

The Old Mountaineer

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CLUB NEWS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 3:00 **PM.** The meeting will be held at the Beaver flow pavilion. We will be conducting regular club business and electing the 2021 Club Officers. Absentee Ballots/Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The Absentee **Ballot/Nomination form only** needs to be mailed in if you will not be attending the Spring **General Membership Meeting.** If you are mailing in a ballot, please write "BALLOT ENCLOSED" on the back of the envelope. This will ensure it is not accidentally opened prior to the meeting.

The slate of officers is as follows: President-Jay Caponera, 1st Vice President-Bruce Murdock, 2nd Vice President-Ed Keller, 3rd Vice President-James McEnaney, Secretary-Matthew Richardson, Treasurer-Walt Huba, 3-year Director-Ric Taras, 1 Yr. Directory-Ron Caponera, 1-Yr. Director-Pat Reed, 1-Yr. Director Joe Novak

Paul Ritchey moves to a two year Director, as he was voted in as a three year director last year. This position does not require him to run for election this year. If you are unable to attend the membership meeting please mail your Absentee Ballot/Nomination Form to the Secretary, Matthew Richardson, before May 1, 2018. (Newcomb Sportsmen's Club, Inc., ATTN: Matthew Richardson, 529 Acland Blvd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020)

The NSC board would like to thank longtime board member and former Membership Chair Mike Lis for his many years fo service to the club. Mike recently decided to step down and fully embrace his well deserved retirement. Thank you Mike for the dedication you have shown NSC.



Member Bill Hickey with a great buck from this past fall.

SPRING RAFFLE

Due to the current state of the ongoing pandemic, the spring raffle has been put on hold until next year.

FALL RAFFLE TICKETS

Fall Raffle tickets will be available at the Spring Meeting. The prizes awarded will be the same as they were last year.

TAKE NOTICE

Please make sure that copies of all ATV, UTV, and snowmobile registrations/proof of insurance are sent to Matthew Richardson. It is necessary to have these on file for lease and club insurance purposes. You may send a copy through the mail or via e-mail. guidemrichardson@gmail.com

MUD LOCKS

Mud locks were put on Sunday 3/21. All ATV trails will be closed until at least after the spring meeting. Due to logging there has been a lot of damage to the ATV trails. Please allow time for the trails to dry and be cleaned up. Also, we are closing Hedgehog road at the request of F&W to all traffic including ATVs. F&W will fix the damage to Hedgehog road in the early summer.

CLUB OPEN HOUSE

The club is planning the yearly Open House for Saturday, September 11th this year which coincides with Teddy Roosevelt weekend. At the meeting in May a proposal will be made to make last years pig roast a tradition by continuing it at the open house. If passed by the general membership, the plan will be to hold the event on Wards Mill. Time TBD.

DUES AND COMBINATION

Yearly dues are payable in two installments of \$395. The 1st installment is due by April 1, 2021.

Notices have gone out on or before March 1st. This notice will include updated Camp fees and taxes, property and school. Please send dues installment to Treasurer, Walt Huba, 18 Cimarron Way Latham, NY, Please remember new combinations and buttons are issued upon payment of the September installment, not the April installment.

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN AND WORK DAYS

Bruce Murdock, Property Chairman, will be establishing work days and will announce the dates at the Spring Meeting. Also, the dates will be listed in the Summer/Fall 2021 newsletter.

All members are highly encouraged to participate in a work day. Not only does this satisfy your membership requirement to participate or pay \$100, it adds to the overall quality of our club. Many hands make light work and we can use all members hands.

FISH STOCKING

As we have in the past, we will continue with trout stocking in the Beaver Flow this fall. Jay Caponera has contacted the stocking coordinator and reserved the Brook Trout. **New this year**, We will be starting a stocking program on Wards Mill pond. The club has obtained a permit to stock bass and forage fish from DEC and F&W. As we move forward in establishing a sustainable bass fishery for years to come, we will initially be treating the pond as catch and release. In doing this, we will be giving the bass a chance to go through spawning cycles and acclimate themselves to the pond. This action will also give the club a chance to make sure that the habitat of Wards Mill pond is

conducive to bass stocking in the long run. We look forward to establishing a secondary fishing opportunity for our club members.

