# The Connecticut Section Of The Green Mountain Club

# The Trail Talk

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#### The President's Message

On Mar. 31, 2007 the CT. Section had their annual dinner at the Cheshire Grange. Twelve hike leaders were given gifts of appreciation for their dedication to our section of the GMC – Mandy Brink, Bill Brodnitzki, Bill Falconer, Dick Krompegal, Lora Miller, Sarah O'Hare, Jim Robertson, Jack Sanga, Ken Williamson, Don Woodbridge, Dan Zelterman, and Carol A. Langley. Thank you for your activities throughout the year. Dave Chatel was awarded the Trail Crew Rocker for his hard work and attending 10 work parties.

Our program for the evening was a presentation of a trip to Alaska that Sarah O'Hare had taken in 2006. The photos were beautiful and the dialogue was excellent. Thank you Sarah for sharing your trip with the club.

I would like to call your attention to an article that was in the Long Trail News Spring 2007 on page 16 concerning Invasive Plants. The article is asking us to carry a small brush to clean off our boots when reaching a campsite, but it may be also a smart thing to do after day hiking.

Eleanor Poole and Henry Smith will again this year be caretakers at Upper Goose Pond Cabin in MA. during the week of Aug. 12 - 18, 2007 please go and join them for a day or two.

We have a full schedule of activities for the months of May, June & July.

Look forward to having you join us on the activities.

See you in the great outdoors!!!

Carol A. Langley





# **New Members**

George Redfield Vernon, CT

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Richard, Leslie Chandler & Family
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Jack Sanga & Family
Sarah O'Hare

#### **We Would Like To Hear From You!**

It is more and more common for newsletters, like this one, to be E-mailed as a PDF file rather than to mail a hard copy. Not everyone, but more & more are receiving and reading information in front of a computer. E-mailing this letter would save our club printing and postage cost as well as volunteer time assembling the letters. However, not everyone has a computer or fast download. Paper copies will continue to be printed and mailed to those who want them, to post on bulletin boards, and to hand out on the trail. If you would like to state your preference to receive a hard copy or E-mailed copy please E-mail —

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Or if you would like to have an open discussion, become a member then post a message at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CT Green Mountain Club/

Thank You

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#### Membership

When filling out the form to join or renew circle the Connecticut Section on the application to receive, at no extra charge, the Connecticut Section's newsletter and activity schedule.

#### **Dues:**

Individual Adult

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Family	\$ 45.00	
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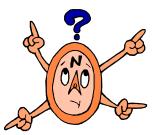
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Post & Receive Current Messages, Photos & Other Activity - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CT Green Mountain Club/

#### Stony Creek Quarry Preserve, Sunday, January 28, 2007

The directions to the Granite Road trailhead in the Connecticut Walk Book East were clear and mostly accurate up until the last 1/4 mile. The authors neglected to

mention that taking Granite Road "to the end" involved driving along a road clearly marked "private" that led to an enormous assisted-living facility. The leader wasted about 15 minutes searching back and forth, finally asking the bus driver at the facility's office about the trail, before she managed to arrive 10



minutes late for her own hike. She couldn't even blame the weather, which was gorgeous for the time of year.

Once the leader had gotten there, we got started along the trails of the Preserve. There are many, many trails, and many, many trail markers. Unfortunately, the density of blazes was greatest in areas where the trail itself was most clear. In addition, the Preserve has some unusual conventions for marking: one trail is blazed green squares when headed east and orange squares when headed west, and there are both green-square and green-rectangle trails. All of this marking mayhem made for a stop-and-go hike, as we frequently stopped to check our location against the map. The leader sometimes became a follower, depending on who spotted the next blaze first.

The trail itself was pretty, passing around the edges of a large active quarry, though the promised waterfall never materialized. The terminal loop on the orange-green trail involved scrambling over some large, ice-encrusted rocks around the edges of a small brook, though overall the terrain was not challenging. The only wildlife sighting was a couple of kids on an ATV, which of course was not supposed to be there at all.

