Winning photos will be reproduced on canvas as well as appearing in our OCSJ monthly newsletter, on the website and displayed as our cover photo on Facebook for a month. We are looking for your best pictures of OCSJ events. Any photo taken at one of our club events taken between September 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 is eligible.
Artistic photographs are welcome, but ones showing our members participating in an event is preferable. We want to show off our club's members in action.

The easy part of the process:
Send up to three of your picks to ikemengel@hotmail.com.
State your name, the date and place of the event.

The technical part of the process:
Most pictures these days are taken with our smartphones. They are stored in two places, IN the "cloud" and IN your phone. The ones in the cloud are reduced to save space. The ones in the phone are kept at actual file size. You can easily send the ones from the cloud for consideration.

BUT...
All pictures shown on phones and monitors look the same, but in order to reproduce one in print or on canvas, we may need the original that is stored in the phone itself. If your photo is selected, we will contact you if we need a larger file size to make a good reproduction.

GOOD LUCK!

Any questions, contact Mike Engel ikemengel@hotmail.com

President's Message
Joe Fabian

I wanted to share positive news about our club and New Jersey's great outdoors. The proposed PennEast Pipeline, which would have primarily affected Hunterdon County, is being abandoned, hopefully permanently. Since I am originally from Hunterdon County along with my late mother's family going back to the 1740's, the lands of that county hold a special place in my heart. Unfortunately, the South Jersey Gas pipeline project through the NJ pine barrens has not been stopped, despite hard fought litigation in our court system and legitimate environmental concerns. We have seen the damage pipelines can do years later should they leak.

As far as internal club administration goes, I wanted to announce and welcome Diane Mason as our new Hiking Chair replacing Evelyn Minutolo. I am happy with the job Evelyn performed, but working full time as a public school teacher and managing the largest section of the club required too much time. Evelyn is a great hike leader and has agreed to step down and remain as a trustee at large. Thanks, Evelyn. Diane has her work cut out for her managing that section and many volunteers have agreed to lend a hand.

After much delay due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Vice President, Barbara Berman organized our leaders' banquet. The event was held on October 17th at the Riverton Country Club. Those leaders and board members who qualified to attend were invited. I hope all who attended enjoyed this event. For the general membership, leaders and board members, another event is planned by John Kearney, our skilled Social Committee Chair. That event is scheduled for November 20th and will also be held at the Riverton Country Club, which is a new venue for our club. Attendance is limited, so check the
special events section of our website and Meetup for details including the attendance fee and the need to RSVP.
Ro Mason and her trail maintenance crew will resume their hard work on Tuesdays maintaining our trails and tackling other projects. Much thanks, Ro for all you and your crew members do. I also wanted to thank Neil for keeping the cycling section running smoothly.
Finally, I would note in the past few months, we had a number of cyclists and backpackers injured on events. Luckily, none too seriously. I have been checking on their recovery and all are doing well. Thanks to all our activity leaders for their efforts keeping our club running smoothly.

Joe Fabian, President OCSJ  President@ocsj.org

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Vice President's Message

Barbara Berman

YAY! We were finally able to hold our Leaders' Banquet, honoring our 2020 hiking, biking, and paddling leaders. Even though we had to postpone it for 6 months (due to COVID, obviously), 55 (37 qualified leaders and their guests) gathered together on a beautiful Fall Sunday, 10/17/21, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Riverton Country Club to celebrate. Our leaders are the ones who make this club the success that it is. Without them volunteering their time, energy, and expertise, we would not even have a club. Personally, I would also like to thank the Board for supporting me with this endeavor, as well as helping all of us in the club to shape the future. We all know this has been a challenging one and a half years, but good for each and everyone of us for weathering the storm.

The more leaders we have, the more activities we can offer. If you or anyone you know would like to become a leader, talk to one of the activity chairs. Neil Kornhouser is our Cycling Chair; Diane Mason is our Hiking Chair; Frank Pearce is our Kayaking/Canoeing Chair; Ro Mason is our Trail Maintenance Chair; Kevin Drevik is our Backpacking Chair; and John Kerney is our Social Committee Chair. We are in the process of updating our leader's guidelines, but they are on our website if you want to get an idea of what the responsibilities are.

To qualify for attending our Leaders' Banquet, you must lead a minimum of 5 bike rides in a year, 6 hikes in a year, 3 paddling activities in a year, and 1 overnight activity (backpacking, camping, cross-country skiing). By the way, we have an opening for a cross-country ski chair, so if you are interested, please contact me at bberman96@gmail.com.

Again, thanks to everyone for making our 2020 Leaders Banquet a huge success!

