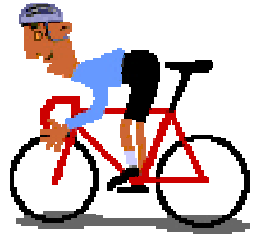




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Missing Children Bike Ride

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is holding its' annual bike ride on May 20. The purpose of the 100-mile ride is to raise funds for the printing and distribution of posters for missing children. 100% of the money raised is used to print and distribute posters. In 2004, 594,272 posters were sent out for 209 missing children; 173 of these children have been recovered. Kathy and Jim White are seeking donations. Please consider this most worthy cause and speak to Kathy or Jim at 853-5946. Other club members participating in the ride and accepting donations are Deb Weakly, Carolyn Morgan, Warren Hamblet and Joe Rizzo.



Greetings GE Ski Club Golfers!



The Hamilton College Golf Course will officially open Saturday, April 30th, 2005! Come play golf with the GE Ski Club FUN GOLF LEAGUE! This is FUN, non-competitive league giving everyone at ANY level of golf a chance to get out and enjoy the links. Come when you can -- no obligation to play every week. All golfers ANY level of play are welcome and it's only \$5.00 per 9 holes.

We need to figure out which night of the week would be best for those who plan to play. Hamilton College's course is not available on Tuesday evenings but the rest of the week is open. We will usually play at Hamilton for consistency but every now and again we'll try another course that can accommodate us at our preferred start time in order to mix things up.

If you would like to play with the GE Ski Club FUN GOLF LEAGUE this season, please email Jeannine at jmurtaug@hamilton.edu or call her at 859-4339. Please also indicate which night of the week you would prefer to play Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday and what would be the best starting time for you: 4:30, 4:45 or 5:00 pm.

**We will report back with the results shortly; so, please respond soon. Thank you!
Hittem' Long and Straight!**

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NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

As the new president (once again), I'd like to thank Pat and all of last year's board for their work on behalf of all of us in the Club! Well done! Having meet with the new board I'm excited and pleased to be working with everyone. There's a lot planned for this summer and planning is already under way for next winter. Please be sure to let us on the board know of any activities you'd like to do, or places you'd like to go and we'll see what we can do. I know we on the board count heavily on the members to assist in making the club the great success it has always been. Please remember to use the web site's forum to help find others looking for things to do. Remember going down hill is not always a bad thing!

Randy

General membership meeting

Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from Oct. to April. Guests are always welcome.

HAPPY HOURS:

(Begin after work, although, many arrive after 6)

**May 6th, 257 St eakhouse Utica
May 20th, Cavallo's New Hartford
June 3rd, Van's Tavern, Barneveld
June 16th, Piggy Pat's Pub, Washington Mills**

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

**May 7th, Highway Clean up Zebb's Parking Lot
May 11th, Bike Ride Erie Canal Village, Rome
May 15th, Kayaking West Canada Creek
May 17th, Cans for Cancer Drive
May 20th, Bike Ride for Missing Children
May 22nd, Rollerblading Long Pond Park, Syr.
June 4th, Kayaking Tom O'Hara's Camp
June 5th, Tour de cure
June 11th, Relay For Life**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:
Donna Pratt) or

Roger Pratt—736-1206

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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Tom O s Canoe and Kayak Extravaganza

Once again Tom O Hara has agreed to host a boat trip on one of the fine waterways in the Southern Teir. We will meet at 9 A.M. at the New Hartford Shopping Center in front of Herb Phillipsons (not close to store fronts) .The camp is high and DRY now. Please bring a dish to pass. Printed directions and the exact water route will be handed out at that time. The Picnic after boating is super so be sure set the day aside NOW.

Hello,

I would like to share an idea with you that could include the club as a participant. The American cancer society has for 10 yrs now run the Relay for Life. This is a fund raising event that is held June 11-12th and will be in Utica at the JFK Middle school. Groups get together and walk on the school's track for 12 hours from Saturday noon until Sunday noon. The group has to have someone walking at all times. Groups can sign up and pick their spot on the lawn to camp out for the weekend. There is a registration fee of \$10(after April 15th) for each participant. Each group raises money in some way and donates it to the American cancer society. Some of us thought it would be a fun thing to do. It could be our "June" camping trip. Some people could camp out. Others might come and walk with us. Others might stop by and bring some cookies or a potato salad for us to share. We could make B B Q chicken. Play Frisbee, take turns running to Price Chopper or to Charley's Pizza for Food.

