

# Pocono Outdoor Club Quarterly



*From the Interim President:*



Wow! A glorious Spring day in March (of all things) and suddenly there are 32 hikers (see above) on a POC Hike at the Austin T. Blakeslee Preserve in Tobyhanna Township.

Everyone had a great time along the banks of the Tobyhanna Creek. With this great weather (warm, but not into the Summer heat yet), make your plans to join us on a hike soon. See (1) the list later in this newsletter, (2) our web site ([www.poconooutdoorclub.com](http://www.poconooutdoorclub.com) -- clickable if you're reading this in PFD form), or (3) watch your e-mail for the weekly updates.

Speaking of hikes -- we can always use more leaders and more, varied hikes! The Club is working towards not being bound to the quarterly newsletter published schedule for planning hikes. Traditionally all hikes were planned on a quarterly basis; which meant that some were planned up to four months ahead of time. We will (1) continue to publish all known hikes in the newsletter; however, with (2) the online listing at [poconooutdoorclub.com](http://poconooutdoorclub.com) and the (3) weekly reminders, we can reasonably add hikes during the quarter -- especially for the last month in the quarter, now, specifically, June. If you'd like to add a hike to a vacant day, please contact Bob Huebner. Many thanks to Bob Huebner for his Activities Coordinator contributions: from getting proposed hikes from the leaders, getting them into the calendar and finally the weekly e-mail reminders.

There are a few special events that I'd recommend:

- Hike Leader Training - March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Thunder Swamp Trail Maintenance - April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Big Pocono State Park Maintenance - May 12<sup>th</sup>
- General Meeting - May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Hickory Run SP Trail Maintenance - June 10<sup>th</sup>

See the schedule section for details.

*John Whipple, Interim President*

## **Minutes of the POC Quarterly Meeting, held February 12, 2012 at 2:00 pm at MCEEC**

Meeting was called to order by acting President John Whipple. There were 14 members in attendance. New member, Minjeong Gwon, was introduced. A delicious Potluck Meal was had. Thanks to all who contributed and especially to Kathy Tryson for coordinating the affair.

After the meal, John Whipple made the following announcements: Frank Allen, in addition to being our Community Outreach point person, will be our official KTA representative. Roy Kleinle who has been serving as our KTA representative and is moving out of the area, has agreed to be our backup representative. Many thanks to Roy for all of his service to the POC, including many years as KTA representative. We hope he will be back on occasion to hike with us.

The reading of the November General Meeting Minutes was postponed because the secretary was unable to attend the meeting. It was decided that future meeting minutes would be published in the quarterly newsletter .

John Whipple, Vice President, made a presentation about the various ways to get information about club activities: the website, facebook and the newsletter. He also announced that the POC web site ([www.poconooutdoorclub](http://www.poconooutdoorclub)) is back in our control and is now current in content, though a spartan design. It has our hike schedule and other basic information. Many thanks to Dave Domico for his persistence in getting it freed up from the previous registrar/host.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Kathy Lambert, approved by the membership and filed. Income for the quarter was \$351 for new memberships, renewals and donations. In addition there was \$14.95 in interest in 2011 for the Life Membership Fund. Expenses totaled \$48.91. The checking account balance is \$2,209.45. The Life Membership fund stands at \$1693.87. (As of Jan 26, 2012, 54 members had renewed and we had 2 new members.)

Bob Huebner announced that he as Activities Coordinator will take hike sign ups on a continuous basis. He will still bring sign up sheets to meetings for up to 3 months out. He will send out requests for hikes via e-mail periodically. Members may also contact him when they are ready to schedule a hike. New Hike leader guidelines have been written and approved by the Board. They are available from Bob Huebner and will be distributed at the Hike Leader Training Session on March 31st.

John Motz reported that our total Trail Care hours were lower this past year. The KTA will sponsor a Code Orange Trail Care day at Thunder Swamp on April 14 from 9 to 4. No overnight camping this time. There will be 2 additional Trail Care events on May 12 at Big Pocono and June 9 at Hickory Run State Park watch the schedules for additional information on these.

From Sue Prendergast: the POC's Facebook Group now has 69 members. Our Facebook group is a great place to share pictures of recent hikes, and also share ideas about future hikes and adventures for the club. Search Facebook for the Pocono Outdoor Club Group.

Newsletter editor asked the membership to send stories and pictures of hikes and any other articles of interest for future newsletters.

### **Other Announcements or Reports**

Frank Allen reminded members of the KTA Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend in April and encouraged members to join the KTA as they are the primary advocated for trails in PA.

Before adjourning, John Whipple thanked the MCEEC for providing many years of meeting space for the POC General Meetings and Board Meetings and announced that due to insurance circumstances the POC was looking for alternative meeting space. There was some discussions of possible locations including the Eastern Monroe Public Library. [Note: The POC learned soon after the meeting that meetings would be allowed to continue at the MCEEC.]

