

From the Interim President:



Welcome to Summer 2012!

As is the case with many smaller organizations like the Pocono Outdoor Club, we have a leadership crisis (or at least close to one). While the Treasurer and Secretary Offices have been filled without too much trouble, the POC has issues getting volunteers for the President and Vice President offices. Currently the Vice President is fulfilling the Presidential duties. What can be done? Well, we are trying two approaches to the issue, as follows:

Whenever there is an opportunity (like this President's Message) there is an appeal for volunteers for our major leadership positions. The job is not hard, per se. It is a matter of being sure that the organization keeps functioning, signing the needed form for the bank where our accounts are held, coordinating with a few other organizations, writing the President's Message, and just generally being sure that the planned General Meetings are held and running Board Meetings as needed. For the other functions (treasurer, secretary, activities coordinator, trail care coordinator, outreach, newsletter editor, web site author, etc.) there are generally active, committed, reliable members handling those functions. We need a few individuals who have a knack for and enjoy running a small organization. Let us (e.g. me) know who you are! The rest of us will get you up and running.

The second approach we're taking to help solve this issue is to change the ByLaws. There are two things we are contemplating changing. (1) The President's term and the Vice President's term overlap. This is good for continuity. This is not good for having a VP grow into the Presidential position. (2) There is a two year limit on the terms of the four elected officers. This is good because it (theoretically) forces new blood into leadership positions. This is not good if a good President cannot succeed him/herself (as we cannot find a replacement). It has not yet been decided if the ByLaws changes will simply change the above, or if a different structure, such as electing a few people to the Board and letting themselves self-organize would be a better approach. However, for the needs of dealing with banks and some other organizations we do need a person designated as President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

We hope to have the ByLaws ready for a membership vote at our August General Membership Meeting. Implementation of the new ByLaws would then be at the beginning of 2013.



Pocono Outdoor Club Quarterly

John Whipple, Interim President



The Picture on page 1 and this one are from the hike Frank Allen lead to Bruce Lake last month. Thanks to Terri for the great pictures. There was an abundance of ticks – but the hike was well worth it!



Pocono Outdoor Club Announcements

Time to Renew your Membership for 2012 - Many 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.

General Membership Meetings

Plan to attend the following General Membership Meetings:

Sunday, August 12, 2012; 2:00 PM at the MCEEC
Primary topic of discussion and vote will be the new ByLaws.

Sunday, November 18, 2012; 2:00 PM at the MCEEC
Topic to be determined.
Vote on new Leadership.

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.



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.

July 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Wed, Jul 4 at 10 am	<u>Levee Loop Trail</u> Where: Stroudsburg Description: 4 mile flat hike along the levee by Brodhead Creek. Go by the baseball/ softball field and the Frisbee golf course. Meet at the Shop Rite parking lot on 3rd St. Call Ann Wingert to register 570-421-7412
	Sun, Jul 8 at 9:30 am	<u>Appalachian Trail – Little Gap to Smith Gap</u> Where: Appalachian Trail Description: 7 mile, easy to moderate hike starts with a rocky climb and then evens out to mostly flat trail. Nice section of the AT, green, quiet and not too rocky. Meet at Smith Gap at 9:30 AM. We will need to shuttle cars for this hike. Contact: Sue Prendergast for information 570-242-0519.
	Thu, Jul 12 at 9 am	Where: <u>McDade Trail and Freeman Track</u> Description: The hike will be starting at the Riverview parking lot on the McDade Trail on River Rd. We will go north to Hogs back area and hike over the ridge and down to the Freeman Track Trail for the return to our cars. About 6 miles in the shade. Contact: Catherine Johnson 570-420-8670
	Sat, Jul 14 at 8 am	<u>Appalachian Trail to Surf Fish Pond</u> Where: New Jersey side - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Description: 7 mile hike. Meet at 8:00 am in the Dunfield parking area at the base of the trail off of Rt. 80 (first exit after the toll bridge, on the Jersey side). Bring a lunch and plenty of water. We will eat lunch at the pond. Contact Krysia Caldwell 570-668-6403.
	Thu, Jul 19 at 9 am	Where: <u>Seven Tubs Natural Area -</u> Description: We will meet at the main parking lot at the Seven Tubs Natural Area. We will likely hike down the stream to the lake before taking the loop around to the top of the tubs. There are seven deep cylindrical tubs that the creek washes through. There are a few steep places (and stairs when the going gets tough), but the trails and abandoned roads are generally not difficult. Perhaps 6 miles in length. Contact: Fran or John Whipple 570-350-2967 Or 2977
	Sat, Jul 21 at 10 am	<u>Cliff Park Area</u> Where: Milford, DWGNRA Description: Cliff Park Trail & Raymondskill Falls, Hackers Falls vicinity. Hike will be 6+ miles with a large climb at the beginning of the hike. Meet at 10:00 in the lower parking lot on Raymondskill Road, turn at mile marker 18 off Rt 209 or from Milford Rd (CR2001). Be prepared to do a lot of walking, some of it up hill. Register: Bob Wacker 570-629-5293.
	Thu, Jul 26 at 9 am	Where: <u>Jacobsburg State Park</u> Description: Meet at main parking lot on Belfast Road at 9 a.m. We will take the Jacobsburg Trail to the Yellow/Green Blazed (connector) Trail into the west side of the park. We will then follow Sobers Run trail to Sobers Run Loop Trail and hook up with the Green Blazed trail along Bushkill Creek and back to the east side of the park, about 4.5 miles. Contact: Charlie Keppler 570-242-4445

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.






