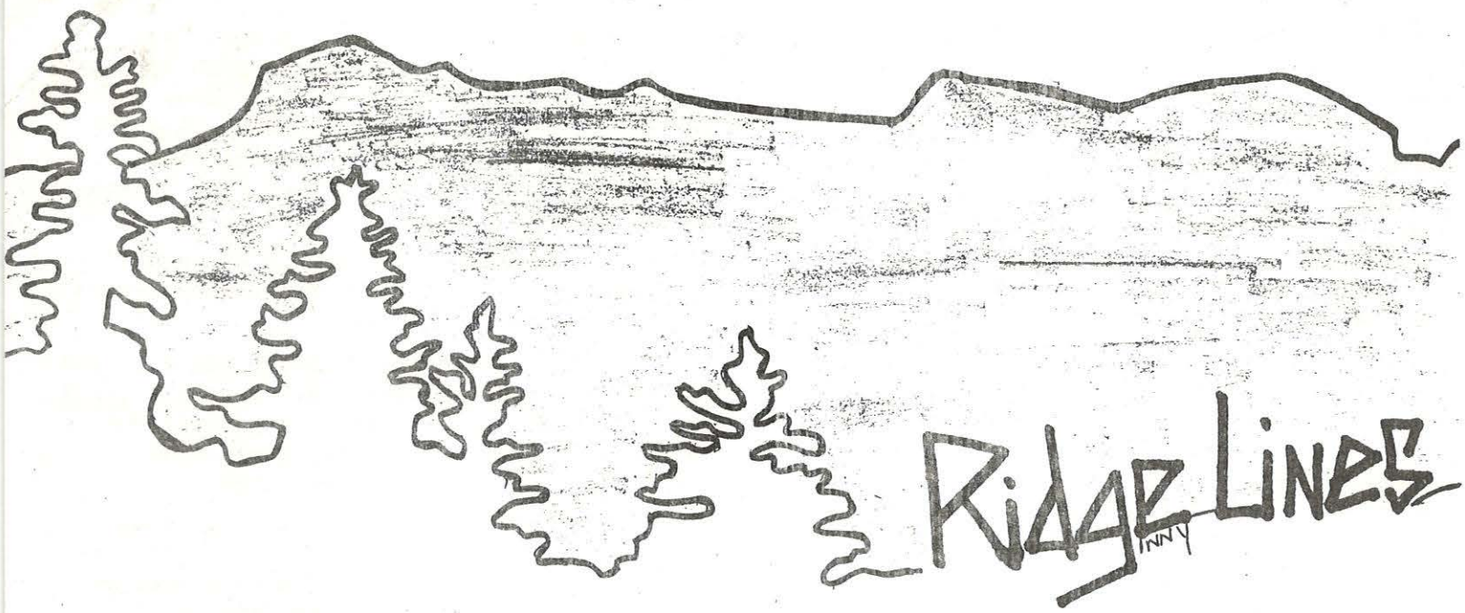

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
BURLINGTON SECTION

UPDATE ON NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL PROPOSAL

Vermont Governor Howard Dean presented his position on the proposed NST designation for the Long Trail at the GMC Board of Directors meeting March 20th. Governor Dean gave the following as his reasons for seeking Federal protection for the LT.

1. Pressure for land development in VT will continue to increase.
2. The state appropriates money yearly to support the GMC and its land acquisition program. Dean feels it is not responsible to continue to invest taxpayers' money when Club efforts may fail to protect the entire trail.
3. The trail must be "unbroken" to remain the Long Trail. If 3 or 4 landowners refuse to sell property to the Club, then eminent domain would be the only recourse for maintaining the trail in its entirety.
4. Citing the good relationships that have existed for many years between landowners and the Club, Dean stated that he believed that both good landowner relationships and a national scenic trail status would be possible. According to Dean, the legislation establishing federal protection can be "custom made," i.e., the Club can set its own standards and regulations. Legislation could be written without including eminent domain, if the Club wishes, though Dean felt that this would weaken the bill. A representative from Senator Leahy's office also stated that legislation could be what the Club wishes.