Barbara Berman  Vice President OCSJ  vpocsj.org
Activity Chair's Message
Frank Pearce

The seasons are bringing changes in weather patterns and in club activities. Paddling is ending and Cross Country Skiing is coming soon. Biking will see more weather issues and hiking will enjoy the cooler weather. Trail Maintenance is back and looking forward to the end of tick season. Get out and enjoy your favorite activity and try something new. Remember to thank the leaders. Consider becoming a leader. Without leaders, there are no activities.

Stay safe,
Frank Pearce  hornet71@verizon.net

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS
John Kerney - Social Committee Chair

Time is running out...
have you RSVP’d for the Fall Social?

This event will be held at Riverton Country Club in Cinnaminson. This is a fantastic private venue. There will be a delicious dinner buffet including dessert and of course, music for dancing. (There could be some additional surprises as well).

Click the RSVP/Info button below and submit your payment early, as we expect this to be a sell out event. There will be limited spots and we had over 100 members attend our first social two years ago.

Questions? Call or text John 609-706-7264
John Kerney Social Committee Chair
crewkern@live.com

RSVP/Info

OCSJ Members
2nd Annual Fall Social
November 20, 2021
5:30 – 8:30 pm
Riverton Country Club

CYCLING NEWS
Cycling Chair: Neil Kornhauser

ELECTRIC BIKES
Electric bikes (also known as E-bikes) are definitely becoming more popular. These bikes allow cyclists to extend their involvement with this sport. However, E-bikes come with their own set of challenges when it comes to riding in a group. E-BIKES WITH A THROTTLE ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OCSJ RIDE.
THE ONLY E-BIKE ALLOWED ON GROUP RIDES WITH OCSJ IS A PEDAL ASSIST BIKE.

THROTTLE: Throttle assist in which the motor can provide support without the rider pedaling. THESE BIKES ARE PROHIBITED ON OCSJ RIDES. This bike needs to be registered and licensed in NJ

PEDAL ASSIST: Pedal assist in which the motor provides support ONLY when the rider is pedaling. Travel at speeds up to 20 mph. The motor stops after 20 mph.

E–bikes SHOULD NOT be used by a rider to move up in class. For example if you are normally a C rider or below, an E-bike should not be used to do a B ride. A C rider may not have the same skill set as a more experienced B rider. Ride leaders have the right to refuse a rider access to their ride if they feel that the rider does not meet the requirements of the ride classification pace.

Under no circumstances are you to ride in a pace line with an E-bike. B and B+ rides normally have pace line riding and an E-bike will pose a danger to yourself and others in the group.

The ride leader has the right to ask E-bike riders to ride in the back for safety reasons. E-bikes weigh up to 45 pounds and are not as agile as standard road bikes that weigh on average 18-20 pounds.

E-bikes may malfunction or lose power so you would basically be on a ride well above your ability with no electric assist and you are on a much heavier bike than the rest of the group. This combination is dangerous to riders behind you. Again the ride leader may ask you to ride in the back for safety reasons. The ride leader also has the option to not allow E-bikes on their ride. They will specify that in the Meetup description. The group has no obligation to slow or wait for you if you lose power.

See you out there and see you all on the roads and trails!
Neil Kornhauser nkornhauser@gmail.com

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HIKING NEWS

Outgoing Chair: Evelyn Minutolo
What a view! Backpacking the AT.

This is my last newsletter as Hiking Chair. I want to thank everyone for putting up with me! I love the club and I am not leaving. I am just stepping down and Diane Mason is taking over...a far better person for the job!

Last month, I was fortunate enough to participate in a club backpacking trip on the AT in Pennsylvania. Thirteen of us, led by Ann, had a great time. See the above photo from one of the outstanding views.

We still need more leaders. Please consider leading hikes. We will be celebrating our wonderful leaders at a luncheon on October 17th at the Riverton Country Club. Join us next year.

Continue to bring a bag on hikes and pick up trash. Practice Leave No Trace and be good stewards of the environment we all appreciate so much. Thank you and see you on the trails. Let’s go hiking!!!

Evelyn  SunsetWaterfall@aol.com

OCSJ follows LNT (Leave No Trace)
For more information on the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace, click the link....

Incoming Chair: Diane Mason

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Diane Mason the new OCSJ Hiking Chair. I’ve been a club member for 23 years and a hiking leader for the last three. Moving forward, I will do my best to assist our hiking leaders and serve our members.

I’d like to thank our previous hiking chair, Evelyn Minutolo, for her time in office. Evelyn dedicated much of her time as chair, working to bring in new members.
October is the start of the new hiking season, with crunchy leaves underfoot, and the woods in a vibrant colorful display. There are plenty of interesting events already on the calendar but there could be more. If you have a favorite hike you know well, please consider leading others on it. We'll provide guidance, support, and a co-leader until you are comfortable on your own. When you are ready to lead, please reach out to me or contact a leader.

