

It's Our Nature

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Solstice Celebration



Dec. 11th
7:00 pm

Bubolz Nature
Preserve

Lyndale Ave
Appleton

Please bring:

a dish to pass

*your own table settings
BYOB*

a white elephant gift

a money donation for
Bubolz Nature Preserve*

good spirits and a friend

*In the past FVSG has collected food
for a local food pantry. Since Bubolz
Nature Preserve is in financial need we
are collecting money for them instead.



January 8

**Warm your heart with wildflowers. Len Place,
an avid photographer, will share a slideshow
presentation on wildflowers he has photographed.**

*Programs are held at 7:00 pm at
Bubolz Nature Preserve on Lyndale in Appleton*

ELECTION FOR THE FOX VALLEY SIERRA GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Fox Valley Sierra Group bylaws require the Group to hold annual elections in the fourth quarter of the calendar year. The bylaws require the Group to allow all members to vote. For joint memberships the ballot has two places to mark the vote of the individual member.

The bylaws require the Group to hold an actual election meaning that there should be more candidates than positions. Unfortunately this is often difficult to do as the number of positions on the Executive Committee is thirteen, half of the positions being elected every other year for a two-year term of office.

This year, the Fox Valley Sierra Group Executive Committee has made the decision to approve a change in the bylaws. The bylaw change is to increase the term of office from two years to three years. The increased length of office will allow for the Group to maintain the 13 member Executive Committee and at the same time make the annual elections more competitive and easier. We will need to recruit fewer people each year for the elections.

Please use the ballot in this newsletter to vote for six Executive Committee positions. If you can think of someone who would be a good Executive Committee member or if you are interested in being part of the Executive Committee then use the write-in line. Return the ballot in the US mail to: Penny Bernard Schaber, 815 East Washington St., Appleton, WI, 54911-5660. Or you can return your completed ballot at the general membership meeting on December 11, 2003. Please use the ballot from this newsletter. Copies of the ballot are not valid.

Evening Geese Watching by Alan Lawrence

After a beautiful October Indian Summer day I decided to take a twilight bicycle ride on the trail crossing the front of AAL (now Thrivent Financial) in northern Appleton. I was privileged to enjoy more than I had expected. The migrating Canadian Geese were spending the night in the ponds by the trail.

I parked my bicycle and watched the assembly of at least a thousand geese already on one of the ponds. This was a noisy affair. While I watched, several more flocks were landing each minute. As the light grew dimmer I felt I would be watching the last flock land, but they continued to arrive, and the flock sizes seemed to be increasing. They glided in, with wings spread wide, and feet prepared for skiing. Although the pond was crowded I did not witness any collisions. It was dark when I left, and the birds were still arriving. What a wonderful experience. I went back the following night, but the event was not repeated.

From the Chair

This autumn has been busy for me, but not too busy to notice how beautiful the season is. I really enjoy the fall colors. Typically the weather is good enough to enjoy it. I was lucky to be able to take my family camping and horse riding "up north" in September. My wife and I enjoyed a Sierra Club sponsored Lake Michigan Shoreline bicycle ride the next weekend. Hiking the Ice Age Trail the following weekend was breathtaking. Last weekend found us at the Sierra Club Chapter Autumn Assembly on the western side of Wisconsin, enjoying chilly nights in a tent. This weekend we helped with the annual Romp in the Swamp event at Bubolz Nature Preserve. A family bicycle ride and watching geese made the weekend complete.

And that's the way things should be. It's our nature. We should enjoy it. That's what John Muir wanted when he founded the Sierra Club 111 years ago. Get outdoors and enjoy nature.

Of course, once you learn to enjoy nature you realize that it sometimes needs for us to help protect it. That is one of the purposes for the Sierra Club.

Sierra Club members organize outings to help us explore and enjoy the wild places. Monthly meetings provide opportunities to learn about places we might only be able to dream about. Guests lecture on topics of environmental interests. Service outings are also organized.

We need to educate ourselves about the problems facing our environment and do our part to help. The coming year is an important election year. Among our responsibilities will be trying to select leaders who value the environment. Although most of us probably prefer remaining silent on political matters with friends and neighbors we are learning this is a luxury that we cannot afford.

