

Pocono Outdoor Club Quarterly



From the Interim President: Membership Meeting & Bylaws

The November General Membership Meeting (11/18, 2:00 PM, MCEEC) is always special because officers are elected at this meeting. This year there will also be proposed new Bylaws to vote on.



As with many other small organizations, the POC is having trouble attracting sufficient candidates for its elected positions. We are hoping to address some of the leadership issues by relaxing the bylaw requirements on the election of officers. The proposed bylaws are included with this Newsletter. *Strikeouts* indicate deleted text and *italics* indicate new text. Please review the changes before coming to the meeting. Any specific questions may be sent to John Whipple <johnhwhipple@me.com> (President) in advance.

Please contact Kathy Tryson at (570) 722-8950 to coordinate your pot-luck contribution.

John Whipple, Interim President

Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee is being formed to propose a slate of candidates. The current bylaws specify that there are 2 year overlapping terms for the four officers so only the Vice President and Secretary need to be chosen this year. However, the new, proposed bylaws specify that all four are elected each year. So this will be a transitional election.

If you are interested in joining the POC Leadership as either an elected officer or a volunteer for a specific duty please to let John Whipple <johnhwhipple@me.com> (President) know.

In that latter category, we could use assistance in keeping the Calendar up to date since we list other organizations (i.e., "The Pennsylvanians" Thursday Hikes) activities. This is fairly straight forward computer/keyboard Internet work, it just needs to be done regularly and accurately with attention to input that may be incorrect.

Trail Care Past

The POC has had a strong tradition of helping to maintain the very trails that we hike on. John Motz, our Trail Care Coordinator has been very active in promoting this work in cooperation with the KTA.

Thunder Swamp Trail is now open from the main trailhead on SR402 north to Big Bear Swamp. The KTA Trailcare Crew spent Saturday and part of Sunday September 15/16 completing the reopening of the main stem trail east of 402. Four miles from the trailhead to Red Rock Run and north to Luke Road were cleared of man high brush and blazed Saturday and Sunday. Several backpackers and day hikers commented on the work as much appreciated.

Work on reopening overgrown trail will continue west of SR402 next year, working toward Pennel Run and looping back to 402 at Ludleyville.



Trail Care Future

The POC officially lends significant trail care to the Thunder Swamp Trail System and to Big Pocono. This Fall we have scheduled work at Big Pocono:

October 20, 2012 9AM

Trailcare at Big Pocono State Park

The newly graded Scout Trail relocation will be the focus of our morning work session. Join us at 9am at Lot 4 on Rim Road for a few hours of final touches on the newest section of trail at BP. We'll be doing the final smoothing and restoration on freshly constructed tread and surrounding areas. If manpower and time allows, we'll also work on the vista at the end of the trail. Join us for some great fall weather and learn the finer points of trail building and design. Tools provided. Bring gloves if you have them. John Motz 570-236-1462. New volunteers always welcome.

KTA Hiking Weekend

April 26-28, 2013

Centered at PEEC

The KTA has requested that the POC host their Spring 2013 Hiking Weekend based on their members expressed preference to return to the DGWNRA for more hiking.

The POC hosted a similar weekend a few years ago. The KTA is arranging lodging and such directly through the PEEC. The POC's role will be to coordinating the hike leaders and hike schedule for the weekend and to identify a dinner speaker.

Stay tuned for more information as the event draws nearer.

Hike Leaders (Always) Needed

Traditionally the POC planned hikes a calendar quarter at a time, at the preceding Quarterly Meeting: members would come to the meeting with hikes in mind and dates would be chosen. Then the list would be published in the Quarterly Newsletter. This process did work, but resulted (1) in some hikes being committed to over five months in advance and (2) inconvenience in changing the hikes because they were printed.

The POC has been converting to a "just-in-time" approach to hike planning. While any planned hikes that are known when the Quarterly Newsletter is published are listed, that is no longer the primary means of dissemination of hike information. Now we do a rolling listing. As additional hike leaders volunteer for hikes, the Activities Coordinator puts them in the calendar on the POC web site. In the week before the hike, the AC sends out an e-mail alerting members to the activity.

So, the point of this article: Hike Leaders are always needed. We especially need more members to volunteer. Either John Whipple <johnhwhipple@me.com> (President) or Bob Huebner <rwhorient@aol.com> Activities Coordinator would be happy to help you overcome any hesitation on your part.

