Early Political Endorsements of Legislative Heroes
By Rich Isaac, Chapter Political Chair

The Sierra Club New Jersey Chapter has given early endorsement for the following candidates seeking re-election to the State Senate and Assembly in 2007.

Tom Kean, Jr. (Senate, R, 21st District – Union, Morris, Somerset, Essex)

Loretta Weinberg (Senate, D, 37th District – Bergen)

Audrey Ginn (Assembly, D, 14th District – Middlesex, Mercer)

Reed Gusciora (Assembly, D, 15th District – Burlington)

Bonnie Watson Coleman (Assembly, D, 15th District – Atlantic, Burlington)

Marilyn Koziatek (Assembly, D, 22nd District – Union, Middlesex, Somerset)

Bob Gordon (Assembly, D, 58th District – Bergen)

These candidates are honored by the Club for their record of environmental leadership over the last several years and their strong sponsorship of 22 legislative bills currently before the state Legislature – bills that encompass the core of our legislative agenda: curbing global warming, renewing the Green Acres Program, reforming CAFRA, installing various land-use safeguards, supporting recycling and family planning, and motivating property tax relief.

Loretta Weinberg’s endorsement is of particular importance to the Club because she is being challenged in the June Primary Election, and we will do everything we can to help her get re-elected.

Chapter members are urged to contact members of the Political Committee (see the Group News section of this newsletter for their names and addresses) to learn more about the issues, and about how they can participate in the process by which many other endorsements are made. Those interested in the June Primary and November General Elections, and about how they can participate in the campaigns of endorsed candidates.

If anyone has questions or sugges-
sions about our early endorsements and/or our political program, please feel free to contact me, at: (H) 973/756-0297; risaacx@aol.com.
By Faith Tetelethouma@iol.com

A compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) can save about 77 watts of electrical energy per hour. As a comparison, a 60-watt incandescent bulb uses 0.6 watts of electricity, or 0.6 kilowatt hours (kWh) per hour. By replacing your incandescent bulbs with CFLs, you can make a big difference in your energy usage, and in the amount you’re spending on your electricity bill.

Furthermore, if everyone did this in New Jersey’s average town of 6,000 homes, the town would save 0.6 times 2,760 hours = 6,194 tons of carbon dioxide emissions. And if all 56 municipalities in NJ did likewise, the savings would be 5.5 million tons — if we consider the grid emissions.

This is just one of the ways we can all help save the environment. To find out what you can do, join our local Cool Cities campaign. E-mail me or visit our website (coolcities.net) to get the name of your local point of contact.

Quote of the Quarter: “There is a very clear public interest in preventing acts of terrorism and mass murder resulting from the use of WMD.” - Frank Newport

COLD CITIES CAMPAIGN REPORT:
You can make a difference in your own home right now, and save money! By Faith Tetelethouma@iol.com

No VX Nerve Agent for New Jersey First Environmental Victory for 2007
By Gina Carola, our Delaware River Issues Coordinator

On January 5, DuPont of Deepwater N.J. announced that the company was no longer pursuing a contract from the U.S. Army to dispose of VX nerve gas hydrolysat, a by-product of the process of destroying stockpiles that are currently stored in Newport, Indiana. In announcing the decision, a DuPont spokesperson noted that the lengthy, arduous approval process and public opposition brought them to the conclusion that it would be in the best interests of New Jersey and DuPont not to proceed.

The project did not come easily. Three years ago, when DuPont and the Army reached an agreement to ship the VX nerve agent from Indiana across several states to New Jersey for treatment, our Sierra Club Chapter joined with Delaware Riverkeeper, Green Delaware, Concerned Indiana Residents and other groups, to defeat the project.

Congressman Rob Andrews, D-NJ 1st Congressional District, was the first elected official to jump in to help the opposition and defend New Jersey’s environment and the health of the Delaware River ecosystem. Congressmen Saxton and Lofgren soon joined forces along with then-Senator Corzine. Our extreme gratitude goes out to these elected officials and to all who took the time to make a letter, made a phone call, attended a hearing, or kept their friends and neighbors informed.

