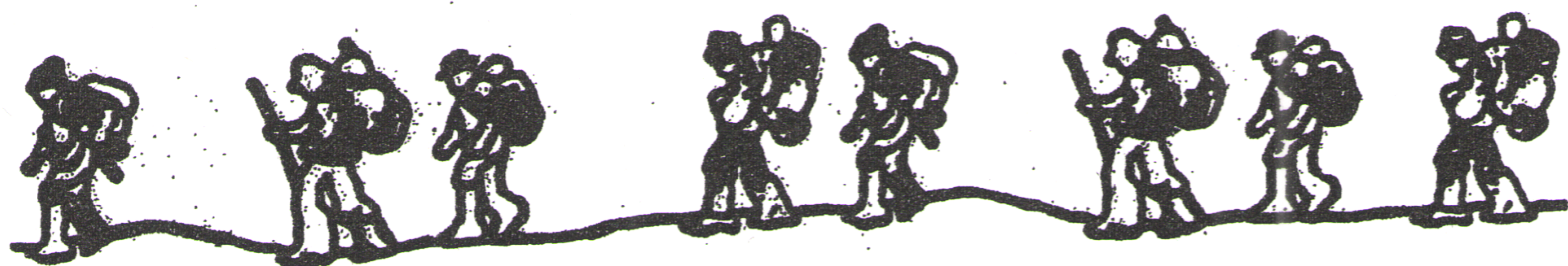


# Trail Talk



## Seasons Greetings

### President's Message December 2017

The Green Mountain Club lost a great person and outdoor advocate on November 6 when Dave Hardy, the long-time director of Trail Programs, passed away after a year-long struggle with cancer. Dave, a Connecticut native, was well-known to many outdoor enthusiasts throughout New England and especially those who are familiar with the *50 Hikes in Connecticut* book that Dave and his family wrote and updated over many years. Dave was one of those exceptional individuals who could apply a patient even-tempered style in almost any situation, whether he was working out in muck and mire on the trails or representing the interest of the GMC in meetings with government agencies, partners and bureaucracies. In addition to a GMC celebration of Dave's life to be held in Vermont on January 6, Carol Langley is coordinating with his family to schedule a memorial hike in Connecticut, probably in April. Watch the Section schedule for details.

Our Section's trail maintenance efforts for 2017 are complete. Thanks to Trails and Shelters VP Mike Shaw, who led four weekend trips to Vermont this year, our 12-mile stretch of the Long Trail is in good shape. At the risk of missing someone, I'll thank our maintainers Mandy Brink, Bill Brodnitski (Sr. and Jr.), Kevin Burke, Sven Englund, Peter Finch, Don and Linda Hagstrom, Dick Hart, Dennis Himes, Barbara Kelly, Jim Moore, Darry Ruitter, Adam Shaw, and Kevin Vann for your work this year.

As mentioned last time, our long time newsletter editor Carol Langley is stepping down at the end of 2017 following publication of this issue. Fred Clark has graciously volunteered to step into the editor's role. Thanks Fred! Carol and Fred will be collaborating on the publication of this issue after which he will take over fully. And our sincere thanks to Carol, who has edited the Trail Talk for a majority of the past 33 years!

If you hiked southern Vermont's Bromley Mountain over the years, you'll recall the observation tower at the summit that provided a fine 360 degree view. The former tower was removed in 2012, leaving a gap that members of the GMC are attempting to fill. Spearheaded by Marge and Bob Fish of the Manchester Section, a committee has begun fundraising for a replacement tower that will once again provide an unobstructed vista from Bromley. Marge led a group of us on a hike to the summit on October 1 to see the site and we'll be communicating more about the fundraising efforts in the coming months. More information is available on the GMC website: Click on Donate then click on Special Projects and scroll down to Bromley Mountain Observation Tower. You can easily make a tax-deductible donation now using the link provided there.

And finally, SAVE THE DATE for our Section annual dinner and meeting, to be held Saturday March 24, 2018 at the Cheshire Grange starting at 5:00 pm. You'll receive a separate mailing in late January or early February with the details and reservation form.

In wandering the woods recently I've noticed that most of the leaves are down, providing some great views that we don't get in summer. Hope everyone can get outside, whether near or far, to enjoy the Winter season.

Jim Robertson

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