



THE TRAIL MARKER

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January is that doorway-month that allow us to look back to the year just ended as well as step forward into a new year with its hope of things to come. This first Chapter Chair column of the year, therefore, will recap and report on some Chapter business from last year, and, as with Spring, will encourage us to look ahead to the promise of a new, fresh and vigorous life for the Chapter and Camp Nawakwa in months ahead.

The Annual meeting in August, the Referendum in October, and the Board elections in November capped a year of actions and reactions, of vigorous discussion and conflicting points of view, all of which, in their resolution, have given us an opportunity for real renewal in the coming year. Here are some of the most salient questions from last season:

1. Annual Insurance Policies: At the Annual Meeting, questions were asked about the insurance the New York Chapter carries. The Board looked into the coverage and expense of our insurance policies to see if there was a way to save on the premiums we pay. We asked the Main Club for assistance with this and, as a result, were able to use the expertise of the insurance expert who helps the Main Club with their policies, Alan Via. A full review of all our insurance policies was performed covering the past five years. Suzanne Rocheleau, our Treasurer, has a report elsewhere in this issue of the Trail Marker, but the bottom line is that our coverage and our premium costs are right in line with other similar outdoor recreation clubs.

2. Waterfront Concerns: There was a lot of discussion at the Annual meeting on various violations observed at the Waterfront during the summer, with questions about our Waterfront Regulations and use of flotation devices and PFDs in the main swim area (particularly when minors were present as guests at camp). In the weeks after the meeting, the Board was able to clarify the rule that no artificial flotation devices and no PDFs will be allowed in the deepwater area by anyone. Letters of clarification, with a warning of consequences if the regulations are not followed, particularly in regard to overseeing the safety of minors at the waterfront, were sent out. Those members who were involved in the controversy agreed to follow all the Waterfront Regulations as laid out by the Board. [Note: I will devote a column in the next Trail Marker to outlining all that goes into the formation of the

Waterfront Regulations and our Bathing Beach Safety Plan.] As we look forward to a new Camp Season, the Board will ensure that the resolution to this controversy will be enforced.

3. Finances: At the Annual Meeting, and during the recent elections, questions were raised about the financial matters of the Chapter. Finances are perhaps the most serious concerns any organization has and the Board has always taken their fiduciary concerns very seriously. Article IX of our Bylaws is the section that outlines the Board's responsibilities concerning 'Finances' of the Chapter. We again approached the Main Club to get advice on using an outside agency to review all of our 2015 fiscal year reports. They directed us to a company that specializes in non-profits [Suzanne has a report of this, also, in this Trail Marker]. Preliminary reports are that our accounts are in good shape. They are giving us recommendations on how to make future accounts and statements clearer and easier to follow. We have also enlisted the use of a lawyer who specializes in non-profits to help us formulate proper and adequate financial policies so that we are in accord with all IRS regulations and all New York State regulations for Non-Profit organizations. This is the person used by the Main Club when they were updating their own Bylaws and P&P. The Board takes very seriously its responsibility for the overall governance of the New York Chapter, especially with finances. Our policies and procedures regarding finances will reflect this seriousness.

4. Referendum: In the defeat of the Referendum (which had proposed allowing Applicants to bring guests and family members to camp), Key-holder members strongly upheld the long-standing practice of Nawakwa, namely, that only Key-holders are allowed to bring guests to camp. Applicants are in a special role of getting to know the camp and the Key-holder members, as well as becoming known by the members. An Applicant's time and attention is directed to orientation and to learning about Camp Nawakwa and the responsibilities for operating and maintaining the camp in accord with our lease and with the heritage and traditions of camp forged over ninety years. If the qualifying period is completed well, Applicants may be voted in as qualified individuals privileged to join the ranks of Key-holders.

It is said that in every crisis there is opportunity. The process of resolving last year's controversies has provided an opportunity



for us to have greater clarity in knowing who we are and what Camp Nawakwa is all about. Opportunities exist for real renewal and restoration, for Camp Nawakwa and for the New York Chapter. To any who may have hesitated to come to camp last year, know that the spirit of Nawakwa is alive and well. We look forward to a good and enjoyable camp season this year. See you at camp!

- Ray Kozma, Chapter Chair

Hosted Events January–March 2017

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Unless specified, please register by Thursday prior to the weekend.

