMBERS

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859	David S. White 2/20/93 28 Mulberry Street, Clinton, NY 13323	315-853-6942
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865	Paul Lanzillotta 3/26/93 14 Chase Commons, Yaphank, NY 11980	516-345-3581
866	Arthur Zimmerman 4/18/93 766 Neptune Boulevard, Long Beach, NY 11561	516-897-7300

NEW WINTER MEMBERS

281	Robert Anderson	3/15/92	290	George S. Vengrin	2/28/93
282	Alan J. Rebernik	3/19/92	291	Allen Grunthal	3/ 6/93
283	James M. Palleschi, II	1/ 3/93	292	Stephanie Paradise	3/ 9/93
284	Jackqueline D. Parker	2/20/93	293	Peter Ford	3/ 9/93
285	Neil Parker	2/20/93	294	Marian Zimmerman	3/12/93
286	Kevin F. Ryan	2/20/93	295	William Tucker	3/20/93
287	Joseph O. Grupp, Jr.	2/27/93	296	Herman Madnick	3/ 9/93
288	Joan Messaros	3/ 7/93	297	Larry Figary	3/20/93
289	Amy Whitney	3/ 7/93			



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SPRING MEETING UPDATE

The spring meeting of the Executive Committee took place on Saturday, June 19 in Willow, New York. Among the items on the agenda, the committee approved the production of membership cards for life members, and due to good reports, decided to reserve again the Hillside Manor in Kingston for the March 26, 1994 annual meeting. The Winter Weekend also came up for discussion. In an attempt to increase attendance, the committee proposed that a venue other than the Alpine Inn be chosen and selected Paul Hoyt to oversee the matter. Ray Donahue (Conservation) reported on the recommendations by the ADK Conservation Subcommittee for the Catskills to expand recreational use of New York City reservoir lands in the Catskills, and further reported that progress on the Catskill Interpretive Center to be built on Route 28 was painfully slow. New business included the committee's affirmative response to cutting and marking trails to vistas over Table and Peekamoose.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS INVITED ON WINTER WEEKEND

For the past several years, the Catskill Club Winter Weekend has been held at the Alpine Inn in Oliverea. During the weekend, hikes are led to one or more of the four required winter peaks, and the Saturday evening dinner provides an opportunity for members and aspirants to socialize off the trail.

Due to repeated low attendance at the Winter Weekend, the Executive Committee proposed at its spring meeting that a new venue might be in order. One suggestion was to use a firehouse in which to provide a buffet on Saturday evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Participants staying through Sunday could select their own accommodation. As usual, a variety of hikes would be scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday.

Before a decision is made, the club would welcome input and ideas from members and aspirants. Would you prefer to keep the Winter Weekend at the Alpine Inn, or are the costs too prohibitive (for instance, the optional Saturday night dinner costs between \$25-30, no choice provided)? Does the idea of a Saturday night buffet appeal, or would dinner in a restaurant be more preferable? Please send your suggestions and ideas to:

Paul Hoyt
43-25 Douglaston Parkway, #4F
Douglaston, NY 11363-1804

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee needs members of the 3500 club to volunteer to serve on the Audit Committee. Audit Committee membership is a three-year appointment and involves about three hours per year. This year the committee met on the Sunday morning of the Winter Weekend. Please call Doug Robins (203) 693-0130 if you are available.

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IN MEMORIAM: WAYNE J. HARTMAN

Well-known Walton banker, Wayne J. Hartman (#185) died Wednesday, May 19, 1993 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. He was 66.

Those who knew him well will remember him as an avid walker, taking great enjoyment from the outdoors and exercise.

Born August 30, 1926 in Kearny, New Jersey, to George and Josie Hill Hartman, he spent his early years in Netcong, New Jersey, and graduated from Upsala University in East Orange, New Jersey.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

He married Shirley Jaquish in Newton, New Jersey, on September 4, 1954. In 1970, he moved to Walton to work at the National Bank of Delaware County, and assumed the position of president in 1977. He retired from the bank in 1989.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Walton and of the Walton Kiwanis Club.