We eventually made our way back towards the parking lot, and from there went on an extension of the green square trail that led over to Westwoods. However, since we did not have the Westwoods map, we elected to stop for lunch at the end of a dirt road and then returned to the parking lot.

Hiker/Assistant Leader: Don Hagstrom Leader: Lora Miller

#### **Check The Schedule**

Several activities on this schedule require long range planning so please contact the leader well in advance to keep informed or to make arrangements, reservations, etc.

#### **Pre-Super Bowl Hike Shenipsit Trail** Sunday, Feb. 4

ver the years, the National Football League has become more restrictive with the use of their trademark "Super Bowl", resorting to legal strong-arm

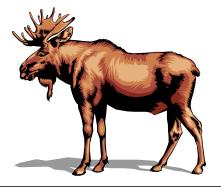


tactics against the media, advertisers and others who would use the phrase to pitch products or pre-game parties and events. Hence, in the media, one quite often hears the pro football finale euphemistically called "the Big Game". I hadn't given these restrictions much thought in the past, but this year read that the NFL has taken to scouring the World Wide

Web for unauthorized uses of "Super Bowl". So I was a bit concerned that our 11<sup>th</sup> annual pre-Big Game event, which is posted on the GMC Connecticut web pages, might finally get googled and caught. Fortunately, our club must travel far enough under the radar, for as of this writing, no attorneys for the NFL have contacted us.

Anyway, the hike! We had a cold, clear beautiful winter day for a 5.5 mile trek on the Shenipsit Trail in Glastonbury and Manchester. Just a bit of snow on the ground, but not enough to impede our progress. Fred, Lora, Sarah and I met at one of the Case Mountain Reserve parking area in Manchester and carpooled south to our starting point on Hill Street in Glastonbury. Heading north along the trail we passed the back yards of several McMansions in The Ridge subdivision. Fortunately, there is a decent buffer between them and the trail, although there was evidence of frequent dirt bike ingress to the trail from one house. We wound our way through the rocks and laurel, stopping for an enlightening chat on assorted health issues of middle age. In no time, we were in the Case Mountain Reserve trail system, stopping for a quick lunch at the summit (although the wind chased us down behind some rocks). Down through some more laurel, and up over one last hill we went before reaching our vehicles on Birch Mountain Road. A great hike with good company on a very nice day.

> Hikers: Fred Clark, Lora Miller, Sarah O'Hare Leader: Jim Robertson



#### **Quinnebaug Trail** January 21, 2007

fter gathering at the northern terminus at Spaulding Road we shuttled to our starting spot at Breakneck Hill Road. This dirt road is closed in winter so our group roadwalked, adding an extra mile to the 6.4 mile Ouinnebaug Trail. After finally stepping onto the trail it quickly turned into a sunken, rocky cart path. Turning off this miserable terrain the trail wound gently through a pine forest and crossed a stream. Once past the picturesque Phillips Pond picnic area in Pachaug State Forest the trail followed old roads. These tote roads were rocky and uneven, making for unpleasant footing. Sharing these rocky roads with us were several motorized bikes. It was wondered if these bikes disturbed the beaver as they wintered over in their lodge in the Lockes Meadow Pond. Leaving the noise and exhaust fumes behind we soon reached our northern terminus at Spaulding Road.

> Hikers: Don Hagstrom, Ken Williamson, Lora Miller, Sandra Hassan

Leader: Sarah O'Hare









## Mattatuck Trail, Buttermilk Falls section February 25 **Approximately 5 miles**

ur group met at Patterson Memorial Park in Wolcott, where we left 3 of our vehicles and promptly piled into the leader's car for a drive to the starting point at South Main St. in Plymouth. After a short road walk, we headed into the woods, where we encountered the slippery crusted remains of the Valentine's Day ice storm. Several steep slopes confronted us as we headed to the scenic Buttermilk Falls, allowing for some anxious moments as those without crampons struggled up the slope. The falls were lovely, though the water had frozen into a thick slab of ice and very little of the normal torrent was visible. We paused for a moment, speculating what the area would look like in a few weeks with the spring thaw, and then pushed on.