The John Muir Chapter Autumn Assembly was recently held at a nature preserve near Eau Claire. Groups take turns hosting this event each fall. It is a weekend full of activities of interest to any Sierra Club minded person, member or not. It is not too early to decide to participate next year.

Our December meeting has traditionally been a holiday social, with dinner, games, and mock presents. This year we have decided to replace our food pantry offering with some financial help to Bubolz Nature Preserve. Numerous things in recent years have caused a serious strain on their budget. Because of our relationship with the Preserve we desired to help. We will accept your financial offerings and forward them to the Preserve.

Every December our group holds its own election of board members to serve on our executive committee. You will also note that we wish to change our bylaws concerning the term length for our board members. We have 13 board positions and believe that electing 4 or 5 each year (with 3-year terms) is more manageable than 6 or 7 each year (with 2-year terms). Please cast your vote.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

- Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair
alawrenc@execpc.com

Hiking Companions: A Dream

by Julie Johnson

A wild bullet. A hunter's misplaced shot. An accident. She falls in prairie grasses. Final resting place. Everything soft: early evening, gray skies, no wind; birds are quiet. Smells of damp leaves and grasses come up from the ground.

A stray bullet - so there is no reason to go looking for her. She lives alone so no one will be waiting with dinner for her, no one listening for the key in the front door. Happening on a Friday after work, no one will wonder where she is until Monday. Not unusual for her to spend time alone, at home or out hiking.

It is a fox who finds her. He knows her from watching her hike along wood's edge, checking the river, in season the first pasque flowers, the first song of the white-throated sparrow, first snow, following tracks.

Without her knowing, he has walked with her often, just inside the woods, stopping when she stops to take a picture, watch a hawk, or catch a scent of woodsmoke, then continuing on with her, companions. He has watched her scan the wood's edge for him.

She would be satisfied with only a glimpse of his full red tail or his small fine face, but for her he is only a wish or hope. That is how for her, he is her company. And so it is natural that he would be the first to find her.

He sees her fall with the sound of the shot as he falls flat to the ground himself out of instinct for his own safety. The gray air absorbs the sound quickly, and then it is more quiet than it was before.

Ears turning for sound, looking from side to side, he trots low through the grasses to her. Her warmth is leaving her. Her life is gone. He noses and sniffs along the edges, sniffs her mouth and nose, her ears, hair, her mittens, sniffs the bottoms of her boots.

It's Saturday afternoon when a black lab off her leash suddenly darts off the path into the grasses. When she doesn't respond to the runner's whistle, he circles back to the dog.

The runner knows the woman is dead, kneels down, and is surprised by a warm place in the grass right along her side, about the size of a fox.

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Fall Outings

November 8

Rib Mountain, "towering" 780 feet above the surrounding countryside, is made of some of the oldest rock on earth. Set your hiking boots on top of some of this old quartzite. Meet at 10:30 in the parking lot near the A-frame for about an hour and a half hike. Steep sections. I recommend bringing hiking or ski poles. After lunch we'll go the Leigh Yawkey Museum in Wausau for the annual Birds in Art fine art exhibit. State park stickers required for Rib Mountain. Free-will donation for Museum. *Nancy Brown-Koeller 721-5431 (days), 722-2648 (eves), 715-524-2293 (weekends)*

November 15

Buckthorn removal at Bubolz. *Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419*

November 23

Road trip to Milwaukee Schlitz-Audubon Center. Come along to explore the newly opened (May 2003) learning center, on the shore of Lake Michigan. "Green" construction was a focus, and the building displays many examples such as passive solar and the use of recycled and recyclable materials. A guided tour is offered. Following this, we can explore the 7 miles of trail, (part of which follow the lake shore) and climb the 60 ft. observation tower. COST: admission: \$4; tour may be extra. Planned arrival time: 11 am. A supper stop on the way home is an option. **Deadline Nov 15**, so we can confirm the tour. *Maureen Birk 468-7252*

December 6

Buckthorn removal at Bubolz. *Sharon Duerkop 920-734-1419*

December 14

Join fellow snow enthusiasts for the first ski date of the year, or hike with us sad folks if there is no snow. Meet at the parking lot of Bubolz Nature Preserve at 9:00 am. We will ski or hike 6 to 8 miles on flat terrain. Bubolz Nature center is located 2 to 3 miles north of Appleton on County Highway A. We will take time to check out the cedar swamp which is quickly becoming an island of green space in an expanding suburban area. We will watch for winter birds that are unique to the area.

