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CLUB NEWS



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, we held our Spring General Membership meeting. We had 30 members in attendance, including 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, Bruce Murdock, 2nd Vice President, Lloyd Burch, 3rd Vice President Ed Keller, Secretary, Walt Huba, Treasurer, Ron Caponera, 3-year Director, Ric Taras, 1 Yr. Directory, Jay Caponera and 1-Yr. Director-Mike Lis. Paul Ritchey is a 3 Yr Director and Marshall Zeh is a 2 Yr Director who were voted in two years ago and last year respectively and therefore their positions do not require them to run for election this year. Finally, Ric Taras was designated by the Board at the May 30th Board meeting to be Chairman of the Board and Marshall Zeh was designated Vice Chairman of the Board. Mark Miner was appointed as caretaker by the board.

The meeting included normal club business such as the Secretaries Report, Treasurers Report, Presidents Report, Raffle Committee Report, Membership Committee Report and Property Committee Report.

Also, the Spring Raffle was one of the evenings most anticipated and exciting events. The club sold a total of 239 tickets totaling \$4780. Prizes

totaling \$2000 were awarded so the club realized a profit of \$2780 from this raffle.

Following is a recap of the winners: \$500 won by Bill Donnan, ticket sold by Bill Donnan, \$400 won by Dave Rossi, ticket sold by Walt Huba, \$300 won by Tom Rogers, ticket sold by Walt Huba, \$200 won by Frank Sullivan, ticket sold by Frank Sullivan, \$200 won by Mike Burden, ticket sold by Dan Brown, \$100 won by Valerie Patronis, ticket sold by Clint Martin, \$100 won by Corki Bombard, ticket sold by Ric Taras, \$75 won by Walt Patacki, ticket sold by Joe Novak, \$75 won by Mike Burden, ticket sold by Dan Brown and \$50 won by Lynn Hopkins, ticket sold by Walt Hopkins. Nice job by all who sold tickets.

Ron Caponera, Treasurer, reported that the club is very financially sound with a bank balance of over \$64,000. The Board has allocated \$10,000 of this balance for road maintenance and future repairs. Membership at the time of the meeting was 85 Regular Members and a total of 117 members.

The minutes from the meeting are posted on the club WEB site under the members only section.

Club Work Days

Bruce Murdock, Property Committee Chairman, has scheduled four work days for the months of June, July, August and September. Following are the scheduled work days:

Saturday, June 13

Rain Date of Sunday, 6/14

Project: TBD,

contact Bruce Murdock, at 518-532-9229

Saturday, July 25

Rain Date of Sunday, 7/26

Project: TBD,

contact Bruce Murdock at 518-532-9229

Saturday, August 15

Rain Date of Sunday, 8/16

Project: TBD

contact Bruce Murdock at 518-532-9229

Saturday, September 19

Rain Date of Sunday, 9/20

Project: Posting,

contact Bruce Murdock, at 518-532-9229

All work days will begin at 9 AM and members will meet at the pavilion at the Flow. Lunch will be provided. Bring shovels, rakes, chainsaws and any other tools you might use.

Members who do not complete a work day during the year will be assed a fee of \$100.

Be sure to call Bruce regarding the work day you plan to participate in since this will give us an idea of how many members will be involved and how much food will be needed.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Newcomb Sportsmen's Club would like to extend a sincere welcome to all our new members.

If you have an email address please send me a message, via email, and I will add you to my distribution list. Sending club correspondences and newsletters via email can help lower expenses for the club. Send your email to walter.huba@gmail.com. Thanks.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Our Spring Open House was held on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th. The club has taken an ad out in the Outdoor News newspaper and the ad featured our Open House dates. This resulted in several individuals visiting the club and we signed up three new members to the waiting list, bringing the total on the waiting list up to five. This ad will run every two weeks. Pick up a copy and check the ad out.

FISH STOCKING

As indicated in previous meetings and newsletters, the club will stock the Beaver Flow in September rather than May. The trout will be purchased from SUNY Cobleskill College. At the time of this newsletter we have \$1,875 allocated for fish stocking. Our fish stocking program is supported by donations of club members, as well as interest on the club bank account and board approved funds. Any member can contribute to the fish stocking fund either through a direct contribution to the Treasurer or by including a donation along with your September dues payment. Ron added a line on the bill for members to indicate what they would like to contribute.

On the advice of the fisheries person from Cobleskill College, the club purchased 200 fingerling trout and stocked them in the streams that feed the flow last September. The plan is to repeat this again in September when we stock the mature fish.

