



STC NEWSLETTER

“ON FOOT IN POTTER COUNTY”

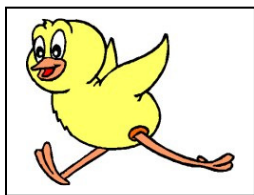
P.O. Box 643
Coudersport, PA 16915

April 2006 

The purposes of the STC are to build and maintain trails; aid in the conservation of wetlands and wildlife and promote good fellowship through the medium of hiking and nature study.



STC HIKING SCHEDULE



It's spring and time to take a hike or two! This issue of the newsletter contains the April thru July hiking schedule, compliments of the Hiking Committee. Members are

Wil Ahn, Wayne Baumann, Bill Boyd, Pat Childs, Tom Leete, and Bill Morey. A big thank you to the Hiking Committee, to Pat Clement for typing up the schedule and to all the hike leaders who made this hiking schedule possible.

STC CAMPOREE 2006



Set aside the dates of **July 28 – 30** for the 36th annual STC Camporee to be held at Ole Bull State Park near Cross Fork, Pa.

Full details of this popular campout weekend will appear in the July newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEWS ON DUES

Membership renewal dues have come in nicely and we thank all members for their continued support. Special thanks to those sending in additional contributions and those who gave gift memberships to friends and family. Here at Club Headquarters we will do our best to keep you informed of Club

activities, hike schedules, trail maintenance and group gatherings.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

During the March 11, 2006 Club meeting nomination for officers of STC took place.

Nominations for the coming 2 year term are:

- President** – Wil Ahn
- Vice President** – Bill Morey
- Secretary** – Betty Ahn
- Treasurer** – Sandy Timms
- Archivist** - Lois Morey
- Advisory Council** – Bob Knowles, Terry Simkins, Joe Allis

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A ballot is enclosed to elect officers for the next two years. There is an open space on the ballot for more nominations in all office categories. Please obtain the nominee's consent before placing his/her name in the open space on the ballot. Ballots will be counted at the May meeting.



▶▶▶ **Return ballots by May 1 to
STC, P.O. Box 643, Coudersport, PA 16915**



1st Annual Potter County Law Enforcement Association Yellow Ribbon 5K Race & Hike

When: Sunday May 21 at 1 pm
Where: Meet at Denton Hill DCNR Parking Lot

What: The Potter County Law Enforcement Association in conjunction with Galeton Area Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention, **Susquehannock Trail Club**, and other community organizations and volunteers are having a 5K Run/**Hike** to help generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession, Teen suicide prevention, help support a law enforcement officer who is being treated for cancer, cancer victims, as well as to help people and organizations within the county through donations to charities, organizations, and individuals.

Finishers Medals: 5K Run Medals awarded to Overall 1st Place Finisher for men and women. 5K run Medals awarded to first three place finishers in each sex and age division. Hiker and Top Cop Run Medals awarded to First Overall Finisher. Finishers medal for all participants in run and hike.

Course: A great gravel road, woods trail course with rolling hills for the runners. **The Hikers will travel a logging trail and loop encompassing a portion of the scenic Susquehannock trail system.**

Directions: Take State Route 6 to **Denton Hill** (between Galeton and Coudersport) **DCNR office parking in back lot. Follow the signs from there.**

Start Times: **Hikers registration 12:30 to 1:00, hike starts promptly at 1 PM.** Runners registration 12:30 to 1:30, Run starts promptly at 1:30 PM.

Goodies: Nice Attractive short sleeve T-shirts are guaranteed to first 100 pre-registered runners/hikers (while supplies last) Nice Finisher Medals. Door Prizes, Awards, Snacks & drinks at the finish line.

Entry Fee: \$15 Pre-registered by May 12th or \$20 Day of Race

For a registration form: Go to- www.bealink.com or www.yellowribbon.org- OR- if you do not have computer access, write to STC, Post Office Box 643, Coudersport. PA 16915 and request an entry form.

Contact person: Sean Batterson at batterson@pennswoods.net or Debbie Hamilton at deb.hamilton@dmhc.org.



WINTER FROLIC DINNER



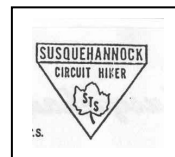
Sixty Members attended the STC Annual Winter Frolic Dinner Saturday evening February 18th. A buffet style dinner of Stuffed

Chicken Breasts and Baked Ham with all the trimmings was served in the Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Coudersport, Pa. Door prizes, the business meeting and slide show by Curt Weinhold on Hawaii rounded out the evening. Many members traveled over 200 miles to attend the get together.