Penny Bernard Schaber 739-6041

December 27

Ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp. *Charlie Paine 739-1900*

January 3

Ski at High Cliff State Park, if snow permits. Meet at 10:30 in the parking lot at the top of the hill. Must have own skies, etc. Easy beginner trail to get the legs used to the snow. We'll look for dried weeds and wildlife. I always see a deer! *Jan Moldenhauer 231-3407*

January 9-11

Munising, Marquette Ski Trip. Dependable snow is what we want. That means the Lake Superior snow machine. Last year it snowed almost everyday in Munising! There are 6 or 7 places to ski in a 40 mile area, Skate or stride groomed and tracked. Great places to eat & stay. *Steve Meyer (920) 684-4174 meyerphoto@yahoo.com*

January 17

Our group helps maintain and build the Ice Age Trail in and near Hartman Creek State Park during the summer. We also enjoy the Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon each October. These trails can be enjoyed in the winter, too. Come skiing and see the trails in their winter costumes. Enjoy hot chocolate and light lunch provided by a camp stove afterwards. We may hike if snow is lacking. *Alan Lawrence 730-9515*

January 24

Come and ski a wonderful, hilly and exciting trail at Iola Winter Park Ski Area. The trails are groomed for skating and striding and range from intermediate to advanced. The glacier created this wonderful ski area. We will look for glacial features and find out how well we can ski

on hills. There is a warming hut with food. The ski area is located north of Iola on Highway M. Meet at the Citgo Station on the corner of Highways 96 and 45 about three miles west of Appleton at 9:00. We will plan to ski most of the day depending on weather. *Penny Bernard Schaber 739-6041*

January 30 - February 1

X-C Ski in the Ironwood MI and Hurley WI area. We'll visit ABR on Saturday. A family operated, full service touring (skate and classic) area located on over 500 acres of varied terrain along the Montral River - it has the most reliable snow in the area. Sunday options include the city of Montreal's charming trail with historical markers along the way or the Wolverine Trails at Big Powderhorn. If we have enough people registering early we can stay at a B&B that's the former Montreal Mining Company office also on the National Register of Historic places. Lofts and suites available at the B&B so lots of options for individuals, couples and families. Deposit of \$45 per person due by January 8 to hold your reservation (for lodging Friday and Saturday). *Nancy Brown-Koeller 721-5431 (days), 722-2648 (eves), 715 524-2293 (weekends)*

February 5 (Thursday)

Full Moon/Starlight ski-snowshoe. An annual event for several years. Each time the weather has been different: (snow, rain and gale-force winds). But if the ice is solid we give it a try. The weather may be unpredictable, but the fire and the chili will be HOT! Bring snowshoes or skis, dress for the weather, and meet at my house at 6 pm. We'll venture out on the Bay, under the (almost) full moon. (In case of clouds, flashlights or headlamps are helpful). Conditions permitting, we can explore the zebra muscle shell deposits that are forming dunes along the shore. A crackling fire and chili supper will warm us after. Call by Tues 2/4, so I know how much chili to make. \$3 for chili & "fixin's", BYOB. *Maureen Birk 3381 Nicolet Dr. Green Bay (Call for directions 468-7252)*

February 7

Take a snowshoe hike (if no snow, just a hike) on the Ice Age Trail around and through Hartman Creek State Park. Meet at the State Park at 10:00 AM, hike a couple of hours and find a hot lunch in town. *Carol Elvery 715-256-1266*

