The Jersey

Chapter Endorses Nine Incumbent Congressmen for Re-election

In April, the Club's Political and Executive Committees considered all 113 members of New Jersey’s Congressional Delegation, and decided to honor nine of them with early endorsement for re-election in November. Our recommendations were quickly ratified by the Club’s National Political Committee.

Endorsed were:

Robert Andrews (1st District: most of Camden and Gloucester Counties)
Frank LoBiondo (2nd District: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem Cos.)
Jim Saxton (3rd District: most of Hunterdon and Union Counties)
Frank Pallone (6th District: most of Monmouth and Middletown Counties)
William Pascrell (8th District: parts of Essex and Passaic Counties)
Steven Rothman (9th District: most of Essex, parts of Hudson, and Union Counties)
Rush Holt (12th District: parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset Counties)
Robert Menendez (13th District: parts of Essex, Middlesex and Union Counties)

Endorsement entitles candidates to our support at press conferences and in press releases, to publicity in Club media such as this newsletter, to ink-kind volunteer support organized by members of the Political Committee, and sometimes to financial support and even independent expenditure campaigns.

All nine endorsees have accumulated impressive voting records on environmental legislation, and many have worked behind the scenes to endorse legislation, to support it in committees, and to motivate other Members of Congress to vote “Sustainably.” Along with their direct experiences, including interviews, Club officers noted voting charts supplied by the national League of Conservation Voters (LCV) in deciding whom to endorse. The nine endorsees achieved an average 92% score for votes in 2003, compared to an average 45% received by the four incumbents who were not early-endorsed. In general, these scores, the LCV used votes on energy policy (including drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), protection of Wilderness Areas, Clean Air and Clean Water legislation, the proposal to deepen the shipping channel of the Delaware River, and funding international family planning programs.

As we move into “election season,” Club volunteers will conduct interviews with the remaining four incumbents, as well as their opponents, to decide on possible additional endorsements. We also participate in many local races that will be decided on November 2nd, as well as urge public positions on questions (referenda) that will be on the November ballot.

For more information, interested voting members are more than welcome to contact Group members of the Chapter Political Committee and/or to contact endorsed candidates directly to offer support.

Highlands Bill Receiving Priority Concern

By Brenda C. Sanabria

A crucial environmental bill designed to protect the Highlands region of Northern New Jersey will undergo a series of votes by the New Jersey Legislature, beginning this May. The passage of Bill S-1/A-2656, originally drafted with substantial input from Sierra Club staff and volunteers, is considered to be one of the most vital issues the Chapter is currently addressing, according to Director Jeff Tittel. If passed into law, the Bill promises to conserve these sensitive watershed lands by limiting development and establishing a preservation area of up to 400,000 acres. The cost of delaying action is substantial, as water resources could be billions of dollars for improved water purification systems, according to Tittel. Currently, four million residents in 16 counties draw water from reservoirs in the Highlands. Additionally, the three largest industries in New Jersey—pharmaceuticals, food processing and tourism—are dependent on clean water supplied by the Highlands.

On May 17th, the Assembly and Senate Environment committees were to meet to consider amendments to the Bill. If the Bill was approved, it would then be reported to the respective Legislative chambers for additional rounds of voting as early as June.

According to Tittel, the strongest opposition to the Bill’s passage has come from the “sprawl machine,” or developers and workmen in the building and construction trades, as well as the farmers in the building and construction trades, as well as the farmers in the building and construction trades. These farmers are opposed to the Highlands. Despite opposition, Tittel thinks, “There is a good chance it will be passed. [The opposition] will spend all...” (Continued on page 2)
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Ions in attempts to defeat it, but many mayors and spokespeople have spoken up and publicly supported this Bill. Five ex-governors of NJ have also voiced their support. According to Tittel, "the Bill represents what the Sierra Club is all about. It is a defense of our environment, and it includes protecting the lands and resources for future generations."

The Highlands is severely threatened by sprawl development. About 25,000 acres have been lost to development in the last five years, mostly forests and farmlands. A key component of the Highlands Preservation Bill includes the setting-up of a regional planning council, composed of local and state officials, which would have the power to veto major development projects and require permanent preservation zones.

