
Co-Chair's Report

By Bob Singley

Well good-bye winter and hello spring! While we still have a few chilly days to deal with we have gotten a quick taste of spring weather. The proof that spring is just around the corner is clear when we look at the April CR Outings listing. We have the usual offering of hikes, but a fishing outing and our first paddle of the season is more proof that it is time to shed the heavy coats and enjoy the milder weather. Thanks go out to Tom Riley and Peggy Carrol, our Outings Co- Chairs for an interesting list of choices. And this month our first Potluck of the year is on April 24th at the Minerva Community Center.

On Monday, March 10th the Cold River Executive Committee had its first meeting of 2025. The quick summary is that the Chapter is in good shape and well positioned for a successful 2025. Shortly after our meeting, ADK announced that Courtney Koenig Worrall was chosen to be the new Executive Director. Ms. Worrall assumes the role on May 1, and our hope is that the Cold River Chapter will be one of the first chapters she gets out to meet.

And finally, being the Cold River Co-Chair gets lonely when he does not have a "Co." We are still looking for a second Co-Chair to join the Executive Committee. If you think it is something you may be interested in or if you know someone that might be willing to get involved let us know.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

by Rosemary Cooper

We would like to announce Courtney Worrall as the new ADK Executive Director. We look forward to working with her and offering her the opportunity to get to know the Cold River Chapter.

Our Integrated Membership System (Imis) continues to be a work in progress, and we hope to have our administrators meet with the ADK technical representative to begin the process of creating our web page.

The John Brooks Lodge will be celebrating its centennial at the lodge on July 4th, and at the Cascade Welcome Center on October 25th. We hope everyone will join in on the festivities.



John Brooks Lodge, Keene Valley

The Advisory Council is made of trustees representing chapters of ADK. Those trustees also serve on various subcommittees, i.e. Education, Advocacy, Outings, Membership, Communication/Technology, Chapter Development and Conservation. We work to address concerns and issues and share best practices. One recent example is the need to ensure that all chapters have the most updated incident report. You need not be a member of the Advisory Council to serve on these committees. If you have any interest in learning more about what we do, please contact me at: rosecooper2@gmail.com



Where in the World?
-Kathleen Herold

Traveling in early March to Los Barriles, in LaPaz, on the Baja California Sur, Mexico, was a welcome change in routine as well as weather; March in the Adirondacks can be unpredictable with fluctuating temperatures. We were met with mid to high 70s during the day and the lows 60s at night with a consistent breeze from the Sea of Cortez.



Every morning the birds alerted us to the sunrise. In just 5 minutes my Merlin Bird Identification noted a Gila Woodpecker, House Finch, Golden Fronted Woodpecker, and a Ring-Necked Pheasant. I spotted a hummingbird on a cactus, and got this picture of an oriole on an aloe bloom.





We rented a car, but it proved to be useless on the soft sanded roads and rocky cliffs that lead to amazing vistas and most hikes. People tended to negotiate the terrain with 4-wheel drive vehicles and 4 wheelers. We did hike up to two trails, Los Barriles Plateau and Table Top Hill.

The animals on the trails, the cactus, the views, were not disappointing.



The beaches were sun-drenched and most days filled with surfers, kiteboarders, people on paddle boards, including motorized paddle boards, swimmers, and kayakers. There were whales in the distance, spotted easily by their spray. Dolphin pods were identifiable from the beach as were Ocean Mantra Rays. Pelicans were as common as seagulls, gracing the skies. It was an ideal vacation in early March.



Outings Reports

Jan. 6: Wolf Pond Snowshoe, North Hudson

Leader: Ger Cox

A frigid morning had some of us searching for our hand warmers, as we embarked on a spiked hike through Wolf Pond, which never disappoints. The sun tried to warm us, and our own body heat won out as we forgot the cold winding our way through the wooded wonderland to the lean-to. A quick lunch and some chocolate, of course. As we looked out into the rushing waters near the close of the trail, we spotted a Fisher, hurrying by. A lovely hike. ~Kathy Herold



Wolf Pond

January 9: Snowshoe Cod Pond, Johnsbury

Leader: Shannon Andersen

It was a cold morning, in single digits, but 9 hikers showed up to do the 2.2-mile RT hike to Cod Pond in Johnsbury. It was a first visit to this pond for 7 of us, and the meandering trail through the woods was hard packed and easy to follow. The trail had a bit of a climb in the beginning, but leveled out quickly and the slight change in elevation was warming. We had a nice view of the pond and surrounding mountains and enjoyed a quick snack before the return trip to the start. Snowshoe hare and grouse tracks crossed our path, but other than that, it was a quiet morning in the woods. We were thankful that the wind was non-existent, as it has been quite blustery during the week. We welcomed two new hikers who enjoyed their first ADK hike and were all thankful that Shannon got us out on this cold morning to enjoy the woods and beautiful scenery. ~Tracey Donaldson