We quickly came to the end of this patch of woods and had a 4/10 mile road walk before turning back to the trail at the shore of Marino Pond. The trail was level near the pond but soon began to rise again. We took advantage of a 0.1 mile side trail up a steep, snowy-icy slope go get a beautiful view of Plymouth and Bristol from the rock above Indian Jack cave. The cave was dry and spacious, marred only by a rusted hibachi and a few aluminum cans.

The trail continued along to a second cave (Charlie Krug cave) and then past a few mountain laurel bushes before reaching Spindle Hill Road. Crossing Spindle Hill, we went through a lovely laurel thicket, wondering for the millionth time why we never schedule hikes through laurel groves when the plants are actually in bloom! After leaving the grove we stopped for a short lunch on a large log, then went on for the final mile or so along the shores of the Mad River. The Mad River section was encrusted in ice and quite slick; at one particularly treacherous spot only Jim maintained his dignity and walked around, while the rest of us unceremoniously slid down on our backsides. We had a brief pause when we encountered a large troop of Cub Scouts, and then continued on to finish back at Peterson Memorial Park.

Hikers: Sarah O'Hare, Jim Robertson, Jack Sanga Leader: Lora Miller



# Metacomet/Monadnock Trail March 03, 200

The original idea was to follow the M&M Trail south of Rt 44. (There have been quite a few GMC hikes to the Hublein Tower (north of 44) so maybe we just needed a break from this routine.) Don and Dan showed up two days early (don't you just hate it when you are late (not that this happens very often) and you find that the group has left without you?) in order to scout out a route. At least that was the plan. Don and Dan wandered far and wide (but depending on who you ask, not according to them) and managed to spend most of their time off the trail. (An excellent plan for a hike (somehow) emerged from this curious (yet unscheduled) activity.)

On the day of the scheduled hike, Don initially led the group past a knocked down (don't blame us!) trail marker, (but then intentionally) in the wrong direction. (This was all part of the grand plan.) The snow was old and hard (kinda crunchy, ya' know?) so the walking was not too tough. We briefly walked on the (actual) blue trail so there was some element of (Truth in Advertising?) authenticity to the description provided in the list of Scheduled Events. (Like: "Gentle, 18 mile day hike in the Presidentials. Beginners welcomed.")

After getting to the top of the ridge, Carol declared that we



were near the Kilkeny Rocks and assumed the leadership position. (Carol, not the rocks!) Lunch was eaten with a grand view of the great outdoors. The topics of discussion were how errors are made by the banks (Carol); accounts mismanaged by the banks (Don); and how banks mislead investors (Dan). Satisfied that we had solved the world's monetary woes, Fred took over the



leadership of the group and led us down a steep, slippery slope (is there any other kind?) past two water tanks (nicknamed Bud and Bud Lite by our light-hearted hikers) and around a couple of lakes. We followed plowed and unplowed woods roads back to our cars with a little daylight to spare.

Hikers: Fred Sharpe, Don Hagstrom, Carol Langley, Henry Smith Leader: Dan Zelterman



# Sleeping Giant Park 3/18/07

It snowed like crazy on Friday and Dan thought that nobody in their right mind would be out on Saturday. In an email message, Jack reminded him that the hike was scheduled for SUNDAY, so Dan was not off the hook.

They left the parking area promptly. Walking in the new snow was slow and difficult. They stopped to catch their breath and here comes Mandy, puffing up the trail, not far behind. (Topic for discussion: If a group gains a participant, does the leader earn credit towards losing two hikers on the next event?) It was very difficult going. Snowshoes or skis would have helped. Maybe even a snowmobile or two. Huffing and



puffing, we reached the tower in time for lunch. There are great views towards Long Island. Jack shared a thermos of hot chocolate thereby awarding him the Thoughtful Hiker Award. The weather was cold and brisk so we didn't sit around very long. There followed a search for Mr. Webb and Mr. Barker's marks on the Tower. The spider web was easy to identify but the obscure "Barker" had to be

pointed out. It was too early to call it quits so we deliberated long and hard on a plan of action. Ultimate decision: Let's quit. Not satisfied with taking the easy way out, however, our brave heroes decided to break trail. Big mistake! We quickly found and followed a path made by a previous hiker on snowshoes. Even this downhill walking was slow going. Exhausted and cold, we made it back to the parking lot. Jack had to try out and show off a really cool pair of plywood snowshoes he made with his son.