While the Bill is pending in legislation, the New Jersey Chapter has remained active in its campaign of support. Tittel says the Chapter has held public hearings, placed calls to legislators, and distributed petitions. In anticipation of the May 17th vote, the club organized a "Fax-A-Thon," where supporters faxed letters to legislators, urging them to vote "yes".

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Hiking the Batona Trail

By Lee Snyder, our Pinelands Issues Coordinator

The Batona Trail winds through bass woods, Wharton, and Brendan T Byrne (formerly Legislative State Forest) areas of New Jersey. It stretches for 50 miles, all in Ocean County, from Bay Point near Toms River to Battleground Road to the intersection of Coal Road and Stage Road in Bass River State Park.

There is a lot of leniency in the trail with recent acquisitions of natural areas. Hikers travel through scenic Pinelands wilderness areas that are composed of streams and rivers, usually on wooden bridges. The terrain is mostly flat with a few small hills. Underfoot is the white sand that is typical of the area, although covered by several layers of pine needles. Along the trail, marked by pink blazes, there are several good entry/exit points along the trail for those opting for a shorter time commitment. You can hike the entire trail in a day or hike just a portion. Camping areas are on the trail at Lower Forge and Batona Camp. Get the required camping permit, and find out the history. We hope that they do find out how gett there and whether it is legal. Mimi plans to work with Clean Ocean Action and the town to find a better place for the dredge spoils.

Here is the lesson learned. You don’t have to be an environmental expert if you see something going on that is bad for the environment. You can call the DEP hotline. You may have to be persistent in your call, and patient, but you can definitely make a difference. The New Jersey Sierra Club has a role to play in protecting the environment during your lifetime, and in the future. If you think we are missing something, please call or write to Club officers.

MEMORIAL GIFT (Continued from page 1)

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"The Sierra Club is 760,000 of your friends, neighbors and supporters, from every community in the nation. "We have been working hard for more than 112 years, in rural communities and big cities, domestically and internationally, to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. We know that protecting the planet means more than cleaning up our air and water; more than protecting wetlands, wilderness, wildlife and nature. Those are truly important goals, but, protecting the planet must include protecting and improving women’s lives, here at home and around the globe! "Protecting the planet means increasing, not slashing, funds for family planning assistance, here in the U.S. and all around the world. "Protecting the planet means curb- ing, then reversing, the global popula- tion explosion that threatens us all! (CHEERS HEARD) "Protecting the planet means preserving, not degrading, the world’s natural and financial resources by remembering the Sierra Club in your will! We will have a special seminar at a special Club program or to the New Jersey Chapter."

For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter, call George Denzer at 609-799-5839.
Chair's Message

Global Warming and Professional Rambling

by Sunil Somalwar, Chair

For the last few years I have been teaching an undergraduate course at Rutgers on Energy, Society and Sustainability. One of the things that teaching a course requires is the most preparation because I have to come up with the syllabus, the web-site, reading list, interesting homework (example: Can you show that if all the energy consumed in the US were dumped (as heat) into Lake Erie, this Great Lake would come to a boil in a couple of years?), and so on. Subsequent years are easier because I get to reuse most of the material (including bad jokes). After another year or so, the class gets too routine and you move on to a different class to torture a different set of students.

Unfortunately, my global warming class has not been a typical one because of the amazing pace at which the subject matter has been changing lately. While it is a long established fact that the green house gases (CO2 being the main one) have increased dramatically in the atmosphere, an understanding of the Earth’s climate has formed up only over the last few years. It is certain that the Earth has been warming in this century (more than ten of the warmest years on record have occurred since the 1980’s!). The scientific consensus has rapidly evolved from a tentative “balance of evidence” suggestion that humans are causing global warming to a scientific consensus (except for the Exxon/Mobil/land- based pseudo-scientists) that human activity is responsible. It has been frightening to see that these warming predictions from only a few years ago are coming true at the warmest end of the uncertainty range. Even more important has been the realization that Earth’s climate does not change gradually but that when a trigger is provided, it is radically transformed. A particularly troublesome scenario I mentioned to my students a few years ago was how global warming can suddenly send us on a devastating ice free phase by shutting down the “great conveyor” in the North Atlantic Ocean becomes less and less salty due to continued Arctic ice melt. The Arctic icecap is shrinking, glaciers are receding all across the world and the famous snows of Kilimanjaro will be gone in our eyes.

