

Mad River Club

December 2019 / January 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting

Friday, February 14th (BOD 6:30, Members 8:00)

Planning to Make a Workday This Year?

Want to avoid the Fee for not making a workday?
Start Planning Now.

You meet the best people the Club has to offer on workdays and serve the members at the same time. Somehow we manage to get more than we give and **AVOID THAT NASTY FEE.**

Dale Macklen suggests that we all **plan ahead.**
Why not plan on helping out with one of our events for this year?

The Family Picnic and Awards Presentation will be held on 7/19 with a workday scheduled for 7/18.

Don't wait... Contact the committee chair for the event you want to help with NOW. They will be happy to have their help lined up early.

Nominating Committee (April 3rd Elections)

Darien Brock is the new chair of the nominating committee. If you know anyone who would like to serve on the Board, please contact Darien to make a nomination before or at the March meeting.

Sick and Ailing

Douglas McNitt was recently in the hospital. He also lost a family member. Both get well and sympathy cards were sent.

Bill Stratton was hospitalized with pneumonia. He is home now, recovering. A get well card was sent to Bill.

Dale Macklen has case of the flu. He's still running around though. Maybe needs to get tied down 😊

Gordon Peebles, a member, passed away.

Know someone who is sick or passed? Please contact one of the following:

Brian Dano at 315-243-1994 or Charlene at 315-625-7331 (leave message)

E-mail: bdns@ymail.com

E-mail: c-dano@hotmail.com

The 38th Annual Mad River Club Ice Fishing Derby

January 25, 2020

WILL BE HELD AT THE SANDY POND
SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE

Registration Starts at 6:00 AM on Saturday
(Pre-registration Available at SPSA Clubhouse)

Every Child Registered Receives a Prize

Raffle Drawing: January 25th at 4:00 pm

Adult and Children's Division Perch and Pike

Weigh In: Saturday Anytime between 7am and 4 pm
Only Fish Caught on Sandy Pond (South and North) Accepted

Food Available. Lunch Prepared by SPSA
You Must Register Prior to Fishing
Registration Closes at Noon

ATTN: Christmas Party Chairs Stepping Down!

Kent and Linda Taber have been Chairing the Christmas party for many years and have done a fantastic job! They have decided that it is time to let someone else step up. If you have any Christmas Spirit and want to share it with the Club, Please contact Gary Crawford and let him know.

**Lend Your Voice To The
Battle To Keep Our Rich
Traditions Alive!**

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State _____ Zip _____
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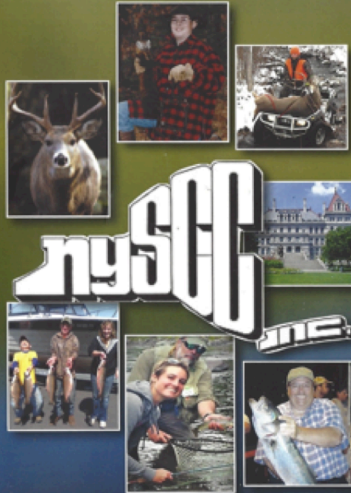
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Since 1933 the New York State Conservation Council, Inc., has been on the front line in the battle to preserve and protect New York's sporting heritage. Whether you count yourself among the hunters, anglers or trappers of New York, or you simply want to do your part to see that our fields, streams and woodlands continue to provide rich habitat for our world class fish and game populations, you can no longer stand on the sidelines as those forces who oppose your right to hunt, fish and trap, strive to strip you of your rights.



**NYSCC is a strong
advocate for
reasonable and
safe motorized
access on state land,
including the use of
ATV's, UTV's and
snowmobiles.**

**NYSCC leads the
fight for early youth
hunting seasons
for big game,
waterfowl, turkey
and pheasants.**



**NYSCC is a leader in
NYS Hunter Education.
We work with county
federations and clubs
for youth outreach,
special events and
education programs.**

**NYSCC Cares About Your Access
Rights and Our Environment**



Millions of acres of public land and lakes are being closed to people who hunt fish and trap through regulations and plans that restrict motorized access. NYSCC is at the forefront of the fight to provide reasonable access for individuals of varying abilities, including the elderly, those with special needs, wounded warriors and the physically challenged. Lands owned by the "people of the State of New York" must be open to ALL of New York States citizens!