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Host Chair:

Janet Sibarium (212) 254 0738

Email: jansib@mindspring.com

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117

maporis@aol.com

A note to hosts: There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek. This includes summers and holidays. This also includes families with adult and minor children.

JAN 28-29 • A NIGHT AT THE OPERA.....

Ron Engasser & Lewis Ports will be hosting this event. Pork Sausages, Penne and Tomato Sauce from my Italian mother. Enjoy a feast fit for a King. This event limited to no more than 20 lucky guests. Gourmet salad, home made pies ala Chef Ports, cheese and crackers to die for, washed down with imported French grape juice. **BE THERE!**
NOTE: Event contingent on getting Park Permit.
Co-Hosts: Ron Engasser (registrar) & Lewis Ports
631-289-5375 usron@juno.com

Feb. 18 - 20 • NY RAMBLERS INVITATIONAL PREZ DAY WEEKEND

Hike in as a group from Tuxedo for a long weekend of hiking and camaraderie 'round the wood stove. Breakfasts and dinners will be communal, with each participant helping to carry in group provisions. Bring your own high-calorie trail lunches. When registering, please specify vegetarian or omnivore and which meals you'll partake of. Keep in mind it's cold this time of year: Good sleeping bag and plenty of warm clothes necessary. Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 15.
Registrar and Host: Ingrid Strauch

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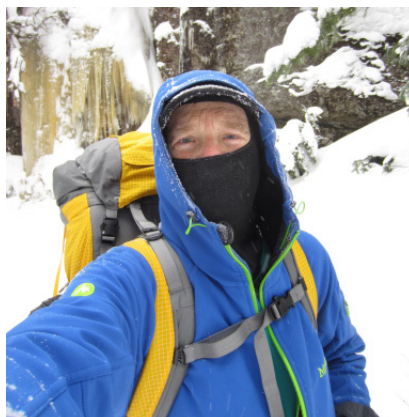
Get updates on Nawakwa happenings on Twitter! Go to https://twitter.com/ADK_NY, click on follow, then receive news, reminders, and special notices effortlessly! Account managed by Ingrid Strauch.

Presidents Birthday Weekend in the Adirondacks February 17-20, 2017

The New York Chapter will be at the Adirondack Loj for the Presidents Birthday weekend. Join your fellow members and guests for a fun time snowshoeing, x-c skiing, and of course, eating! The cost for the weekend, which runs from Friday night through Monday breakfast, ranges from about \$250 – \$300 plus depending on the location in the Loj (this includes meals except for lunch which one can sign up for at breakfast). More detailed info will be sent a few weeks before the weekend.

Spaces may fill up fast but members are welcome to find lodging in nearby Lake Placid (You can search on various websites for lodging if no space is available at the Loj) and join in the hikes which usually leave from the Loj as well as for happy hours both Saturday and Sunday. If staying elsewhere there is the possibility that you can join group for dinner at the Loj if space allows.

Contact leader for space availability for the weekend:
Glen Nison gnisonbike@juno.com



Photos by Glen Nison

Hikes: January–March 2017

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison
718-625-2182
gnisonbike@juno.com

For listings of hikes not led by members of ADKNY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try these links:
<http://www.nynjtc.org/content/scheduled-hikes>
<http://www.hudsonhikers.org/schedules.html>

Please check schedules of various public transportation options as fares and schedules may have changed.

Saturday, January 28, 2017 • Nyack Circular

Moderate 7-mile circular hike from Towt Road, Nyack, including the Long Path and Buttermilk County Park trails. Bus riders take the Coach Red and Tan 9 bus to Main Street and Broadway, Nyack, boarding PABT at 8:15am or the GWBT at 8:40am and arriving at Nyack at 9:26am. Leader will board the bus either at PABT or GWBT. Drivers wait for the bus riders at the parking lot next to and south of the standing clock located on Main Street, Nyack, a short distance west of Broadway (drivers arriving via 9W look for the route 59 exit sign and exist EAST (onto Main Street) and NOT west onto route 59, and follow Main Street 1/2 mile to the clock. There will be a one-mile shuttle to Towt Road. All hikers please call leader. Qualifying.
Leader: John Lipsett 212-867-8280 work
212-864-6109 home

Save the Date:

The New York Chapter Winter Social

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017

Place: O'Reilly's

21 West 35 th Street (off 5 th Ave.)

New York, New York 10001

Luncheon from 12 to 3 PM

Cost: \$45 per person

For reservations, please send check, payable to:

“NY Chapter, Inc. - ADK” to:

New York Chapter - ADK Peter Stuyvesant Post Office
- P.O. Box 327

New York, NY 10009

Payment and registration deadline:

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Questions?: email: ray@adkny.org

Notice from the ADK Main Club

The Main Club is asking that, if any member knows of any foundations that could be approached for grants in support of ADK mission and programs, to notify Jean-Claude (ADK Membership & Development Committee Chair) at: jcfouere@gmail.com

The Annual Nawakwa Passport - 2017

The Annual Nawakwa Passport for 2017 is now available for all Key-holders. The Annual Passport, which covers the Day Fees for all visits to camp per calendar year, is \$150 per individual Key-holder and is non-transferable.

If a Key-holder with the Passport brings spouse, children, other family members or guests to camp, these others must pay the Camp Fees as usual.

To obtain the Annual Nawakwa Passport, Key-holders should send their request (with their name address, phone number and check payable to the New York Chapter - ADK), to:

Raymond Kozma, Chapter Chair
New York Chapter-ADK
585 North Railroad Ave-3D
Staten Island, NY 10304

Welcome, new Applicants!

Mark Kuebel
Elizabeth Maher
George Kantor
Leslie Super

Welcome, Key Holders!

Thomas Duffy
Moiria Bailey
Lila Barre
Kate Barre
Michael Simon
Maria Sola-Simon
Carolyn Gaver
Alex Wood

Change of address:

If you move, please contact the Main Club AND the NY Chapter Membership Chair, Jerry@adkny.org to notify us of your address change.

ADKNY Members occasionally receive email notifications about hosted weekends, hikes and related Camp events. These notifications are only to be sent by the Host Chair or the Newsletter Editor. **Mass-emailing the membership for any other reason is bad netiquette, and is prohibited.**

The editor encourages all members to contribute articles and photos to be used in the Trail Marker and on our website.

Please email to editor@adkny.org

Deadlines for submission to the newsletter are:

April–May – Deadline: March 17

June–July – Deadline: May 19

August–September – Deadline: July 15

October–December – Deadline: September 20

January–March – Deadline: December 13

The following MOTION was passed by the Board on Nov. 20, 2016:

MOTION: Policy on Lapsed Membership of Key-holders

1.) As, according to our Bylaws (Article III, Section 6), “a person who fails to pay membership fees and dues is no longer a member and also loses all rights of membership including Camp access privileges” and As the Main Club has a policy of sending out reminder notices of lapsed membership for a period of ninety days, The following will be the policy of the New York Chapter regarding any Key-holder who has failed “to pay membership fees and dues” and as a result “is no longer a member and loses all rights of membership including Camp access and privileges.”

1. If an individual’s ADK membership has lapsed and this individual appears at camp during this period, the lapsed key-holder is a guest and must pay guest fees, as well as rejoin ADK before revisiting camp.

2. If the individual renews membership before the lapse of 90 days, that individual is readmitted to the New York Chapter with all rights, including Camp access and privileges, without any penalty.

3. If a lapsed individual renews membership after 90 days but prior to one year, that individual must pay a \$25 re-installment fee and participate in either Fall or Spring Work Weekend or a published Trail Maintenance activity. The leader of the work-event will certify to the Board the individual has fulfilled this activity.

4. If the lapsed Key-holder renews after a year of lapsed membership, the individual must reapply as an Applicant.

Note from the Treasurer

By Suzanne Rocheleau

The Board unanimously approved using the Marvin & Co. accounting firm to do a compilation audit of the 2015 financials for the NY Chapter. The cost for the audit was \$875. The NY Chapter has more than sufficient reserves to cover this necessary expense. Marvin & Co. also manages the Main ADK Club’s annual audit, as they specialize in non-profit organizations.

According to Alan Via of Cool Insurance Agency (also used by the Main Club), the NY Chapter’s Insurance premiums are in-line with reasonable insurance expenses for clubs comparable to ours and the activities that are covered in the policies. Alan reviewed our premiums paid over the last five years, as well as NY Chapter coverage provided in our Liability and D&O policies and determined the coverage is standard and adequate.