While I have been teaching this class, the world took tentative steps towards adopting the Kyoto Protocol, only to have Cheney and Bush snatch the presidencies actively supported by the US Senate. On the global warming front, this Administration shows the same hubris it showed in Iraq. I used to think that our grandchildren would pay for our fossil fuel addictions, but the time table has seriously advanced in the last few years and I would not be surprised by major global warming-related disruptions during my lifetime. If you are having a hard time believing an ivory tower entity, just read the article on the Pentagon’s nightmare global warming scenarios in, of all places, Fortune magazine (February 9, 2004 issue). Leaving the global warming aside for a moment, teaching my “Energy” class has been very gratifying despite the extra work. Teaching students to overcome their math phobias is the major educational goal of this class (what else do you expect from a physicist?) and it is fun to see a student who is convinced that she is “no good at math” calculate the amount she would save by switching from a regular incandescent bulb to a compact fluorescent one. (About $100 over the bulb’s life!) I also get to do some SVW-bashing (“When you drive an SUV that gets 14 miles per gallon, you might as well roll down your window even at 120 mph. Why not have a positive bag of carbon dioxide, the gas primarily responsible for global warming”) and make students calculate that a 1% per gal- lon increase in gasoline tax would raise the cost of owning and operating a vehicle by only 10%-15% (but give us a mass transit system that would get the cars of the backs of the poor and the seniors off our highways!) and I get to show them that despite much higher gasoline taxes in Europe and Japan, their living standards are the same as ours, they live longer and spend less on healthcare, and their fossil fuel con- sumption is about half of ours.

Being a professor, I can’t end this piece with a feel-good hom- e-work – it has nothing to do with global warming, but it shows how far off per cent of our “main street USA” can be from reality. It turns out that the total US energy consumption in 2003 was 10% of what 200 countries amounts to 0.1% of the Gross Domestic Product. Work out what 0.1% of 2,600 equals in terms of your closest relatives and friends and ask them the following question: “If the US were like a family with an annual income of $100,000, how much does this family donate to the poor every year?” If you have a Rush Limbaugh listen- er amongst your “quizzies”, be sure to also ask him what the tithe fraction (10%) would be.

Submit your assigned homework, and/or e-mail and in constructive debate, to ssomalwar@sierraactive.org.
Northwest Jersey Group
(Sussex and Warren Counties, approximately)

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Treasurer: Open position!
Secretary: Open position!
Publicity Chair: Open position!
Outings Chair: Open position!

ACTIVITIES:
Working to preserve open space and clean water in the NJ Highlands within Sussex and Warren Counties.

“OPENINGS*” The Group has many openings. Free training provided. Please contact Dennis at 973-209-1814, or at: dmiranda@earthlink.net for details. Thanks!

GENERAL MEETINGS: Please contact Dennis Miranda for information regarding future meetings, and a discussion of plans for preserving the NJ Highlands.

Hudson County Group

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Political Chair and Treasurer: Arnold Kushnick
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For meeting times and locations, please contact Ruth.

ACTIVITIES:
Planning: We are involved with the development of the Hudson County Growth Management Plan, an effort that has been funded by the state DCA. The first draft of the plan is now open for public comments. Draft environmental ordinances will be available for Hunterdon municipal and county meetings and workshops.

DEVELOPMENT:
We have opposed several proposed DEP permits for groundwater allocation and stream encroachment, based on technical and regulatory arguments. We continue to help in the Friends of Holland Highlands opposition to the proposed Shire Rd. (Musconetcong Mountain) development and have commented on the application permits regarding wetlands and stream encroachment for the C1 Spring Mills Brook on the property. Our Hunterdon Coalition friends keep us informed on other county situations.

