Interview with Ken Johanson, Newly-elected Chapter Chair

When did you first become interested in the environmental movement?

My first forays into the environmental movement involved other organizations. I staffed envelopes, performed trail maintenance and even did some pro bono legal work. However, there was something missing. I found that while these other organizations do fine work, they are largely staff driven. Then I discovered the Sierra Club. I attended a Group ExCom meeting and was pleased to find that volunteers were running the meeting. The Group Chair at the time asked me if I always felt a need to be actively involved in the decision-making process, whether at work or in my outside activities. The Sierra Club has provided me, as well as many other like-minded volunteers, with the opportunity to satisfy that need.

What do you hope to achieve as Chair of the New Jersey Chapter?

I think my number one goal is not to break anything. Under the able leadership of Sunil Somalwar, our past Chair, the Chapter had made great progress in the area of environmental issues, and I hope to continue that momentum. My goal is to make the Chapter stronger, more visible, and more effective in protecting the environment. This will require hard work, dedication, and a commitment to the principles of the Sierra Club.
Volunteer Job Opportunities, Regionally and Locally

Leaders are provided with training; the time involved is flexible, and is tailored to individual needs of volunteers. For more information about our volunteer opportunities, please call our office at 609-259-6438.

STATE LEVEL (CHAPTER) OPPORTUNITIES

**Managing Editor** - Maintain and increase the Sierran's advertising base. Work with a wide range of existing and potential advertisers.

**Program Coordinator** - Revitalize the Seniors Section, possibly including outings and other events.

**Issues Coordinator** - Work with Chapter Conservation Chair and others on related issues.

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LOCAL (GROUP) OPPORTUNITIES

New Group (Passaic & most of Bergen Counties): Fundraising Chair, Hike Leaders, Coordinators for conservation issues such as air quality, brownfields, environmental justice, global warming, hazardous waste, recycling.

Valley Group (Raritan & Somerset Counties): Conservation Co-Chair, Education, and Co-Membership Chair.

Group (Monmouth & Ocean Counties): Programs Coordinator, Coordinators for conservation issues (marine, wetlands, sprawl, toxics, recycling, etc.).


We authorized intervention in the proposed merger of PSE&G and EXELON. The latter is the largest owner of nuclear power plants in the US. By objecting to the merger we would be able to influence how “surplus” land, that would be disposed of by PSE&G, could be preserved.

We opposed DEP-proposed drilling for groundwater in the Pinelands. The DEP proposed the revised Ground Water Quality Standards in order to protect the quality of the State’s residents who consume this water obtained from wells. The latter is the largest owner of nuclear power plants in the US. By objecting to the merger we would be able to influence how “surplus” land, that would be disposed of by PSE&G, could be preserved.

We supported the siting of cell-phone towers along the Ridge of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area.

We urged support for the activities of the Club’s Northeast Regional Coordinating Committee (NERCC), which has formulated a work plan for conserving energy and producing it more sustainably.

INTERVIEW

(Continued from page 1)

across to young people, that we find ways to attract new volunteer activists, that we strengthen our financial base and that we reach out to our Congressional delegation and provide them with the support they need to resist the Bush onslaught.

Do you feel optimistic about the future of the Club?
Editorial

The Sierra Club Referenda

by (dick.colby@stockton.edu)

At this time the national Club elects a third of its 15-member Board of Directors (BoD). The ballot, which is mailed to all members in March, is referenda questionnaires, submitted as mem-

ber New Jersey Executive Committee (ExCom) consid-

February meeting, whether to endorse positions on the referenda questions, as candidates themselves, who were selected by a nominating committee and petitioned for places on the BoD.

Remember that last year we elected national notoriety for a by-election question on whether the Club oppose immigration into the United States — on environmental grounds. Last year the “Nominating Committee” candidates were challenged over the role of petition candidates who oppose both immigration and offshore fishing. A record number of votes were cast, and both the restrictive petition candidates were defeated. (Incidentally, only 6 percent of the Club’s New Jersey members voted.)