There is an organizational meeting next week for this where each group would then line up to pick their camping spot. Groups have until May 20th to sign up.

Wondered what you though about this. Would you help out if we ran it. It may be done by a few dedicated souls not necessarily the club. That depends on what the new board says next week. For the club, we could bring our banner and display it, get some free publicity ,ya know. I am sure WKTV will be there to get some footage. FREE

I like that term. Ron G.



Anyone interested in a Boating Trip?

We can get several boats or a party barge and start at Sylvan Beach and go to Brewerton . If that isn't good maybe how about starting at Old Forge and cruise up to forth lake for lunch at Daikers new outside deck.

Let's get together and have some fun!

Contact Donna Pratt at Donnapratt@verizon.net

If you have a boat, party barge, or jet ski and want to get together with other members of the club e-mail me. We can come up with something that will be fun for all.

Delta Lake Kayaking Outting

We will be Kayaking from Westernville Fishing Access Area just off rt. 46 in Westernville downstream to Lake Delta and back. We can meet at the Burger King at the corner of Black River Blvd. and Chestnut St. 5 pm is the time but if you need to come later, call Randy at 337-8647 to get more Info



Highway Clean Up



It is that time of the year again that our thoughts of being outside enjoying the beautiful sunshine is in our subconscious minds. You can't wait to go for a walk. Well I have just the opportunity for you. Come join us at Zebb's parking lot on May 7th, at 8:30 AM, to walk a mile or two. While walking we will (once in a while) bend over and pick up a foreign object. Yes it is highway clean up time once again. After we do our thing we will go have a cup of great coffee at DUNKIN DOUNUTS. Ya all come, ya hear.



Tour de Cure Ride

We are Looking for People to Ride the Tour de Cure Bike Ride and Participate in the Fundraiser for the American diabetes Association. This is Held on June 05th, at the Verona beach St Park. Several different ride Lengths are offered; a 15 mi, 25, 40, 65, and 100 mile length. Contact Mike Hardiman at 732-2826 if you are interested.



Rollerblade, Walk Or Bike At Onondaga Lake Park

On Sunday, May 22nd Come Join Us for a day at Onondaga Lake Park to walk, Rollerblade, Bike or just Hang out. We'll spend the day viewing the lake and enjoying the park. Bring a picnic Lunch. There are also concession stands at the Park. Meet 9 am at the Westmoreland Thruway entrance. Call Ron -732-5926.

Sunday June 19th - Join us for another day at Onondaga Lake Park. This day the Highway will be closed down (From 9am -noon) for even more space to bike , Rollerblade, etc. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Westmoreland Thruway Entrance.

Directions: Thruway (I 90) to exit 38. Turn right onto Oswego St (Rt 57) and go into Liverpool. Turn right on either Vine St or Cypress St and go toward lake. You should run into the park. (Possibly) look for signs for the skate park or Wegmans playground. This is the southeast end of Onondaga Lake Park and there is a parking lot there.

Horned Dorset

We will be going to the Horned Dorset for an evening of fine dining on June 16th. I for one am looking forward to enjoying a special treat our own Don Hackley has planned for us. More details will be in next month's newsletter. Be sure and set the day aside for this gastronomical feast.

Boilermaker Waterstop

Anyone wanting to work the boilermaker waterstop this year let Andy Reath know A.S.A.P. as in immediately Deadline is May 20th. If nothing has changed; as in Address, T-shirt size; just E-mail or call and leave name. If you are a first timer wanting to help, I will need - Name, Address, Phone, T-shirt size(sm, med lg, ex lg, 2x).

Call 735-0349 or E-mail andy@ugefcu.net to sign up or for any questions.

Boilermaker race is Sunday July 10. Water station is on Whitesboro St, Utica at the corner of Cherry St by Heintz funeral parlor. Be there 6:30-7 AM as they shut off a lot of the roads in the area quite early on race day. Andy



Kayak & canoe day on the West Canada.

