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## CLUB NEWS

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Walter Appelle, Gerald Barr, Vito LaPenna, Gary Vanderwerken.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 we held our spring General Membership meeting. 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—Ric Taras, 3rd Vice President—Jeff Breedon, Secretary—Walt Huba, Treasurer—Ron Caponera, 3-year Director—Mike Vincharello, 2-year Director—Bob Howard, 1-year Director—Mickey Block, 1-year Director—Mike Lis, 1-year Director—Paul Richey.

On Tuesday, May 29, club and Board member Mike Vinchiarello passed away. Mike had been a club member, camp owner and board member for many years. His contributions to the Newcomb Sportsmen's Club were always positive and we will miss his help and friendship. Mike leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Linda (Lyn), son Michael Jr., daughters Kelly Nesbitt and Jackie McCagg. Linda Vinchiarello is planning on keeping the camp and remaining a club member. Mike requested that any memorial contributions be made to the Newcomb Sportsmen's Club and to date we have over \$500 in contributions to the club. We'll miss our friend and fellow sportsmen and pray that he rests in peace.

Brian Cuomo has been selected by our President, and subject to Board approval, will be assuming Mike's duties as 3-year Director.

John Mooney, Board Member and Membership Committee Chairman, has resigned from both positions as of Saturday, May 19, 2007. John did an excellent job in prospecting and securing new members, coordinating membership drives/events and participating in board meetings and activities. His 20 years of contributions to the club have been significant and we will miss his help.

Mike Howard, Chairman of the Board, also resigned his position. Mike was instrumental in the updating of the By-Laws and championing many of the improvements we have made to the club in the last several years. Thanks Mike for your enthusiasm and perseverance.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Newcomb Firehouse in Newcomb, NY.

### BY-LAWS RATIFIED

At the fall meeting on November 4, 2006, the first version of the final club By-Laws were presented and discussed. At the May 19th General Membership meeting, the second and final presentation of the changes proposed to the By-Laws was made. Primary changes discussed:

- Waiver of dues for the President and Secretary in addition to the Treasurer
- Reduction of dues for Committee Chairmen
- Chairman of Board dues reduced by 50%
- Work Day assessment raised from \$20 to \$100

Motion was made at the May 19, 2007 meeting to accept all changes to the By-Laws and the full membership voted to accept the changes.

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN CHANGES

At the Board of Directors meeting, which was held just prior to the May 19th General Membership meeting, Bob Howard, Raffle Committee Chairman, resigned his position as chairman. Ric Taras, 2nd Vice President, volunteered to take over the Raffle Committee Chairman position. Therefore as an update, the following members have volunteered for, and been approved to be committee chairmen:

Membership Committee	Property Committee	Raffle Committee
Open Position	Jeff Breedon	Ric Taras
	6 Sage Rd.	170 Butler Rd.
	Waterford, NY 12188	Fort Edward, NY 12828
	518-587-4203 or 518-813-1597	518-792-4027

**Membership Committee**—responsible for the coordination of trade shows, open houses and new member information packs.

**Property Committee**—responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the club house, monitoring of members camps with regards to required postings and paperwork, designation of temporary camp sites, pavilion maintenance, fish stocking and boat regulations.

**Raffle Committee**—responsible for the printing and disbursement of Spring and Fall tickets as well as raffle prizes, 50/50 raffles, raffles at trade shows and maintenance of equipment used to conduct raffles such as the roulette wheel.

Thank you to Jeff and Ric for taking on these important positions. Please contact either of these individuals when you want to help on a project or you have a question which pertains to their respective committee. Each Committee Chairman will provide a report at both General Membership meetings and each of the Board of Directors meetings held throughout the year.

### CLUB RAFFLE'S

The Spring raffle was very successful with a total of 265 tickets sold at \$20/ticket. This resulted in a total of \$5,300 and we awarded \$2,950 in prizes resulting in a net profit to the club of \$2,350. 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 to Ric Taras.** This is the primary fund raising program for our club and everyone's participation is needed.

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Our Spring Open House was very successful despite the less than perfect weather. We had a list of over eighty 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 huge turnout at the open house. Unfortunately, mother nature did not cooperate. Despite the foul weather, we had four new members join with only ten individuals attending the open house.



## CLUB NEWS (CONTINUED)

### CLUB WORK DAYS

On Saturday, July 21st the first of two scheduled work days were conducted. Approximately ten members along with Joe Novak and Jeff Breedon, Property Committee Chairman, worked all day focusing on the clubs Club House. The group repaired the chimney and replaced an entire side wall with new plywood. The camp received a good cleaning and other repairs were made. With a small invest of under \$200, and a large investment of hard work, the camp is much improved and looks great. **The next work day is Saturday, August 18.** The main goal will be repair work on the culverts and roads. Any member who has not conducted a work day and would like to sign up, contact Jeff Breedon or Joe Novak. The work party will meet at the flow and please bring shovels and a chain saw if you have one. Remember, as voted on by the membership the **work day assessment has been raised to \$100.** All members received a notice in early July indicating the dates for the work days. If the 18th is not good for you but you wish to complete your work day, contact Joe Novak. He will have no problem finding a job for you to do.

### CLUB ROADS

At the Spring General Membership meeting the board received approval from the membership to spend club funds on the badly needed repair of the clubs roads. On July 5, Joe Novak, Ron Caponera and Walt Huba met with Dave Osterberg, Woodlands Division, Finch Pruyn, to first drive the roads and determine the main areas for repairs and then to discuss arrangements and costs for the work. Finch agreed to provide the equipment, fill and employees, with the club picking up the tab. We have not received the final bill on the work, but the club roads are repaired and the expense was well within our budget.