First hand in countries such as Ecuador and Madagascar. The Independent UK news, citing a report from Parliament, noted that, “The earth’s population will approach an unsustainable total of 10.5 billion unless contraception is put back at the top of the agenda for international efforts to alleviate global poverty...World leaders (need) to put the contraceptive pill and the condom at the center of their efforts to alleviate global poverty, reduce starvation and even help to avert global warming.”

Moreover, a decrease in fertility in the developing world means that less money is spent providing health care and education for each child. This, in turn, means more money is available for other purposes, such as saving the environment, alleviating poverty, and reducing the number of people who are hungry or homeless.

Thanks for Your Support!
From Ken Johanson, Chair

This past year, as in prior years, members and friends of the New Jersey Chapter provided the Chapter with the financial support we depend upon to carry out our ambitious agenda. To all who contributed in 2006, please accept my sincerest thanks. And for those who have not yet contributed to the New Jersey Chapter but who have been thinking about making a contribution, perhaps my Message from the Chair on page 3 of this issue will help to convince you that the Chapter is worthy of your support. The New Jersey Chapter is making a difference, but we cannot do it without the financial support of our friends and members.

Here are the names of those members and friends who contributed $100 or more to the Chapter during 2006. If your name was inadvertently left off the list, please let me know and I will correct the oversight. Also, if your contribution was received after the close of the year it is not reflected below but will be included in next year’s listing.

As always, please be assured that we are deeply appreciative of all contributions to the New Jersey Chapter, regardless of the amount.

PENIONS COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Reducing Poverty’s Toll on the Poor and on the Environment
By Bonnie Tillery (bh44@verizon.net)

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In a footer in the previous issue of Keep on Fighting, a few of us offered to “environmental spin” on property tax reform in New Jersey. Look no further than the only one to take up my invitation!

Tax policy has two purposes: to fund the delivery of government services and the behavior of those who wish to minimize their tax payments. (Anyone who doubts the latter purpose should consider the rationale for the “sin” taxes on cigarettes and alcohol.) Let’s look at the sources of tax revenue in New Jersey.

There are four big ones: personal income, spending (sales tax), business income, and property. The first three fund state government, and the latter funds local schools, municipalities, and counties. We can ask how equitable each of these is for the various “sectors” of New Jersey society: such as working people of low income, and retired people.

Data come from the NJ Legislative Manual (2006; found near the reference desk of the library). We learn that the 2006 tax burden was distributed as follows:

- **Income tax:** $10.3 billion
- **Sales tax:** $6.85 billion (not charged on groceries or clothing)
- **Corporate tax:** $2.4 billion
- **Property tax:** $17.5 billion in 2005 (latest available)

Other (mostly): $0.09 billion from alchohol beverages
- $0.63 billion from cigarettes
- $0.61 billion from a tax on insurance premiums
- $0.6 billion on gasoline and diesel fuel
- $0.46 billion from real-estate transfers
- $0.5 billion from inheritance tax
- $0.54 billion from casino taxes
- $0.29 billion from the New Jersey Lottery (net)
- $0.64 billion from five other minor taxes

Much could be said about this distribution, but I’ll restrain myself. The three “biggies” are clearly property, income, and sales taxes. We should consider how “fair” the distribution is: poor people probably pay proportionally less-than-average income tax (since income tax is progressive), higher-than-proportional sales tax, and perhaps a proportional property tax (included in rents). Rented people probably (on average) pay disproportionately high property tax and low income tax. Anyone can presumably do what I pay: pay proportionately high sales tax by eating in and practicing a minimalist lifestyle. (I’m not prepared to comment here on whether most corporations should pay relatively more?)

It is interesting to compare the property tax to that above with the amount gambled:

- $4.86 billion at casinos,
- $2.27 billion on the State Lottery, and
- $1.04 billion at racetracks.