Cod Pond

Outings Reports

January 9: Fern Park Cross Country Ski in Inlet NY **Leaders: Marti Townley / Matt Schwab**

We went in search of snow and found it! Jeanne Tommelle said, "Come to Fern Park." She was so kind to guide us around these wonderful ski trails through the woods. We were a little nervous starting out at 5 degrees, but with our many layers and some climbing, we were all comfortable. The snow laden trails were beautiful. We were also very lucky to watch a puffed-up grouse sitting in the trees. We then climbed a bit to see the views from Hidden Peak and had a fun ski back down. We enjoyed our lunch and a bunch of laughs inside a warming area in the Park's public building. The warmth and laughs felt good! ~Marti Townley



Fern Park

January 16, 2025: Crown Point State Historic Site **Snowshoe, Crown Point, NY** **Leader: Tom Meyering**

Fifteen hikers met on a cold morning to visit the ruins of the two forts at Crown Point. A big thank you to Tom Meyering for taking us to many interesting sites at this historical landmark, his place of employment. The wind from Lake Champlain helped to move us along as we visited different areas of interest, walking about 3.5 miles around the 400-acre property. It was a cloudy day, but we had a nice view of the bay across to Port Henry and the nearby mountains. We had access to the museum and the indoor facilities, a nice warm spot to start and end our tour. The ice fishermen were out on Lake Champlain near the bridge and we had great views of their activities from the lighthouse. If you have not visited this historical site, take a tour with Tom! It is worth a visit. ~Tracey Donaldson



Crown Point Historic Site

Outings Reports

January 16: Polaris Bridge X-Country Ski Leader: Gail Gabriels

Six happy skiers reveled in the fluffy six miles of snow to the bridge. We found a 5 ***** lunch spot along the Hudson. Absolutely Delightful! Thank you, Gail, for leading. -Jeanne Tommell



Polaris Bridge

January 23: First Brother Snowshoe, Town of Horicon Leader: Brendan Hanley

Brendan led six of us on a crisp, cold morning to a beautiful view of Brant Lake. The trail, pre-hiked by Brendan and a couple friends, turned out to be more of an unmarked herd path, challenging us to pay attention as we hiked through leaves and a bit of snow, steadily climbing to a lookout. The sun peeked out to warm us, and blue sky appeared. While descending, we decided to check out an icy pool of water, once a water source for some of the camps along Brant Lake. A lovely 2-mile jaunt in the woods and a chance for us all to catch up and enjoy each other's company. ~Kathy Herold



First Brother

Outings Reports

January 30, 2025: Lost Pond Snowshoe, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Leader: Alex Paul

Alex Paul led a group of seven to Lost Pond. We opted for micro spikes as the snow was not that deep. It was a mostly sunny day with the temperature at 7 degrees at the start of the hike. We followed the trail to the pond and upon reaching the fork in the trail, took the trail to the right following the west side of Lost Pond. When we reached a section of blow down, we retraced our steps back to the fork for a quick photo and then back to the parking lot. The sun and lack of wind made it a very enjoyable outing. ~Lance Cooper



Lost Pond

January 30: Moose Pond X – C Ski, Newcomb Leaders: Lynn Butterworth & John Rendinaro

Santanoni is a reliable ski. It usually has good snow and is typically tracked out. We were a little surprised to find tracks had not been broken after a recent dumping of snow. The seven of us, on a cold start, took turns making tracks to the turn-off to Moose Pond. It was slow going and we knew we had a trek to Moose Pond. Lynn decided to take a vote to see whether we would go all the way, part way, or go to Santanoni. We decided on Santanoni, a good choice because we were still breaking trail. We had a scenic day with friends and pleased with our choices. ~Gail Gabriels



Santanoni

Outings Reports

February 7: Santanoni Ski, Newcomb Leader: Rich Salz

What a stupendous ski! A snow storm from the day before delayed the ski but it was well worth it. We had wonderful sunshine and lots of snow. A car off the side of the road into Santanoni did not deter us. The wind gusts and bending trees scared us a little but we kept skiing as we took turns breaking trail. We found shelter in the great room of the great camp for a quick lunch and had a smooth ski out on silky snow! ~Marti Townley



Santanoni

February 13: Stony Pond X – C Ski, Minerva Leader: Lynn Butterworth and John Rendinaro

This was a ski that none of us wanted to end! We had to take turns breaking trail for 2.4 miles, but it was well worth it! There was a foot of fresh powder and some hills to climb but we had sunshine and comradery to keep us going. We had a beautiful ski on the pond, a pleasant lunch at the lean-to, and then an awesome ski out on the trail we had just broken. Yay for a great snow year! ~Marti Townley



