



SUMMER/FALL 2008

# THE OLD MOUNTAINEER

A PUBLICATION OF THE NEWCOMB SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## CLUB NEWS

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Newcomb Sportsmen's Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Wayne Beckingham, Lloyd Burch, Nick Comito, Milton Dunbar, Ed Fahrenkoph, Mark Gadway, Paige Garvey, John George, Jeff Hayes, Dave Koran, Bruce Murdock, Robert Nussbickel, Frank Sullivan, Dan Underwood, Randy Valastro, William Wanner and Marshall Zeh.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Saturday, May 17, 2008 we held our spring general membership meeting. There was a total of 32 members at the meeting, counting the board members. At this meeting we conducted the election of our Club Officers. The results of the election are as follows: President—Joe Novak, 1st Vice President—Tim Walsh, 2nd Vice President—Rick Taras, 3rd Vice President—Jeff Breedon, Secretary—Walt Huba, Treasurer—Ron Caponera, 3-year Director—Paul Ritchey, 2-year Director—Bob Howard, 1-year Director—Mickey Block, 1-year Director—Mike Lis.,.

John Mooney nominated Gary Reed for 3 year director as well as 1 year director. This resulted in a paper ballot vote. Although the voting was spirited and added a sense of excitement to the evening, the members voted and the positions are filled as listed above.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Newcomb Firehouse in Newcomb, NY.

### CLUB CAMPS

Finch Paper has designated 8—12 new sites for camps on Pine Rd. At the time of the Spring meeting, three of these new sites had already been reserved. Ed Martin has been designated the contact person for camp owners with regards to questions and camp updates.

According to Article XIII—Camps, Section C—Numbering, of the NSC By-Laws, "All camps shall bear, over the door in numbers three inches high the designated number as issued by the Treasurer. Each camp is to display an annual permit issued by the Treasurer." With this said, a deadline of **September 1, 2008** has been set for members to properly number their camp. If you are unsure of your camp number, **contact Ed Martin at 518-664-5219 or cell 518-424-1533.**

**After September 1, all unnumbered camps will be numbered by the club and the owner assessed a \$25.00 fee.**

### CLUB LEASE

The club will be signing a new three year lease with Finch that will include a 3% increase to the lease per year for the next three years. The 3% increase this year is the equivalent of a \$1,500 increase to our current lease, or \$20.00 per member, per year. In addition to the increase in the lease, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has indicated that approximately 800 acres of club land located between County Rt. 25 and the Hudson River corridor, will be removed from our lease within the next three years. Joe Novak proposed that the club, rather than waiting for TNC

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to claim the 800 acres, would offer to have the acreage removed from the lease this year and likewise result in a reduction to our total lease payment. If the land is removed from the lease and a subsequent reduction in the total lease payment is realized, the board will review our financial position next year with regards to additional increases in dues.

The motion for a \$20 increase to this year's dues was approved as well as the motion to make an offer to Finch to give back the 800 acres this year. A letter was drafted and sent to Finch on June 1, 2008, outlining our "give back" offer. At the time this newsletter went to print a response had not been received. As soon as we hear from Finch and TNC, we will inform the membership.

### CLUB RAFFLE'S

The Spring raffle was very successful with a total of 272 tickets sold at \$20/ticket. This resulted in a total of \$5,440 and we awarded \$3,000 in prizes resulting in a net profit to the club of \$2,440. Great job by all members that sold tickets.

The Fall raffle is quickly approaching. Any member that needs tickets should contact Ric Taras, Raffle Committee Chairman at 518-792-4027. Also, **the deadline for submitting ticket sales, as well as any unsold raffle tickets, is Friday, August 31.** This is the primary fund raising program for our club and everyone's participation is needed.