In our cars, we went out in search of an elusive pizzeria on a Sunday afternoon. The third place we tried was open and much pizza was consumed.

Hikers: Many Brink, Jack Sanga Leader: Dan Zelterman



#### Mattabesett Trail Maintenance March 25, 2007

fter meeting at Guida's restaurant for breakfast the three of us drove to Rt. 68 to spot a car. We then drove to Paug Gap to start walking north for our work and inspection of the trail. It was soon apparent that the trail is again becoming very eroded because of an increase in the illegal use by ATVs and motorcycles. The trail was very wide and very muddy.

However, with the exception of the ATV use, the trail was in good shape. We do have a few missing blazes making for some confusion. We will take of the blazing later in the year.

Thanks For The Work.

Workers: Sarah O'Hare, Dan Zelterman. Dick Krompegal



## Tunxis Trail February 17, 2007

perfect winter's day for a hike, with moderate temperatures, a bright blue sky and a recent snow fall to make the woods more picturesque. With a quick pace we stepped onto the trail at the Hotchkiss Road trailhead, the southern terminus of the Nepaug Region of the Tunxis Trail. This 7.5 mile section follows primarily on unpaved MDC roads. Snow covered, it allowed a view of the wildlife that have been following and crossing the trail. Tracks of deer, coyote, turkey and tiny critters were everywhere. The only wildlife we actually saw, however, was a hawk perched at a distance.

The hike was an easy one for the trail was relatively flat. Only two places were a challenge for the snow made for slippery ascents. We were grateful for the small trees with which assisted us in our short climbs. At one particularly slick spot Matt made toe holds for us to depend upon, for the section sloped downwards through the woods to the Farmington River below. A long, fast and wet descent for sure if care was not taken! The last two miles of trail were crossed by three side trails but as our route on this day was for completing the Tunxis Mainline Trail only, these loops will be explored at another time. It wasn't long before we reached Rt. 44 and road-walked west to our cars.

Hikers: Donald Woodbridge, Fred Clark, Don Hagstrom, Matt Towle Leader: Sarah O'Hare



#### Unscheduled Hike To-Gay City State Park 04/08/07

The old VP of was slipping in her duties. There had been no activity scheduled for Easter weekend. Good thing someone was willing to take up the slack. I put together an impromptu hike at Gay City State Park on Saturday April 7. We started at 1:00 and the day was bright but chilly for this time of year. I was forced to wear long sleeves. The park is fairly small with many trails criss-crossing to make up a patchwork of trails. There were many other people out enjoying the fine day as well. Lots of people out walking their dogs. We even saw a couple of horseback riders. We finally decided to do the outer red loop trail. It's listed as a five miler. So off we go. Even though we had all just seen each other at the Annual GMC Dinner, none of us really got a chance to talk because of all the other people we visited with. So we spent the first hour just walking and talking.

Jim had to cut his hike short as he needed to take Jimmy to baseball practice. Yep. Its that time of the year when a young man's fancy turns to ... baseball. Before we parted company, Jack brought out brownies that he had cooked from scratch that morning. No pre-mixed brownies for this crowd. To top it off, he had even brought a thermos of milk. Well fortified, Jim left and Sarah, Mandy and Jack continued on the red trail. With the girls happily chatting about whatever girls chat about, Jack was busy practicing photography. That's the great thing about digital cameras. You can take 100's of pictures just practicing and it doesn't cost any extra. We finished the red trail about 3:00 and all agreed that it was too early to call it a day. We then decided to do the white trail. That is a smaller loop trail, but visits some of the highlights of the state park.

The girls continued to merrily chat and walk, and I continued to take countless pictures. We completed the white loop around 4:30 ish. Adding up the mileage, we concluded that we had done 7.5 miles for the day. By that time, Sarah needed to head back. Mandy and Jack decided to go out for a light snack. Our traditional pizza was replaced by ravioli and Greek salad.