Stony Pond

Outings Reports

Date February 20: Snowshoe Rock Pond in Blue Mountain Lake

Leader: Shannon Andersen

A gorgeous, bright, cheery but very brisk day found five hardy souls at the access road to the trailhead for Cascade Pond hike, our destination Rock Pond and beyond, depending on trail conditions after the previous weekend's big snowstorm. There were already tracks as we headed out. The trail meandered through the woods and after a while started descending towards the bridge which separates Lake Durant and Rock Pond. After a photo op, we crossed to the other side of the bridge and had to immediately start breaking trail in deep snow. We caterpillared for a while as we started to ascend along Cascade Pond trail. We got to a flatter section, but in the interests of the whole group, it was decided we should turn back. Stopping again at the bridge, we admired the view of the frozen Lake Durant. Back on the access road, we decided we should follow the road to the lake. Following snowmobile tracks, we ended up at the launch where we wandered out on the ice to see a beautiful view of Blue Mountain. We then returned to the parked cars. The brilliant blue sky was starting to cloud over slightly as we departed, so we considered ourselves fortunate to have gotten such a great day for the approximately three-mile snowshoe. ~Ger Cox



Blue Mt. from Lake Durant



Bridge at Rock Pond

February 20: Backcountry Ski Raymond Brook Trail, North River

Leader: Greg Schaefer

The Raymond Brook trail is mostly downhill and best when you have a lot of new snow! It is about the same trail that was skied in the 1930's. This a favorite of the locals in North River. Three of us had a fun day on the trail going from the top on Barton Mines Road to the North Creek Ski Bowl. We had a warmish sunny day and enough snow to ski the steeps, then kick and glide our way to the ski bowl. ~MartyTownley



Raymond Brook Trail

Outings Reports

March 1: Santanoni Ski Leader: Tom Meyering

On a cold morning, we were blessed with a few inches of fresh snow in Newcomb. A group of 7 skiers traveled on snow covered roads to meet for this adventure. The 5-mile trek into Santanoni was deep with snow, and it appeared one or two intrepid skiers broke trail before we arrived. It was beautiful. The trees were covered. It was quiet. The clouds were low and the snow continued at times. We experienced thunder snow, as loud booms were heard above us, then the wind picked up and it got noticeably colder, a storm blowing in. For thunder snow to occur, the air layer closer to the ground has to be warmer than the layers above, but still cold enough to produce snow. It was startling and we all wondered what we just heard, maybe a first for all of us. We were warm from the ski in and stopped at Santanoni for a snack, but the wind there made it uncomfortable to stay too long. The trek back seemed faster and we were all glad to have experienced such a wonderful day. Most of the group gathered afterwards at Paradox Brewery for beer and pizza. Thanks to Tom Meyering for leading the way and organizing the outing. ~Tracey Donaldson



Santanoni

March 6: Lake Bonita/Lake Ann Loop Snowshoe/ Micro-spike/ Hike Leaders: Anne and Jim Waring



A group of 7 enthusiastic CRC members gathered for the 4-mile round trip hike to Lake Bonita and beyond. The weather was a moderate 40 degrees under mostly cloudy skies and the rain from the day before came to an end just before we entered the woods. We made our way to the edge of frozen Lake Bonita and took a moment to enjoy the view before heading through a peaceful hemlock forest to Lake Ann where we rested and enjoyed a snack

and conversation at the lean-to. We headed down the trail back to Lake Bonita where we continued around the perimeter of the lake. Since the trail was well packed, we were able to complete the hike with microspikes and even managed to navigate multiple water crossings, swollen with rainwater, with ease and grace! It was a wonderful way to spend a few hours with such great company for a late winter hike! ~Anne Waring



Lake Bonita

Outings Reports

March 13: Berrymill Pond Pharoah Lake Wilderness Leader: Ger Cox

It was a beautiful, comfortable day for 10 CRC members to enjoy an end-of-winter-hike into the woods at Putnam Pond Campground. We traveled on the Berrymill Pond trail along an old road through serene hemlock forests. Although there was enough snow to remind us it was still winter, we managed well with microspikes. It was a lovely, rejuvenating walk through the quiet forest as we crossed some babbling brooks with the added bonus of some bridges. After a little over 2 miles, we arrived at scenic Berrymill Pond, still covered in ice, and enjoyed a break at the lean-to, not far from the shore. We returned to the trailhead via the same route, enjoying the peaceful surroundings and each other's company. It was a perfect day for our 4.5-mile hike into this section of the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness. ~Anne Waring