**NYSCC works with lake associations,
anglers, NYS DEC and others to
educate about the damage and
costs to the economy and the
environment from invasive species.**

What Can You Do To Help?

- Join a local club
- Ask them to join NYSCC
- Be involved with your county federation



**Consider a
Donation to
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**New York State Conservation
Council's History and
Accomplishments for
More Than 80 Years!**

- We have protected the rights of sports people to hunt, fish and trap and own firearms...as is our 2nd amendment right.

- We advocate for regulations and laws to protect and manage our fish, wildlife and other natural resources.

- We continue to be a leading advocate for all men, women and our youth who enjoy the outdoors.

- Our voice is heard in Albany by the Governor, the Legislature and the DEC as we advocate for you.

- We succeed through the involvement efforts and dedication of our statewide membership.

- We have and continue to pursue alliances with other like minded groups and to advocate for all sportspeople.



**New York State
Conservation
Council, Inc.**

Ken and Gerry Burd Environmental Studies Scholarship

The extended family of Ken and Gerry Burd has instituted a scholarship fund, in their name, in the amount of \$500.00 to be awarded yearly. This year we would like to invite any member, member's child or grandchild contemplating an Environmental degree, to apply.

The recipient must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student, pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering, Wildlife Management, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Law Enforcement, Agricultural Engineering or other closely related Environmental field.

The Selection Committee will award the scholarship based on academic performance, school and community activities/involvement, 2 letters of recommendation and a short essay regarding their choice of profession.

Applications are available by contacting Ken or Gerry at 315-652-7095, kburd1@verizon.net or at the address below.

All requested information must be postmarked no later than **April 1st** of the current year.

Please complete and return the application to:

Ken & Gerry Burd
8149 Morgan Rd.
Clay, NY 13041

MAD RIVER CLUB APPAREL

Darien Brock has arranged for MRC members to purchase **tee shirts, sweatshirts and jackets**, in ANY COLOR COMBO you want!



Details are posted on the website under Apparel

Call Darien with questions @ 315-778-2680

MAD RIVER CLUB 125th ANNIVERSARY HATS \$20

We have about 50 hats left. They will be brought to the Members Meeting. These are very nice hats, Camo with the Club logo and 125th Anniversary on them (like you see on the shirts above).

Also have some Life Member Hats left. Life Member hats are black with the same lettering and logo on them as the Camo hats. They will be brought to the Membership Meetings until they are gone.

Financial Secretary report – Dec 13, 2019

We currently have 300 full dues paying members, 26 half dues members and 148 Gold members.

We are having some compatibility issues with startup of the new on-line billing program through NBT and transferring/merging of our data base information. Some members have or may get invoice bills with wrong amounts. We are still manually tracking payments and crediting the proper members. Another big problem is incorrect e-mail addresses. As with many new changes/improvements in procedures, it sometimes temporarily takes more time to setup and analyze a problem & then work through initial glitches. In the future it will get easier and we will have a better a process with improved reports, tracking as well as checks and balances to manage our club. Please be patient, let us know if you find an error and respond quickly if we ask you for information.

Going to Permanent wait list Friday 12/13/19:

Pete Skinner	sponsor	Mike Lane
Jeff Ayotte	sponsor	Jon Rich Jr
Gary Sova	sponsor	Kent Taber
Russ Marsden	sponsor	William Gould
Pete Caufield	sponsor	Randy Corsette

New applicants going on 30 Day Wait list

Steven Woolson	sponsor	Doug Haynes
Edward Pendzik	sponsor	John Haresign
Michael Arton	sponsor	Joey Arton
Chris Sokolowski	sponsor	Joey Arton
John Roberts	sponsor	Pete Pelton
John Shirley	sponsor	Jeff Shirley

We now have 35 individual applicants on the membership wait lists. We are in good position to start the New Year. Any additional applications received in mailbag at meeting will be added to the 30 Day list at next meeting. Keep encouraging people to apply so we can keep our membership full for 2020.