Thanks to all who donated to the fish stocking program. Any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

DUES, KEYS AND BUTTONS

Yearly dues are payable in two installments of \$395. **Dues are due by September 1, 2015.** Notices will be going out on or before August 1st. Senior Membership dues are \$98.75 per installment and due at the same time as the general membership dues. Guest passes are now \$50. Camp fees are \$150 per installment. **Taxes, property and school, have increased and will now be \$85.00 per dues installment for a total of \$170 per year.** Please send dues to Treasurer, Ron Caponera, 82 Dahlgren Rd., Valatie, NY 12184.

Remember, the new lock combination and buttons are issued upon payment of the September installment. All dues must be paid in full to receive the new lock combination and button.

New members paid for the year when they joined in the Spring and are not required to pay a dues installment at this time.

SEPTEMBER SPORTSMEN'S RAFFLE

Fall Raffle tickets will be distributed by Ric Taras, Raffle Committee Chairman. Please make every effort to sell the tickets Ric allots to each member. This is the primary fund raiser for the club. Remember, money and ticket stubs must be sent to Ric by **August 24th**.

Any questions, contact Ric at 518-793-1114.

BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

The Board will be proposing a change to the current Regular Full Paying Membership from 85 to 95. The fact that we have five names on the waiting list, along with the increased interest from members of other clubs and that the individuals interested are looking for recreational use of the club and not for hunting, leads us to feel a slight increase to the membership number is warranted. Any change to the By-Laws requires two meetings, one to discuss the proposal and the second meeting to vote on the proposal. With this said, we plan to discuss the proposal at the November General Membership Meeting and if acceptable to the membership we will vote on the proposal at the May 2016 General Membership Meeting.

TOWN OF NEWCOMB DUMP

The Town of Newcomb has permits for the town Transfer Station (dump). Ron Caponera sent a list of members with camps to the town so they are aware that you will be requesting a permit. To request a permit visit Town Hall and show identification.

Following are the hours for the transfer station:

Sunday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Monday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday - Closed

Saturday - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM



BIG BUCK CLUB

The Big Buck Club contest has been very financially rewarding for the five years that the contest has been offered. Jeff Hayes won \$260 the first year, Ric Taras won \$220 the second year, Bob Bathalon won \$120 the third year, Joe Novak won \$160 the fourth year and Jeff Hayes again won \$240 last year. In addition, a photo of the winner with their buck is used for the ad that we place in the Outdoor News.

To enter this years contest send your entry fee of \$10 to Ron Caponera or include it in your September dues. Be sure to indicate that you included the entry fee. Winners are determined by weight as recorded by the scale located at the club pavilion on the lower road.

ATV REGISTRATIONS

All members with an ATV must send a copy of your registration along with a copy of your current insurance coverage to the club Secretary. Members failing to do so place the club in a position of non-compliance with regards to our lease with F&W and the member will be responsible for any fines imposed.

If you have not sent a copy of the above documents to the club secretary, please do so. Send your information to:

Walt Huba
18 Cimarron Way
Latham, NY 12110

BEAVER FLOW SPILLWAY WORK

F&W has tentatively agreed to fund the work required to replace the dam located at the Beaver Flow. This is a major project and is necessary since the deterioration to the current dam is extensive. The project will require the re-routing of the spillway to allow for the replacement of the dam. The plan is for work to be started and completed by late summer. One of the reasons why F&W is supportive of this project is the fact that the club has spent a substantial amount of funds over the last several years repairing and maintaining the road system throughout the club. This is another example of the positive relationship we have with F&W.

CLUB CAMP

At the May meeting Bruce Murdock discussed the modifications that we are proposing for the club camp located at Wards Mill. The camp will be expanded to include a bedroom and an outhouse will be built. This camp and outhouse will be fully handicap accessible. Once completed we may be the only club in the Adirondack Park with a camp meeting ADA requirements. The Board presented a budget of \$5,000 to the membership for the camp work. Since the Board is authorized to spend no more than \$1,000 without membership approval, a motion was made from the floor to approve the budget and the membership voted unanimously to approve this budget of \$5,000.

Updates will be provided at future meetings and in newsletters.