Another referendum question has been put on the ballot this year, asking whether we endorse positions on the Club’s financial policies, specifically, whether we should continue to welcome immigrants. And, providing we accomplish smart growth and encourage responsible parenting, there should continue to be room for immigrants. (Indeed, overpopulation is a WORLD-WIDE problem, not just an American problem.)

ExCom also urged a NO vote on Bylaws Change Question #1, which would maintain spaces on the BoD ballot for write-in candidates. Our reason is that the chance that a write-in candidate would win is small (it would take about 50,000 votes), but that any candidate who could acquire that many write-in votes would probably deserve to win.

On Bylaws Change Question #2, which would impose at least one year of BoD membership on any candidate for the BoD, our ExCom was again unanimous in endorsing a YES vote, in the hope of limiting single-issue challengers.

ExCom was also offered the chance to endorse specific candidates for the BoD, but decided not to do so. Not many of them are known to any of us personally, so your judgments based on the candidates’ ballot statements will probably be as good as ours. I would like to recommend my “all-purpose” method of deciding on candidates: I look for someone who really understands the issues and is committed to them, and with whom I would want to have a good working relationship.

Our political and economic institutions to continue to welcome immigrants. And, providing we accomplish smart growth and encourage responsible parenting, there should continue to be room for immigrants. (Indeed, overpopulation is a WORLD-WIDE problem, not just an American problem.)

So how can you help? First, fill in the application form on the back of this newsletter and send in your vote. Size does matter. The more votes we have here in New Jersey, the more we can be.

Second, you can be involved. Stand up to the administration promises to be a challenge. Help us out in any way you can. Sign up for our activist alert lists and send messages to your elected representatives letting them know how you feel about important environmental issues. Send letters to the editor of your local newspaper. Attend Group meetings and Sierra Club meetings. Let the elected officials and neighbors know that you care about the environment and that you support them for their support.

And of course there’s always financial support. As I’m fond of saying, effective activism costs money. So if you’re not already contributing to the New Jersey Chapter, please consider doing so. And if you can come up with other money, the four years will not be easy. But what choice do we have? We can continue to support both the mind-numbing vacuums and the mind-numbing vacuums consumed so many of our children and focus all of our attention on the latest exploits of Donkey and Paris Hilton, or we can hang on to the things that matter.

It’s not a difficult decision.
Highlands Conservation Act!
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/HighlandsConAct
(2) Support NJ Family Planning
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/SierraClub
(1) Support Full Funding for the Highlands Conservation Act!

Highland: After many years of struggle, the federal Highlands Act was signed into law in February 2006. While the Act authorizes $14 million per year over the next 10 years for conservation, we won a huge victory. The Census Bureau has adjusted the numbers and now the total is $14 million. All of the outraged funding is appropriated in the FY 2006 budget. The Sierra Club believes that the Act needs to be improved and we'll focus on the issues of land use and conservation, we won't be able to afford it. We are working with Rep. Sue Kelly to appropriators, since they can't accept the funding without a new plan. The Act will then be used to acquire the land through condemnation.

CITGO has not given up trying to buy the island or the state legislature. The Act requires the state to accept, reject or request negotiations for the island. The Act was signed into law by the current governor. The state must be willing to accept a permanent land trust for FREE and to clean up ALL contamination to government environmental standards. CITGO is also offering to donate $2 million to the island to manage and conserve the island. The Island's Future. If you haven't already done so, please visit our site to find out more about the island and to send your message to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

(3) Repeal Fast Track Cospromitors Needed!
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/rpealFastTrack

Background: The biggest issue of environmental concern in New Jersey has been the passage of Fast Track, state legislation that will roll back thirty years of environmental protections while gagging the public from participating in development decisions affecting their communities. Over 50 NJ environmental organizations have formed the Save New Jersey Coalition to fight for a repeal.

Status: Over 50 members of the NJ Legislature have signed on as cospromitors. The Save New Jersey Coalition continues to hold press conferences, and public meetings throughout the state. 760 folks have responded to this alert so far.

(4) "Sprawl by the Sea" Bill before NJ Assembly Committee
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/CAFFA

Background: On February 14, the state Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee considered A-3742, sponsored by Jeff Van Dreu (D-Cape May). This bill would overturn a decision by DEP Commissioner Brad Campbell to do away with poorly designed growth centers along the NJ coast. Environmentalists and others concerned about the coast, smart growth and preventing overdevelopment attended this hearing in force.