HUNTING SEASON 2020 RESULTS

Our best estimate indicates that approximately nine bucks were taken last season on club property. 2020 was a very productive harvest yielding a large number of big bucks. Along with the bucks, the two doe tags that were raffled off were filled.

The **NSC Big Buck Club** prize was awarded this year to Jay Caponera (Buck pictured below). Jays 10 point weighed in at 180lb. **CONGRATULATIONS** Jay and to all the members who filled tags this past year

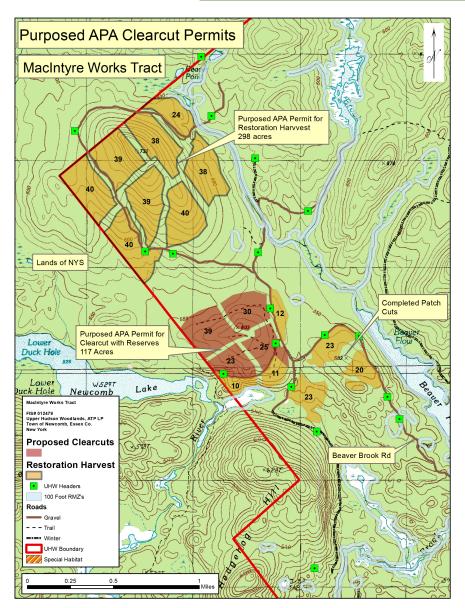
To enter the contest, remember to send your entry fee of \$10.00 in with your September dues payment or before the season begins.



ATTENTION

Pat Reed is in the process of establishing a history of NSC. She has made a lot of headway as well as interviewed long time members. Pat is hoping to collect some more information and any help would be greatly appreciated. She is in search of old membership lists, pre 2000's: meeting minutes, buttons, newspaper clippings, and of course pictures.

CURRENT LOGGING PLAN FROM F&W



Jay Caponera was contacted last month by F&W regarding an extensive logging operation that will take place on the club. The logging is planned for later this Spring/summer. The map to the left details their plans, which encompass almost 400 acres of either patch clear cuts around the duck hole or selective cuts up in Boulder alley. The necessary APA permits have been approved and barring any other unforeseen issues the plan will move forward. Hopefully the future new growth will attract and hold more deer in years to come. Also, the new logging will give us opportunities to establish new 4x4 trails and add to our existing trail system. Moving forward, please be aware of the ongoing operation, as large trucks and machinery will be moving around the club on a regular basis.



EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Open House	Sep 11, 2021	9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	Beaver Flow Pavilion
Board Meeting	May 15, 2021	Noon	Beaver Flow Pavilion
General Membership/Election Meeting	May 15, 2021	3:00 PM	Beaver Flow Pavilion
Board Meeting	TBD	TBD	Zoom Meeting
Board Meeting Fall Party/Bus. Meeting	November 6, 2021 November 6, 2021	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	TBD

WINTER/SPRING 2021

When you are in the Club there is limited phone service. However, we feel that it is important that every member have a list of relevant and emergency phone numbers for the Newcomb area. Hopefully you won't have to use them.

Police Numbers

Newcomb 897-2000 Long Lake 897-2000 Minerva 962-8235 (if no answer call 897-2000) Glens Falls 792-2172 Saranac Lake 897-2000

Sheriff

Essex County 873-6321 (Elizabethtown) Hamilton County 546-6321 (Lake Pleasant) Warren County 761-6477 (Glens Falls) or 911

Newcomb Health Center

582-2991

Fire / Emergency Numbers

911

Other

Pottersville Garage (518)494-2690 Schroon Lake Trucking (518)796-1865 Auto Car Care Center (518) 623-3039

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Carry it out

Department of Environmental Conservation Region 5 Law Enforcement Office Rt. 86, PO Box 286 Ray Brook, NY 12977-0286 518-897-1200

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