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Whipple.

**Members Corner: Stories and Pictures of Hikes**

Signing in for Ernest Henzi's Bruce Lake Hike , Feb 4, 2012



The Happy Hikers!




Beautiful Scenery – but no Snow!



Tobyhanna Falls and Skunk Cabbage blooms at Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area. 32 members and friends attended this hike on Mar 17 (St. Patty's Day). While we were gathered at the rocks by the falls, Greg Hamill of the Top of the Mountain Open Space Committee spoke to us about the work that has recently been completed there and the plans for the future. This is a great spot with a nice network of trails, beautiful scenery and picnic tables and benches – a great place to bring your family or Take a Hike!



<p>SPECIAL</p>  <p>EVENT</p>	<p><b>Sat, Mar 31</b> from <b>9am to 11am</b></p>	<p><b>Hike Leader Training</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> TBA, Monroe County  <b>Description:</b> 9-11 AM Outing Leader Training - Location TBA. Anyone interested in leading outings and current outing leaders welcome. We'll cover the basics of planning and preparing to lead outings for small groups. Participants will learn Club policies and practices related to leading events for the Club. Presented by Bob Huebner and John Motz.</p> <p><b>Call Bob Huebner 570- 588-3201</b></p>
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## Pocono Outdoor Club Announcements

Time to Renew your Membership for 2012 - Some of you have already done this - but not everyone - so it is time to re-up to keep this a vibrant and active group. Use the form on the back of the newsletter

and check the renewal box. Please be sure to give us any changes to your address, phone and eMail address.

If you are not a member - now is your chance to join this group of outdoor lovers.

### Pocono Outdoor Club Meeting Schedule - 2012

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
TBA	Board Meeting	MCEEC	
Sunday, May 20	Spring General Meeting	MCEEC	2:00 PM
Other Meeting Dates TBD – watch for announcements			

### 11TH ANNUAL PA HIKING WEEK



The Keystone Trails Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) are proud to sponsor the 11th annual Pennsylvania Hiking Week.

This year's hiking week is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 through Sunday, June 3, 2012, which coincides with the Memorial Day weekend and National Trails Day (Saturday, June 2).

The statewide event promotes Pennsylvania's amazing network of hiking trails in state parks, state forests and communities throughout the commonwealth. The nine-day event typically features more than 100 organized hikes and walks throughout Pennsylvania.








KTA thanks our local hiking clubs for organizing hikes and for providing hike leaders.

This link will give you more info: [Pa Hiking Week](#)

## POC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For every activity, please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring a lunch or snack, and water to drink. The Meeting time for activities is **10:00 AM** unless otherwise noted in the write up for the hike. 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.


### April 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	<b>Fri, Apr 6 at 7pm</b>	<p><b>Big Pocono State Park- Full Moon Hike</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Big Pocono SP, Pa  <b>Description:</b> NIGHT Full Moon Hike to Deep Lake. Meet at the SGL 38 Lot on the way to Big Pocono SP. Bring a flashlight (red lens if possible) but don't expect to use it. We'll trek back to the glacial tub and check out the creatures of the night by moonlight. Bring a snack for our stop at the lake.</p> <p><b>RSVP: John Motz 570-236-1462 to register or for information</b></p>
	<b>Sat, Apr 7 at 10am</b>	<p><b>Appalachian Trail - Wolf Rocks</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Wolf Rocks  <b>Description:</b> Wolf Rocks, Appalachian Trail- 4 mile moderate hike from Fox Gap to Wolf Rocks for a lunch break and back to Fox Gap. Rocky sections of trail, wear hiking boots. Bring lunch and water. Great views. Meet at 10:00AM at AT parking area on Rt.191.</p> <p><b>Contact Sue Prendergast to register 570-242-0519</b></p>
	<b>Sat, Apr 14 from 9am - 4pm</b>	<p><b>Code Orange Trailcare at Thunder Swamp Trail System</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Thunder Swamp Trail System  <b>Description:</b> Meet: 9:00 AM at Thunder Swamp Trail main trail-head on SR 402. This is a joint event with the KTA. See kta-hike.org, then 'On The Trails', then 'Trail Care and Trail Crew', and scroll down to April 14th. (Camp: Not available)</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> John Motz Phone: 570.236.1462 Email: <a href="mailto:trailbldr@hotmail.com">trailbldr@hotmail.com</a></p>
	<b>Sun, Apr 15 at 10am</b>	<p><b>Hike - Artillery Ridge</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Artillery Ridge, SGL #127  <b>Description:</b> Meet at the first trailhead going north on Route 423 from Route 940 (on the right shortly after the &lt;&lt;&lt; road signs). About 8 mile hike past Jimmy Pond to the old Military Observation Tower in SGL #127. Mainly level hike, but can be soggy.</p> <p><b>Call John or Fran Whipple 570-350-2977 or 2967</b></p>
	<b>Fri, Apr 27 – Mon, Apr 30</b>	<p><b>KTA 2012 Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Wellsboro, Tioga County, PA  <b>Description:</b> The KTA will host meetings and hikes in and about PA's largest wilderness area.  <b>Advanced Registration by April 11 required: See kta-hike.org, then 'About KTA', then 'Events' for all of the details. See page 8 for more info and a link.</b></p>
	<b>Sat, Apr 28 at 10am</b>	<p><b>Hike - Tobyhanna State Park</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Tobyhanna SP  <b>Description:</b> Meet in Parking area #1, near the boat launch of Tobyhanna Lake. Easy 5 mile hike around the lake. Dir: Rt 80 to Rt 380 N. Exit #48. Go 2.5 miles N on Rt 423 to State park entrance.</p> <p><b>Call Terri Christoph to register 570-861-2466</b></p>
	<b>Sun, Apr 29 at 1pm</b>	<p><b>Hike - McDade Trail</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> McDade Trail from Hialeah parking area  <b>Description:</b> meet at the Hialeah parking area for a 5 mile easy hike on the McDade trail. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring a snack and water. We will hike to Smithfield beach and back.</p> <p><b>Contact Kate Andrew 570-236-6831 to register</b></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.