Just a note: The chiggers and ticks are still very, very active. Please remember to use your favorite bug repellent while hiking. The chiggers should only bother us until the first hard frost (a day to celebrate!), but ticks will most likely be with us through the winter.

See you on the trails!
Diane Mason hiking@ocsj.org

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**Backpacking/Camping News**
Backpacking/Camping Chair: Kevin Drevik

November: Tough backpack trip in central Virginia.
Hope to see you out on the trails!
Kevin KDrevik@aol.com

Click for Backpacking/Camping Events

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**KAYAKING/CANOEING**
Kayaking/Canoeing Chair: Frank Pearce

We had a great paddle season despite having COVID-19 restrictions. We have all of the paddle leaders to thank. Without them, there would be no events. Please consider becoming a leader.

For most paddlers, October 31st is when paddles go into storage. It is club policy that during the months of November through March, paddlers must wear wet or dry suits, subject to approval of leaders. Depending on weather conditions, and at the discretion of the leader, there may be exceptions to this policy.

Frank Pearce HORNET71@VERIZON.NET

Click here for Kayaking/Canoeing Events

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**Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing**
Cross Country Ski Chair: Vacancy - Volunteer Needed

Click here for CC Ski Events
If you have any questions regarding ski or snowshoeing events, contact Barbara Brandt bbrandt46@gmail.com

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEWS**

**Trail Maintenance Representative:**
Ro Mason

Trail maintenance is now in full swing! Fourteen members of the crew assisted Jason Howell of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance with clearing and blazing the Pemberton Lake Trail. We also assisted the Wharton State staff with trimming the not-yet-ready Bogs to Bogs Trail on Route 532 in WSF. We also planned with Russell Juelg, Senior Land Steward of the Franklin Parker Preserve, to trim and re-blaze the Yellow Trail. Eleven members walked the Yellow Trail and assessed the condition of the trail for future work.

Ro Mason, Trail Representative
To volunteer, email Ro at romason@comcast.net

Click for Trail Maintenance Events

**Member Spotlight**

**Spotlight On: Marty Stanley**
by: Vera Stek
Obviously, the key to the success and continuation of the Outdoor Club is to attract new and younger members. However, that would not be possible without the long-time, often legendary, members whose accomplishments are usually fondly recalled years down the trail.

*Martin F. Stanley* is one of those long-timers who recalls adventures with some of the most infamous of OCSJ leaders. Just like your father or grandfather who had to wade through hip-high snow to get to school, some of the tales of these leaders are seemingly incredible, yet we know they are true because there are still those who were there. Formerly a hiker, Martin now mostly paddles, either with the club or with a few members of the club and/or friends. Certainly no fair-weather enthusiast, he welcomes winter, summer, whatever the time of year and the many joys he gets from being outside. Here’s his story:

**MARTIN:** Martin F. Stanley is how I appear on Meetup but Marty or Martin will do. I currently live in Gloucester City, where I grew up. I am married, have 3 adult children and 10 grandchildren. I am retired after 15 years at The Jersey Paddler and before that 25 years at I Goldberg Outdoors. I may have helped some club members with their camping gear or kayaks in the past!

**Q. When and why did you join the Outdoor Club?**

**MARTIN:** I joined the OCSJ in 1976. My hiking buddy, Dan Gallagher and I where invited to a meeting with Bert Nixdorf, Dick Greve and Joe Trujillo. According to Dan we were "recruited" to join as hike leaders. We submitted 2 hikes to be in the next 6-month printed club activity schedule, a hike at the Delaware Water Gap and one in the Catskills.

**Q. Do you participate in any other activities besides kayaking? Do you do outdoor stuff all year round?**

**MARTIN:** I am currently a paddler. Just want to stay fit and in shape. I get a great workout out of a vigorous paddle. I paddle as long as the season permits. Used to use the Mullica camp the first snowfall to canoe/camp into. Winter can be amazing on the river.

A return to paddling off of the coast of Maine is a goal, a 4-5 day trip on small islands.
Q. What are some of your favorite hikes/bikes/kayaks?

MARTIN: Favorite hikes would include weeklong hikes on the AT in New Hampshire with Dan and my first trail hike: 2 weeks on the AT in southern Virginia, 140 miles with my brother Glen and Dan. With the Outdoor Club my favorite was the 3 years (1981, '82, '83) of hiking to Carter Notch Hut in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on Presidents Day weekend. And many, many trips in the Catskills with the club.

Q. Have you gone on active vacations? Do you do backpacking as well? What's the longest hike/bike/kayak you’ve done?

MARTIN: The most recent active vacations were sea kayaking off the coast of Maine on the Maine Island Trail. Every fall for almost 12 years a group of friends and co-workers (working at the Jersey Paddler) would island camp along parts of the trail off of Stonington, Maine in what is the Deer Islands. Great trip, still want to go a 12th time. I don't backpack anymore, but I consider my touring boat loaded with camping gear as a "pack" of sorts. That I don't have to carry and it floats. My longest distance hiking was 140 miles over 14 days but paddling a sea kayak 103 miles over 3 days in the Rum Runner Race of the Florida Keys in 2001 is my best.