Status: 900 individuals responded to this alert. The environmental community continues to work together. The fight’s not over, but our options are dwindling. It’s been disappointing that not one elected official has emerged as a champion of Petty’s Island preservation.

(5) Oppose Oil & Gas Drilling Off the New Jersey Coast!
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/SierraClubNJ

Background: Rep. Pallone asked the NJ Congressional Delegation to sign onto a resolution opposing offshore drilling off the New Jersey shore. The resolution was drafted by Reps. Pallone (D-NJ) and Pallone (D-NJ). The resolution states that drilling off the New Jersey coast is irresponsible and dangerous. It also states that drilling off the New Jersey coast will harm the economy of New Jersey and the United States. The resolution was signed by 39 other members of Congress. The resolution was signed by 39 other members of Congress. The resolution was signed by 39 other members of Congress.

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(6) Tell Your Representatives to Keep Arctic Refuge Drilling Out of Our Waters!
http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/SierraClubNJ

Background: The federal government has released a draft guidance document that would allow inadequately treated sewage to be discharged into waterways worldwide. The practice leads to harmful algal blooms, increased impacts on wildlife, and increased harm to human health. This guidance is currently being challenged in court. If the guidance is implemented, it will be a disaster for the environment and public health. The national Sierra Club is urging its members to sign a petition to oppose this guidance.

At the Summit, delegates will have the opportunity to participate as a Sierra Summit Delegate. The Summit will be held on Monday, February 28.

The National Sierra Club Meets to Decide its Future

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How to Become a Delegate

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The notion that the future of our society depends on change is a constant. We think and how we teach, and think may appear to be contradictory, but the concept surely, at the heart of it, deserves thoughtful consideration.

(Dr. Louria is Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and Dentistry of North Carolina.)

Healthy Trends—as perceived by the Bush Administration
Contributed by Ben Isaac
West Jersey Group: Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren
Jersey Group: Passaic & most of Bergen
County Group: Essex
Meadowlands Group: Hudson & SE Bergen
River Group: Morris & Union
Jersey Group: Mercer
Valley Group: Somerset & Middlesex
More Group: Monmouth & Ocean
Jersey Group: Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
Jersey Group: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

Designations are approximate: members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient.

West Jersey Group
(Hudson and Hunterdon Counties; note that the former Hunterdon Group has merged into the Northwest Jersey Group)

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ExCom:  Ruth Prince  908-284-9103  ruthp2@patmedia.net

MEETINGS: The Northwest Group meets at 7pm on the LAST TUESDAY of each month at the Hackettstown Community Center, 294 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ. We feature guest speakers, plan hiking trips and address conservation issues. For more information, please call Dennis Miranda.

We are vigorously opposed to the expansion of a sewer service area in Boonton in the formation of a committee which has had one meeting: Point per

Northwest Group, the residents to oppose a 200-foot (40-meter) project in the Highlands for 700 new adult housing units. Attending the meetings, representatives of the Northwest Group have managed to have people show up in opposition as well.

Essex County Group
web site: http://NJSierra.org/NJS_Groups/Essex. We are also accessible from our Chapter web site.

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ACTIVITIES: Working to preserve wetlands in the Hatfield Swamp in the Raritan Valley and remaining forested areas in Essex County, continuing to ensure that County and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent manner, and people interested in larger regional and state wide projects discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our Essex County Group.

News: The Hudson-Meadowlands Group is recovering from "growth pains" with a new active volunteers to operate the Sierra Club, people interested both in local issues that have been identified as an environmental concern at Liberty State Park, motivations for using public transport, local parks, etc. This has been the topic of interest in recent regional and state level meetings discussed at Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our Essex County Group.

Northwest Jersey Group
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Executive Committee Meetings:
Please contact Janine (see above) for dates and locations.
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Secretary: Open position!

Executive Committee Meetings: Held at 7pm on the FIRST THURSDAY of every other month.