February 7

Ski the Kettle Moraines. Skate ski or stride on some of my favorite trails. Any skill level. See the effects of the last glacier. Several loops to choose from. Later on a Candlelight ski at Camp Sinawa, St. Nazianz. Warm food & drinks. *Steve Meyer (920) 684-4174 meyerphoto@yahoo.com*

February 8

This trail will challenge your skiing skills. Standing Rocks County Park, west of Amherst on Highway 10, is a unique combination of hills and elevated flat areas. There is a small downhill ski hill at the park that is not recommended for cross country skiing. There is a warming hut with food at the park. As we ski we will be looking at the unique topography and trying to decide how the glacier did its work. The ski area is located north of Iola on Highway M. Meet at the Citgo Station on the corner of Highways 96 and 45 about three miles west of Appleton at 9:00. We will plan to ski most of the day depending on the weather. *Penny Bernard Schaber 739-6041*

February 13-16 Fri-Sun (Mon)

Return to Cable-Hayward: Wisconsin's Ski Mecca. This year there will be snow! (I know, I said the same thing last year! But this year, there really will be!) It's a long drive, but the skiing is amazing! At least a dozen ski areas locally, with hundreds of kilometers of trail to explore. Striding and skating at a variety of skill levels. Choose the narrow, winding and wooded tracks at Rock Lake, or the wide and rolling Birkebeiner Trail. Bring your snowshoes. Local events can be fun: last year we watched the barstool races in Drummond. This is a 3-4 day trip, due to the distance. I will stay until Mon. Come for the whole 4 days or part early. COSTS: estimated \$35/night/person (depends on

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CALENDARS

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Mail this form, with check made out to FVSG, to:
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A portion of the proceeds from sale of these calendars goes to support the efforts of the Sierra Club to preserve and protect our environment



A customer searching for treasures at FVSG's first fundraising rummage sale.

A New Way to Recycle for FVSG

by Kelly Krupka

On September 20th not only did the FVSG help the environment by recycling unwanted goods but we made money in the process during FVSG's first ever fundraising rummage sale.

People from all over the area cleaned out their houses and garages to donate treasures for the event. Items varied from household plants and crafty nickknacks to backpacks and fish bowls. Surprisingly, the best-seller at the sale were Barbie® clothes. With all profits benefitting the club, we raised more than \$180. Not bad for selling unwanted junk! We also had our display board, newsletters, and brochures out for everyone to see. A few people were interested in what we do as a club. Perhaps we will see some new faces at the next meeting.

Thank you to everyone who donated their junk for the rummage sale. Also, thanks to the households who were willing to be "drop-off locations". A huge thanks to Penny & Dale and my parents, Gary & Sandy, for helping set-up, sell items, and take down the sale. The event wouldn't have been possible without you.

Trekkin'

with Dale

On July 13th Dale and Penny Schaber welcomed members of the Angeles Chapter and the Pasadena and the Crescenta Valley Groups to Wisconsin and to the John Muir Chapter.



The Sierra Club members from southern California were on an eight-day trip (Wisconsin Native Sons and Natural Wonders Trip) which highlighted the lives and the accomplishments of naturalist John Muir, architect Frank Lloyd Wright and wildlife biologist Aldo Leopold. During the trip locations were visited which played a significant part in each of Muir's, Wright's and Leopold's lives. These locations were strongly influenced by Wisconsin's natural heritage.

The following sites were featured during the trip: John Muir's boyhood homes at Ennis (a.k.a. Fountain) Lake and Hickory Hill Farms and other sites important in the early years of his life; Aldo Leopold's restored prairie and "shack" (made famous in his book Sand County Almanac; and Frank Lloyd Wright's home, architectural school, and his estate at Taliesin in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

During lunch at the Kingston House in Kingston, Wisconsin we presented the trip participants on behalf of the John Muir Chapter a map of Wisconsin, information on the Ice Age Trail, an Ice Age Trail Pin and the John Muir Chapter Pin.

Before lunch at the Kingston House we hiked with the trip participants around Ennis Lake which is located within John Muir Memorial Park in Marquette County. Muir Park was designated a Wisconsin State Natural Area in 1972. This natural area encompasses part of the boyhood home of John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club and the father of the National Park system.