Out of all the pictures I ended up taking, about 25 were worth keeping. I figure if I keep practicing, I might actually take some that are worth posting. Look for them at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CT Green Mountain Club/

Seriously, we need to thank Sarah O'Hare for a job well done lo these many years. I know everyone will join me in wishing Jim Robertson good luck as he begins his tenure as VP of Activities.

Hikers: Mandy, Sarah, Jim and Jack.



#### The Blue Hills of Boston

The day dawned clear, bright and crisp, which was a shame. Because the day before had dawned clear bright and warm. Still you make do with the weather you are dealt. Four of us showed up at the end of the trail parking lot at 9:00 am. We car pooled to the start and carefully plotted our course. All of us had previously done the main trail so we thought we would take the time to explore some of the many side trails. Of course as we started out, we were all talking and not paying a great deal of attention to the markings. We missed our side trail but decided to choose another. One thing about hiking the trail is every trail junction is clearly marked with helpful markers like 4096, 1203, 2105. Good thing Grace had a detailed map. It was a leg saver. By that I mean, we didn't have to blindly walk trails to see where they would take us. We were able to look at her map and see where we had messed up (I mean gone).

There is one problem with hiking on a cool crisp day that is below freezing, when the day before is way above freezing. The left over patches of snow had melted and then refrozen. There were sections of the trail that were very icy. Even though Jack had warned all the hikers to bring crampons or cleats only one person listened. So Grace had no problem navigating the trail while the rest of us were slip sliding our way through sections of the trail. Someday I should really take my own advice.

We did manage to stop at both towers along the trail. One was closed and one was open. At both locations we were afforded great views of Boston. Jodi pointed out many of the Bostonian land marks. I could recognize two, one was the Prudential building and the other was the Handcock tower. She pointed out many others, the names I have since forgotten.

By the time we stopped for a mid-day snack, the day had warmed up above freezing. I would guess it was high 30's. The crusted snow was beginning to turn to slush making it easier to navigate the left over patches. Where we stopped for lunch was all rock. With the sun beating down on us, and no wind, it was actually quite a pleasant stop for a snack.

We completed the day with the traditional pizza stop. The next day, Allen, who had carried a GPS, emailed the coordinates of where we had hiked. He had plotted them on Google Earth. It was nice to "see" where we had hiked.

Hikers Grace, Jodi, Allen and Jack.



#### East Rock Park April 1, 2007

We started our hike on the White Circle Trail which was a short distance from the parking lot. The trail dropped down into the valley along side the Mill River. A short side trail took us to the Covered Bridge and the Eli Whitney Museum which is a hands on outdoor classroom for children. Continuing on the White Trail we came to the Old Colonial Spring which is quite an elaborate Stone Site. A plaque was placed on the stone foundation dating back to the 1800's when people used this as a source of water. The two sides of the Stone Spring were graced with curved stone stairs, a place worth visiting.

We were now at the bottom of the mountain and soon would start our climb to the Summit. Crossing English Drive we came to the junction of the Red Triangle Trail where we had a short road walk that would link us with the Orange Trail. The trail started a steady climb until we reached what is known as Indian Head, elevation of 310 ft., with great views of the City of New Haven and the Harbor. A lone sunbather was lying on some rocks, hoping for some privacy when along came 5 GMC hikers. After a short break and a drink we moved on to give this gentleman his solitude. The trail curved around and we were soon down to the road again.

Next was the climb of the Giant Stair Case with an elevation gain of 285 ft. We forgot to count the stairs but enjoyed our climb as they wove themselves around and up the side of the cliff. The stairs were made of rocks with metal railings to assist you in climbing, a real work of art. It is a challenge but the reward is a great view of the City of New Haven from the summit where the Angel of Peace stands on top of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument which is 112 ft. high and was erected in 1887 to honor those who lost their lives in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War. There are many benches to sit on and enjoy the great views and

Heavy clouds moved in and the wind picked up so we moved on, taking the Red Trail. This trail was not heavily used but gave great views as it straddled the rock cliffs on the west side of East Rock. We saw a beautiful Red Tail Hawk along this trail sitting in a tree scanning the fields below for his next feast. Crossing over to the center of the Mountain we visited an old stone bridge and then were lead on a bush-whack to the road by Sarah. Our last summit was Whitney Peak at an elevation of 300 ft. This view was to the east and of the Quinnipiac River and the Wildlife Management Area where Henry spotted an Osprey.



the group did just that for their lunch time.