The most “environmentally sensitive” tax of note is the property tax. The value of property tends to be inverse to good environmental stewardship: The more environmentally sensitive a property is that in sprawl suburbs, which deprives the state of the most natural habitat, produces pollution, and increases the cost of living, the less it pays in taxes. One gets to minimize their tax payments, and the property tax revenues above with the amount gambled.

I recently proposed six reasons why we all need to keep on fighting. I received some favorable feedback on the column, as well as some less than favorable (to put it mildly) feedback. But it is true that in the six weeks the column appeared the pro-Bush anti-environmentalists suffered a stunning defeat and lost control of both the House and the Senate. Okay, maybe this would have happened even without our help, but as they say in the New York State lottery commercials: “Hey, you never know.”

But the battle isn’t over, it’s just beginning. Here are six reasons why, if we want to win that battle, we not only need to keep on fighting, we also need to keep on giving:

**First, we’re doing good stuff.** I described one of our recent victories in my “Keep on Fighting” column. I won’t repeat them here, but the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club thus far has some impressive victories and we are making differences.

**Second, we’re going to continue to do good stuff.** The Chapter has adopted a charter, but we need your financial support. *For example, the ad and 5% of your rental goes to your local Chapter.*

**Third, we are actively involved in the political process.** If we hope to effect change at the state and local level, we need to elect state legislators, congressmen and senators who share our views and our concerns. The New Jersey Chapter, under the able leadership of our Political Director, Rich Isaac, plays a active role in this process. We send candidates detailed questionnaires, review candidate responses and conduct endorsement interviews. Through those means of getting voters, we convinced us that they share our values and our agenda and we hope you will support us in our agenda and we hope you will support us and our candidates for public office, who analyze and take positions on bills that are introduced in the New Jersey legislature.

**Fourth, we have a very effective staff.** Jeff Tittel, our Chapter Director, is totally committed to the Sierra Club and the environmental movement. I continue to be impressed, not only with his depth of knowledge on environmental issues, but also with his uncanny ability to know just what needs to be done to get the desired result. Clearly, we are very fortunate to have Jeff as a member of our staff. Our second staff member, Crystal Snedled, while a relative new-comer to the organization, like Jeff is totally committed to the Sierra Club and the environmental movement and is prepared to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

**Fifth, we rely heavily upon an impressive group of volunteers.** Jeff and Crystal do an incredible job but they are, after all, human. The Chapter would not be as effective without your hard work and commitment of our many volunteers. These are the folks who show up at planning board meetings after a full day of work to oppose environmentally damaging development proposals, who work with our Chapter Political Chair, Rich Isaac, to interview candidates for public office, who analyze and take positions on bills that are introduced in the New Jersey legislature.

**Sixth, we can’t do it without your help.** Because of your volunteer involvement and the commitment of our small but very effective staff, we provide our members and supporters with maximum bang for their bucks. But we do need the bucks. If you are a member of the Sierra Club or have donated in the past, you probably have received or soon will receive our annual fundraising letter requesting your financial support for the New Jersey Chapter. As committed as we are, we do not have a dedicated staff member to do whatever it takes to get the desired result. Clearly, we are very fortunate to have Jeff as a member of our staff. Our second staff member, Crystal Snedled, while a relative new-comer to the organization, like Jeff is totally committed to the Sierra Club and the environmental movement and is prepared to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Chair’s Message

Six Reasons to Keep on Giving

by Ken Johanson, Chapter Chair (kjohan@comcast.net)

Looking for a real wilderness vacation?
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**Is there an environmental issue that we’re MISSING? If so, please call or write to Club officers.**
Resolutions Adopted by ExCom in January and February

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GLOBAL WARMING ISSUE REPORT:

Elk Township coolest place to live in Gloucester County

Supplied by Gina Carola, Chair of our West Jersey Group

On December 19, 2006, Elk Township became the first municipality in Gloucester County to sign on to the U.S. Mayors’ Climate Protection Agreement. (See the article describing the Club’s Cool Cities Campaign in the July-August 2006 issue of The Jersey Sierran.) Outgoing Mayor Bill Rainey signed the agreement at 2006’s last township meeting, and in doing so joined hundreds of other cities and towns across the country that have committed to taking the fight against global warming to the local level. The challenge has now gone national, and Elk Township has been asked to get on board and meet or exceed the effort that Elk Township is making.