A couple of suggestions on how we can reduce the wear and tear on the roads and extend their longevity. First, when traveling on the roads try to not drive in the same tire paths. Alternate where the wheels of your vehicle go. This will help to lessen the continual wear in one spot. Also, all members are asked to not drive on any sections of the roads, this includes up to the lower gate, until the mud locks are removed. If you want to use your four wheeler, etc, and the mud locks have not yet been removed, park on the paved main road rather than driving up to the gate and parking. Again, this is to reduce the wear on the roads.

### FISH STOCKING

On May 19, 2007 the club stocked a large number of 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.

Our fund raising for next years stocking is off to a bang up start. The 50/50 at the Spring meeting generated \$58.50 and Ron Caponera, who won the 50/50, donated his winnings of \$58.50, back to the fish stocking fund. In addition, club member Karl Bradway donated \$100 and Walt Huba donated \$50 of his winnings from the Spring raffle. All total we have \$267 already in the bank and again we will be investing the interest from the clubs savings account toward the stocking. That's what I call quiet a catch.

### DUES AND KEYS

At the last General Membership meeting on May 19, 2007, a motion was presented by the Board of Directors to increase the club dues from \$730/year to \$770/year. This is the result of Finch Pruyn informing the Board that there will be an increase of 5% in the yearly lease. The motion was unanimously passed by the membership to accept the dues increase as presented. Yearly dues are payable in two installments of \$385. **The second dues installment is due by Friday, August 31, 2007.** Notices will be going out the week of July 30th. Locks will be changed Labor Day weekend. **All dues MUST be paid in full to receive a new key.** Members should send in their old keys 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 and combined property and school taxes of \$125. **Members who have not fulfilled a work day obligation will be assessed an additional fee of \$100.**



## CLUB NEWS (*CONTINUED*)

### NATURE CONSERVACY

As you all know by now, Finch Pruyn sold all of their 161,000 acres of Adirondack forestland to the Nature Conservancy. This sale includes the 7,000 acres that make up the Newcomb Sportsmen's Club. The Conservancy has indicated that they fully intend to renew our lease for the 2007—2008 year, with little or no changes except for the 5% increase to the yearly lease. Currently, we are still dealing with the same individuals from Finch that we have established a good working relationship with. This may or may not change in the future. With this in mind, on Friday, August 10th, club President, Joe Novak and club Treasurer, Ron Caponera will be meeting with representatives from the Nature Conservancy to discuss our current lease, the renewal process and future lease arrangements. Once the results of this meeting are known, we will be sure to share those results with the entire club membership.

Rest assured that your club officers will do everything they can and with the full memberships best interests in mind, to keep our great club functioning for many years to come.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of a correspondence that was sent to Joe Novak dated July 27, 2007. The letter references a Nature Conservancy press release of July 3, 2007. A copy of the entire press release can be accessed from our WEB site.

### WEB SITE

If you have a computer and you haven't checked out our WEB site lately, you're missing a real entertaining time. We recently purchased our own domain name and we no longer have to remember a long and drawn out Web address. Now you just need to input [www.newcombsportsmensclub.com](http://www.newcombsportsmensclub.com) and you will go to our site. 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. To log into the Members Only portion of the site, the log in as well as password is the first initial of your first name followed by your entire last name. For example, my log in and password would be whuba. Also, on our site is a copy of this and several past newsletters.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place
Club Work Day	Saturday, August 18, 2007	All day	Contact Jeff Breedon, Property Committee Chairman 518-587-4203 or 813-1597
Fall Raffle Ticket Deadline	Friday, August 31, 2007		Contact Ric Taras 518-792-4027
Club Dues Deadline	Friday, August 31, 2007		Contact Ron Caponera 518-785-0621
Big Game Opening Day, Northern Zone	Saturday, October 20, 2007		Northern Zone, NY State
Board of Directors Meeting	Saturday, November 3, 2007	5:00 PM	Joe Novak's House Newcomb, NY
Fall Party/Business Meeting	Saturday, November 3, 2007	7:00 PM	Newcomb Fire House Newcomb, NY



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July 27, 2007

Dear Recreational Lease Club President:

Enclosed please find a copy of The Nature Conservancy's July 3, 2007 press release about the status of public access regarding the 161,000 acres the non-profit organization purchased from Finch, Pruyn & Company Inc. As you know, in the June 18 press release about the purchase TNC announced that it will be renewing all leases in good standing effective October 1.

Note that with this latest release The Nature Conservancy stands behind its commitment to lessees on the property and clarifies questions about public access by taking a direct approach to the issue, as in this statement: "At this time, the Conservancy is not opening any new lands for public access." TNC has been concerned that media exposure around the sale announcement may lead to an increase in trespass and is working pro-actively to prevent that from happening. In addition to generating stories in the Saratogian, Adirondack Daily Enterprise, North Country Public Radio, and Associated Press Newswire, the press release has been posted on TNC's web site and distributed to local outfitters. We anticipate that this will help convey the message that over the next year, our lessees have the same exclusive recreational use of leased lands they have experienced in the past.

Please share the information in this press release with your membership, and encourage your members to report any instances of trespass to the proper authorities.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (518) 793-2541, extension 5526.

Sincerely,

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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 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

Newcomb 582-4000

Long Lake 624-3900

Minerva 911

North Creek 911

Pottersville 911

Johnsburg 911

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Environmental Conservation

Region 5

Law Enforcement Office

Route 86, P.O. Box 286

Ray Brook, NY 12977-0286

Telephone: (518) 897-1200

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