





**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, April 28**

Champion Lands woods road walk in the Conte Fish & Wildlife Management Area. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Island Pond Depot.

Leaders: John Armstrong and Jean Haigh

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**Saturday, April 28**

NEK Section Annual Meeting at the East Burke Club House. The potluck dinner begins at 5:00 followed by the business meeting and elections at 6:00.

**SECTION LEADERS**

Director - Beth Dugger

President - Chris Bechard

Vice-President - Daisy McCoy

Secretary - Michael Chernick

Treasurer - Caroline Bechard

Membership - Cynthia Barber

Trails & Shelters - Luke O'Brien

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Sign up online with a credit card at: [greenmountainclub.org/packbask.cfm](http://greenmountainclub.org/packbask.cfm). Or, contact the main club at: 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677. Be sure to choose the Northeast Kingdom section.

**Plan a Season of Hiking Fun at Annual Meeting**

By Beth Dugger, Director

When the Northeast Kingdom section holds its first-ever annual meeting on April 28, at the top of the agenda will be creating a new club position: Trip Coordinator. We have so many mountains to hike and wild regions to explore that the Executive Committee decided we need one person to coordinate all the opportunities: timing, level of exertion, new vistas and old, and requests for special trail days, including the trail work we hope to do on Haystack Mountain.

So search your calendar and see whether you want to try this job, for the energy it can ignite in you. And if everyone brings a list of the trails they most want to set their boots on this summer and fall, we'll be able to assemble a great season of choices.

The meeting starts with a grand potluck supper at 5 p.m., followed by the 6 p.m. business meeting. After election of officers for the coming year and lining up the hike schedule, there will be a Champion Lands update and a short film (surprise!). Bring a friend, or some of the kids in your life. We meet at the Burke Mountain Clubhouse, in East Burke Village across from the River Garden Cafe. [Our spring Champion Lands walk takes place on the same day. See left.]

**Coming Up: Trail Work!**

The Burlington GMC Section gave us two seasoned shovels this winter, as well as \$300 toward tool purchases. So with loppers and saws and rock bars, we're going to be well equipped for trail work. Bring your personal calendar to the annual meeting on April 28, when we'll set two or three dates for satisfying labor on some of the existing NEK trails. Thanks again to Burlington for getting us going.

Interested in extra work for your trail muscles? Saturday, June 2, is National Trails Day, and there are 7 different GMC projects on that day; see the *Long Trail News*. Then on Sunday, June 10, the Montpelier Section is looking for more hands for work on the Long Trail south of Jonesville, near Bolton Valley.

**Report from the Trail ...**

Joe and Judy Anastasia did a great job selecting a woodland trail for the January 21 beginner snowshoe hike. The trail rolled gently down through a young forest, with plenty of tracks to appreciate, signs of bear, moose, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers, and an occasional bird song. Ten people shared the Sunday afternoon stroll, and were treated to apple juice and donuts at the end by Judy and Joe.

**NORTHEAST PASSAGES**

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