The Leadership believes the new process is superior to the previous one and that it is working out well. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



Boulder Field at Hickory Run State Park



Preparing for the hike back to our cars on the Boulder Field Trail



Osprey Nest on Power Line - Game Lands #129

Pictures from Sept 27 hike from the beginning of Margey's Trail to the Boulder Field. Thanks to Lisa Caporaso for the great pictures.

POC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For every activity, please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring a lunch or snack, and water to drink. Hiking on uneven terrain can be hard on the ankles, so be sure to wear hiking boots, which are stiffer and taller than sneakers and have better traction. Going downhill can be hard on the knees, so if yours are sensitive, invest in a walking stick or hiking pole.

Oct 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Sat, Oct 20 at 10 am	<p>Promised Land Where: Promised Land State Park(map) Description: Meeting at 10:00 am at trail head parking on Route 390, 2/10th of a mile south of Route 84, (left hand side). The nearest Promised Land marking post bears # 55. Route: Around Egypt Meadow Lake, down Panther Swamp trail and back to parking lot via Snow Shoe Trail. Distance: approx. 4.5 miles (Note: This is a hike requiring sturdy boots, a short stretch with rocky areas and a stream crossing, (hiking stick recommended), are somewhat demanding.) Contact: Ernest Henzi to register: Tel. number: 570 676 4919 (cell phone 570 856 0314 - no reception at my home)</p>
	Sat, Oct 20 from 9 am to Noon	<p>POC trail care_ Big Pocono SP Where: Scout Trail - Big Pcono State Park Description: Big Pocono SP Trail Care, Meet at lot #4 work party is from 9-12:00. Working on the Scout trail. Contact: John Motz to register. Phone # 570-236-1462</p>
	Thu, Oct 28 at 10 am	<p>PEEC Tumbling Waters Where:DWGNRA/PEEC Description: PEEC - Tumbling Waters and Fossil Trail. Some bushwacking along the stream. Contact: Rosemary Huebner 570-588-3201</p>
	Sat, Oct 28 from 10 am to 12 pm	<p>Promised Land Area. DCNR Sponsor Where: 10 am @ Burley Inlet Boat Launch Description: Join DCNR Volunteer Ann Foster on this 2.5 mile hike on Boundary Trail. Explore this underutilized trail. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Trail is easy to moderate. Contact: Please pre-register @ ra-nrsppromened@pa.gov or with hike leader @ annkingfoster@gmail.com Hope to see you there! This is one of 3 sections of Boundary Trail that my family has "adopted" and maintain for the park.</p>

REMINDER:

Please call the leader/contact if you are planning to go on a hike – and if possible give a contact number where you can be reached on the day of the hike (a cell phone that you have with you is best.) We never want to leave someone behind just because they got caught in traffic. Of course, if you cannot make it to the hike after signing up be sure to let them know so the group is not hanging around waiting for you.






November 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Thu, Nov 1 from 10 am to 1:30pm	Jacobsburg State Park Where: Jacobsburg SP- Belfast Road Parking Lot Description: Meet at the parking lot on Belfast Rd. A variety of trails will be followed 6-7 miles. Contact: Bob Wacker 570-629-5293
	Sat, Nov 4 from 10 am to 1:30pm	Jacobsburg State Park Where: Jacobsburg SP – Belfast Road Parking Lot Description: Meet at Belfast Ave parking lot. 7 mile hike on both sides of Belfast Ave. Woods/streams/ open areas. Contact: Bob Wacker to register 570-629-5293.
	Thu, Nov 8 at 10 am	McDade Trail Description: McDade Trail from Eshbach or Bushkill Landings or Schneider Farm--maybe using a shuttle. Contact: Stuart Baker 570-775-6384
	Sun, Nov 11 at 1 pm	Hog Back Trails When: Sun, November 11, 1:00pm – 3:30pm Where: Delaware Water Gap Nat Rec Area- Bushkill Description: 5-6 mile hike on old trails, some minor bushwhacking and return on the McDade trail. Hike will pass 6 marshes. Meet at the park's Bushkill Meeting Center on rte 209, 1 mile north of the entrance. Park on the north side of the building. Bring water/snacks and shoes for possible wet areas. Contact: Rosemary Huebner to register. 570-588-3201
	Thu, Nov 15 at 10 am	SGL #127 Hay Trail Where: SGL #127/Kistler Run: Description: SGL 127, The Hay Trail to Warnertown Falls and back about 5 miles. Meet at the large parking lot on the west off of rte 423 - just past the Kistler Run crossing. Contacts: Fran and John Whipple 570 350-2967 or 2977
	Sun, Nov 18 at 2 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">POC Annual Meeting and Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center on Running Valley Road Election of Officers and New Proposed ByLaws</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Kathy Tryson at 570-722-8950 to RSVP & plan your food contribution.</p>
	Thu, Nov 29 at 10 am	Hidden Lake and Beyond Where: Parking lot on Hidden Lake Rd Description: Hike around the lake and make a loop through the woods via the old snow mobile trail. Contact: Catherine Johnson 570-420-8670