Although the township formally signed only on a few months ago, Councilman Victor Morella has been hard at work for two years to bring green energy to Elk Township. Morella has already installed solar panels on his barn roof; now he wants to help his community by putting solar panels on a municipal building.

Another part of the effort was replacement of the 20-year-old lighting in old buildings with a new parking lot with new, energy-efficient lighting. Elk Township is developing a tree ordinance.

The roof of the municipal building is now being replaced with a system that supplies a large portion of the electric- ity used by the building. Although the township did not want to think about theADDING OF SOLAR PANELS, the township decided to think about the energy savings and adopted a set of issue priorities for 2007, with top priority going to measuring the impact of climate change on our community. (See the story on p.1. The complete list is on the Chapter website.)
Reducing Home Power Consumption, Reducing Pollution
by Former Maryland State Senator Gerald W. Winegard - condensed from an article in the Maryland Chapter's newsletter

The impending 10% increase in the cost of electricity [in New Jersey] gives added impetus for consumers to cut back on electricity use. Here are some tips on what we can do, and all concerned with the environment, energy conservation is important.

Here are some tips for energy conservation in the home:

$571 Powers 1,730 Square Feet: Our 1988 two-story home in Annapolis has 1,730 sq. ft. of space. It is alelectic, heat-ed and cooled off with a heat pump. The cost for electricity this past year was $571, for a total of 7,099 kWh. (The U.S. average home energy use is $910 per $1,000 a year.) So how do we do it without the installation of solar panels or a wood stove?

First, more than 50% of electrical energy in the home is for heating and cooling. When our old heat pump was dying, we replaced it with a high SEER-rated Energy Star model. We regularly change furnace filters. We run the heat pump only when necessary: rarely between Labor Day and mid-November, and between mid-April and July. In cold weather we wear sweaters and keep the thermostat set at 70 degrees during the day to allow the sun in, closing them at night. In warmer weather we close the drapes and shades during the day, leave all windows open, and use fans where we cook, eat, and sleep, turned on only when we are at home. We use plastic register covers to direct airflow away from the living and sleeping areas.

Our thermostat is set at 60-62 deg, except when we have guests. Our a/c is never set lower than 80. We have replaced energy-inefficient windows and sliding doors. When away for three days or more, we turn off all lights, the hot water heater, all clocks, DVD players, etc., and never leave the a/c on. When away in mid-winter we keep the house temperature at 50 to prevent freezing.

Energy Saver Switches: Our electric company offers energy-saver switches for central air conditioners and water heaters. During periods of high demand for electricity, a radio signal activates these switches to cycle the units on and off in 15-minute intervals. I have never been made uncomfortable, and it saves us $15 a month, typically $60 annually. It costs nothing to hook-up.

Insulation: Every house needs to be properly insulated and to have cracks sealed. Good attic insulation, good windows, storm doors, and electrical socket insulators are all important. We rarely turn on the kitchen or bathroom air ventilators as they waste energy. When we use a/c, I close the fireplace flue damper in winter and open it in summer. We rarely use the fireplace.

Choosing and Using Major Appliances: The hot water heater is the next major user of energy. I have a thermal blanket on ours, insulation around the pipes, and the water temperature set at 120 deg. I installed flow restrictors on all faucets and water conservation shower-heads. We have an Energy Star high-efficiency refrigerator/freezer and always keep the lowest temperature settings necessary. We try not to leave the doors open very long and keep the coils clean from dust accumulation. We also replaced our old dishwasher with an Energy Star high-efficiency model, and use it only with full loads. We also replaced our dryer with a more efficient model and use it only with full loads, cleaning the lint filter after each use. We use only cold water in the washing machine.

We replaced nearly all lighting with compact fluorescent bulbs. Home computers now use 9-10% of all the energy in a home. I turn mine off when not in use and also turn off the power bar to which it is connected.

