



RIDGE LINES

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
BURLINGTON SECTION

MADELINE MILES IS PRESIDENT

The executive committee of the Burlington section accepted with regret the resignation of Kenn Boyd as president at a recent meeting. Kenn cited as one of the major factors for his decision his duties as chairman of the caretaker program.

Madeline Miles has assumed the duties of president. In her absence this summer, Corky Magoon, secretary, and the other members of the executive committee will represent the section.

TRAILS AND SHELTERS

A Trails and Shelters Workshop was held at the Mt. Mansfield Ski Dorm in Stowe May 12-13. The purpose of this conference was to bring together GMC members and Vermont Department of Forest and Parks and U.S. Forest Service officials to discuss a unified program for the maintenance of the Long Trail system during the 1973 season.

Attending as representatives from Burlington were Alice and Kenn Boyd, Jack Harrington and Madeline Miles.

Each representative group participated in a needs assessment regarding trail and shelter conditions and then each representative made commitments to the main club regarding problem areas in their sections.

The Burlington section has traditionally been responsible for the LT from Jonesville to Smugglers Notch, including care and maintenance of Taft, Taylor, Butler, Bolton, Puffer and Duck Brook shelters. This responsibility was reaffirmed. We made the following commitments regarding work to be accomplished this summer:

- 1.a) finish repair of Taft outhouse

- b) repair outhouses at Taylor and Butler
- c) clean outhouse at Bolton and put wire around base (Carl Dow and group will work on this.)

(all of the above by July 1)

- 2. clear as much as we can of the dump at Butler
- 3. install ladders on Clara Bow and Cliff Trails

Other improvements that we should consider this summer are 1) signs on Clara Bow Trail, 2) water problems on Stevensville Trail near beaver pond, 3) a new door at Taylor, 4) a new floor at Butler, 5) a leaking roof at Bolton.

Therefore, when you see a work hike scheduled, join us. We help. If spare time to tackle one of projects, contact

Harrington
Bill Tennett
Frank Mack
or Howard
(working on for State Forest this summer). Jack, Bill and Frank are in charge of Trails; Howard is in charge of Properties. These men will be coordinating all the work.



PLEASE need your you have and want a part of these projects please
Jack (658-2097),
(893-4968),
(863-3639)

Van Benthuyssen
Mt. Mansfield
and Park Service

Q. How did Clara Bow trail get its name?
A. Professor Puffer and I had just come down the trail and Puffer said, "It's like Clara Bow [early film star]."

"Why?" I said.

"Tough but beautiful," Puffer said.

- Roy Buchanan

NEWELL BRIGGS NAMED CHAIRMAN

Newell Briggs was elected chairman of the New England Trail Conference to be held in the spring of 1974.

The New England Trail Conference, which meets annually, is a group comprised of representatives from all clubs interested in trails in the New England area. Their objective is to maintain and coordinate trails. The chairman's primary function is to organize and preside at the annual conference.



What
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it?

WHO'S WHO ON THE MOUNTAIN

The caretaker program is in operation again this year. Young adults will be staying at Butler, Taft, Taylor and Bolton in order to share with you information about the area and to insure your safety. The Burlington section makes a nominal contribution toward their summer salaries and the rest of their income comes from fees collected. The charges for overnight accommodations are 50¢ for members and 75¢ for non-members. It's a good idea to stick your membership card in your pack.

In addition to the summer caretakers, Taft, Taylor, Bolton and Duck Brook shelters have been officially adopted by persons who volunteered to be responsible for minor maintenance and periodic checks on the shelters to try to keep one step ahead of vandals and varmints.

When you are hiking, it's nice to know who's who so the names of the persons you may be meeting are listed below.

Shelter	Caretaker	Adopt-A-Shelter
Butler	Mark Krause	
Taft	Nancy Pettengill Elizabeth Tuthill	Glen Findholt
Taylor	Steve Kehaya	Allen McKibben
Bolton	Explorer Post 610, Carl Dow, advisor	Hollie Johnson
Duck Brook		Pirk and Dot Pirkanen

Since much of Mt. Mansfield is State Park land, the State Forest and Parks Department will also be quite visible there this summer. They will be operating two crews on Mt. Mansfield to do some of the heavy trail maintenance in mutually agreed upon areas. The director of this operation for the

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east side of the mountain is Dave Stevens of the Morrisville office. His crew consists of Carl Dow, Vic Henninsen and Howard Van-Benthuyzen. The director of the operation on the west side of Mansfield is Chuck Vile of the Champlain office in Essex Junction. His crew consists of James Moser, Robert O'Neal-Butler and David Reese.

We are pleased to have this type of support, which has grown out of mutual respect and cooperative agreement, for the LT system; we hope it will be continued for many years to come.

NEW MEMBERS

Carlene Whitcomb

We welcome the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bessey; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bonnette; John E. Craighead; Elizabeth Delmore; Mr. and Mrs. Jules Doner, Randall, Scott and Lisa Doner; Janet Goodrich; Wilmer Hall; Mrs. Gretchen Hopper; Judith Hunt; Diane Mitton; Lana J. Newton; Eileen F. Poyer; David Purvis; Brenda Rawson; David Resi; Nancy Resi; Mr. and Mrs. N. Thomas Ruelke, Heather and Scot Ruelke; George Tanner; Bruce Tetreault; Mr. and Mrs. Endre Thoma.

WHAT IS IT?

Trillium, a spring wildflower that should be loved and left. Since the leaves grow on the same stalk as the flower, most of the plant is taken when the flower is picked. Plants formed this way should not be picked.

Serious hikers today feel that educating others in trail etiquette and respect for nature is a part of hiking.

HIKING COMPANION

John Nikkelson, age 14, is looking for an adult companion to hike the LT in July. He can be contacted at 655-1791 or 73 Pine Street in Winooski.

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