August 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Thu, Aug 2 at 9 am	Where: <u>Promised Land State Park System</u> Description:- Route: Kleinhans trail - Bear Wallow - Ridge trail - Cross Cut. Meeting at: Kleinhans Parking off Route 390; nearest marker: # 50. Contact: Ernest Henzi 570-676-4919
 	Sat, Aug 4 at 4 pm to Sun, Aug 5	Over night on the Appalachian Trail Where: Smith Gap area Appalachian Trail Description: Smith Gap to Leroy Smith Shelter-Overnight backpack to the shelter and back out the next morning. Meet 4pm at Smith Gap and hike 3 1/2 miles to the shelter. Bring all the camping gear you'll need for the night, dinner, breakfast, plenty of water, s'mores, guitar, bottle of wine, whatever you'd like to bring and don't mind carrying. We'll have a campfire and share good company. If you've never backpacked this is a great way to start. Contact SuePrendergast for more information and to sign up 570-242-0519
	Thu, Aug 9 at 9 am	Where: <u>Choke Creek Falls</u> - Description: This is a newly acquired section of the Lackawanna S. F. We will hike to the falls, then to the Choke Creek Nature Trail (with mild bushwhacking to make the connection). Meet at the intersection of Tannery & Phelps Roads. Hike is moderate, perhaps 5 miles. Contact: John or Fran Whipple 570-350-2977 or 2967
	Sat, Aug 11 at 9 am	Jacobsburg State Park Where: Jacobsburg State Park Description: Henry's Woods Trail. Easy 4-5mile hike along Bushkill Creek. Beautiful, peaceful woods. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes/sneakers. Bring water and a snack. Meet at 9 AM near the gazebo in the main parking area on Belfast Rd. Register: Minjeong Gwon 484-546-1446
	Sun, Aug 12 at 2 PM	POC Quarterly Meeting and Supper, 2:00 PM at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center on Running Valley Road Call Kathy Tryson at 570-722-8950 to RSVP & plan your food contribution.
	Thu, Aug 16 at 9 am	Where: <u>Kirkridge to Delaware Water Gap on the A.T. -</u> Description: We will meet In Delaware Water Gap Village at Lake Lenape parking area at 8:30. A shuttle will be required. About 7 miles. Contact: Catherine Johnson 570-420-8670
	Sat, Aug 18 at 10 am	Martin's Creek Preserve Where: Martin's Creek Environmental Preserve Description: 4-5 mile, easy loophike. Directions: Exit Rt 33 at Stockertown, go Left, then Right at light, take Left at next light on Uhlern Rd. At the end turn Left at stop sign. Go 5-1/2 miles and turn Right on Foul Rift Rd. Parking at Tekening. Register: Bob Wacker 570-629-5293
	Thu, Aug 23 at 9 am	Where: <u>PEEC – Two Ponds and Tumbling Waters -</u> Description: We will meet at the parking lot at PEEC, which is off 209N. It is a long climb down to the falls, but fortunately there are some well built steps to help us. Contact: Stu Baker 570-775-6384

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



September 2012

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION/CONTACT
	Thu, Sep 6 at 9 am	<p>Where: AT/MOHEGAN CAMP - Description: Meet at the AT parking lot on Millbrook Road. Hike about 6 miles from Millbrook Road on the AT along the ridge, past the fire tower to Camp Mohegan where we will stop for lunch/snack. Return on the orange trail. Moderate pace with ups and downs. Contact: Dan O'Rourke at 570-775-7919</p>
	Thu, Sep 13 at 9 am	<p>Where: Surfish Pond - Description: Meet at the AT Parking lot off Rt. 80 and climb up the AT to the pond for rest and relaxation and back to our cars via the Durfield Creek Trail. Contact: Catherine Johnson 570-420-8670</p>
	Sat, Sep 14-16	<p>Trail Care Promised Land SP area Where: Promised Land & Delaware State Forest Description: KTA/POC Trailcare Weekend- Delaware State Forest and Promised Land State Park- Camping available at PL Fri and Sat night- If anyone from POC would like to host treats Fri night or breakfast/dinner Sat night, please contact John Motz 570-236-1462. Come out Saturday for Thunder Swamp or Sunday morning or work on little falls trail at PL. Always something interesting to be seen and meet trail maintainers from around the state.</p>
	Thu, Sep 20 at 9 am	<p>Where: Promised Land/Bruce Lake Natural Area Description: Meet at the first parking lot after the village. We will hike to Bruce Lake via the Brown Trail and return via Egypt Meadow Lake. Contact: Stu Baker 570-775-6384</p>
	Thu, Sep 27 at 9 am	<p>Where: Hickory Run Boulder Field from Margey's Trail - Description: We will meet at the Gate for Old Stage Trail at Hickory Run (call for directions) to carpool to the Margey's Trail Trailhead on Route 903. We will then hike back to the Boulder Field and Old Stage Trail through SGL #129. This is a long hike (6 plus miles) with an extended uphill (good footing) and downhill (loose gravel). Contact: John or Fran Whipple 570-350-2977 or 2967</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.



Lost Lakes Hike in February 2012

Note from Editor: Never got to use these pictures from Terri Christoph and thought they might offer some relief from the Summer Heat. Thanks Terri.

The hikers at Lost Lake #1



Lost Lake #3 (# 2 is only really accessible when there is good ice - not this winter!)

Beavers at work?





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

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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| Activities: Bob Huebner - rwhorient@aol.com
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Club Officers

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Treasurer- Kathy Lambert (570-629-5204)

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HELP WANTED

Volunteer needed to take over the **Newsletter Editor Position**. (Current Editor is overwhelmed by family and other obligations and is not meeting deadlines.)

Requirements: Familiarity with Microsoft Word. Fresh ideas for keeping the Quarterly Newsletter topical, informative and fun. Time to meet a deadline.

Training from current editor available. Co-publishing the Fall Newsletter in September would be a possibility. Email: franlwhipple@me.com if you are interested.

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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