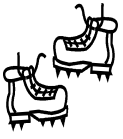

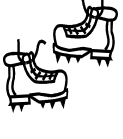


## May 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	<b>Sun, May 6 at 9am</b>	<p><b>Hike - Ironton Rail Trail</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Allentown  <b>Description:</b> Nice Sunday hike, moderately paced, on a five mile looping rail trail in the heart of the Cement Belt in Whitehall north of Allentown. Call for directions to meeting place.</p> <p><b>Call Frank Allen - cell phone 570-234-9945 for more details or to register.</b></p>
	<b>Sat, May 12 at 9am</b>	<p><b>Hike - Ricketts Glen State Park</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Ricketts Glen SP  <b>Description:</b> Meet at CVS in Blakeslee Shopping center on Rte 940 and Rte 115 at 9:00 am. Will hike to all 21 waterfalls.- approximately 7 miles. Steep sections with slippery trails.</p> <p><b>Call Bob Wacker to register 570-629-5293.</b></p>
	<b>Sat, May 12 at 9am to 1pm</b>	<p><b>Trailcare at Big Pocono State Park</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Big Pocono State Park  <b>Description:</b> Meet: 9:00 AM at Big Pocono for Trail care. Contact John for more information</p> <p><b>Leader: John Motz Phone: 570.236.1462 Email: <a href="mailto:trailbldr@hotmail.com">trailbldr@hotmail.com</a></b></p>
	<b>Sat, May 19 at 10am</b>	<p><b>Hike Jacobsburg SP</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Jacobsburg SP  <b>Description:</b> Jacobsburg State Park- 4 1/2 mile easy hike along the Homestead and Henry's Woods Trails. Great beginner hike. Bring a snack and water. Meet at 10: 00AM in the main parking area on Belfast Rd.</p> <p><b>Call Sue Prendergast 570- 242-0519</b></p>
	<b>Sun, May 20 at 2 PM</b>	<p>POC Annual Meeting and Dinner Buffet, 2:00 PM at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center on Running Valley Road</p> <p>Call Kathy Tryson at <b>570-722-8950</b>  <b>to RSVP &amp; plan your food contribution.</b></p>
	<b>Sat, May 26 at 10am</b>	<p><b>Hike Pocono Environmental Education Center Tumbling Waters</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> PEEC, Delaware Water Gap NRA  <b>Description:</b> Tumbling Waters trail starting from PEEC. 4 mile hike with steep sections. Look for signs to PEEC around the 8 mile park markers on RT 209.</p> <p><b>Register with Rosemary Huebner 570-588-3201</b></p>

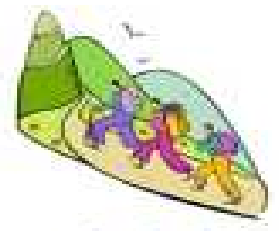
**REMEMBER... THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS SOME HUNTING SEASON, DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR BLAZE ORANGE!**