Crossing the Archery Field on the Blue Trail we found a red blanket which was dragged on the leader's hiking pole – to the protest of other hikers.

Sarah found a pair of ladies Hot Pink Slides but made a donation to the trash receptacle since they were the wrong size.

Thanks for joining me on this hike – the group did about 6.5 miles. There is a total of ten miles in the park and there are many options. This is also a well known birding area.

Hikers: Sarah O'Hare, Don Hagstrom, Dick Arnold, Henry Smith, Joe Sullivan Leader: Carol A. Langley



## Long Trail Festival Rutland VT

Long Trail Festival - come enjoy a new festival. Rutland Fair Grounds, Rte 7, Rutland, VT Free Public Admission Website: www.longtrailfestivalvt.com

Dates: Friday August 17, 2007 Saturday, August 18, 2007 Sunday, August 19, 2007 Monday, August 20, 2007 (volunteer work day for trail maintenance)

The Long Trail Festival will be a Rutland Vermont annual celebration for outdoor hiking enthusiasts and dreamers who come together in a fun learning environment to listen to good music and speakers, make new friends as well as renew friendships, share and learn trail wisdom, and come to know Rutland Vermont as a hiker friendly town.

Theme: Walking Softly on the Earth

We want the festival to be an educational, fun event, to acquaint people with Rutland's close proximity to the trail. There will be camping on the grounds for hikers coming off the trail and also provide opportunity for their families to visit and camp (no hookups)

Long Trail Festival Rutland VT Seeking Volunteers : Program Presenters email: wkrevetski@hotmail.com



When renewing your membership, if you make a donation and wish it to be for the Connecticut Section please make sure to indicate that on the form. Or you can make donations directly to the club by making checks payable to CT Section Of The GMC and sending it to -

Jack Sanga, CTGMC Treasurer, 125 Diane Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074

#### Green Mountain Club Second Century Campaign

t our Connecticut Section annual meeting on March 31, Jim Robertson gave an introduction to the GMC's Second Century Campaign. The campaign is focused on setting the GMC on a stable financial foundation for the future, by establishing endowments that are large enough to fund current and future club needs, and thereby reducing reliance on month-to-month operations and reducing the need to repeatedly canvass the membership for donations. The goal is to complete a majority of the fundraising before the GMC's 100th anniversary in 2010.

Some of the key points of the campaign:

The GMC's Second Century Campaign to secure the future of the Long Trail is making steady progress. We have raised nearly \$3.1 million dollars toward a minimum goal of \$5.25 million. If we realize challenge grants that have been pledged, that total would be over \$3.8 million.

The Club has been in the "quiet phase" over the past two years, securing pledges from board members, staff, committee members, and GMC donors who are able to make large (five and six figure) pledges. At the GMC annual meeting in June 2007 at Hildene in Manchester, VT, we will announce the campaign publicly.

A small group of Connecticut Section GMC members attended a kickoff session in the fall of 2006. Several GMC sections (Montpelier, Burlington, Killington, Ottauquechee, and Northeast Kingdom) are engaged locally to inform their members about the campaign and ask for their support.

Donations can be unrestricted (to be allocated by the campaign committee) or can be restricted and directed to:

Land acquisition and bridge relocations, Rebuilding the south barn at the GMC headquarters Trails and Shelters endowment Land stewardship endowment.

Volunteers and GMC staff will be asking Connecticut Section and at-large members for their support over the next few months. When you are contacted or receive information by mail we hope everyone will give as generously as they are able.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, or if you would like to support the campaign, please contact GMC Development Officer Shawn Keeley in the office at 802-244-7037 x 33 (office), at home 802-229-0933, or by e-mail skeeley@greenmountainclub.org