Please let us know of any other county situations that need some attention!

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(Passaic and Bergen Counties, approximately)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/CONSERVATION MEETINGS: Held at least four times a year (once every quarter). For next date and location, please contact Betsy, Mike or Tom (see above).

GENERAL MEETINGS: NO General Meetings in July and August.

Sept 9: At Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, S4 Van Norstrand Avenue, Englewood, NJ: Slide presentation by Robert Cowin of Conserve Our Ocean Legacy (a national campaign to build support for ocean and fish protection) about the imperiled health of our oceans and fisheries. Recent studies have found that the populations of large fish, including tuna, swordfish and marlin, have declined by over 90 per cent as a result of pollution, habitat destruction, mismanagement and overfishing.

BECOME A TOWN WATCHDOG: Help protect open space by regularly monitoring your town’s planning board meetings. Please let Mike or Betsy (see above) know if you hear of proposed development that threatens watersheds, wetlands, forests, fields and slopes.

STERLING FOREST: Sterling Forest LLC still plans to develop the 75 acres it owns in the middle of Sterling Forest State Park. However, Sterling Forest has found to be one of the most species-rich herpetological areas in NY State (a nonnative essential habitat for the threatened Timber Rattlesnake. In March, the NYS DEC concluded that the high density of rattlesnake dens precludes construction of a golf course on the site. In its stead, the corporation now plans more luxury homes. Want to help? Please contact Betsy or Tom (see above).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Work on conservation issues.
Join the Highlands Committee. Help elect pro-environment candidates to public office. Join the legislative committee. Help with public education programs for publicity, tabling, or petition drives. Focus on an issue such as air or water quality, brownfields, energy, environmental justice, global warming, overpopulation, recycling, superfund sites, or another of your own choosing. To find out more, contact Betsy (see above).

FOR EMAIL NOTICES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND BRIEFS: Send a message with your e-mail address (to be kept confidential) to BetsyKohn@aol.com.

Hudson-Meadowlands Group

(Hudson and Bergen Counties)

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Membership: Open position!

NEWS: As you can guess, the Hudson-Meadowlands Group is suffering “growth pains.” It takes active volunteers to operate the Sierra Club, people interested both in environmental issues (environmentally responsible development of the Hoboken waterfront area, oversight of Liberty State Park, motivations for using public transport, local parks, Meadowlands issues, etc.), and people interested in the larger regional and statewide issues discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our local coordinators. Hudson (and southern Bergen) County always presents interesting political election endorsement issues.

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EXCLUSIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Held at “9PM the FIRST THURSDAY of every month.” Please contact Michelle for locations.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held periodically at 7:30 pm on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month at the Verona Park Bathhouse, Locust Field and Bloomingdale Ave., Verona (unless otherwise specified). For directions, please call Maria at 973-756-0913.

June/Sept: For meeting information, please call our officers and/or check the Group’s web site.

In June, we will be participating with the Newark Museum in a BioBlitz in the South Mountain Reservation where several biologists and scientists will be investigating all habitat areas for a day and a half. We need volunteers to work with us.

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

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ACTIVITIES:
Preserving wetlands in the Hatfield Swamp and Passaic River Basin and remaining forested areas in Essex County; Ensuring that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented fairly and consistently; addressing environmental issues.

Working to bring an energy audit to Essex County through the DOE’s ReBuild America Program and to establish a commission to study the feasibility of expanding the current light rail system in Newark.

“OPENINGS*” Volunteers needed for our Environmental Justice Campaign and Wetlands Campaigns. Please contact Michel at mculeller@stjap.org. Thanks!

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Are you receiving Dennis Schejeda's News Bulletins? Go to http://SierraActivist.org
To introduce ourselves. See the schedule below:

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions are posted on our website.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**
July and August: No meetings.

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**Jersey Shore Group**

(Monmouth and Ocean Counties, approximately)

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**ISSUES:**
- Energy development along streams, wetlands, flooded plains and steep slopes.
- Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and stewarding local water tables.
- We are working to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas.
- Help us stop developers from buying sub-standard lots and obtaining permits and variances to construct new homes.