Governor Dean spoke and answered questions from the floor for about an hour.

Following Dean's presentation, a motion was proposed and passed which, in essence, directed the Land Protection Committee to investigate federal funding for protection of the LT.

During the morning session, the Board of Directors listened to Debbie Bergh, a professional consultant conducting an organizational review of the GMC. She questioned the Directors for their response to issues and areas that need to be considered in the review. Each GMC member will be surveyed by mail for his/her opinion.

(For a report on the status of the National Scenic Trail proposal prior to the March 20 meeting, see directors' report included under BURLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING in this issue.)

BURLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING Gale Cass

The annual meeting of the Burlington Section was held January 16, with 85 dedicated GMC'ers in attendance. Dinner started a little late as we awaited the arrival of GMC guests and directors from the Board of Directors meeting held that day in Waterbury Center.

My list of people to thank includes Carlene Squires for her help with food and setting up; Dennis Shaffer, guest speaker, for his inspiring slide show of Mt. McKinley; Climb High, The Ski Rack, Green Mt. Club, and the Explorer's Network for their donation of door prizes; and everyone who brought special dishes for dinner. I don't think anyone went away hungry. Perhaps our next fundraiser should be a cookbook.

I have been asked to organize annual meeting again next year so any suggestions and all help will be greatly appreciated.

Committee Reports

Outings - Dot Myer

Committee reports started with a report on outings by Dot Myer. Last year there were 77 outings with 57 reports submitted including 6 cancelled outings. Average attendance was between 8 and 9. The 4 best-attended events were Hinesburg Loop hike (26), the Old Timers Picnic (21), the Wonalancet winter weekend (19), and Mt. Abraham hike (19). Five events had only 2 people.

Trails - Pam Gillis

Pam asked for volunteers for the trails committee. Seven work hikes were held in 1992, with an average turnout of a little over 5. Most of the work was trail maintenance with some drainage improvements made. The Long Trail and many side trails were covered.

Shelters - Dana Baron

The major work in 1992 was on Duck Brook, repairing the outhouse and sprucing up the site. This year, the plan is to concentrate

on either Twin Brooks or Puffer. Dana encouraged members to work on the shelters committee.

Membership - Connie Plunkett

Membership is at 446 now but is always lower in the spring when non-paying members are dropped. After having lost members 2 years ago when the dues were raised, our membership was stable in 1992. We gained 72 new members and lost 72 previous members.

Newsletter - Sally Spear

Sally thanked her committee for their support and section members for their willingness to write articles and supply information for the newsletter. She encouraged others to submit unsolicited articles.

T-Shirts - Carlene Squires

T-shirt sales have been low, and no more are to be printed. Carlene would like to clean out the remaining stock.

Budget - Tom Joslin

The ranger/naturalist contribution may be restored to its former level if fund-raising activities are successful. A motion to accept the budget was seconded and approved.

Guest Report - Lars Botzojorns

Lars, Director of Field Programs for the GMC, spoke of the past season of field work, including Paul Newbaur's work as northern supervisor. The first summer of a roving northern crew worked well and will be repeated next season. The VYCC will be working on Mt. Mansfield this summer (Halfway House and Laura Cowles trails), and Lars would like our section to participate. Some field personnel will return this year. One person will be transferred from Camels Hump to Mt. Mansfield. The ranger-naturalists will now be called "summit caretakers." All shelter caretakers will receive the same wage. Shelter fees will go to the club and will be increased $1. More coordination with our section's work is desired. Education will be increased (ecology and other issues related to the mountain). A self-guided nature trail is planned.