We recycle more than 75% of our household waste, including yard waste. I average only 6,000 miles a year in my used-fuel-efficient vehicle, and carpool and use public transit.

SMART CONTAINER ACT

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The Smart Container Act for NJ would include water, juice and sports drinks, and could be a model bill for the entire United States. Several other states considering deposit bills include West Virginia, Maryland, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Illinois.

While we’re making progress so far, we need more help to pass the Smart Container Act. If you are tired of seeing bottles and cans in our forests, wetlands, and streets and would like to help, please contact me at: dyennior@msn.com, or at: (H) 973-844-1384. 

A Conservation Victory in Jersey City

On Feb 15, Mayor Jeremiah T. Healy and State DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson announced that Jersey City’s former Reservoir 3, located in the Heights section of the city, will be turned into Reservoir 5. The site had been threatened with conversion to a school, housing, a baseball field, a parking garage, a mini-mall, and a variety of other uses. The debate has been ongoing since Reservoir 3 ended its life as a water supply in 2007 to expand deposits to include new sections of the Morris Canal. Walgreens, for instance, sells plastic bottles that can be reused again and again. Walgreens, for instance, sells reusable plastic bottles that can be reused again and again. Walgreens, for instance, sells reusable plastic bottles that can be reused again and again.

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GROUP NEWS

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ACTIVITIES: Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres (known as the West Essex Highlands) atop the Watchung Mountain in West Orange for open space. Building a Passaic River Display for the Environmental Center in Roseland. Working towards saving a major forested tract in West Orange, and an Ancient Forest on Gov. McClellan’s former estate. Working to preserve wetlands in the Hatfield Swamp in the Passaic River Basin and the remaining forested areas in Essex County, concerning to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way, and addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Please contact Dave or Walt (see above) for dates and locations.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Our regular meetings are free and open to the public. They have been on TUESDAY evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave. in Roseland. Refreshments are provided. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net or 973-925-8662) for general information.

Apr 10: Bonnie Tillyer, Chapter Population Issues Coordinator, will be our guest for a talk on her recent adventures in Madagascar.

Loantaka Group
(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

There is a new website address for the Loantaka group: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/.

To join our emailing list, send a blank email to:
lists.sierrachurch.org/archives/jn-loantaka-news.html

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chatham Public Library, 244 Main St., Chatham. All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

GENERAL MEETINGS: are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Morris County Outdoor Education Center, 1000 County College Blvd, in Dover. Directions are posted on our website: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/.

Hudson-Meadowslands Group
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NEW: Issues we are currently involved with include keeping an eye on chromium mitigation efforts, successful (?) preservation efforts for Reservoir #5 and the Hasbroucks Stem (6th Street) Embankment in Jersey City and working to ensure that the Grand Cove Marina tract in Edgewater is preserved as a park rather than a ferry terminal.

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Our Political Committee will soon be interviewing candidates, and would appreciate help! Contact your Group Political Chair.
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Raritan Valley Group
(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/

OFFICERS AND CONTACTS:
Chair: Don McBride 732-560-0699 dmcmbride@yahoo.com
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ISSUE: We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. We are pro-farmland preservation. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and monitoring/reviewing all township/regional land use master plans in our area. This includes 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.

Calling All Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, several positions are open (see above). If you are interested in filling an open position, contact Don McBride, the Chair Group.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month except for July and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Universalist Society of New Brunswick, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. Take the Raders Lane exit off Rte 1 towards East Brunswick. Make a left at the first turn on the 4-way intersection onto Tices Lane, and the church is the second driveway on the right. The public is invited and refreshments are served. For further directions and information, visit our website.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE: check web site: newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at "pen on the FIRST THURSDAY of every other month beginning with September except for July and August at officer's home. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact the group chair for location.

Ocean County Group

Website: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean

OFFICERS:
Chair: A Gregory Aureiti, Esq. 732-451-9220 sierraclubOC@aol.com
Vice-Chair, Outings: Dawn Marie Johnson 732-269-3729 sierraclubOC@hotmail.com

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May 21 (Mon): General Meeting at the “Skywalk Cafe.” Primary topic will be global warming and climate change.