We want to stop the Green Brook Flood Control Project. Besides wasting enormous amounts of taxpayer funds, this project will eliminate 100 acres of wetlands, build miles of tall unsightly levees, and increase development pressure in flood plains and steep slopes. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and stewarding local water tables. Currently, meetings are being held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church at 409 Mountain Avenue in Bound Brook. Take the Mountain Avenue exit off Route 22 towards Bound Brook. In the right lane, turn right onto Mount Olive Ave. Turn left onto St. John’s Rd. to the right. Turn right again onto Main St. where you will find the church on the right.

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**Jersey Sierran:** July-September 2004

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GROUP NEWS

accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

401 N. Kings Highway (Rte. 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte. 70 and the convergence of Rtes. 88 and 75, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

We do not meet in July or August. Please join us on a bike or another outing.

Sept 14: How is the Sierra Club helping address population issues and the effects of 6.4 billion people on the planet? Visit the Ecuadorian Andes and learn about the initiatives and programs that help rural indigenous families. Bonnie Tillery, the New Jersey Chapter Population Issues Coordinator, will discuss her trip with a Sierra Club sponsored study tour. You will also learn what New Jersey and Ecuador have in common, as well as see some beautifully exotic sights.

South Jersey Group
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

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The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in 1970, continues to be the protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of those few officers who remain active in the Group. We welcome new members to the Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have “sponed” from the South Jersey Group. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

Current Issues: We have been following the several studies seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey, with the hope that findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) to limit population growth. Another hot issue is a proposal to develop a large tract of environmentally sensitive land in Millville.

No meetings in July or August. For conservation action projects in the Great Egg Harbor and Maurice River watersheds, please contact Fred Akers.

Sept 28 (Tues): *7pm: Catch up on conservation planning for the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, at a public meeting (with refreshments) in the South Jersey Sierra Club's headquarters. Clay Sutton may present results of his bird surveying project on Great Egg Harbor River. For information or to confirm, call the Akers. Warren Fox Nature Center.

Seniors Section
(A new chapter-wide special interest section offering hiking trips, social gatherings, movies, outings, etc.)

The Sierra Seniors held their 2nd meeting on Sat., May 8 at East Windsor Public Library. We discussed outings and topics for future meetings. We hope to awaken interest in letter writing campaigns, social outings, and increasing our membership as a dynamic component of SJ Sierra Club. For further information, contact Nancy Carringer (ncarringer@yahoo.com) or Richard Irisacci (irisacci@aol.com).

OUTINGS:
Sep 17 (Sun): Princeton Battlefield State Park easy hike.
Meet in the parking lot, 1pm, for a 2 mile ramble on easy terrain. Sighting the nesting pair of bald eagles, possible— but not guaranteed! Leader: Ken Mayberg.

Oct 17 (Sun): Seniors will visit the NJ Audubon Society’s Pinelands Conservancy for an easy hike around Lake McCormack to enjoy beautiful fall foliage. This will be followed by an organizational meeting, and a potluck supper. Leader: Nancy Carringer.

 Singles Section
(A chapter-wide special interest activity including hikes/cleandups, social gatherings, cultural outings, movies, etc.)

Please join our singles-oriented activities — we are not a local group, but rather a statewide additional “layer” of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them— so if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give it to us!

Webpage address: http://singles.nj.sierraclub.org
email:singles@sierraclub.org (mention “Sierra Club” in your subject line)

Phone announcements: (973) 364-7575
Press 1 for: Final Friday Film Fest (Last Friday of each month)
Press 2 for: Ron Pate’s upcoming hike
Press 3 for: 2nd Monday monthly meeting
Press 4 for: 3rd Tuesday after dinner in Monclair
Press 5 for: Joyce Haddad’s outings
Press 6 for: Singles Dance-and-a-Movie or Volleyball

The BRST will be notified of upcoming events to invite you to our listserve by visiting http://lists.nj.sierraclub.org/listinfo.cgi?nj-sierra-singles-announcements@nj.sierraclub.org.