Q. Any downside to outdoor activities, such as miserable weather, bugs, etc.?

MARTIN: When I hiked, it was wet and cold winter conditions and now I paddle around wet and cold conditions. The wrong clothes/gear, not so much the bugs, are a problem. We have more choices in clothes and gear to be safe and comfortable in almost any situation. My advice to newer members: Learn about proper dress in the outdoors.

Q. Do you do most of your outdoor activities with the club or on your own? Has the Covid interfered with your outdoor activities at all?

MARTIN: I paddle with club members on activities and also on our own as friends. Covid protocols are followed during a shuttle, but once on the river it is paddling as it always was!

Q. What are some of your other interests?

MARTIN: I am an avid HO train hobbyist. Love doing scenery on the layout. I have a Sante Fe desert rail line in my basement.

Q. What's something about yourself that might surprise others to know?

MARTIN: I have been a vegetarian since around the time I joined the club in '76.

Q. Anything else you’d like to say about anything? Long-timers often have great stories to tell about some of the infamous early leaders of the club, or different activities. Feel free…

MARTIN: The first President's Day weekend Carter Notch Hut trip in 1981 is a great story. The trip was planned as a winter hike in snow conditions and the plan was to use tents. Over a dozen participated. We drove all night, arriving before daybreak. We hiked in on the 19-mile brook trail, a trail on a steep hill overlooking the brook below. The trail was like glazed porcelain with thick ice. We had a few I Goldberg military surplus ice crampons among the group to aid the group on the slick trails. We would have 2 hikers slide down
into the brook and rescued from the wet/cold. Our group stopped early to camp, tired from the long late night drive and the hike in. Unfortunately, we slept very little that night as the temperature was a record -80 below. Tent camping in this cold was impossible and dangerous. We then changed plans and made a hike to Carter Notch Hut, hoping to stay there. We lucked out and got bunks at the Hut. This changed the whole nature of the trip. We had a bunk building to sleep in and a group building/mess hall for meals and communal gathering. We stayed at a helper rate and pitched in gathering firewood and water to help the Hut keeper. We could cook and bake in the mess area. So this created a yearly hut trip at Carter Notch. Some in attendance on these trips included Dave Hanna, Dick Greve and George Muscat, all old timers with OCSJ. THATS ALL I GOT. Thanks for the chance to relive some great memories. Life without adventure is not living!

In Memoriam

I’m devastated to report the passing of my husband, Bill Schaefer, on September 16. Bill and I joined the Outdoor Club right after we moved here on the advice of the woman we bought our house from. However, we were still working at racing events most weekends and volunteering at Batsto during the week, so it was a while before we showed up for our first hike. It was led by Christine Denneler from Atsion Ranger Station and went around the lake. I remember meeting several of OCSJ’s finest that day, such as Father Mike Burns, Dave Chamberlain. As runners, we didn’t know that much about hiking, but got clued in quickly and before we knew it, we were leading hikes. At some point Bill took over compiling and sending out the 500- and 750-mile club results for those who couldn’t quite commit to the Grand Mile. It wouldn’t be a stretch to say that the Outdoor Club changed and greatly enhanced our lives. Getting out there now is certainly helping me deal with the best husband anyone in the world could ever hope for.

Vera C. Stek

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**ANNUAL MILEAGE CLUBS**
Some of our members like to keep track of their annual mileage and have formed groups within the club. If you would like more information, please contact them.

**The Grand Mileage Club** - These hardy folks hike 1000 miles per year. They report their mileage monthly to Jenny Buffington at jbuffington924@gmail.com

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**Bicycling Mileage Club** - Bikers report their miles annually to Neil Kornhauser at nkornhauser@gmail.com.

**Kayaking Mileage Club** - Kayakers report their miles annually to Erika Blank at powerofpink58@verizon.net.

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**Board of Trustees** - Interested in joining the OCSJ Board? The OCSJ Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Currently, our meetings are on ZOOM. To attend the meetings contact the OCSJ President, Joe Fabia, at President@ocsj.org

**Publicity** - Are you an influencer? Love social media and publicity? We would like to get the word out and have the OCSJ appear in more places both in print and online. Contact Janine Padgett at j9padge@gmail.com with any ideas or if you would like to help.

**Social Committee** - Seeking fun-loving people to help plan our social events. If you would like to join our Social Committee, contact John Kerney at crewkern@live.com

**Website/Computer** - Help Wanted - We are actively seeking someone with website/database/computer experience. Contact the OCSJ President, Joe Fabian at president@ocsj.org

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