Publicity: Pat Affrunti PAffr79085@aol.com

Jun 15: Plainsboro Preserve Sanctuary Program Coordinator Tara Program Chair:

Programs: Sandi Lowich abstract46@aol.com

Political Chair: Open position!

Membership: Sunil Somalwar 732-572-7721 svsomalwar@sierraactivist.org

Outings: Dave O'Leary 732-572-2059 DaveOL@earthlink.net

APR 20: Fast Track: Kelly McNicholas, Program Coordinator of the Sierra Club, NJ PROGRAMS: The Group will discuss chemical-free gardening practices, and where in New Jersey you can buy non-GMO seeds.

SERVICE OUTING: Calling All Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes; pro-farmland preservation. Group members are involved in local issues, setting standards for concerned citizens regarding development and reviewing all township/regional land use master plans in our area. This is a great opportunity to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. Help us keep new homes from overcrowding the landscape.

Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Simply call the position of political chair and secretary are open. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact Sandi Lowich, the Group Chair.

MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month in the Central Presbyterian Church, 409 Mountain Ave. in Bound Brook. All Sierra Club members are invited. Please contact us first.

SCHEDULE: Kelly McNicholas, Program Coordinator of the Sierra Club, NJ will give a comprehensive presentation on New Jersey Fast Track legislation and how developers are trying to fast-track access to the 1.5 million acres of the state. Explore the impact this will have on the environment.

Organic Gardening: Michael Azzara of the Northeast Organic Farming will discuss chemical-free gardening practices, and where in New Jersey you can purchase non-GMO seeds.

Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River: Mark Richards, event organizer, will discuss the book "Wild Journeys," and the Great Egg Harbor Preserve with its historic McCormick Lake, and wildlife habitat. Discover this hidden gem of Atlantic County. (Rescheduled from January)

Committee Meetings: Held at 7pm on the FIRST THURSDAY of every other month for July and August. Currently, meetings are held at the Bound Brook Unitarian Church, 409 Mountain Ave. in Bound Brook. All Sierra Club members are invited. Please contact us first.

South Jersey Group

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

http://njsierra.org/~njshore/
Section (another Chapter-wide special interest activity)

OFFICERS:
Chair
(North/Central Jersey): Anne Dyjak
Co-Chairs
(South Jersey): Joy Booth and Jennifer Grenier

Volunteer Coordinator: Patti Lynch

Contact us! We need you!!

- Learn to Conduct Inner City Outings
- Standard Outing Leaders/Instructors
- Attend Outreach Training Program
- General Introduction to the Inner City Outings Program
- Meet the Inner City Outings Officers
- Meet the National Office Representative
- Learn about the extensive program offerings of ICO, learn how ICO operates, and meet Sierra Club members who dedicate their time and love of the outdoors as ICO volunteers.
- Opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. For the positions of: hike leaders, Conservation Chair, Fundraising Chair, and members of all committees, including social event planners. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers to learn about the extensive program offerings of ICO, learn how ICO operates, and meet Sierra Club members who dedicate their time and love of the outdoors as ICO volunteers. ICO is a national program offering opportunities for urban youth and adults to explore, enjoy, and protect the natural world.

For further information, contact Nancy Carringer (ncarringer@yahoo.com)

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

Website: www.ssc.org/nj
Contact Tejal Kuray, 732-770-2142; tejal.kuray@ssc.org for information.

Inner City Outings Section
(another Chapter-wide special interest activity)

OFFICERS:
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(South Jersey): Joy Booth
Co-Chairs
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(South Jersey): Joy Booth and Maxine Vogt

Inner City Outings is a community outreach program which provides adventures for inner city youth of NJ. Volunteer certified outings leaders hold meetings on weekends, generally day trips on Saturdays.

NJ is currently served by two ICO groups, one in the northern/central region in the southern region/Camden area. If you would like to experience this introduce NJ inner city youth to the wonders of nature, your involvement is managed and you are requested to contact us at the above email addresses. To visit our webpage at http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/, or send NJICOutings@aol.com.