CIRCUIT HIKER AWARDS

From Lois Morey,
STC Archivist



Only one approved log to report this quarter:

Circuit Hiker # 933 William Shaffer from Groton, CT hiked portions of the trail in July of 2003 while making Ole Bull State Park his base camp at night. Then returning in June of 2005 he completed the circuit trail again camping at Ole Bull. His wife Peg would drive him to his starting point for the day's hike and then pick him up where he ended. What a neat idea for anyone wanting to complete the STS but not desiring to carry a heavy backpack for the entire trek. Congratulations William for earning Circuit Hiker #933!!

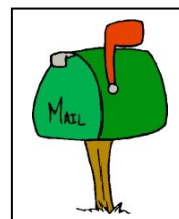


NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JUNE 9, 2006:

Please have your information in the mail by June 9, 2006 to:

Roxanne McMillan
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Landisville, PA. 17538

Or roxanne_mcmillan@hotmail.com



ALONG THE TRAIL

by Wil Ahn

🐾 NEWS FOR CANOERS

In looking over the DCNR February Resource Newsletter, I see there is good news for river enthusiasts. The American Canoe Association recently designated two Pa. water trails as ACA Recommended Water Trails: The Susquehanna Water Trail and the Schuylkill River Water Trail. Twelve Trails across the country were bestowed this honor.

🐾 BOB KNOWLES RECOGNIZED

The STC has not forgotten long time member Bob Knowles who recently discontinued his local column and STC news reporting in the Potter Leader Enterprise. Well-known for his record keeping of Club activities and history, Bob was given a "Citation for Outstanding Service" framed certificate for his faithful service to the Club and public over the years.

🐾 "NESSMUK"

George Washington Sears was born in Oxford Plains, Mass. in 1821. Living in a rural area as a young boy, he enjoyed the outdoors and became friendly with a young Narragansett Indian by the name of Nessmuk which means wood duck. As George and Nessmuk roamed the woods together he learned many ways of the Indian from his young friend.

This woods lore was to become very useful to George later in life as an outdoor adventurer and writer of his exploits. George remembered the lessons he learned from Nessmuk and as he later turned to write articles on hunting, fishing and camping, he adopted the pen name of "NESSMUK" in honor of his boyhood friend. At a very early age he was a wanderer looking for adventure.

Only 16 years of age, he signed on a whaling ship out of New Bedford, Conn. George was just a little guy, thin and puny and not suited for the hard life of a whaler. In 1848 his family moved to Wellsboro, Pa. where George worked in the shoemaker's trade.

In 1857 he married Mariette Butler. In 1861 he volunteered for service in the "Bucktail" brigade to fight for the North in the Civil War. His enlistment did not last long as he broke his foot in an accident

and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant and returned home.

As George lived close to the wilds of Tioga County, it was only natural for him to make trips to the Canyon Country and the Pine Creek. Traveling on foot from Wellsboro along the Marsh Creek with friends for a hunting-fishing camp out was not easy for little George who weighed only over 100 pounds. Their packs, camping and cooking equipment were not light-weight like we have today. In addition to heavy guns, they carried iron pans & kettles to cook their food and beans, always an important staple, and one of George's favorites.

Sometimes they shot grouse, rabbits and squirrels along the way to be cooked in camp. Brook trout could be caught in the Pine Creek. To avoid carrying heavy oiled canvas for tents they usually made a lean-to from cuttings of spruce and hemlock. Tired of heavy iron pans, George had a local tinsmith make him a nesting set of cooking and eating utensils from light weight tin ware. As a writer in later years for the popular Forest & Stream magazine he used the pen name of "Nessmuk". His writings in the magazine promoted going light to the readers.

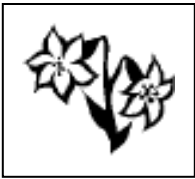
"Nessmuk" later became an explorer and traveler of many wilderness lakes and rivers in the Adirondacks. Heavy canoes he could not portage, so he asked J. Henry Rushton, a well known boat builder from Canton, NY, to build him a small lightweight canoe. Rushton didn't like it but he did build "Nessmuk's" "*Sairy Gamp*" of lightweight cedar only nine foot long and weighing 10 ½ lbs. This little canoe took "Nessmuk" over a hundred miles of water through the Adirondack Mountains. Old time guides and woodsmen marveled at his tiny craft and shook their head.