The Puffer adopter wants to put a new roof on that shelter. Taft still needs work. The new theory of drainage dips is to use a minimal structure. The Nebraska Notch trail is fairly flat and so dirt dips were appropriate. Trail maintenance standards and a manual are available ($2 for the manual). The trail maintenance workshop will be given again this year.

Directors' Report - National Scenic Trail Proposal

Rod Rice and Peter Alden reported on the discussion of the NST proposal at the directors meeting held that day (Jan. 18). Each gave different aspects of the discussion. Rod stated that GMC fundraising to purchase sections of the LT has been slow but effective. Nineteen acquisition projects since 1987 have protected 27 miles with 6 deals still underway. Rod explained how our good relationship with landowners could be harmed by making the LT a national scenic trail. Landowners have spoken against the designation, not wanting federal involvement.

Peter Alden spoke of the 25-year history of the NST act and how it has been considered by the GMC board for a long time. Governor Dean favors it. Ability to condemn land would allow us to protect the trail before it is too late. The specific law can be written the way we want it.

At the meeting, the Board of Directors voted against the motion to draft such legislation.

There were questions from the audience and requests for more information. The Long Trail News will have more information. President Yandow said anyone interested could also attend executive committee meetings.

A motion to schedule a section meeting this spring on the NST proposal and land protection in general (which could be cancelled if appropriate) was passed unanimously.

Officers Elected

Ginny Yandow, president; Len Carpenter, vice president; Carol Hignite, secretary; Tom Joslin, treasurer; Pam Gillis and Clem Holden, trails; Dana Baron and Herm Hoffman, shelters; Connie Plunkett, membership; Dot Myer, outings; Carol Chapman and Pam Gillis, publicity; Gale Cass, recreation; Carlene Squires, sales; Sally Spear, Ridge Lines; Peter Alden and Len Carpenter (to 1/95), directors (continuing); directors Andy Squires and Mickey Wetzel (to 1/96); Rod Rice, Dana Baron, Gary Myers, Greg Bostock, alternate directors.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS John Sharp
(Thoughts of an ex-shelters chairman)

The Long Trail, side trails, and shelters are the foundation of the GMC. Included on the new outing schedule are a number of trail and shelter work outings. It is important that we have enough volunteers to adequately maintain the trails and shelters under our section's supervision.

While labelled as "work hikes", these outings are generally very pleasant. We meet new people and get to know the trails in our section well. In addition, the rewards of toting axes, chainsaws, clippers, and shovels through the woods in early spring with the awakening insect populations are boundless. If trail work is too mundane, then shelter repairs offer the thrill of lugging shingles (both up and down since we only leave footprints), boards, hammers, jacks, and drills (oops--I left the bits in the truck).

Seriously, this work must be done. If not done by volunteers, the alternative is to hire (and pay for) the work to be done. I'm sure this would not be a popular proposition at this time. We need volunteer help if we are to keep functioning on the status quo.

DONATIONS FOR TOOLS SUGGESTED Pam Gillis

No one has had extra tools to donate for trail and shelter work so now we are suggesting donations of money. We would like to purchase a lightweight pair of loppers and one or two "hazel hoes" (unique tool for clearing waterbars and digging drainage channels). Send whatever you can, with check made out to the GMC, to Burlington Section treasurer Tom Joslin,

RR2, Box 3006 G1, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Please note with your check that the donation is for tools. Our budget is small, and every dollar will help. Thanks in advance.

BURLINGTON SECTION OFFICERS MEET

The executive committee met March 2. They reviewed Rose Marie Bagioni's plans for a fundraising "Used Outdoor Equipment Sale" and chose a date and site. (See enclosed notice.) An ad hoc committee to study the section bylaws consisting of Corky Magoon, Len Carpenter, and Dana Baron, chairman, was established. Trails co-chair Pam Gillis reported that Jan Abbott and Carlene Squires have become members of her committee. The next meeting will be April 27 at Ginny Yandow's home, 7 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES CHANGING

Connie Plunkett

During the past few years several changes in membership recruitment and procedures have been approved by the GMC Board of Directors. These changes included the renewal process, the distribution of trailhead membership information, the establishment of an honorary member designation, and more recently, the design of a system to help new members understand the differences between at-large members and section membership.