Jun 5 (Sun): “BarNEGAT Bay Day” Special Event in Island Heights.

Jun 10 (Sun): Projected date for a Special Event at the Pi Pleasant Street Fair.

Jun 23 (Sat): Tentative date for “Paddle For Protection II” a cause trip along the Toms River to highlight the need for specific C-1 protection for this special river.

May – June: For more information about our activities and events, please visit our WEBSITE: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean. Special thanks go to our Web-Master, Rick Washik!

WEST JERSEY GROUP  
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Web site: http://mypage.verizon.net/verz1/q/

OFFICERS:
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Membership Chair: Mike Brown 856-547-9221 eyebrown@snj.net

Fundraising Chair: Rebecca Tiffany 856-829-6405 rctiffany@comcast.net

Smart Growth Chair: Open position

Program Chair: Bill Freeman

Outing Chair: Open position

Marine Issues Chair: Craig Laska

GENERAL MEETINGS: are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte 70 and the convergence of Rtes 58 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Parking accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

April 10: Katie Caffee, NJ Rancocas Watershed Ambassador, will speak about Protection of Riparian Zones adjacent to the creek.

May 8: Dean Polk of Rutgers Extension Service will speak about Pest Control – Chemical vs. Natural.

June 12: Rich Bichob of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance will speak about Water Management in the Pinelands.

SOUTH JERSEY GROUP  
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

OFFICERS:
Group Chair: Tom Boghosian 856-625-0878 boghosian1@verizon.net

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Conservation Chair: Open Position!

Pol. Chair, Calendar: Dick Colby 856-965-4414 dcolby@stockton.edu

Secretary/Treasurer: Gary Roman 856-625-5438

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GROUP NEWS  

each month at the home of one of our ExCom members.

Thank you for your support. Please consider!

The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of several of our officers who remain active in it. The Group has a strong presence in the South Jersey Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have “span” off from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we’ve scheduled in the past few years; most have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the present, we’ll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We’ll be glad to promote them as long as they don’t conflict with South Jersey meetings. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meetings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.

Current Issues: Club officers and staff have been following closely 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 Scagnelli’s and Pinelands Commission) who authorize development. Other hot issues include proposals to develop several large tracts of environmentally sensitive land in Millville, dam-age done to sand trails by ATVs, and inducements for public recyling.

Please consider!

i Please share this newsletter with a non-member friend, inviting use of the coupon on p. 12.

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Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed for the positions of hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and membership. All committees, including social event planners, please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We’re happy to help you learn the ropes.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, and letter-writing. SECOND MONDAY of each month starting at 7pm with optional pizza, at the Chatham Libary (214 Main St. For directions, see Lountaka Group News. Guest speakers at each meeting at 7:30 pm. $5 donation at door and RSVP (required for parking) to terry@terystimpe@hotmail.com or terry@terystimpe@hotmail.com must be received by 3 pm, 2 days before the day before. (Please leave name and specify plain or veggie-topping pizza.) Free (and no RSVP required) if you’re not having pizza.

Upcoming meetings will take place on April 9, May 14, and June 11. Guest speakers/films to be announced. No meetings in July or August.

EntCom MEETINGS take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS: Social Dinner: FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us for dinner in Morristown at the Famished Frog. RSVP required. join our listserve for further details.

Social Dinner: THIRD TUESDAY of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner in a Montclair restaurant. Location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required to jkhaddad@juno.com or 973-364-7573, option # 4.

Consider volunteering with the Cool Cities Campaign. The mission and method of empowering groups to manage carbon dioxide emissions are relevant for public and private school systems, nonprofits, community organizations, etc. in New Jersey. Volunteers with diverse skills and contacts are important for environmental success. Sign on now. Want to promote the Cool Cities goals but have limited free time? Contact Terry Stimpfel at terystimb@hotmail.com with your ideas and to learn about short duration assignments.