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Our Spring Open House was held the weekend of May 17 + 18. We had a substantial list of potential attendees for the open house based on our club promotion at the NY Whitetail Classic Sportsman's Show and the Great Northeast Outdoors Show. Our membership committee followed up with calls to many of these prospects and we anticipated a large turnout at the open house. The actual turnout was less than expected but we did sign up a couple of new members. Special thanks go to Gary and Pat Reed for all their hard work on not only the Open House but coordinating the spring shows.

### WORK DAYS:

The first work day has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 19, at 9 AM**, with Sunday, July 20 as the rain date. Members should meet at the lower gate. Please bring a shovel, rake and a chain saw if you have one. Lunch will be provided. If you can help **contact Mark Miner at 518-582-2332**. Be sure to respond so we can get an accurate number for lunch. The second work day is scheduled for **Saturday, August 16 at 9 AM** with Sunday, August 17 the rain date. Members wishing to help should **contact Joe Novak at 518-582-2160**. If you can not make either day but want to contribute a work day, call Joe Novak at 518-582-2160 to make arrangements on fulfilling your requirement. *Remember, any member that does not complete a work day will be assessed a work day fee of \$100.00.*

### DUES AND KEYS:

Yearly dues are payable in two installments of \$395. **The second dues installment is due by September 1, 2008.** Notices will be going out August 1st. Locks will be changed **September 1.** **All dues MUST be paid in full to receive a new key.** Members should send in their old key along with their dues check. Guest passes are still \$20. **Please send your dues and keys to the Treasurer, Ron Caponera at 29 Dutch Meadows Dr., Cohoes, NY 12047.** Camp owners will be assessed a camp rental fee of \$200.00 and combined property and school taxes of \$125.00. *Members who have not fulfilled a work day obligation will be assessed an additional fee of \$100.00.*



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### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

At the Spring meeting there was discussion regarding the fate of not only our club, but other sportsmen's clubs throughout the Adirondack Park. All indications are that the Newcomb Sportsmen's Club will remain a viable club for years to come. The same can not be said of many other clubs. As an indicator, you only need to look at the large number of new members (16) we acquired this year. Many of these individuals have been active members of clubs in the Newcomb area and unfortunately the fate of their club is not as positive as ours. As time goes on we are sure to have a significant number of inquires regarding club membership in the NSC. Our current By-Laws indicate a maximum membership of 150 members. Although this is the maximum, the concern voiced by many members at the meeting was; what is the level of membership that the club can allow to maintain the exclusivity that we currently enjoy? One number batted around was capping our full paying membership at 85—90 members. Additional information will be shared and further discussion will take place at the fall meeting.

### FISH STOCKING

On May 17, 2008 the club stocked approximately 375 very hardy brook trout in the flow. These trout range anywhere from 9" to 11" in length and there were even a couple larger fish stocked. Our investment of \$800.00, generated by contributions from members and interest on our clubs savings account, was well worth it, especially if you've had the good fortune to catch some of these beautiful and hefty brookies. Thanks to all who donated time or treasure to this effort.

### MEMORIAL BENCH AT PAVILLION

Club member Ed Martin constructed a beautiful sitting bench in honor of former members that are no longer with us. Ed shared photos of the bench with the board and the general membership at the Spring meeting and the photos have been placed on our WEB site. The club will purchase several small bronze plaques and have them inscribed with the names of deceased members and mount them on the bench. The bench is located at the pavilion overlooking the flow. What a fitting location to honor our friends. The entire club thanks Ed for his efforts. Funds donated in memory of Mike Vinchiarello were used to purchase the materials to construct the bench. Thanks Mike.

### CAMPS FOR SALE

There currently are three camps for sale and one camp lot for sale. Bruce Abare is selling his camp with an asking price of \$5,900 and he will dicker. Bruce can be reached at 518-793-7632. John Trzaskos's camp is available for \$10,000. This is a fairly new camp. John can be reached at 518-371-0079. Pete Taylor is offering his camp. Anyone interested can reach Pete at 518-251-3149. Finally, Mickey Block is offering the camp lot he has held for several years to any interested member. This lot is located in Ward's Mill. Mickey can be reached at 518-732-7027.