Some section members have wondered how these directives came about and why the sections were not consulted about the changes. By way of explanation, some of the changes were initiated by the Directors to solve problems of administrative efficiency or budget requirements. Other changes were initiated by the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee is one of the eight standing committees of the GMC. The committee members are appointed by the president of the GMC and approved by the Board of Directors. The current members of the committee are Kate Donaghue (Worcester/Brattleboro), chair, George Roy (Brattleboro), Eric Chittenden (Burlington), Anne Hoover (Bread-loaf), Connie Plunkett (Burlington/Laraway), as well as Sylvia Plumb (Publications/Membership Coordinator), and Dennis Shaffer, ex officio.

Since it is difficult to find a time when all members of the committee can meet, the meetings are often held the same weekend as a directors' meeting. While the committee cannot have a designated member from each section, the current members do represent a good number of GMC sections. The committee would welcome both new members and new ideas. If you have an interest or a concern about membership matters, please talk to one of the committee members or write to Kate Donaghue, c/o GMC headquarters, Waterbury.

At a January meeting, the committee discussed items they would like to have included in the membership survey which will be conducted this year in conjunction with the organization review of the Club.

Another interest of the committee is a review of the membership categories of the various sections. The Burlington Section, for example, sees that some of their categories are outdated. We no longer have a corps of junior members and feel that we should either drop the category or make a sincere effort to recruit young people. In this day and age the difference between "couples" and "families" seems obscure. The number of "contributors" and "sponsors" has steadily declined, but we are not particularly concerned, since we believe that members who formerly fell in these categories are now making financial contributions to the Club's Long Trail Protection effort and the Facilities project. Could we get along with two simple membership categories, individual and family? Students and seniors could be offered a percentage discount. Life memberships could be restricted to the main club. We would appreciate your consideration of these ideas, and your response by either phone call or letter.

PAST OUTINGS

Weizel Weekend

Fresh snowfall and crisp (below zero) temperatures made this year's January trip to Weizel Cabin a great pleasure. Weizel is a new cabin built by the ADK at Heart Lake and accessible by car. Oldtimers recalling the outhouse, the woodstove, and the gaslights of the old Winter and Grace camps at Johns Brook where many past winter outings occurred, continue to be impressed by Weizel. It gives us electricity, hot showers, carpeted floor, modern kitchen, and relatively spacious bunkrooms.

Arriving Friday afternoon, some chose a trip to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Others opted for an after-dark ski around Heart Lake and homemade pea soup at the cabin. Saturday six of us (Dot Myer, Carol Hignite, Sharon Levin, Sally Spear, Gary Myers, Len Carpenter) headed out on the Mr. Van Trail. Sharon went part way, then returned to drive to the Mt. Van Hoevenberg ski touring center to meet Carol and Gary. Dot, Sally, and Len skied round trip, returning just before dark. Olga Vrana, Roland Boucher, Gardiner Lane, and Clem Holden started for the ski trail up Wright Peak but turned back when they found less snow covering the rocks at higher elevations. Sylvia Holden and Carol Chapman turned a run into Lake Placid for more milk into a tour of bookstores, skating rink, and ski jump. Gretchen Grimm took a ski lesson. Saturday evening those of us who stayed awake watched a slide program at the ADK hiker center.

After Friday, all our meals (except lunch) were at the cabin and involved group effort. Breakfasts: Len made oatmeal, French toast, and really scrambled the eggs. Olga brought monkey bread. Dinner: Gary got the carrots just right, Roland cooked a pot of pasta, plus we had a variety of casseroles, salads and two desserts. Following clean-up Sunday, we left the cabin to its permanent resident mice and took short ski or snowshoe trips in the Heart Lake/Marcy Dam area.