George Washington Sears died on May 1, 1880 and is buried in the Wellsboro cemetery. A memorial monument was placed over his grave. Nessmuk Lake on Rte 287 was named in his honor. The *Sairy Gamp*, at one time an exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution, is now on display in the Adirondack Museum.

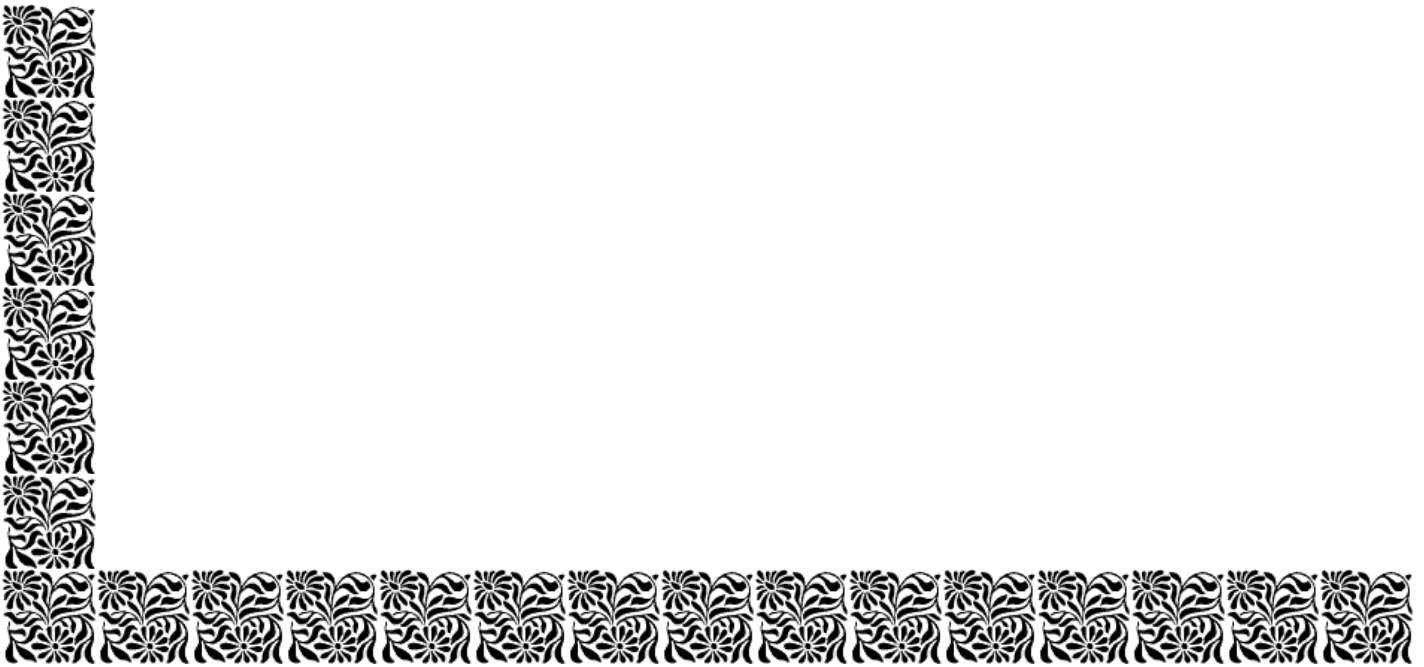


SEE YOU ALONG THE TRAIL

Wil



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 2006

Bob & Dottie Webber, Slate Run, Pa.

Margaret Fuoco, Reading, Pa.

Michael Quigley, Wellsboro, Pa.

Craig Poff, York, Pa.

Elaine Pike, Cape May Court House, N.J.

Liz Berkowitz, Wellsboro, Pa.

Kevin Mize, Towanda, Pa.

Chris Bell, Shinglehouse, Pa.

Paul & Mary Lilja, Coudersport, Pa.

Bob Brueninger, Strasburg, Pa.

Jay Lee, Curwensville, Pa.

Vincent Rose, Reading, Pa.

Jennifer Borneman, Wellsboro, Pa.

PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF FORESTRY PAMPHLET

A pamphlet describing primitive camping guidelines and ethics is available from the BOF District Office. More and more people are exploring Penn's Woods. Poor camping practices can destroy the natural character of the backcountry. We must all learn to use the backcountry wisely to prevent environmental damage.