Learn to Conduct Inner City Outings — April 1

by Martin Cohen

The North-Central NJ Inner City Outings Section (ICO) offers an all-day Introduction to ICO and volunteer training session on Saturday, April 16, at Harriman State Park (detailed directions and meeting time will be provided to registrants). This session will be an excellent opportunity to find out about the extensive program offerings of ICO, learn how ICO operates, and meet Sierra Club members who dedicate their time and love of the outdoors as ICO volunteers.

Group planning day, May 9 (guest speaker Paul Smith from Duke Gardens Park), and June 6 in our listserv to find out more details as the dates near.

*Sierra Student Coalition*

*Inner City Outings Section*
national activist outings

Outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who work with the Sierra Club's Chapter Outings Coordinator. Please read all this information carefully before you plan to lead an outing. You may be asked to be the chapter's official representative for some outings. For more information, contact Vicky Hoover at (415) 977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. Ask about the outing's costs, as well as a list of what you will need to bring.

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11,000-foot snow-covered peaks in Nevada? Yes, you'll drive across this little-known, less-traveled route to its eastern edge day hike in varied, astounding wild areas. The Schell Creek Range and Mt. Morris are just the start. Nevada has more potential wilderness than any other state.

Leaders: Call and Latte French. Price: $595 [05101A]

July 17-23: Vision for the Maine Woods: restoring Valuable Wilderness. Maine activists are working to create wilderness areas in one-on-one private forest, now largely privately owned. Learn more about this major long-range campaign as you canoe four days on the idyllic west branch of the Penobscot River [once explored by Thoreau] and camp one night at Lily Bay State Park. Canoe provided. Leaders: Joan and Barry Saxe. Price: $475. [05102A]

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JUNE 2005

Jun 4 (Sat 10:30am): Social Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation. We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch, water and snacks. Meet at Eagle Rock Blvd in West Orange. Take I-78 to Exit 148, then right onto Main St. left onto Broad St. right onto Eagle Rock Ave. Leader: Margaret L. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.

Jun 5 (Sun 10:30am): Canoe Trip on the Passaic River. Canoe 4 miles at a moderate pace and enjoy the scenic beauty of the river. Meet near Valley Road bridge. Call (973) 756-6262 or e-mail: raitel@optonline.net.

Jun 12 (Sun 8:30am): Social - Wassicktown Drive. 7 miles moderate pace over hills. Hike along the Passaic River and enjoy the scenery. Meet at 8:30am at the parking lot on Route 19. Leader: Michael D. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.

Jun 18 (Sat) 10am: Monument Trail to A.T. Highpoint, NJ. This 2-mile trail leads to a scenic overlook of the valley. Meet at the trailhead at the parking lot on Route 19. Leader: Michael D. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.

Jun 25 (Sun) 7am: Social Moonlight Hike. 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 7am at the parking lot. Hike along the river and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Leader: Michael D. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.

May 22 (Sun) 10am: Social Hike and Fire Tower Tour. 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at the parking lot. Hike along the river and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Leader: Michael D. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.

May 27 (Fri. 10am): Social Outdoor Memorial Day Weekend. Hike 7 miles with a views of the river. Meet at the parking lot. Hike along the river and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Leader: Michael D. 908-893-2555 or mla@optonline.net.
JULY 2005

July 4 (Mon) Manasquan River Reservoir, Monmouth County (Special Interest: birds). Enjoy a circular hike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring your binoculars. Hiking shoes are not required. Meet at the entrance to the reservoir on Windeller Rd. Take the GSP to Exit 98. Head west on I-195 to north of Rte. 9. Make first right onto Windeller Rd. The main entrance is 1.5 miles on your left. The parking lot at the far left toward the back. Bad weather, including high heat... Confirmation/questions please call leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com

FUTURE TRIP:

COSTA RICA THANKSGIVING TRIP: November 18-22, $1500. The rainforests, volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest. This will be an active trip, visiting several different parks in this beautiful destination. Bring your walking shoes, binoculars, and camera. Be prepared for early starts and return to our hotel rear parking area, Rte. 70, Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Leave at 8:30am sharp! Our parking lot in Stover by bridge at 9:30am. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve., or pis1@ccc.trenton.nj.us.

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