Muir Park is located south of Montello, Wisconsin. From the intersection of Highway 22 and County Highway F on the south side of Montello, go south on F for 7.6 miles to the park entrance east of the road. A trail and boardwalk lead around Ennis Lake.

For more information about this natural area and others in Wisconsin, see Wisconsin, naturally: A Guide to 150 Great State Natural Areas, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2003. This book was published to mark the 50th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Natural Areas Program. "It contains brief descriptions, maps, and location information for 150 of Wisconsin's 387 State Natural Areas." (Wisconsin, naturally, p.3).

Copies of this book may be ordered from the Bureau of Endangered Resources. Contact the Bureau at 1-608-266-7012.

Dear Sierra Club Members,

I was so honored to receive your Environmental Award for 2003. I have always felt your organization is one of the finest in the state. Kathy and I have discussed it and we have decided to donate half the award money to environmental organizations and have fun with the other half. Keep fighting the good fight, you are a tremendous organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Frisk".

Charles Frisk

Ice Age Trail Exhibit Moved

by Dale Schaber

In May of this year the Ice Age Trail Exhibit was moved from the Bay Beach Nature Center in Green Bay to the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve in Appleton. Members of FVSG had constructed the exhibit in the fall of 1986.

The next time you visit Bubolz take a moment to look at the exhibit found in the central area of the nature center. You will see a map of the Ice Age Trail, a short history of the development of the Trail and photographs of members of Fox Valley Sierra Group working on segments of the Trail in Northeastern Wisconsin.

I want to thank Mike Brandel, Executive Director of the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, for allowing us to have the Ice Age Trail Exhibit at the Preserve. I also want to thank Penny Bernard Schaber and Maureen Birk for working with me to move the exhibit from Green Bay to Appleton.



Dueling Drills. Maureen & Penny fight for the honor to assemble the display.

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how many sign up). Trail fees, food, etc. are extra. Some shared meals, some on your own. Trip fee \$2.50. **Deadline Jan 25** 1 night deposit and trip fee due at sign-up. *Maureen Birk 3381 Nicolet Dr Green Bay WI 54311. 468-7252* * Note: We will ski somewhere this weekend; location will change if needed.

February 22

Our group helps maintain and build the Ice Age Trail in and near Hartman Creek State Park during the summer. We also enjoy the Ice Age Trail Hike-A-Thon each October. These trails can be enjoyed in the winter, too. Come skiing and see the trails in their winter costumes. Enjoy hot chocolate and light lunch provided by a camp stove afterwards. We may hike if snow is lacking. *Alan Lawrence 730-9515*

February 27-29

The "Boulder Junction" X-C SKI Trip . A great trip, a FVSG classic. From a comfortable motel (with whirlpool) in a comfortable little town, we travel short distances to especially beautiful trails (e.g. Razorback and Escanaba Lake). Trails available for classic and skating styles. Nearby Winter Park, just west of Woodruff, also has rentals and lessons. Great food on this trip also. Walk to the café next door for a hearty breakfast and then walk to the renown Guide's Inn for dinner on Saturday night. We'll continue the wine and Union Star cheese tasting, too. Sally Peck will be in charge of political correctness at the wine tasting. (Don't forget your swim suit and skis!) Deposit of \$45 per person due Feb. 12 to hold your reservation (for lodging Friday and Saturday). *Nancy Brown-Koeller 721-5431 (days), 722-2648 (eves), 715 524-2293 (weekends)*

Times and meeting locations of Outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form.

Rails to Trails Bike Trail Opportunity

by Rich Krieg

Recently, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources acquired approximately 35 miles of abandoned railroad right-of-way between the communities of White Lake and Crandon. The acquisition is part of the ongoing "Rails to Trails" program. The former rail route begins in White Lake and heads north across the Wolf River. It then continues north near the western edge of the Nicolet National Forest and ends in Crandon. Needless to say, the route runs through very beautiful and mostly undeveloped terrain.