## June 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT	RANK
		<p>Call or Email Bob Huebner if you would like to schedule a hike for this weekend. Or check the website listed on Page for hikes sponsored by other groups.</p>	
	<p>Sat, Jun 9 at 10am</p>	<p><b>Hike - Pocono Environmental Education Center – Ridgeline Trail</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> PEEC, Delaware Water Gap NRA  <b>Description:</b> Ridge Line Trail plus Indian Ladders. 5 miles. Moderate hike, with a rope ladder. Directions, take Rt 209 north of Bushkill to 12 mile marker. Turn at the sign for the Environmental Center. Follow Brisco Mountain Road, bearing right at stop sign to PEEC parking lot.</p> <p><b>Call Bob Wacker 570-629-5293</b></p>	
	<p>Sun, Jun 10 at 10am</p>	<p><b>Trail Care at Hickory Run State Park</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Hickory Run State Park  <b>Description:</b> Exactly which trail and what work we will be doing will be determined by HRSP staff. As soon as we know we will update the Calendar.</p> <p><b>Contact John and Fran Whipple at 570-350-2977 or 2967.</b></p>	
	<p>Sat, Jun 17 at 10am</p>	<p><b>Hike - Glen Onoko</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Glen Onoko, Lehigh Gorge State Park  <b>Description:</b> 2 mile moderate to difficult hike to the top of the waterfalls and back down. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes/sneakers. Join us afterwards for lunch in Jim Thorpe. Meet at the Glen Onoko parking area.</p> <p><b>Contact Sue Prendergast to register. 570-242-0519</b></p>	
	<p>Sat, Jun 23 at 9am</p>	<p><b>Hike – McDade Trail</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> McDade Trail, DWGNRA  <b>Description:</b> McDade Trail from Turn Farm parking on River Road. 5 miles hike along the Delaware River.</p> <p><b>Call Rosemary Huebner to register 570-588-3201.</b></p>	
	<p>Sun, Jun 24 at 1pm</p>	<p><b>Hike Tobyhanna State Park</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Tobyhanna State Park, Tobyhanna  <b>Description:</b> Meet at parking lot A (by the boat launch) for a 5 mile hike around the lake.</p> <p><b>Contact Kate Andrew 570-236-6831</b></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. Anyone interested in hiking with them is invited. To get a copy of the schedule, contact Catherine Johnson by email: [catherinejo1@verizon.net](mailto:catherinejo1@verizon.net) and she will email you a copy.



## Other Fun Outdoor Events

### KTA RETURNS TO WELLSBORO FOR 2012 SPRING MEETING & HIKING WEEKEND



The Keystone Trails Association will host its [Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend](#) from Friday, April 27th to Sunday, April 29th in Wellsboro, [Tioga County](#). Tioga County is located in north-central Pennsylvania and is part of the [Pennsylvania Wilds](#), the wildest and most remote area of the state. The region offers extensive uninhabited areas and breathtaking scenery, as well as an abundance of trails to suit all preferences and ability levels.

The Wellsboro area is also home to Pine Creek Gorge, which is commonly known as the [Pennsylvania Grand Canyon](#). Surrounded by 160,000 acres of state forestland, the Pine Creek Gorge is approximately 50 miles long, with depths in excess of 1,000 feet. Hiking trails in this area offer spectacular views and abundant wildlife.

After a day on the trails, hikers can enjoy [historical Wellsboro](#), where the gas-lit streets, Victorian mansions, and friendly town square welcome visitors with hometown charm. Enjoy a comfortable stay at the historic [Penn Wells Hotel & Lodge](#) in downtown Wellsboro. Meals will be served in the [Mary Wells Dining Room](#), which offers a first-class dining experience.

KTA's Wellsboro weekends always attract large crowds, so make sure to register early! Click [here](#) to access more information about the Spring Hiking Weekend, or click [here](#) to download a registration form.

### FOBP Fundraiser at Barley Creek May 19, 2012 at the Pint Size Park

1-4PM

Trails for U!



[Friends of Big Pocono Website Link](#)



### Nature Walks: Adventures to the Ancients

**Pocono Area Old Growth Forest/Open Space**  
Sponsored by Pocono Heritage Land Trust and DCNR's  
Jacobsburg E. E. Center

New walks are being planned for April, May and June: for details -

[Pocono Heritage Land Trust Walks Link](#)

*There are also some Volunteer opportunities at the Kurmes Preserve, and Yankee Run properties – I am sure that these would count for Trail Care hours – use the same link above or information. If you go, be sure to report the hours to John Motz.*





## ATTENTION: Members!

If you have forgotten to renew your membership for 2012 – Now is the time to get it done!!!! Please use the membership application on the last page of the Newsletter.

### POCONO OUTDOOR CLUB INFO

[www.PoconoOutdoorClub.org](http://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:**

**Activities:** Bob Huebner - [rwhorient@aol.com](mailto:rwhorient@aol.com)  
 570-588-3201

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#### Club Officers

**Interim President/Vice President-**

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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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