



RIDGE LINES

TRIBUTE TO REMICKS

For 22 years Bev and Don Remick have planned and organized a highly successful oyster stew supper at Taylor Lodge. So popular has the outing been that it was necessary some years ago to limit it to members who made advance reservations.

This year, by way of appreciation, Pirk Pirkanen on behalf of the Section presented to the Remicks a ceramic plaque lettered "GMC Oyster Stew 1952-1974" and appropriately picturing a steaming cauldron and a contented eater. A nice "reminiscence" written by Harold Collins about other oyster stews over the years suggested how an event creates the traditions which knit past and present closer together. A first this year, something that will undoubtedly be added to the lore of this event: the first pearl, discovered by Jules Doner.

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BURLINGTON SECTION

CONSTITUTION REVISIONS PROPOSED

Enclosed in this issue of Ridgelines is a copy of a proposed constitutional revision which was unanimously passed by the Executive Committee and will be presented to the membership at the April 27 Dinner and Dialogue.

The purpose of the constitutional changes is to clarify some ambiguous statements as they pertain to the definitions of our fiscal year and methods of filling a mid-year vacancy of an elected office.

In addition the proposed revision increases the fee for Life Membership and establishes an endowment fund procedure for these dues which makes the Life Membership policies more fiscally sound.

Lastly the revision gives the authority for selection of the nominating committee to the Executive Committee rather than the president and requires that the selection be done in September. This change of procedure should allow the membership greater awareness and input to the nominating committee.

Two-thirds vote of the membership present at the April 27 meeting will be required to effect these proposed changes. If you have questions regarding this proposed revision of the constitution, please feel free to discuss them with any of the officers or Joe Frank, chairman of the constitution committee, prior to the meeting or join us and express your views then.

ADOPT - A - TRAIL

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided that the Adopt - a - Shelter program has been highly effective and, since some members had expressed an interest in adopting a trail, we might give this plan a try.

Jack Harrington and Bill Tennett, trails co-chairmen, will be working out the details which will be announced at the April 27 meeting. If you are interested in adopting a particular side trail in the Burlington Section, we would encourage you to come to the meeting and make your interest known.

RAFFLE !

YOU could be winner ! First prize is a \$10 gift certificate donated by Eastern Mountain Sports. There will also be a second prize "surprise." The tickets are 25¢ or five for \$1.00. Officers and committee chairmen will have tickets; they will also be available on hikes and at the April 27 meeting when the grand drawing will be. We hope you'll be present to win your prize but those who are not present can still win if they hold one of the two lucky tickets.

The raffle is one step toward replenishing our dwindling savings account which is our insulation against unanticipated expenses related to shelter and trail maintenance.

"FRONTS" and "SWEEPERS" ?

At the annual meeting the outing committee made the following recommendations. A policy should be established for hike leaders whereby a "front" person is appointed on each outing who cannot be passed, and a "sweeper" who is the last hiker. Also that the group as a whole meet together at all major intersections on the trail before proceeding.

The outing committee feels that the above would allow each person to hike at his or her own pace and yet would assure each hiker's safety.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Something new has been added to the so-called work hikes. A clue might be found in the names of these hikes as -- "No Work ! No Eat !" "Saw and Chaw," and "Axe and Packs." In other words, willing workers will be treated to a meal at the end of the day as a reward for their labors.

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Chuck Newsham is busy making all of the arrangements for an innovative event to be held September 8. It will be for the more "daring" hiker interested in learning the details of rock climbing. We understand there will be a demonstration, instructions and a display of equipment.

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The Killington Section is joining in on a proposed guided tour of the Pittsford ice caves in June. This will be a good opportunity to meet members from another section.

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Seeing will be believing on July 21 when Lynda and Andy Toma show us how to get a quantity of ice cream and root beer to the top of Mt. Abraham in midsummer. Lots of luck.

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Alverta Perkins, designer of the to-be-constructed privy for Duck Brook Shelter, will be the "guest of honor" at the privy raising on May 19. Let's all turn out to help construct this functional building and to join in the celebration.

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The Executive Board suggests that each hike leader estimate the gas costs for each trip and that each rider reimburse the driver for his pro rata share of the costs.

NEW ENGLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

The New England Trail Conference will be held March 23-24 in Hanover, N.H. The evening program will be a slide lecture "Touring in the Swiss Alps" with John Hobson. Workshops and dinner are also planned for Saturday with hiking Sunday. Pre-register by March 18 if you wish to attend the dinner. For more information and forms contact Newell Briggs (878-2763).



HOLD ON

The Winooski River raft race will see a new entry this year. Sometime in April the precision craft should slip the waves in Bolton waters. The grape vine and possibly the local paper will have the exact date. Engineering will be supervised by Jack Harrington (658-2097) and Toni Smith (208 North Avenue).

OLYMPIC SEACOAST HIKE

Helen Farrington writes, "I would lead a hike along the Olympic sea coast -- Wilderness beach hikes, Washington's Olympic Peninsula - for one week in the middle of August." Her address, if interested, is 312 So. Cherry, Port Angeles, Washington 98362.

ANNUAL MEETING

Space prohibits a detailed review of the evening which included election of officers (see outing schedule); committee reports; a photographic tour of the 1972 Olympics with Bill Hall, Olympic bobsledder; presentation of "Hiker of the Year" award to Dot Myer who attended the most outings (30 out of 51) as well as completing the Adirondack 46; and congratulations extended to Lynda and Andy Toma and Barbara and Alan Briggs, new LT end-to-enders. Alverta Perkins was the winner of the Duck Brook privy design contest. A well planned and enjoyable evening, the meeting reflected the thought and work which the committee had done in advance.

Thanks to EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS Dorset Street, South Burlington, for the donation of a \$10 gift certificate for our club raffle.

NEW MEMBERS

Carlene Whitcomb

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dill; Dickson Glass; Tom Hudspeth; Cheryl King; Duane Lombard; Annette Paquette; Ann Rigers; Ronald Whipkey; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilm; Gordon Wright.

MISSING PERSONS

You don't have to be on the trail to get lost. If you're moving, we may lose you unless you give us your new address. Contact Carlene Whitcomb, membership chairman, 30 Front Street, Apt. C, Burlington, Vt. 05401; or Mrs. Sally S. Spear, newsletter editor, RFD 4, Winooski, Vt. 05404.



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Hollie Johnson, Jean Lance, Corky Magoon, Madeline Miles, Dot and Pirk Pirkanen, Toni Smith, Sally S. Spear, Carlene Whitcomb.