Berrymill Pond

March 20: Wolf Pond Hike/Snowshoe, North Hudson Leader: Rich Salz



"One foot in front of the other; stay on the well-trod snow trail," words to hike by and stay erect by as our group of 10 followed leader Rich Salz into the woods, along the racing Wolf Pond Brook, passing cliffs with cascades of green and root beer-colored ice on a sunny and rather balmy Spring Equinox. While it took many serious post-hole steps, some of which were 3 feet deep, for us to get serious about how to navigate the tricky warming snow, we landed at

the Wolf Pond Lean-to and enjoyed lunch and views of the High Peaks. We hiked 5 miles with 600 feet of elevation, with bluebird sky and puffy clouds; what a glorious way to welcome spring. -Peggy Carrol



Wolf Pond

Outings Reports

March 27: Hike/snowshoe Spectacle Pond and Gull Pond Leader: Peggy Carrol

It was a picture-perfect day and we had a nice group hike, two different trails in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area. It was cold in the shade as we got ready by our cars and put layers over our lighter spring-like clothing. We had spikes but really did not need them, as Peggy previewed the trail 2 days prior. The ground was frozen on the trek into Spectacle Pond and the stream was raging from all the melting snow. The view of Pharaoh Mountain from the pond's edge was spectacular. We hiked back to our cars and drove about one mile to the Gull Pond trailhead. This parking lot was a muddy mess and we had to use high clearance 4 wheel drive vehicles here. It was a short hike to Gull Pond and we sat on the sunny rocks enjoying our snack and taking in the view across the pond to the cliffs. Great morning in the woods with our ADK friends. ~Tracey Donaldson



Spectacle and Gull Pond

A special thanks to those who led each activity, as well as Peggy Carrol, Tom Riley, and the CRC Outings Committee.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE OUTINGS EMAILS AND WANT TO, OR IF YOU WANT TO STOP THEM, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND REQUEST TO OUR CHAPTER AT ColdRiverADKChapter@adk.org

CRC Membership and Connections

More Events to look forward to:

A Soup Supper
April 24th
Minerva Community Center
Hosts: Ann Hornbeck and Kate McCormick



Attendees are asked to bring social hour tastings, hardy soups, with breads, biscuits or soup toppings and desserts.

Schedule: 3:00 - 4:30 Social
4:30 - Speaker/Announcements
5:00 - Soup Supper

Ann Hornbeck 518-251- 0856 acrowequilts@frontiernet.net
Kate McCormick 347-225-4602 kag35@icloud.com



Minerva Community Center

CRC Membership and Connections

And.....

What is becoming an annual, traditional pot luck...



June 12, 2025

25 Bonnie Bell Farm Rd. Loon Lake, Chestertown

Hosts: Ken Shea/ Marti Townley

Please bring a dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. We will have a grill if you would like to grill something for yourself. We hope to hold the potluck on our beach so there will be no electricity. (You will have access to our house if needed) Please bring your own utensils, plates, and beverages. Also bring a chair and bathing suit. There is a port-a-potty.

Time: 4-5 pm social hour

5-5:30 pm meeting

5:30 pm dinner

Contact: Marti Townley by June 8 to let me know what you will bring mdksshea@sol.com 518-301-3712

Directions: Bonnie Bell Farm Rd. is off of Rt. 9 on the west side of Loon Lake. From exit 25 drive west on Rt 8/ rt 9, turn right onto Rt. 9 at OP Fredericks and go about a mile and turn right at a gate for our beach. You can drive down. We will have a sign. From exit 26 drive south on rt. 9. Bonnie Bell Farm Rd. will be about a mile on the right and the beach will be on the left. From North Creek drive East on Rt. 8, then left on to Rt. 9 at OP's. If the weather is not cooperative, we will have the potluck at our house. To get to our house drive up Bonnie Bell Farm Rd. and take the second side road on the left after the barn. You will see the sign for 25. The first house you see is ours.

CRC Membership and Connections

Looking Ahead.....



July-Open

Aug 16th - Annual CRC Picnic, Donnelly Beach Pavilion, Minerva

Sep 25th - Bolton Community Center, Hosted by Lynn Butterworth and John Rendinaro

Oct - Possibly Ski Bowl if anyone is interested in hosting

November - Open

December – Annual Meeting/Holiday Party

If anyone is interested in hosting our wildly popular pot lucks, please contact Rose Cooper - rosecooper2@gmail.com
or Maria Rinella - rinellium@frontiernet.net



Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON
OUTINGS.

Membership Chair, Susan Schuler

As of March 20, 2025

Total Households: 323

Total Members: 460

Membership breakout: 318 Family Members, 76 Adult/Individual Members
and 60 seniors with 6 family life members.

**In the future, when renewing your ADK Membership on the ADK.org
website, please verify you “member type,” and if necessary, make any
appropriate corrections. Thanks!**

New Members:

The Lisa Guide and John Passacantando Family

North Creek, NY

Martin Myers

Schroon Lake, NY

The Omar Beer and Carrie Harvey Family

Brooklyn, NY