



# The I O C A NEWSLETTER

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Nothing like starting with bad news to brighten up the Newsletter. The following letter was received from Dave Gutter, John Muscatell, and Thomas M. Broad of the R.P.I.O.C., on November 4, 1976. "The Rennselaer Outing Club's experiences in running Fall Lake George have shown that the occasionally satisfying moments have been more than offset by the particularly trying times experienced by our members who have volunteered to run it. We have found it impossible to find a member who is willing to accept the responsibilities and hassles involved in its organization and running, such as; breaking up drunken brawls, keeping track of forty canoes and their respective paddles and cushions, and finding a replacement square dance caller at the last minute after the one that had been booked for four months cancels. Finally there is the large implied responsibility for the health and safety of a great many people, some of which often have little or no experience in the outdoors. For example, there is the problem of people becoming hypothermic as a result of sitting in the rain and cold without adequate protection. In short Fall Lake George is no longer fun.

We are therefore returning the remainder of the Fall Lake George "sinking fund", amounting to \$74.15. This year's outing was a disaster in several ways, including financial."

Who would like to run Fall Lake George, next year? The RPIOC did it on a non-profit basis. Whatever money they made in a year that showed profits was placed in the Lake George Fund, to offset losses in the bad years. This editor has no objection to any club or group of individuals, who are willing to conduct Fall Lake George on a profit and loss basis, as long as they are willing to follow cost guidelines controlled by IOCA. However since this seems to be an idea that may generate some controversy, we'll talk about it at Conference.

There should be a little section in each Newsletter called the executive secretary apologizes for goofs in the last issue. Well here goes. The H has been taken out of Worcester, the R has been returned to Charlie Rubin and Bill Rollins is acknowledged here as an active regional executive secretary. The only problem for Bill is that he can't seem to find any interest in IOCA, in the Nether Region. If anyone else is functioning as a regional executive secretary, they have managed to keep it a secret. And now for the blanket statement to cover all past and future mistakes, SORRY

There is a report of another missing hat. This one belongs to Keith Conover. It is brown and floppy and felt and the last time Keith saw it was Conference 75! If you know where Keith's hat is, contact him at 1883 G University Circle, Charlottesville, Va. 22903

Would you like to know where your \$5.00 and \$1.50 go to. Even if you don't you are going to find out.

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Newsletters	\$35.15	34 Clubs	\$170.00
Stamps	73.00	28 people	42.00
Phone	2.00	IOCA patches	27.00
Total Exp. as of 12/1/76	<u>\$110.15</u>	Total Income as of 12/1/76	<u>\$239.00</u>
Total 12/1 Projected costs till 4/77	\$110.15	Total 12/1 Projected Income	\$239.00
Newsletters	45.00	Patches	10.00
Stamps	45.00	Advertising	30.00
Bulletin	75.00	membership	10.00
Directory	15.00	77' Conf.	25.00
Other?	10.00	Total Income for 76-77	<u>\$314.00</u>
Total Exp. for 76-77	<u>\$300.15</u>		

Well it looks like IOCA may show a profit this year. Considerable thought was given to estimating income and expenses for the rest of the year, so those numbers should be reliable. One item appears to need a little explanation. There is a \$25. income item called 77' conference. It will be requested that the Oneonta O.C. include the printing and mailing costs of the conference newsletter as part of the fee charged to those who attend conference. If the Oneonta O.C. does the printing and mailing of the newsletter, no money will be exchanged. If the work is done here, a check to the IOCA account will be requested.

If your club hasn't yet received a letter from Blake Bacon, you will receive one in the near future. Blake is the creator of this year's IOCA Directory. Please send to Blake the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your prominent club members. Try to keep it under 10 people, if possible. Blake's address is 192 Main St., Trappe- Collegeville, Pa., 19426.

IOCALender

I held off the writing of this newsletter, since I had received very few trip reports. There is a decent number of trips to report, however more were expected. The next newsletter should be printed about Jan. 10, so send in those trip notices for intersession.

December

18-19 Penn State Outing Club. Crazy Cold Winter Solstice Backpack Contact Chip Harvey, C/O The Outing Club, Student Intramural Building, Room 4, Penn State University, University Park, Pa., 16802. Chip's phone is (814) 237-3056.

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Mid-Atlantic IOCALUM Reunion and Square Dance - Arden, Delaware. Folk and square dancing, meeting old friends, making new alum friends, etc. 7:30-11 p.m., Arden Folk Guild. Contact Eric & Ana Marie Svendsen, 120 Winder Road, Garfield Park, New Castle, Delaware 19720. Phone: 302 658-5455

# INTERCOLLEGIATE OUTING CLUB ASSOCIATION

December

24-27

A couple of days in the Adirondacks with Ellis Lader. Ellis plans to set up a base camp and then do some cross country day trips. Ellis is here in the Bronx at 3410G Paul Ave. Zip is 10468. Phone 212 365-0377. Rescue party for this trip is being formed now. Contact Lew Levy or Ted Tolkoﬀ.