We all appreciate Olga Vrana's efforts in organizing the weekend. This winter trip appears to be on its way to becoming an annual outing.

X-Country to Ausable Lakes — Gale Cass

Ten people including our 4-year-old son, Daniel, joined us for a pleasant ski into the Ausable Lakes in NY on Feb. 21. Daniel skied part of the way and rode in a sled the remainder of the trip. Jan and Harris Abbott, who drove from Glens Falls, met us just as we pulled into the parking lot. Snow conditions were perfect, but the wind on the lakes was very strong so instead of eating lunch at the boathouse, we found a secluded spot in the woods off the trail. It sure was nice to get together for exercise and conversation with people with the same interest in the woods and skiing.

Bolton to Trapp in Superb Snow — Pam Gillis

On Valentine's Day our group of 8 skied from Bolton Valley to the Trapp Family Ski Center in Stowe. It snowed the day before giving us several inches of fresh powder over a good base. We started with light snow falling, but the weather soon turned sunny.

Our group of local skiers was joined by a GMC member from Montreal and another from Danby, VT. Each had driven several hours to join us early that morning. A cow moose (non-member) also joined us briefly just before we reached the Moscow Road. She jounced down the trail in front of us like one of the group. Then, perhaps realizing she'd forgotten her skis, she veered off the trail and went back to munching hobblebush as we skied by.

X-C Ski at Underhill State Park
RoseMarie Bagioni, Tom Brooks

Four hardy skiers joined us Feb. 6 on a clear but bitter cold (5° F) day to break trail in fresh powder along the road to the ranger's cabin and then along the route of the old CCC road. Those who know the area realize that it's all uphill from the winter parking area but worth the promise of all downhill on the trip back. We all experienced cold toes, fingers, and faces at some point during the trip. Sandwiches froze in our packs. But the rewards were beautiful snow, few people, and hot chocolate and cookies back at the cars.

X-C Ski Pond to Pond — Connie Plunkett

This X-C ski outing from Milton Pond to Westford Pond on Feb. 20 made up for all the outings we led where nobody came. The weather, snow cover, itinerary, and soup probably all were incentives to join us.

Two dozen skiers from Burlington, Laraway, and Breadloaf GMC sections as well as the Burlington Ski Club enjoyed the trip. Because of limited parking, we had to turn away a few people who called about the outing Saturday morning. We even received several calls the following Saturday when The Burlington Free Press mistakenly listed the outing again!

Wonalancet — Sharon Levin

Five of us went off to New Hampshire on Feb. 26 to spend a sunny weekend on perfect snow. We stayed at the AMC cabin with its three dining tables, bunkroom that sleeps 16, two stoves and fridges, and five outhouses. It was still cosy with just us.

There was an improvement in the plumbing since last year -- the sink now drains to the outside though there is still no running water as we normally think of it. Friday night was forecast as below zero, and the pilot light on the heater was out. Pam and Robert Gillis had this challenge well in hand when Olga Vrana, Dot Myer, and I returned from our first ski Friday afternoon. We'd climbed up a white road behind the cabin, then through meadow and forest on a narrow ski trail. Later, a minor calamity: Olga's Key Lime pie was put outside to cool, and some animal ate it all.

Saturday the Gillis's and Dot climbed Passaconway on snowshoes while Olga and I, on ski and by car, searched for the ski trails in the Chocorua conservation lands. Signs on the snowmobile trails warned us of sled dog races that day. This added a certain amount of tension. We met only two other people once we found the ski trails. Their location: turn off Fowler's Mill to Loring Road and turn left at the crossroads.

That evening we enjoyed Bob's chili and Pam's slides of hikes in other years; summer looked very green.

Sunday morning was again sunny and clear. We took off for the woods, fields, lake, and screams right behind the cabin. This we followed with hot leftovers for lunch, clean-up and a scenic ride back through Franconia Notch.