Please Note: Current Camp Fees and Categories

DAY FEES:

Key-holder Members: \$15.00 per day

Applicants and Guests: \$20.00 per day

Adolescents (13 to 17): \$15. per day

Children (12 and under): \$10.00 per day

OVERNIGHT (2 DAYS)

Key-holders: \$30.00

Applicants and Guests: \$40.00

Adolescents: \$30.00

Children: \$20.00

Off-Season Use of Camp Nawakwa

Key-holders are reminded that we are in the Off-Season of camp. No one is allowed access to visit camp, even for the day, without the permission of the Park Group Camp Office. Please remember:

1. During the off-season (October 16th to April 30th), when the camping season is officially closed, permission to make use of Camp Nawakwa is needed from the Park Office.

2. Any Key-holder member who wishes to access and use camp during the Off-Season must notify the Chapter Chair who will contact the Park Office to request permission and obtain the necessary Permit. Key holders should contact the Chapter Chair five days before the requested visit date so that sufficient time can be allowed for the Park Office to be notified and respond.

3. All the normal Park Rules and Regulations, and the Chapter’s established Policy and Procedures, will be in effect during the Off-Season.



Photo by Glen Nison

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NAWAKWA TRAIL ACTIVITY

By William Burns, Trails Chair

We had a great year working on our trails for the New York Chapter of the ADK which is reflected in our trail hours report that is sent to the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference.

June Fait and Herbert Coles will be the new trail maintainers for the White Bar trail which is from Johnstontown Circle to the start of the Triangle Trail. Carol and I have been diligent in maintaining our section of the Appalachian Trail which is from Route 17 to the Orange Turnpike. This was our first year of maintaining this trail. We met many interesting through hikers on our trail from many different States.

The Autumn fires in Harriman State Park did little damage to our trails. If you are interested in doing trail maintenance, please contact me. We look forward to another year of continued maintenance on our trails.

Thank you to all of you that have helped with our trail maintenance and wishing you all a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

ADK-NY-VOLUNTEER-HOURS

REPORT DATE: FALL 2016

Trail #	<u>MAINTAINER</u>	<u>TRAIL</u>	Trail Length	Work Hours	Travel Hours	Total Hours
1	John Lipsett	<u>RD</u> Tuxedo to Rt.106	4.13	29.0	14.0	43.0
2	Noel Schulz	<u>Triangle</u> Tuxedo to WB junction at 2.6mi.	2.60	13.0	2.0	15.0
3	Ingrid Strauch	<u>Triangle</u> White Bar @ Dutch Doctor to WB @ 2.6 mi fr Tuxedo	2.65	26.5	23.0	49.5
4	Jack Papirio	<u>AT</u> Orange Tpk. to Mombasha Rd.	1.40	3.0	1.5	4.5
5	Glen Nison	<u>White Cross</u> TMI to RD	2.15	7.0	4.0	11.0
6	Bill and Carol Burns	<u>AT</u> Rt. 17 to Orange Tpk.	1.80	21.0	14.0	35.0
7	Dennis Hickey	<u>Long Path</u> Greenbrook Sanctuary to GWB	5.10	26.3	7.5	33.8
8	Richard DeCoursey	<u>White Bar</u> Rt. 106 to ASB	2.05	3.0	10.5	13.5
9	Noel Schulz	<u>TMI</u> RD to Sebago Dam	2.40	4.5	1.0	5.5
10	Elizabeth Ruiz-Gomez	<u>White Bar</u> Johnstontown Rd. to Triangle Trail	1.50	2.5	3.0	5.5
11	Giacomo Servetti and Kim Waldhauer	<u>White Bar</u> Triangle to Rt. 106	3.80	19.5	3.5	23.0
TOTAL TRAIL MILES			29.58			
TOTAL HOURS				155.3	84.0	239.3



Photo by Angela Johnson

These three photos from Ingrid Strauch were all taken on the Triangle Trail and show the effects of one of two fires that broke out in Harriman State Park in mid-November 2016. Thanks, Ingrid!



Noel on the Triangle trail



Still on fire



Triangle burn



Photo by Glen Nison

2016 ADKNY Election Results

Chair

Ray Kozma 54

Write in chair Laura Campbell 40

Vice Chair

Steve Barre 81

No write in

Treasurer

Suzanne Rocheleau 81

No write in

Main Club Director

Mary Hilley 60

Write in Main Club Director James Slovik 34

Director 1

William Burns 87

No write in

Director 2

Mark Fedow 55

Write in Director 2 Mike Sergio 38

Director 3

Lisa North 55

Write in Director 3 Jason McGinnis 38

Director 4

Lewis Ports 53

Write in Director 4 Guy Lingley 41