### NSC HATS ON ORDER

Overwhelming demand for the always popular Newcomb Sportsmen's Club hat has resulted in a need to order new ones for resale to members. The club will have one hat featuring a trout and the other hat featuring a Whitetail Buck. The collectors edition hat featuring an Elk are no longer available. If you have one of these rare hats count yourself lucky and please refrain from speculative selling. The hats will be available for purchase starting July 20 or at the fall meeting and the price will be \$12.00. If you want to purchase a hat contact Joe Novak at 518-582-2160.

### NEWCOMB NORTH COUNTRY CHALLENGE

The club will once again support the Newcomb Chamber of Commerce North Country Challenge canoe race to be held Saturday, August 16, 2008. Cost is \$40.00 which includes the printing of our club logo on the very popular t-shirt which will be sold at the event.



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#### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- Roads are in great shape thanks to the efforts of Mark Miner. Please drive in various paths on the roads to prevent ruts.
- The work day project will focus on the establishment of a small parking area located at the lower road. Materials have been purchased and approvals are in place. The total cost of the project should not exceed \$1,000. The town has agreed to plow this area so members taking advantage of winter activities will have a place to park.
- Buttons featuring the club logo and the years 2008—2009 were distributed at the Spring meeting and will be sent to all remaining members along with the new keys.
- Beech nuts are reported to be in abundance this year and have been seen all over the club. Clean out your freezer. It's shaping up to be a good year.
- Joe Novak is now a full time resident of the town of Newcomb and a full time retiree. With that said, if you ever need assistance when in the Newcomb area, Joe has offered to help. He can be reached at 518-582-2160. The best time to call is between 11 PM and 6 AM. Only joking.

#### WEB SITE

If you have a computer and you haven't checked out our WEB site lately, you're missing a real entertaining time. The WEB address is [www.newcombsportsmensclub.com](http://www.newcombsportsmensclub.com). We have updated the photos and added a full calendar that is updated on a regular basis. Also, there is a members login section that contains a copy of the By-Laws, a members update section, club roster, and the ability to email all members. Also, on our site is a copy of this and several past newsletters. If any member has digital photos that they would like to have placed on the site, or has a new or updated email or has any suggestions, email Walt Huba at [whuba@nycap.rr.com](mailto:whuba@nycap.rr.com).

### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Club Work Day	Saturday, July 19, 2008	9:00 AM until TBD	Contact Mark Miner, 518-582-2332
Club Work Day	Saturday, August 16, 2008	9:00 AM until TBD	Contact Joe Novak, 518-582-2160
Fall Raffle Ticket Deadline	Sunday, August 31, 2008		Contact Ric Taras 518-792-4027
Club Dues Deadline	Monday, September 1, 2008		Contact Ron Caponera 518-785-0621
Big Game Opening Day, Northern Zone	Saturday, October 18, 2008		Northern Zone, NY State
Board of Directors Meeting	Saturday, November 1, 2008	5:00 PM	Joe Novak's House Newcomb, NY
Fall Party/Business Meeting	Saturday, November 1, 2008	7:00 PM	Newcomb Fire House Newcomb, NY



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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

When you are in the Club there are no phones. However, we feel that it is important that every member have a list of important and emergency phone numbers for the Newcomb area. Hopefully, you won't have to use them.

**Police Numbers**

Newcomb 911  
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**

Newcomb 911  
Long Lake 624-3900  
Minerva 911  
North Creek 911  
Pottersville 911  
Johnsburg 911

Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Region 5

Law Enforcement Office  
Route 86, P.O. Box 286  
Ray Brook, NY 12977-0286  
Telephone: (518) 897-1200

Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
Region 5 Sub Office

Hudson St., P.O. Box 220  
Warrensburg, NY  
12885-0220  
Telephone: (518) 623-3621

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CARRY IT IN...  
CARRY IT OUT**



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