The total cost was about $17 per person including gas. We have reserved the cabin again for next year.

Snowshoe to Taylor Lodge, March 6

For the first time in 4 years, snowshoes were used on Dana Baron's snowshoe hike. The group of 12 probed for the bridge that crosses the end of the pond but couldn't locate it in the deep snow. Dana provided stove and pot for the traditional hot chocolate at the Lodge.

NEW SEASON - NEW SCHEDULE — Dot Myer

We're pleased with the full and interesting spring and summer outing schedule included with this issue of Ridge Lines. I'd like to thank Gale Cass, Carol Chapman, Ginny Yandow, Carol Hignite, Carlene Squires, Clem Holden, and Dan Capatorto for their help in planning. I'd also like to thank all who agreed to lead outings. Their giving of their time makes our outing activities possible. I know how hard it is to plan six months in advance.

A couple of new ideas evolved with this summer's schedule.

Clem Holden has done trailwork on weekdays for several years. This year we've included regular work hikes on weekdays in the hope that people who have free time during the week will join Clem. In addition to these hikes and our regular weekend work hikes, there are opportunities to volunteer with the main club. Contact Lars Botzojorns (863-2611) for this.

Guy Wallis of the Breadloaf Section suggested that four different sections could join forces, each leading one or two hikes, so we could have four times as many opportunities to hike on the Long Trail. Thus anyone interested in hiking the Long Trail this

summer can complete about 60 miles of it on scheduled hikes. We also have a variety of short and long hikes, canoe trips, bike hikes, and slide shows.

Our difficulty ratings (F for relatively flat, M for moderate, and S for steep) are rather subjective, but we hope they give some idea of the difficulty compared to other hikes. We meet (frequently at the UVM water tower) and carpool to the hike area. It's only fair for riders to contribute to the cost of gas.

Though snow may be on the ground when you get this schedule, spring is near. With warmer weather we'll all be eager to get out on the trails -- people who haven't hiked in a while as well as new hikers. A few reminders for summer hiking.

Packs will be lighter, but it's well to remember that it's always cooler in the mountains than in Burlington. Hypothermia is more common at 40° than at zero. Even in summer, plan to bring a light jacket or sweater. You will want to bring plenty of water in warm weather, and it's always appropriate to carry extra food, dry socks, and guidebook or map. A hike leader will carry a first aid kit, but you'll want your own bandaids, matches, and other emergency supplies. Don't forget the bug dope and sunscreens.

We hope everyone will enjoy some of the outings on the schedule, and we welcome your ideas for future schedules, either specific hikes or types of outings you'd like to have included more frequently. Just phone me, 863-2433, or tell your hike leader, who will include suggestions on the idea section of the hike report. Happy hiking.

COMING EVENTS

April 4 Hike and Tour UVM Sugar Bush

Visit UVM's Proctor Maple Research Center in Underhill Center on Harvey Road off Pleasant Valley Road, from 1 p.m. on. The Proctor Center has been in existence since 1946. We have 200 acres of sugar bush, mixed hardwoods, and open field at the base of Mt. Mansfield. We have a 2,000 tap maple sugaring operation, a very extensive atmospheric deposition (acid rain) monitoring site, a new laboratory facility, and miles of ski and hiking trails (easy access to trail system on Mt. Mansfield).

Sugaring should be in full swing. Taste fresh maple syrup and enjoy the Proctor Center grounds. For more information, call Sumner Williams at 899-4923.

April 10 Central America Slide Show/Potluck Supper

We will show slides of Costa Rica, Panama, and Guatemala from our trip last Nov. and from earlier trips. There will be lots of pictures of Mayan ruins in Guatemala.

We plan to start with a potluck supper and hold the event at our house in Jericho. Mud season, however, may cause a change in plans. Call to coordinate supper food, confirm location, and check for conditions on our dirt road. If all goes well, we'll start at 5 p.m. supper at 6, slides at 7:30. Leaders: Pam and Robert Gillis, 879-1457.