Surviving Mr. Hartman besides his wife are two daughters, Cathy Harn of Exeter, New Hampshire; and Susan Sosik of Rochester.

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HELP WANTED FOR PEEKAMOOSE-TABLE TRAIL

The Catskill 3500 Club is looking for willing, able-bodied workers to help clear blowdowns, build water bars, cut back brush, and mark and widen sections of the Peekamoose-Table trail. Anyone interested in helping should apply in person at the Denning Trailhead parking area on Saturday, October 2, 1993 at 8:30 a.m. Please bring trail tools, gloves, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them.

This 7.5 mile section of the Long Path, from Peekamoose Road to the junction of the Phoenicia-East Branch trail, for which the club is responsible, is a long stretch, especially considering how few people turn up on the trail-clearing trips. It is hoped that more people will participate in these outings to help the club meet at least the required minimum maintenance standards.

Trail maintenance is a terrific way of returning to the woods part of the experience you have enjoyed so that others in the future might gain the same pleasure. Becoming involved in the club's trail maintenance efforts will allow you to learn what trail work entails and provide a good way to "get your feet wet" should you decide to acquire your own piece of trail under the auspices of the Trail Conference. In fact, many 3500 club members maintain their own stretches of trail in the Catskills and elsewhere.

As members of a club whose use of the Catskill trails is extensive, we should strive to make the Peekamoose-Table trail an example of how far club maintenance can go to produce a trail that everyone can enjoy hiking. And the personal satisfaction derived from such effort is often ample reward.

All trail-clearing trips are listed in the Canister; any information regarding such trips can be obtained by contacting the Trails Chairman, Gerry Gervais, at 914-341-5515 (days) or 914-236-4208 (evenings before 10:00 p.m.). If you are able to, please pitch in. See you on Saturday, October 2!

ALL 35 BY BUS

Back in the sixties and in my twenties, I was quite active hiking with the American Youth Hostel groups, eventually leading many AYH hikes. All of them started out by bus from New York City and went to Harriman Park, Bear Mountain, the Hudson Highlands and other areas easily accessible by bus.

One day, at a Madison Avenue gallery, I came across some Thomas Cole paintings of the Catskill mountains. The scenery was so beautiful that I found maps and bus schedules and organized AYH hiking trips to the Catskills. After a couple of years, I had climbed all the peaks along the bus route more than once and in all seasons and weather.

That was when I decided to form a club. It was named the Onteora (after one of the peaks along the bus route) and I designed a badge for all the hikers who had followed me, on trails and bushwhacks, up the Catskill peaks.

On one of these hikes, I met a lone hiker who was climbing all the peaks over 3500 feet, and who told me about a group which had begun a peakbaggers' club. I contacted that group and got a

list of those peaks. Since I had already climbed more than half of them, I started working on the ones which were not within easy reach of the bus route. Bearpen and Vly were the most difficult to get to, as was Doubletop. It took a lot of road walking, but in those days there was very little auto traffic, and the low country was as beautiful as the mountains. Some of the more remote peaks had to be done in three-day weekends, but the campouts were great. I eventually climbed all 35 to become number 20 in the then very new Catskill 3500 Club.

After seeing the endless mountains of the Rockies and here in the Northwest, I lost interest in peakbagging. I enjoyed more the backcountry travel along mountain ridges that stretch for miles. These days, my challenge is to get away from trail crowds by exploring old, overgrown logging roads, with so many blowdowns that mountain bikes and four by fours can't even pass through. And to get there, I still use the bus!