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

Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section:
(A chapter-wide special interest section which offers a monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, and other events which might be of interest to those members over fifty)

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

We work through a “ListServe” to learn about current environmental topics, and how those topics can be supported. Topics range from local issues to items of regional and national concern.

For further information, or to join the ListServe, please contact Nancy Carringer at ncarrier@yahoo.com

Young Sierrans:
(A special interest Section for Young Sierra Club Members in their 20’s & 30’s with socials and ECO chats along with discussions meant to connect and inform environmentally-minded individuals seeking to get involved with preserving the future. Many events open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status so whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)

Contact Us! We Need You!
Sierra Club: Monday 9:30 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm; Tuesday 9:30 am, 12 pm; Wednesday 9:30 am, 12 pm; Thursday 9:30 am, 12 pm; Friday 9:30 am, 12 pm; Saturday 9:30 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm; Sunday 9:30 am, 12 pm.

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Volunteer opportunities are needed throughout New Jersey. We need Young Sierran Hike and Outing Leaders! We will help you step-by-step through the training process to lead hikes and other outdoor activities. We also need Young Sierrans knowledgeable with computers to help out with various tasks. If interested contact Young Sierran Coordinator Diana at MistyAngel22@aol.com or call 732-757-9073.

MEETINGS: Monthly Young Sierran Meetings can be made available on rotating basis currently in Princeton, Bridgewater, New Brunswick or Montclair areas. If you would like Young Sierran Meetings or Events in your area please contact Diana at MistyAngel22@aol.com or call 732-757-9073 and we will start you up.

EVENTS: (Note: RSVPs are required for all events. Email is the easiest and most preferred contact method.) Contact Diana at MistyAngel22@aol.com to RSVP or for more information on any of the events below.

May 11 (WD): Happy Hour & Spider-Man 3 Movie in Somerset County
May 13 (Th): Singles Hike at Harriman State Park
May 19 (Wed): Young Sierrans Committee Meeting in Somerset County
June 3 (Sat): 6pm: Young Sierrans Picnic & Baseball Game in Somerset County
June 9 (Sat): 11am: Singles Hike at Harriman State Park

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

web site: http://www.ssc.org/nj/
Contact Tejal Kuray; 732-770-2142; tejal.kuray@sscs.org for information.

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We know the gear.

YOU HAVE MORE TO GIVE THAN YOU KNOW
Maybe you can’t make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to 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 609-799-8539.
GROUP OUTINGS COORDINATORS

Central Jersey: Ken Mayberg, kmayberg@sierraclub.org
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West Jersey: Vacant
Riverfront Trips: Joe Ford 908-403-2005 (H)

Chapter Outings: Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417 eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

Oiling Leaders: Please submit by July 2007

Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your July 2007

Guides, leaders will submit your Action Alerts to http://newjersey.sierraclub.org

are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety and navigation of all participants. Leaders

Determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment, route to be followed, and special procedures to

This will put you on Eisenhower Drive. Make a right at the first light onto Eagle Rock Ave. The Center is 1

on the property of parking before the building. Leaders: Bob Pate, KBKRP/CONTROLS@sierraclub.org

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Outings Leader: Please submit your Group Outings Coordinator before May 4 if you are planning to lead an outing during the season of one of your publications. We prefer to give the previous Sierra, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send copies promptly to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for school trips.

Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your July 2007, trip write-up by May 8.

NOTES ON OUTINGS: All Outings are open to Club members, guests, and anyone interested in outings. In case of

Lenders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment, route to be followed, and special procedures to

Takes permission to experience the unexpected part

Do you have any allergies, please remember to bring your medication. The leader has the final word in the conduct of the trip. Your cooperation will help assure a safe and

Please arrive early at the meeting place so that the out-

For day hikes, lunch, water (at least 4 quarts per person), and any questions you may have. You

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in becoming an Oiling Leader or have suggestions for new outings, please contact your Group Outings Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Club encourages each outing to be given at the end of the write-up as follows:

If you are planning to lead an outing during the season of one of your publications. We prefer to give the