Rachel & Don

MRC 2019 Deceased Member list

John Wilks	June 2018	
Douglas Runions	Dec.2018	(past President)
James Horth	Feb 2019	
Lynn Johnson	March 2019	
Richard Palmer	May 2019	(past President)
Gordon Storrng	June 2019	
Gordon Peebles	Dec 2019	

Financial Secretary report – January 10, 2020

We currently have 290 full dues paying members, 28 Half dues members and 152 Gold members.

We are work through numerous issues with startup of the new on-line billing program through Key Bank and transferring/merging of our data base information. We are still manually tracking payments and crediting the proper members. A big problem is incorrect e-mail addresses. .

Moving to the Permanent wait list Friday 1/10/2020:

Steven Woolson	sponsor	Doug Haynes
Edward Pendzik	sponsor	John Haresign
Michael Arton	sponsor	Joey Ryan Arton
Chris Sokolowski	sponsor	Joey Arton
John Roberts	sponsor	Pete Pelton
John Shirley	sponsor	Jeff Shirley
Ryan Bishop	sponsor	Mark Bishop - son
Kenneth Humez	sponsor	Jessica Green

The following people went to the 30 Day list:

James Pelton	sponsor	Jon Pelton
Steven Crawford	sponsor	Gary Crawford - son
Dan McNitt	sponsor	Jessica Green
Connor Powell	sponsor	Wilcox Powell - son

We will be inviting 10 individuals to join at the February meeting. We now have 40 individual applicants on the membership wait lists. Keep encouraging people to apply so we can keep our membership full for 2020.

Rachel & Don

Don't Be Stupid.... Like Me!

Last week, I received an email from Gary Crawford. The email stated that he was tied up at a conference, but needed to get some gift cards for staff at a palliative care facility. I thought nothing about it. I was happy to be able to help.

The problem is, it wasn't from Gary. In hind-sight it was very stupid of me. But, since the club gives gifts on a regular basis, I just didn't suspect a thing.

Please don't get suckered like I did. It's embarrassing. If you receive an email from Gary or any Officer or Board Member in the Mad River Club, asking you to buy anything for the club... DON'T DO IT!! Delete that email and call the person who supposedly sent it to you.

Feeling Pretty Dumb Right Now! Please don't join me.

Rick

Announcements

Important: New Members Please Read!

The Board of Directors would like to meet you! **Therefore, new members are required to come to the regular member meeting at 8:00** on the night they are to receive their membership. We want to introduce you to the other members and encourage you to become involved. The Club is made better when new members get involved. We all look forward to meeting you.

ATTN: Snowmobile Riders

Logging is still going along Littlejohn Road, in the Willowbrook area, across from Loyd Perkins' Camp. PLEASE SLOW DOWN and watch out for logging trucks.

March 13, 2020 Venison Dinner

We need venison for this dinner. If you can donate to the dinner, please place meat in the freezer in the Clubhouse or call John Keach at 315-925-3158. Help is needed with preparation at 9:00 am. Help will also be needed for cleanup after dinner. Please contact John if you can help.

Clubhouse Cleanliness

Dale Macklen works his tail off as Building and Grounds Chair. Our Clubhouse and the other buildings on our property are important to all of us. If you are on the property for any reason... CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS! It is not Dale's job to clean up after YOU.

Newsletter Submissions

Have something you would like to see printed here?

Please feel free to email me or see me at the monthly meeting.

Email raschmitt@carolina.rr.com or call me at 704-619-8324

Stay Informed – Subscribe Today

Club members, who wish to receive news and information updates throughout the month, will need to subscribe to the MRC webpage. There are no subscription fees. As a subscriber to the website you will automatically be sent update messages as they are posted to our website.

Contact Information

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