Although the DNR is responsible for the property acquisition, the ultimate use of this trail will be determined at the county level.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE MOST, IF NOT ALL OF THIS TRAIL DESIGNATED AS NON-MOTORIZED, YOU NEED TO SPEAK OUT!!

The affected counties are Langlade and Forest. To comment on this issue, and/or acquire public hearing dates, contact the following county officials.

For Langlade County contact:
Steve Jackson 715-627-6300 sjackson@co.langlade.wi.us

For Forest County contact:
Dave Ziolkowski 715-478-3475 dzforestco@ez-net.com

This is a rare opportunity. Let these county officials know how you feel this trail should be used. Do you prefer quiet, non-motorized use of this trail or the noise, dust, and fumes of ATV traffic?

Work on Turner Property Purchase in Waupaca Cty

On June 14th and July 12th members of the FVSG worked on a newly rerouted segment of the Ice Age Trail located south of Hwy 54 and north of Hartman Creek State Park.

In 2002 the State of Wisconsin acquired 28 acres from the Turner family in Waupaca County. The family operates the Turner's Farm Market. The Market is located north of Hartman Creek State Park on Hwy 54. For many years the Turner family has allowed access for the Ice Age Trail along part of their property.

On June 14th we started to clean up the trash from an old dump site found on the purchased land. On July 12th we cleared the new route for the Trail. It is now marked with yellow blazes and is ready for your use.

Thanks to the following Fox Valley Sierra Group members for their help on the Trail: Bruce Weideman, Alan Lawrence, Diana Lawrence, Jennifer Reschke, Maureen Birk, Mike Kirk, and Penny Bernard Schaber.

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Yes, I want to join the Club! If I join now, I'll get a **FREE** Member Weekender Bag!

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Name: Alan Lawrence

Place of Residence: Appleton, WI

Membership Information: I grew up in a family that always enjoyed the outdoors. Four years ago I joined the Sierra Club and soon became one of its leaders. I currently serve as Chairperson of our group, and webmaster for our website. I am an active participant in most of our activities.

Occupation: Computer Programmer/Analyst

Background in Sierra Club activity:

4 years webmaster.

3 years secretary of the ExCom.

1 year Chairperson of the ExCom.

4+ years member.

What are your goals for the Fox Valley Sierra Group? I am pleased that our Group has nearly 1500 members. I hope to encourage more of our members to become active with our programs, outings, projects, or letter-writing campaigns.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why?

Nearly any issue of environmental impact is of interest to me. I especially enjoy the hands-on activities like Ice Age Trail work and our service projects at Bubolz Nature Preserve. But I also write letters and send email. Service projects usually are fun, but letters and organization are also important.

Contact Information:

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730-9515 alawrenc@execpc.com

Name: Diane Mandler

Place of Residence: Little Chute, WI

Membership Information: I have been a member since 1981 and a member of the board since 1998.

Occupation: Social worker

Background in Sierra Club activity: I have handled the Groups

What are your goals for the FoxValley Sierra Group? My goal is to draw more participation for trips and work parties from young people.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why? I am interested in any issue relating to water.

Contact Information:

1845 Wisconsin St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

231-3407 moldenhauer@hotmail.com

Name: Jerry Sonnleitner

Place of Residence: Green Lake, Wisconsin

Membership Information: Member since 1982

Occupation: Retired mathematics teacher; current observer of the human condition.

Background in Sierra Club activity: Dues paying, magazine reading member since 1982, who now wishes to upgrade to an active member.

What are your goals for the Fox Valley Sierra Group? First, become better informed about the existing goals for the Group before suggesting further objectives. However, additional promotion of the Group's image as a positive force for the environment in the community and increased active participation by additional current members would seem to be desirable aims.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why?

Population growth because of the almost universal negative effects on the ecosystem. Possible privatization of the National Park system with accompanying detrimental consequences associated with the "business to the lowest bidder" mentality. The current (and proposed) national energy policies which do little for promoting conservation and increasing the use of renewable resources.