E.T. Wolfrum (#20)
6701 - 32nd Avenue, N.W.
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MEMBER HONORED FOR A.T. SERVICE

Congratulations to Walter Gregory (#18) on his Silver Shovel Award, presented at the Appalachian Trail Conference's biennial meeting in Dahlonega, Georgia, in June. Recipients give a minimum of 25 years of service to the A.T. to receive this award. In honor of the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, the Appalachian Trail Conference recognized those with extended service.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1993

ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

Sat. Oct. 2 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3190'
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11

A moderately strenuous trail-clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path that the club is responsible for clearing. Bring loppers, weed whackers, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 914-341-5515 (days); 914-236-4208 (evenings before 10:00 P.M.)

Sun. Oct. 3 LONE and ROCKY

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35

A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 9:00 A.M.

Leader: John Graham (#478), 914-241-2240 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Oct. 9 **KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK**Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

An easy to moderate bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), 914-431-5859 (7:30 A.M. - 3:40 P.M. Mon.-Fri.)

Sun. Oct. 10 **SOUTHWEST HUNTER**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Parking lot behind the Phoenicia Pharmacy in Phoenicia at 8:15 A.M.

Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 914-331-1206

Sat. Oct. 16 **NORTH DOME and SHERRILL**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31

A moderately difficult bushwhack from Spruceton Road, including some rock scrambles.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Ernie Valera (#802), 914-297-6908

Sun. Oct. 17 **SLIDE, CORNELL and WITTENBERG**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 4180', 3860', 3780'
Order: 1, 9, 14A strenuous 9-mile traverse of the Burroughs Range. Spectacular viewpoints and peak fall color. Shuttle required. Heavy rain cancels. If in doubt, call leader. **RAIN DATE: SAT., OCT. 30.**

Meeting Place: Woodland Valley Campground (south side of Woodland Valley Road) at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sat. Oct. 23 **DOUBLETOP (and possibly GRAHAM)**Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'
Elev.: 3870', (3868') Order: 7, (8)

A moderately strenuous bushwhack from Seager (with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 350'). Wretched weather conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Seager parking lot (from Rte. 28 in Arkville follow Dry Brook Road 9.5 miles to trailhead at road end) at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 201-762-0396

Sun. Oct. 24 **FRIDAY and BALSAM CAP**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev. 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25

A strenuous bushwhack at a steady, not fast, pace. Early start, leisurely trip. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.

Leader: Murray Friedman (#868), 914-779-6233 (7:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

Sat. Oct. 30 **Western Catskills: Mongaup Mtn. Circular**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3062'

A moderately strenuous trail hike from Mongaup Pond via Willowemoc, Long Pond, Beaverkill Ridge and Mongaup-Hardenburgh trails. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Tourist information "Caboose" at Exit 96 (Livingston Manor) off Route 17 (Quickway) at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 908-236-9543

Sun. Oct. 31 **RUSK**Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderately strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels. If in doubt, call leader.

RAIN DATE: SAT., NOV. 13.

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and Cty. Rd. 6 (Spruceton Rd.) in Westkill at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 516-938-5721 (7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.)

Sat. Nov. 6 **PANTHER End-to-End**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Lawrence Armstrong (#827), 607-783-2730

Sun. Nov. 7 **WESTKILL and W. Westkill**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:45 A.M.

Leader: Henry Jenkins (#808), 914-471-6316

Sat. Nov. 13 **BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM**Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8

A moderately paced circuit hike along Dry Brook Ridge Trail (jeep trail to Graham) from Mill Brook Road. Good hike for beginners. Rain cancels.

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), 914-431-5859 (7:30 A.M. - 3:40 P.M. Mon.-Fri.)

Sun. Nov. 14 **BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME
and THOMAS COLE**Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev. 3940', 3990', 3945'
Order: 5, 3, 4

A strenuous trail hike from Barnum Road to Big Hollow Road. Shuttle required. Heavy, steady precipitation cancels.

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M. sharp.

Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 201-670-8383 (before 9:00 P.M., Thursday or Friday before hike)

Sat. Nov. 20 **RUSK and HUNTER**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3680', 4040' Order: 21, 2

A moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Wretched weather conditions cancel.