OFFICERS:
Chair: Bob Johnson
Conservation Chair: John Haddad
 Conservation Chair: Open Position!
Treasurer: Joyce White
Webpage designer: David Szalay

Volunteer Opportunities: We need hike leaders, a Conservation Chair, Fundraising Chair, Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including social event planners for Plaza Grille. Please attend an executive committee meeting or inform us if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We’ll help you learn the ropes.

GREAT MEETINGS:
Oct 15 (Sat): Easy ramble (required for pizza only) to joycemwhite@att.net or 626-738-5973. Meet at the park on East Orange Ave and following a family style pizza supper. Leader: Nancy Carringer.
Oct 17 (Sun): Sightseeing tour of the Pinelands Conservancy, including a free (and no RSVP required) if you’re not having pizza. Leader: Stanley Jaffe.
Nov 5 (Sat): Unique departure to the Pinelands Conservancy. Leader: Nancy Carringer.
Nov 6 (Wed): 7pm. Join us for dinner in a Montclair lawn chair – 9 pm (or when dark) in the Shillelagh Club side-yard. Rain or shine (indoors if it rains). This Emmy award-winning documentary is a detective story, searching for truth about vinyl – our most popular plastic.

August 27 — “THE SEVENTH VOYAGE OF SINBAD” — OUTDOOR MOVIE! Bring a lawn chair — 9 pm or when dark, rain or shine. This 1958 movie is one of the great- est examples of pre-computer-age stop-motion, special-effects work. Includes a cyclops, skeletons, and a minia-
ture princess. Not heavy on plot, but who cares!

September 24 — “I WANT TO LIVE!” The electrifying Oscar-winning performance by Susan Hayward propels this gripping, tense 1958 melodrama, based on the true story of the first woman to be executed in the state of California Starts 9pm.

To get to the Shillelagh Club, take rt 280 to Exit 8A (Prospect Ave South). Go through 3 lights. Look for the white sign for the Club on the left about ¾ mile after the 3rd light. Beverages and pizza are available in the Club.

HIKES: Please see the Outings section of this newsletter for our hikes. Many of Paul Srednick’s South Jersey hikes/activities are oriented toward singles.

Sierra Student Coalition
(a semi-autonomous organization of college and high school students)

Website: www.ssc.org/nj
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Inner City Outings Section
(another chapter-wide special interest activity)

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SOCIAL DINNERS: THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner in a Montclair restaurant. Location TBA 2 weeks in advance. RSVP to khaddad@juno.com or 973-364-7575 option # 4.

SOCIAL DINNERS: LAST THURSDAY of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us for dinner in a Hunterdon County restaurant. Location TBA 2 weeks in advance. RSVP is required to wsspy@net.ink or 908-779-6725.

SINGLES DINNERS AND A MOVIE: Sat, Sep 18: Join us at 6pm at The Plaza Grille, 3 Headquarters Plaza, in Morristown. NJ. Approximate cost $25. $5 extra for non-members, bring members card. Call Julie 856-808-9650 for free (and no RSVP required) if you’re not having pizza. Leader: Nancy Carringer.

FINAL FRIDAY FILM FRIDAY! Last Friday of the month — come see a great movie on the big (well, pretty big) screen. Donation $5 ($6 for non-members). At the Shilliegh Club, 64th Prospect Ave., in West Orange. Please confirm film times/locations via our listserve or 973-364-7575, ext. 1 or e-mailing abc77@msn.com.

July 30 — “BLUE VINYL! OUTDOOR MOVIE! Bring a lawn chair — 9 pm (or when dark) in the Shillelagh Club side-yard. Rain or shine (indoors if it rains). This Emmy award-winning documentary is a detective story, searching for truth about vinyl – our most popular plastic.

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Outing Leaders: Please send October-December outings to your Group Outing Coordinator before July 30. If you are planning to lead an outing during this period, please submit the permit application, participant list, and trailer and equipment check list to your Group Outing Coordinator as soon as possible. Also, please send outing rules or sign-up sheets to the Chair Office as soon as possible after each outing.