Contact Information:

W1193 Mary Street, Green Lake, WI 54941

920-294-3597 jsonnie@dotnet.com

Name: Maureen Birk

The Fox Valley Group is running it's annual Executive Committee Election. Six people have agreed to run for this election. Please read their Candidate Statements and vote with the ballot provided. The ballot contains a question referring to a request to change the Group bylaws. The Executive Committee has approved a change from a two-year term of office to a three-year term of office. The Chapter Executive Committee has approved the change as requested. For the change to be completed a vote of the general membership is required. Please be sure to vote in both sections of the ballot.

2003 Executive Committee Ballot

Bylaw revision request. Please vote yes or no to the following question: The Fox Valley Sierra Group would like to change the Executive Committee term of office from two years to three years. Do you approve of this change? ____ yes ____ no

Please vote for six positions. Refer to the accompanying article for information on each candidate. Individual spaces are provided for joint members.

	Member 1	Member 2		Member 1	Member 2
Maureen Birk	_____	_____	Nancy Graham	_____	_____
Alan Lawrence	_____	_____	Diane Mandler	_____	_____
Jan Moldenhauer	_____	_____	Jerry Sonnleitner	_____	_____
Write-in Candidate	_____	_____	Write-in Candidate	_____	_____

Vote for 6 positions and for the bylaw change question. Return the completed ballot to: Penny Bernard Schaber, 815 E. Washington St. Appleton, WI 54911

Deadline for voting is December 15, 2003

membership and fundraising activities since 1998. I have helped with Earth Day activities, Romp in the Swamp, and buckthorn removal.

What are your goals for the Fox Valley Sierra Group?

1. For the Fox Valley Sierra Group to continue to be the strongest and most visible environmental group in the Fox Valley area.

2. For the Fox Valley Sierra Group to serve as a source of information/education to the community regarding environmental concerns and needed actions to deal with these concerns.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why?

Water Use Issues: Wisconsin is rich in water resources and as a result of this there is continued pressure to tap into these resources. Legislation is needed to protect one of our most important resources from assaults.

Contact Information:

1801 W. Main St., Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-0612 jcsdms@earthlink.net

Name: Jan Moldenhauer

Place of Residence: Oshkosh, WI

Membership Information: about 12 years or more

Occupation: Retired Physical Education Professor, UW Oshkosh

Background in Sierra Club activity: I am an active buckthorn terminator, trip leader, trail worker and Program Chair of the Group Executive Committee.

Place of Residence: Green Bay, WI

Membership Information: Member since 1982

Occupation: Physical Therapist

Background in Sierra Club activity: I have been active in the local group throughout my membership: participating in and leading outings, working on service projects (Ice Age Trail, at Ridges Preserve, in Nicolet Nat'l Forest). I have served several terms on the Executive Committee, most recently as program chair from 1992-1999.

What are your goals for the Fox Valley Sierra Group? I would like to be able to find a way to get more of our large and diverse membership active in the group functions. We need to keep our outings program strong: it is an extremely effective way to develop people's appreciation of our environment, leading to a willingness to work to protect it. In this same vein, I believe that we need to be a clear voice for environmental protection (local and national) in the upcoming election year.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why? I have for years been following the Fox River and Bay clean-up issues. I live on my family's homestead on the east Bay shore, at the "end of the pipe" for everything that comes down the river. There have been improvements over the years, but the need for effective and prompt clean up remains urgent.

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(Executive Committee Nominees cont.)

Name: Nancy Graham

Place of Residence: Appleton, WI

Membership Information: Member since 1988

Occupation: Retired elementary School Teacher

Background in Sierra Club activity: I have attended many Sierra Group monthly meetings, some outings, worked on the Ice Age Trail, and attended three state annual meetings.

What are your goals for the Fox Valley Sierra Group? Assist in the continuance of an active Fox Valley Sierra Group which has educational and interesting meetings, great outdoor activities and actively works to protect the environment.

What conservation issue have you followed recently and why? I am concerned that Wisconsin does not have laws to protect our underground water. I am concerned that the current President wants to privatize the jobs of the National Park Service. I am concerned that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will not be protected from oil drilling. I am concerned about many more state and national issues that may endanger our earth.

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