April 24 Mixer-Dessert-Luck and Members' Slide Show

I will be hosting a slide show for members to show their own slides. Suggested slides are GMC outings, other hikes, canoe trips, wildlife, and related outdoor topics. Leader: Carol Hignite, 860-1530.

April 25 Duck Brook "Cocoa/Flowers" Hike

I love walking the Long Trail into Duck Brook shelter. There are several nice spots to sit on the rocks and view the Winooski River valley. Trailing arbutus and other wildflowers will be blooming, so bring your wildflower books. Be prepared for any kind of weather. We'll want either cold drinks or hot chocolate. Leader: Gale Cass, 434-4181.

EMS CLUB DAY — Connie Plunkett

If you plan ahead for purchases of your hiking equipment and sportswear, you will want to mark May 6 on your calendar. EMS will hold another Club Day, when members of the GMC and other organizations can make purchases at a 20% discount.

The Burlington Section will again set up a table to recruit new members and increase awareness of our activities. If you would like to help out at the same time that you check out the bargains, please call Newt Garland, 863-4882. Thanks.

IN MEMORY

Harold Collins — Rod Rice

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Harold G. Collins on January 22, 1993. Born in Greenboro, Vermont, in 1906, he joined the Burlington Section in the late 1940's and enjoyed the out-of-doors throughout his life.

Harold served as president of the Burlington Section. He particularly enjoyed the oyster stew suppers at Taylor Lodge and the maple sugar and Halloween parties, where he often served as caller and teacher for square dancing. As their health dictated, he and his longtime friend and fellow GMC'er Kenneth Fisher (deceased 1992) continued to enjoy less strenuous lowland walks.

Though confined to a nursing home during the last four months of his life, Harold maintained his interest in the Club and the Long Trail. The day before he died, he expressed his concern about the future of the Club and asked about the results of the National Scenic Trail discussion at the recent directors' meeting.

Vermont, the Green Mountains, the GMC, and the Long Trail each played a vital role in his life, and the Burlington Section was certainly enriched by his presence. We will miss him.

Jack Lance — Dot and Pirk Pirkanen

When Sally called to ask us to write a few lines concerning our personal memories of Jack, I was first overcome with remorse at the thought of losing a good friend. I wasn't sure I could write a "memorial" for Jack, who died March 19. But once Pirk and I sat down

together and started recalling the happy moments spent with Jack and Jean, there was no stopping the flow.

Without trying to put them in any kind of chronological order, here are our memories of special times with Jack, most of them on Burlington Section Green Mountain Club outings.

Jack and Jean were co-chairs of the Intersectional with Hollie Johnson, George Lawrence, and Pirk and I. What a great time we all had working together. Jack was a hard and dedicated worker. I can still see him mowing and cutting hay to make a parking lot. During the week he went home to tend his garden and came back to Twin Hills, where the Intersectional was held, loaded down with corn. It was Jack who interested us in gardening, just from observing his complete joy from his home-grown produce.

Jack was one of the proud members of a group of men workers in the Burlington Section who called themselves "The Rat Pack." Jack served as shelters chairman for several years. Pirk especially remembers Jack's skill and organization when they worked with others pre-cutting all the lumber to build a new Puffer Shelter. How many treks up Bolton Mt. we made together. Then, short years later, Jack and his crew completed the process over again to replace Taylor Lodge which had burned. When Bolton Lodge needed a new roof, it was Jack, Ralph Gibbs, and Pirk who did the work. Jean and I came through with a picnic supper cooked at Bolton when the work was done. Jack was there with other GMC'ers when the rotted base logs under Butler Lodge had to be replaced.

One winter when Pirk and I were to lead a snowshoe hike to Crane Pond in the Adirondacks, Pirk came down with the flu. Jack came to my rescue and helped lead the outing. As I recall, we had to forge many streams and Jack, with his knowledge of the out-of-doors, was the one who got all of the participants safely in and out of the woods.