NOTES ON OUTINGS: All outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise noted, all outings are limited to 12 people. If a contact phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest effort to confirm that we have your name and phone number on file. In the event that the leader can no longer lead an outing, a new leader will be assigned to the group. If no replacement can be found, the outing will be canceled. If you are interested in leading an outing or have suggestions for new outings, please contact your Group Outing Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Club does not assume any responsibility for the activities or safety of its members except as provided in the official procedure of the Sierra Club.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For questions you may have. You will receive a description of the outing, dates, meeting spots, directions, where you can rent a canoe, and a phone number to call the leader. If no phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest effort to confirm that we have your name and phone number on file. In the event that the leader can no longer lead an outing, a new leader will be assigned to the group. If no replacement can be found, the outing will be canceled. If you are interested in leading an outing or have suggestions for new outings, please contact your Group Outing Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Club does not assume any responsibility for the activities or safety of its members except as provided in the official procedure of the Sierra Club.

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SIP.19 (OCT) Single Trail of Indian Market and Society Hill Hike. 8 45 a.m. 5 mile cove tour. The Indian Market with all its deceiving trails from canyons to cheese steaks. Then walk it all off with a tour of Indian Market. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at one of the main roads. Hike back at Woodside Park at 12:30 p.m. Speed Line main entrance, exit 1D at 9:45 am or meet at 9th street entrance. Boure Building at 9:45 a.m. 2 mile paced_space, call leaders to reserve space. Leaders: Paul Senfeld 609-462-5955 e-mail: paulSenfeld@comcast.net (S)

SIP. 20 (OCT) Atlantic Shores Ecoregion – Canoe trips. Bring your own boat or share one of more. RSVP canoes. Group limit to 12. Hikers must pre register. Bring lunch, snacks and lots of water. Join with AMC. Leader: Sunil Somalwar 609-662-5955 e-mail: sunilSomalwar@sierraactivist.org

SIP. 21 (OCT) The Sierra Section will hold Pitcrones Battlefront State for an easy hike. Meet in the parking lot at 1:00 pm for a 2 mile easy ramble on country path. Sunday. Meeting of the nursing path for more information, eager eagles, that will be more interesting to our newfound group. Contact leaders for a reserve space to come and prepare. One of the best ways to enjoy the area. Bring your own water, and a few snacks. To be announced. Leader: Paul Senfeld 609-462-5955 e-mail: paulSenfeld@comcast.net(S)

SIP. 25 (NO) Social Hike in Watchung Reservation. We will hike about 6 miles of hills & level terrain at a moderate easy pace through lush woods, fields, streams, and one or two mountain climbs. Bring plenty of water and a picnic lunch to share after trip. NP/NC. Call leader to reserve space. Meet at Bel Haven Canoes, Rt. 242 Rte. Bank & Trust Co. (201) 274-9478 or jeff@oc.us (L)

SIP. 26 (NO) Gamboa Kettle at NPCA Dinner/Performance/ Fundraiser. A 90 minute dinner at Casa Yacon in the historic garden villa. Enjoy a dinner and preformance by Gamboa Kettle — author, storyteller, poet, humorist and Grammy winning host of public radio’s Prairie Home Companion. Be prepared for an original, Quebecois music performance. Join our fall fundraiser and support our Sierra Green Nights Dinner and offer our unique Mississippi take on music, loves and lives. (See box on page 3.)

FUTURE OUTINGS – ADVANCE NOTICE

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If no one is in the office to take your call, please leave a message on the answering machine. Please leave your full name and LAST name, and state whether the phone number you leave is for day time or evening.

Upcoming ExCom Meetings:

All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Sierra Club office policy deliberations on SECOND SATURDAYS. Details, including agenda and driving instructions, are available in advance from Sunil Somalwar, the Chair.

10 July • August 14 • September 11

We meet at the New Brunswick Public Library, 60 Livingston Avenue.

Conservation and Political Committee meetings start at 10. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meetings are normally on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month. We usually carry on discussions informally over dinner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.

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