24-31?

Purdue Outing Club - Skiing and Climbing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Contact Bill Rollins 111-15 Married Students Courts, W. Lafayette, Ind. 47906. 317 439-0607. Bill also plans to lead a canoe trip on the Yampa River some time in May. This trip may also include Whitewater Rafting and Kayaking on the Delores River.

24-31?

Toronto Outing Club - Kris Inwood would like to go backpacking in the USA during Christmas. Projected area appears to be the Smokey or Blue Ridge Mountains. Anyway if you would like to go contact Irene Sakata at 88 Erskine Ave., Apt. 419, Toronto Ontario, Canada. The Toronto O.C. is very active and seems to have something going each weekend. If your club is up north and you would like to join in, write to Irene, she is the club's Activities Director.

31-9

IOCALUM Winter Super Trip - Sierra del Ajo, Diaz Peak, Superstation Mountains, etc., Arizona. Write to Alan Brooks, University Communications, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523. 303 491-6432. Don't any of those alums work?

January

1-17

Colorado State Outing Club winter mountaineering - Sangre de Cristo Range, Colorado. Contact Craig Severin, 286 Ellis Hall Fort Collins, Colorado 80521. Phone; 303 491-3429.

10-16

Colorado State Outing Club downhill skiing - Grand Targhee and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Contact Jim Stohlquist, 111 Braiden Hall, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521. Phone: 303 491-3712.

21-23

The Metropolitan Intercollegiate Outing Association proudly presents a weekend at Surprise Lake, located in Cold Spring, New York. Cost is \$18 if you send \$9 or more to Charlie Rubin before Jan. 6. Cost is \$19 at Surprise Lake. For the \$18, you receive 5 meals and a bed for 2 nights in a heated? cabin. Send your money and/ or your requests for more information to Charles A. Rubin, MIOCA Executive Secretary at 2547 W. 2nd St., Brooklyn(Ugh) New York 11223. 212 36-1977 Make your checks payable to MIOCA, not Charlie.

21-23

Colorado State Outing Club cross country skiing - Collegiate Peaks, Colorado. Contact Jim Stohlquist. Jim's address is back two trips.

January

29-30

Penn State Outing Club - Possible main club cabin party or back-pack trip. Write or call Chip Harvey. Go back to first trip for address and phone.

The hoople who puts out this newsletter moved the typewriter on the last page to make an adjustment. The paper came out and it is assumed it is not possible to put it back in evenly. So a new page was started and Ann Knudson, sent in this nice story, only its kind of long so unless the typist becomes ambitious and does the whole thing you'll read the story in two installments. Did that last sentence make any sense? I will fade out now and let you read Ann's story. See you next year.

### NAMELESS CREEK

Soon after I arrived in Syracuse, I was escaping one day on an Outing Club trip when I noticed a pretty little stream running alongside the highway. "Hmm" I said to myself, "looks like a nice place to go canoeing." Since it was a climbing trip, I didn't have a canoe, and was forced to file the stream under the heading, A nice thing to do sometime. This file is fast approaching its twenty-seventh volume, so I didn't get to the creek the next weekend. Nor the next, nor the next.....

Six years later I was balked in my intention to go canoeing on a local pond, by its custodian, who didn't want me to frighten the ducks. (It was in a wildlife refuge, but LOCALums are too wild to be acceptable) Bob Earl, the canoe's owner and I held a short conference on where to go instead. It turned out that this unknown creek was in his Someday File as well as mine, so that's where we decided to go.

The first problem was finding it. After six years you would think that I'd have it pinpointed. All I knew was you go down the superhighway and after a while you see it, with no exits handy. We guessed at where to get off and went from side to side of the valley hoping to cross it, but all we crossed was a couple of farm dogs. By were they cross! One of them chased us down the road, around the corner, and a good way down a second road before giving up. We got back on the highway and drove on, was that line of trees where it was? Was that pond part of the system, or only created by the highway dept? We passed a sign saying Exit 8 Miles and suddenly there it was! Right alongside the highway, miles from the nearest farm. There seemed to be only one thing to do.

We parked the car on the shoulder, breaking numerous regulations and unloaded the canoe. Upstream or down? Being naturally lazy, Bob voted for down. I'M lazier than he is any day of the week, so I voted for down too. Down we went, looking at the weeds in the clear water and estimating the chances of taking keeper bass out of them. We had no fighting gear, however another entry in the Someday File. Shortly it became obvious that our stream had become a thin arm of a pretty little lake. We paddled on across, deploring the summer cottages encrusting the shores and headed for a marshy section that had been spared from development.

FLAPFLAPSELASHFLAPFLAP! A black duck had been playing possum among the weeds near shore and was forced into a hasty retreat when we headed unknowingly in his direction. This brought thoughts of dining off the wild to mind. It was getting late and visions of roast duck and snapping turtle stew hovered foggily around our heads. (TO BE CONTINUED)