For a copy of the pamphlet, write to:

District Forester Susquehannock State Forest #15, Box 673, Coudersport, Pa. 16915.



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Susquehannock Trail Club

2006 Spring Hiking Schedule

**Notes: Telephone area code is 814, unless otherwise noted.
Telephone hike leader for additional information (if no answer, 435-2966).**

Rain or bad weather will cancel hike.

Non-members welcome.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ON ALL HIKES.

April 2 – SUNDAY – STS hike, Sunken Branch Road to Patterson Park – 2.7m. Bring water & meet at Patterson Park @ 2:00. Leader: Bill Boyd 274-7529

April 8 – SATURDAY – STS hike, Sunken Branch Road to Denton Hill – 4.4m. Bring lunch & water & meet at Denton Hill Forestry Office @ 10:00. Leader: Bill Boyd 274-7529

April 23 – SUNDAY – Ridge Walk in Wellsville, NY – easy loop – 3-4m. Bring water & meet at Genesee Firehouse, PA @ 2:00. Leader: Pat Childs 585-593-4077

April 29 – SATURDAY – Field trip to Rickett's Glen State Park to see 21 waterfalls up to 94' in height. On 3m hike, 18 falls can be seen. Approx. 260m round trip (car-pooling may be available for \$10/per person from Coudersport, leaving @ 8am & returning about 6pm). Bring lunch & water & meet @ Coudersport High School on Ross St. @ 7:45.

BE ADVISED: THIS HIKE IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING "VERY STEEP & DIFFICULT SECTIONS & HIKER SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION & WEAR STURDY HIKING SHOES"! Leader: Bill Boyd 274-7529 (sign up by Monday, April 24)

May 7 – SUNDAY – Commissioner trail to Roadside Rest on Rte. 6 – easy 4.5m. Bring water & meet at Denton Hill Forestry Office @ 2:00. Leader: Tom Leete 274-8627

May 14 – SUNDAY – Dingman Run to George Washington Plantation on Rte. 6 – easy to moderate 3m. Bring water & meet @ Gospel Tabernacle parking lot @ 2:00. Leader: Pat Childs 585-593-4077

May 20-21 – Annual race/walk weekend over Denton Hill.

May 27 – SATURDAY – Commissioner Trail to Ellis Hollow – 5.5m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Roadside Rest on Rte. 6 by Lumber Museum @ 10:00. Leader: Wil Ahn 435-2966

June 3 – SATURDAY – STS hike, Lyman Run Road to Sunken Branch Road – 4m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Potato City parking lot @ 10:00. Leader: Wayne Bauman 274-7725

June 10 – SATURDAY – STS hike, Thompson Road & Losey Road to Rock Run Road – easy 5m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Sylvania Restaurant parking lot @ 10:00. Leader: Pat Childs 585-593-4077

June 11 – SUNDAY – Deck Lane & Burrows Trails & STS – 3.5m. Bring water & meet @ STS/Rte. 44 crossing near Cherry Springs Fire Tower @ 2:00. Leader: Bill Boyd 274-7529

June 17 - SATURDAY – Palmatier Trail Loop – easy to moderate 5m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Potato City parking lot @ 10:00. Leader: Tom Leete 274-8627

June 24 – SATURDAY – Ansley Road to Bistol Swamp to view Laurel blooming. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Dean’s Gravel Pit on Rte. 6 west of Galeton @ 10:00. Leader: Bill Morey 435-6380

July 1 – SATURDAY – Black Forest & Northlink Trails – 4m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ gas station/store in Oleana @ 10:00. Leader: Bill Boyd 274-7529

July 8 – SATURDAY – STS hike, Denton Hill to Lyman Run Road – 6.5m. Bring lunch & water & meet @ Denton Hill Forestry Office on Rte. 6 @ 10:00. Leaders: Pat & John Clement 274-0221

July 15 – SATURDAY – Patterson Park to Prouty Lick moderate 5.5m. Bring lunch & water & meet at Patterson Park on Rtye. 44 @ 9:30. Leader: Dick Hribar 274-8248

July 23 – SUNDAY – Hemlock Trail Hike – 3m. Bring water & meet @ Dean’s Gravel Pit on Rte. 6 west of Galeton @ 2:00. Leader: Bill Morey 435-6380

July 28-30 – STS Camporee @ Ole Bull State Park. Free camping @ group camp area. Short & long hikes & a dish to pass dinner @ 6pm @ pavilion, all on Saturday.