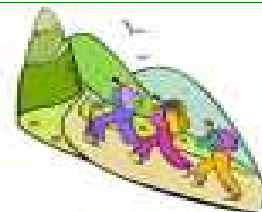


**REMEMBER... THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS SOME HUNTING SEASON,
DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR BLAZE ORANGE!**

Dec 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Sun, Dec 2 at 10 am	<p>Tobyhanna State Park Where: The Lake Loop Description: Meet at the Boat Access Parking Lot. We will hike around the Lake. About 5 miles Contact: John or Fran Whipple 570-350-2977 or 2967</p>
	Thu, Dec 6 at 10 am	<p>Where: MCEEC & State Game Lands on Running Valley Rd Description: First we will walk the trail at the Environmental Center and go to the game lands for another hike. Contact: Bob Wacker 570-629-5293</p>
	Thu, Dec 13 at 10 am	<p>Tobyhanna State Park Where: The Yellow Trail Description: Meet at the Park Office Parking Lot. The Northernmost entrance into the park. We will hike to the Yellow Trail and out the Yellow Trail to Rte 191. About 6-7 miles Contact: John or Fran Whipple 570-350-2977 or 2967</p>
	Thu, Sep 20 at 10 am	<p>Where: Godfrey Ridge Description: Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of the hill on Collins St. in south Stroudsburg. A variety of trails to hike on. Contact: Jim Vagliardo 607-727-2989</p>
	Thu, Sep 27 at 9 am	<p>Where: Beltzville State Park Description: Meet at the Wild Creek Parking Lot on Pohopoco drive and we will take it from there. Contact: Frank Allen 570-420-9040</p>

Thursday Hikes: There is an informal group of hikers, most of whom are members of the Pocono Outdoor Club, that get together on Thursdays to hike. The group, known as The Pennsylvanians, organizes and publishes their hikes through Catherine Johnson. Anyone interested in hiking with them is invited. To join the group call the hike leader or contact Catherine Johnson by email: catherinejo1@verizon.net. The hike schedule is published in the Outdoor Club's online calendar always and in our newsletter - space permitting – It is not published in the Pocono Record or This Week in the Poconos.



7 Tubs Hike in July 2012

Thanks to Lisa again - she is never in the pictures because she won't let go of the camera!!



Looking up at the bridge from the last tub.



Don't you wish you were here, too?

POCONO OUTDOOR CLUB INFO

www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org

This Newsletter publishes quarterly. It is received by Club members, other trail clubs, friends, and agency partners. *New Members are encouraged to participate and volunteer for Club events.*

To contact POC Committees:

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2012 POCONO OUTDOOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Send check, made payable to "Pocono Outdoor Club" to **POC Memberships at 4211 Cherry Lane Church Road, Henryville, PA 18332**. Memberships are per calendar year. Applicants must be at least 18 yrs old.

Name(s)
Address:
Phone:
Email:

- \$10 Basic Membership
- \$15 Family Membership
- Higher Levels of Trail Support:**
- \$18 Contributing Member
- \$25 Trail Maintainer
- \$50 Trail Builder
- \$150 Life Member Individual
- \$250 Life Member Couple

Additional Contributions are welcome and benefit local trails. \$ _____

___ I would like to lead an outing. ___ I would be interested in doing volunteer trail care.

New Member

Renewal

Please, send me email updates/newsletter

___ This is a Gift Membership from _____

_____ My signature verifies I am 18 yrs of age and agree to the Rules of the Pocono Outdoor Club. I understand that I am responsible for me and my minors.



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