There were other times when Jack came to the rescue. On one hike, when our black Lab Musta was choking, it was Jack who calmly put his fingers down her throat and removed the obstruction. On an overnight trip to Marcy Dam that Jack and Jean led, twenty of us climbed Gothics, Armstrong, and Wolf Jaws. It was an extremely hot day, and I began to suffer from heat prostration. Jack gave me a salt tablet, I rested for 15 minutes, and was as good as new.

A GMC trip to the State of Washington to hike in the Cascade Mts. was made extra special because of Jack and Jean's company. It was on this trip that both Pirk and Jack decided to grow beards, and it was truly a bit embarrassing travelling with two such scruffy looking characters.

During this past hunting season, a good friend of Jack's drove him in his car to "do some road hunting." They ended up by coming to Starksboro unexpectedly. I was talking on the phone and looking out my kitchen window when I saw two hunters in my driveway. I called to Pirk to go and tell them that we don't allow hunters to park in our driveway. When we discovered who it was, we had a good laugh and a two-hour visit. When it was time to say our goodbyes that day, Jack with his usual twinkle in his eye said to me, "Dot, if I had known how you feel about hunters, we would have gone behind your garage and shot a few bullets into the air just to see your reaction." That was the last time I saw Jack, and that is the way I will remember him.

The Green Mountain Club has lost a good and faithful member. Pirk and I have lost a good and faithful friend.

Editor's Note: Gifts in Jack's memory can be made to trails and shelters, Burlington Section. Write check to GMC and mail to Burlington Section Treasurer Tom Joslin, RR2, Box 3006 G1, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Please note that your donation is in memory of Jack Lance.

NEW MEMBERS — Connie Plunkett

New GMC members in the winter months seem to be scarcer than hens' teeth! We offer a warm welcome to the following.

Rob and Jacquie Deforge, 39 Barnum St., Milton; Bill Keefe, P O Box 744, Stowe; and Alan and Karleen Wagner, 3 Baird St., Burlington.

We are also pleased to announce an additional life member of the Burlington Section: Robin Harris, Burlington.

RIDGE LINES

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Proposed new sign for GMC Headquarters at Waterbury Center

TURN YOUR CLOSET- GARAGE- BASEMENT- CLUTTER INTO CASH

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USED OUTDOOR RECREATION EQUIPMENT SALE

Do you have used, or new never-used outdoor recreation equipment that's taking up space, gathering dust, and no longer meeting your needs? Someone is just waiting for the opportunity to purchase such an item.

Join your fellow Burlington Section members at this **First Annual** event on **Saturday, May 15** at 136 Blakely Road, Colchester (Sally Spear's residence) from 9 am - 3 pm.

Guidelines for appropriate outdoor/exercise items: they must be clean, in usable condition, with no repairs required. Examples include day packs, backpacks, tents, cook gear, rain gear, boots, canoe paddles, sleeping bags, tarps, bicycles, books, etc. Seasonal items for spring, summer, fall are recommended. If successful, we'll hold a fall event for winter equipment sales.

Here's how you can participate:

1. Bring your items to the site and handle your own sales, plus donate a minimum 25% of your proceeds to the club.
2. Consign your items to the club to sell for you and donate a minimum 50% of the sales to the club.
3. Volunteer to help out with sales and other associated activities at the event.
4. Come and buy.

This event will be advertised in local newspapers. Tell your friends and neighbors. Held rain or shine. Snow cancels. Possible raffle. Definite refreshments.

Register by April 24th by completing the form below. Assistance on how to price items is available. Call RoseMarie Bagioni at 899-2048 for further information.

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Name_____Telephone_____
I will participate. From the list of options above, check all that apply:
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Mail to RoseMarie Bagioni, RR2 Box 415, Underhill, VT 05489