Well it's time for our annual trip down the raging class .5 rapids of the West Canada to Newport N.Y. on Sunday May 15. We will be meeting at the public fishing turn off on Rt. 28, 3 to 4 miles southeast of Mappedale, at the bottom of Putnam Hill Rd. (same place as always) at 9:30 A.M. Once we have gathered we will take cars to the Newport end, so we have a way of getting people back to get the cars we left. The trip is aprox 3 to 4 hours and we stop for a lunch break, so pack some vittles (food) & drink. There is about a mile and half of rapids about 2/3rds of the way, so spray skirts and P. F. D's (life jackets) are required. Boats have been known to flip in this area, so make sure your gear is tethered (tied down) in or on your boat. Prepare for the weather also. We've had 85 and sunny and 40 and rain on this trip over the years. When we are done and all packed, we will head back to Barneveld to Vans Tavern for some after trip stories, cold beer, and some of their Sunday food specials.

Any questions call Andy at 735-0349. Hope to see y'all there. Andy

Spring ski care.

Now that you got the golf clubs out, you shouldn't forget about your skies just yet. A little spring care is due so they're ready to go next winter. Clean any dirt off the skies with a damp rag, tops and bottoms. Do the same with the bindings. Dry everything off. Spray a little WD-40 lightly over the bindings. If you hot wax, then put a coat on the bottoms and smear side to side covering the edges. Don't scrape, leave it till fall. Scrape them before you go skiing. If you need it, sharpen the edges first before you wax.

If you don't hot wax, then take a rub on wax and cover the bottoms as best you can including the edges. You can cork the bottoms some to get a good cover over the p-tex. You can also take your skies to a shop and have a tune up done before you store them. I'm sure the edges could use the sharpening. That way, they will really be ready to go when the snow flies. Do the cleaning first before you take them in. This prevents the edges from rusting and the p-tex from oxidizing. Try to store in a fairly dry place but not an attic or metal shed where it can get too hot. NOW go play some golf.



Cancer has touched all of our lives.

On June 11-12th We're Participating In The Relay For Life At JFK Middle School On Deerfield Drive East In North Utica. Our Team Will Help Raise Money For The American Cancer Society, To Help Fund Cancer Research. This Is a Very Colorful And Fun Event. It's A Great Opportunity For Our Ski Club To Help Our Community. We Will Be Camping-Out Near The JFK Middle School Track And We Will Have Volunteers Walking Continuously From 12 Noon Saturday Until Noon On Sunday.

We need your help. We are looking for Volunteers to walk and to help us raise funds during the camp-out and to maintain a presence at the Event. On Tuesday, May 3rd, we are having an organizational meeting at Babes in North Utica , 6:30PM. Please come. If you can't attend the meeting please call Ron Gieskopf or Paul Zajac for more information.

Sign up to camp-out with us , or maybe you can spend part of your day with us to walk or help out at our campsite. . We are taking sign ups for 3 hour periods to walk, eat and party with us. Please sign up for one or more of the following time slots:

12noon -3pm	The Party Begins!! Opening ceremony walk
3-6pm	Ice Cream Social, ice cream "hope" floats walk
6-9pm	Sausage roast cookout walk
9-Midnight	Luminaries ceremony walk, Chocolate fondue with Strawberries walk
Midnight-3am	Starlight walk
3-6am	Sunrise and gourmet coffee walk,
6-9am	Bagels and muffins breakfast walk
9-12noon	Strawberry shortcake and Grand Finale walk.

Everyone has been touched by this disease. This is a GE Ski Club function. Please consider being part of our Team. If you can't participate please make a donation. Make checks payable to The American Cancer Society

We are having a deposit can/ bottle drive on May 17th. Please give us our returnable cans and bottles contact Tom O'Hara at 525-1858. We will have a 50/50 raffle at the Spring Banquet to benefit our fundraising.

More details will be provided as we approach the event.

Call Ron at 732-5926 or Paul at 724-2058 for more info.

Clark Mills Bike Ride

We will meet at Frosties in Clark Mills at 6 PM for a moderate 5 to 6 mile Bike Ride looping back to Frosties where we can get refreshments. For more Info:
call Pat O at 853-6728



BIKING SEASON IS HERE

On May 11th, at 6:00 PM we will meet at the Erie Canal Village for an easy Bike ride to get us warmed up to see if we want to join Lance in France.