Like other outings, you may contact the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany all children under 18. At their discretion, leaders may per-

ny persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may per-

Leaders: Joe Ford 908-403-2005 (H)

You will be about 7 miles of mixed deciduous forest, pitch pine fields, and weak woods. Children 12 years or older and friendly dogs are welcome. Bring a water bottle and lunch. Light hiking shoes and

If you have any questions about the trip. Do not call to join a trip after the posted dead-

or river tours, or if you have a question about the

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leaders will confirm participation. Leaders: Joyce White 908-272-4478 (H) jowhite@verizon.net (E)

Leaders: Joyce White 908-272-4478 (H) jowhite@verizon.net (E) - Essex County (ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter

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May 3 ((Fri): CCanoe/Kayak CCedar CCreek CCoyote CCreek ((Ocean CCo.): 10am. Burlington County is a

May 28 ((Sat): Geocaching on the Cannocoh Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park! Join us for this 10-mile trip; we’ll be geocaching along the Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Meet at 9:30 am. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

May 3 ((Fri): CCanoe/Kayak CCedar CCreek CCoyote CCreek ((Ocean CCo.): 10am. Burlington County is a

May 27 ((Sat): Stillday Hike, the Watchung Reservation. Join us for this 5-mile hike, moderate pace. This is a

April 10 ((Sat): Sierra Club Trail Leaders’ Meeting (Burlington Co.): 10am. All club leaders are invited to add their

April 14 ((Thu): Volunteers Needed for the May 27 community clean-up events. Call Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-

April 12 ((Fri): Sierra/Keen Hill Nechastchuk Creek (BNJ Co.): The Nechastchuk Creek is one of Burlington

April 11 ((Thu): Volunteers Needed for the May 27 community clean-up events. Call Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-

April 9 ((Wed): Streaks Mountain (Burlington Co.): 7pm. In preparation for a training night at the May 15,

April 8 ((Sat): Ramapo Reservation (Burlington Co.): 10am. In moderate pace closed loop running at Ramapo Reservation in Burlington County. This is a great opportunity to get outside and

April 7 ((Wed): Black Rock Trail/Fraternity Park (Atlantic Co.): 10am. At Cooper’s Bridge 8-mile very steep track runs through Pine Barrens. It begins at the parking lot near the South Causeway through the

April 6 ((Fri): May Day (Contact Leader for Additional Info): 10am. Burlington County is a

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April 1 ((Sat): Social Hike in Watchung Reservation (Burlington Co.): 10am. We will hike about 7 miles of mixed deciduous forest, pitch pine fields, and weak woods. Children 12 years or older and friendly dogs are welcome. Bring a water bottle and lunch. Light hiking shoes and

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April 3 ((Thu): Sierra Leader’s Training Workshop at the Visitor Center, 2100 Bay Ave, Ocean Township, NJ. All leaders who want to lead outings must attend.

April 2 ((Fri): CCanoe/Kayak CCedar CCreek ((Ocean CCo.): 10am. Burlington County is a

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OUTINGS

Events for next month are below.

April 7-9 (Fri-Sat): Wildwood Area Outing at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge. Contact Ken Denzer: 609-965-2612, kdenzer@astound.net.

April 14 (Sun): Yorkville Power Outing. Meet at the first parking lot of Yorkville Campground. No contact information available.

April 21 (Sat): Freehold Outing. Meet at Freehold City Hall. No contact information available.

April 28 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

May 5 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

May 12 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

May 19 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

May 26 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

June 2 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

June 9 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

June 16 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

June 23 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

June 30 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

July 7 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

July 14 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

July 21 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

July 28 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

August 4 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

August 11 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

August 18 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

August 25 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

September 1 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

September 8 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

September 15 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

September 22 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

September 29 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

October 6 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

October 13 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

October 20 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

October 27 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

November 3 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

November 10 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

November 17 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

November 24 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

December 1 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

December 8 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

December 15 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

December 22 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

December 29 (Sat): Pinelands Outing. Meet at the beginning of the trail. No contact information available.

Note: All outings are subject to weather conditions. Contact information will be provided if available.