NEWCOMB SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE - NOVEMBER 2015

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Club Work Days	June 13, rain date June 14 July 25, rain date July 26 August 15, rain date August 16 September 19, rain date the 20th	9 AM - 3 PM, Lunch provided 9 AM - 3 PM, Lunch provided 9 AM - 3 PM, Lunch provided 9 AM - 3 PM, Lunch provided	Meet at the pavilion at the Flow.
Fall Raffle Ticket Deadline	Monday, August 24, 2015		Contact Ric Tares, Raffle Committee Chairman 518-793-1114
Club Dues Deadline	Tuesday, September 1, 2015		Contact Ron Caponera, Treasurer 518-944-7045
Big Game Opening Day	Saturday, October 24, 2015		Northern Zone, NY State
Board Meeting Fall Party/Bus. Meeting Call or email Joe Novak if you are coming to the Fall Meeting. 518-582-2160.	November 7, 2015 November 7, 2015	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Joe Novak's House, Newcomb Newcomb Fire House, Newcomb

MISCELLANEOUS CLUB NEWS

- Pam Murdock and Pat Reed are organizing a July 4th get together at the club pavilion. The festivities will begin around 12 noon and a shared dish would be appreciated. If you are interested contact Pam at 518-532-9229 or Pat at 518-399-6031. Also bring your own beverage.
- Ed Martin has constructed a new Memorial Bench located at the Flow in honor of deceased former members. As you may or may not know, Ray Sherlock, one of the longest and oldest members of the club, passed away this past spring. Ray's name, as well as each deceased member's name is on a small plaque mounted on the bench. Thank you Ed for your outstanding work.
- The September Work Day will consist of a posting party on the club. This would be a great opportunity for newer members to learn the club boundaries and layout and complete a work day at the same time. The club caretaker, Mark Miner, will be coordinating this work day but still call Bruce Murdock if you can help out
- Boats located at the flow are required to have the members name and number clearly visible on the side of the boat.
- F&W informed Joe Novak that DEC is conducting inspections of camps located on Sportsmen's Clubs throughout the Park. Included in this newsletter is a letter outlining the maximum square footage allowed for camps. Be sure to read this letter and if you have any questions call Joe Novak.
- Show your club pride with the purchase of a long sleeve T-shirt with the NSC logo embroidered on it. The shirt is \$22. Sweatshirts are also available for \$25 and we will have short sleeve T-shirts available soon at a cost of \$15.
- The club has hats available for \$12. We offer a design with a buck and the name of the club (see photo). Hats are available in green or camo. We still have fishing hats in red. Contact Joe Novak for hats or shirts at 518-582-2160.
- The new dock has been installed at the flow. It is located in essentially the same spot as the old dock.
- Posted to the Web site is the most current ATV/Snowmobile Registration and Insurance information. Please review and update your information if necessary to the Secretary.





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June 1, 2015

TO: Presidents, Upper Hudson Woodlands, ATP, LP Recreational Leases
RE: NYSDEC Easement Monitoring, Persistent Cabin Violations

As all lessees should know the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is monitoring the Conservation Easement (CE) that New York State owns on the Upper Hudson Woodlands ATP, LP (UHW) property. DEC has personnel that are continuing to check the property (including cabins) for compliance with the terms of the easement. When the new leases were re-written almost three years ago all attempts were made to make sure that the terms were such that the leases required the same compliance as the CE and/or Adirondack Park Agency (APA) regulations. Changes to existing cabins that affect the footprint of the cabin (including height) or other materially important features of the cabin must be approved F&W Forestry Services, Inc. (F&W).

It has been made clear that 500 square foot rule is for the outside measurement of the cabins or footprint. It is my understanding that some clubs had reached an agreement with the previous landowners (Finch) that it was to be 500 square feet of living space (inside measurement) based on a court case the APA lost. While this may be true, the CE clearly specifies a 500 square foot outside footprint measurement. For UHW this CE stipulation clearly supersedes any court decisions etc.

I hope this clears up any confusion with you or your cabin owners. Furthermore, I would expect that our office will start seeing change requests for these type of changes to your members cabins. Remember, there is and will continue to be monitoring and it will be much easier to make sure compliance is present before having to redo any remodeling or construction.

If you need more information or have any questions please feel free to contact myself at the above office number, my cell (518 321-7915), or by email, or Peter Nicholas, Client Manager at the office number, his cell (518 321-7930) or his email.

Thank-you,

Wayne A. Tripp, Certified Forester
NY Regional Manager
F&W Forestry Services, Inc.

When you are in the Club there are no phones. 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

Newcomb 911
Long Lake 911
Minerva 911
Pottersville 911
Johnsburg 911

Department of Environmental
Conservation Region 5
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Rt. 86, PO Box 286
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