Questions Contact Cathy Destito 334- 9372



Rollins Ponds July Camping Trip, July 22-24th

The club is camping at Rollins Ponds campgrounds, a Great Adirondack Mtn Park, which is about 10 mi North of Tupper Lake, NY. We have 7 "Premium" water sites reserved until Monday Morning if you wish to stay until then. Some sites are for Thursday night – Let me know ASAP if you want to go up early.(E mail: MAHARONIE@aol.com; Phone: 732-5926). Rollins Pond should be at the top of your list if you like canoes, rowboats, paddle boats or kayaks,(all available for rent at the boat launch livery site), fishing, hiking, bicycling, and Interpreter Activity Programs. Adventurer's can paddle the waterway leading to Fish Creek, or just try their luck fishing in Whey Pond, located adjacent to the livery area, and "stocked" annually with trout. The Large Saranac Lakes, Ampersand Mtn and the Sara-Placid Golf Course are also near by. Amenities: 287 campsites, hot showers, flush toilets, trailer dumping station, boat launch (25 HP or under), boat and canoe rentals, hiking trails, recreation activities program, & volleyball. Campers may use the day-use facilities,i.e. Beaches, at adjoining Fish Creek Pond Campground. Directions: Take Rte 28 North to Blue Mtn Lake, then take Rte 30 North. Follow Rte 30 N Turning Left approx 5 Miles Past Tupper lake, go 5-6 miles to entrance for Fish Creek & Rollins Ponds St Parks. Send your payment to: Ron Geiskopf 485 Van Ellis Rd. Utica NY 13502 Cost: Fri-Sunday:\$17; Thursday-Sun - \$22.

Make Checks payable to GE SKI Club,Inc. Fill out Below (or use Trip Form)

NAME _____ ADDRESS: _____

CAR MAKE _____ LICENSE PLATE # - _____

PHONE # - _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

<<SITEMATES: _____, _____, _____>>

1. Participants are completely and individually responsible for their own actions on all trips and activities and bear the burden of liabilities thereof.
2. Participants by signing this agreement, agree to hold 'The Club' harmless and waive all right of regress for any injuries sustained, and for any other liability whatsoever that may arise during the course of the trip.
3. This policy applies to all trips without exception and to other Club activities at the discretion of the activity leader and the Board of Directors. **I have read the G.E. Ski Club Inc. trip policy. I understand and agree to abide by them fully.**

SIGNED : _____ DATE: _____

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 GOLF Every Monday Hamilton College	3	4	5	6 Social Hr. 257 Steakhouse Utica	7 Highway Clean-up 8:30 AM @ Zebb's Parking lot
8	9 GOLF Need more Info contact Jeannie	10	11 BIKE RIDE Erie Canal Village Rome	12	13	14 Paddle Fest Inlet N.Y.
15 Kayaking West Canada Trenton to Newport	16 GOLF at jmurtaug@hamil ton.edu	17 Can & Bottle collection Domanico's Café Utica 7 P.M.	18 Kayaking Lake Delta 5 pm	19	20 Social Hr. Cavallo's N.H. & Bike ride for Missing children	21
22 Roller blading Onondaga LakePark Syr	23 GOLF	24 Board Meeting	25 Bike Ride Clarks Mills 6pm Newsletter deadline	26	27	28
29	30 GOLF	31				

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			1	2	3 Social Hour Van's Tavern Barneveld	4 Tom O's Kayaking and Picnic 9 am
5 Tour DeCure Bike Ride Call Mike Hardiman	6 GOLF Hamilton College	7	8	9	10	11 Relay for Life
12	13 GOLF Hamilton College	14	15	16 Horned Dorset	17 Social Hour Piggy Pat's Washington Mills	18
19 Roller blading Onondaga Lake Park 8 am	20 GOLF Hamilton College	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25
26	27 GOLF Hamilton College	28	29	30		

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Cans for Cancer

Start going around your neighborhood and line up friends and neighbors to donate returnable cans and bottles for our big bottle and can drive for donating to the American Cancer Relay for Life. We will meet at 7 P.M. at Café Domenico 2011 Genesee St. across from the Uptown Theater. Bring all the cans and bottles that will fit in your car.

**For more Info: Contact Paul Z. at 724-2058 or
Ron G. at 732-5926**