Meeting Place: Hunter Brook trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 201-762-0396

Sun. Nov. 21 **FIR and BIG INDIAN**Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3625', 3680' Order: 24, 20

A moderately strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack and trail hike. All-weather hike; however, inclement weather may necessitate changes in route and pace.

Meeting Place: Biscuit Brook parking area on Cty. Rd. 47, approx. 1 mi. north of Frost Valley at 8:45 A.M.

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 212-490-7900 (Days 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

**Nov. 22 - Dec. 16: HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) IN THE CATSKILLS.
NO HIKES SCHEDULED IN THE CATSKILLS.**

December through April, the windchill on exposed ridges may reach 50 below zero. If you do not know what type of clothing will be adequate, telephone the hike leader in advance. If you cannot buy, rent, or borrow snowshoes, avoid the mountains in winter. Unless specified otherwise, full crampons should be carried. Properly dressed and equipped, and in proper physical condition, a hiker can enjoy the mountains in what many people consider the most beautiful season of the year.

Sun. Dec. 5 **Taconic Range** Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1600'
A moderate, circular hike in the vicinity of the Taconic range of Connecticut and Massachusetts. No hunting in Connecticut and Massachusetts on Sunday.
Meeting Place: Call leader for details (before 9:00 P.M.)
Leader: Doug Robins (#153), 203-693-0130

Sat. Dec. 11 **Shawangunks** Distance: 10 mi.
An up and down circular along High Peterskill and Millbrook Mountain. Small fee for non-members of Mohonk Preserve. Bad road conditions cancel.
Meeting Place: Trapps Bridge parking lot at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 201-762-0396

Sat. Dec. 18 **VLY** Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3529' Order: 32
A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Meeting Place: Prattsville Diner on Rte. 23 (in Prattsville) at 8:00 A.M.
Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 518-439-1074

Sat. Dec. 25 **DOUBLETOP (and possibly GRAHAM)** Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'
Elev.: 3870', (3868') Order: 7, (8)
A moderately strenuous bushwhack with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 350'. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Ed Goldstein (#861), 212-486-2692

Sun. Dec. 26 **SLIDE** Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1
A scenic, moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Meeting Place: Valley View Inn in Oliveria at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 518-439-1074

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW MEMBERS

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870	Richard W. Guzzetta 3/15/92 78 West Zovanne Drive, Farmingdale, NY 12735-2818	516-756-9827
871	Lawrence Tsao 6/20/93 33 Cohawney Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583	914-472-3687
872	Richard T. Ernenwein 6/18/93 7 Beech Street, Newburgh, NY 12550	914-565-3866
873	Carl D. Rosenthal 7/4/93 45 Beacon Hill Drive, Waterford, CT 06385	203-442-5519
874	Norbert H. Hellman 7/15/93 P.O. Box 18, Esopus, NY 12429	914-384-6552

SLOWDOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS

The hiking year that ended with the annual dinner in Kingston on March 27, 1993 saw 41 new members receive their patches and certificates. This represented a sharp decline from the 61 who completed their climbs the prior year. For want of any other reason, I suppose we can blame this reduction, like everything else, on the recession.

Of the 41 finishers, there were 9 women and 32 men. The average age of the group was 42½, with the men a little older at 43, and the women at 40. The women ranged in age from 22 to 65, and the men from 25 to 70. The average length of time to make the 39 climbs was 6 years and 10 months, with the fairer sex being the faster at 5¾ years, while the men required 7 years and 1 month. The quickest woman finished in 16 months, and the most casual took 16 years. For the men, the numbers were 8 months and 33 years, respectively.

Once again, Slide was the first peak climbed by more new members, followed by Wittenberg and Panther. Panther was the most popular finishing peak, followed by Slide and Kaaterskill High Peak. The favorite mountain mentioned by more of the new members was Wittenberg and then Blackhead. Eagle and Graham were the hikes least enjoyed, whilst Balsam Cap, closely followed by Friday, continue as the most difficult.

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