

# Delaware Sierra News

A Sierra Club Newsletter about Environmental Matters Important to Delaware

January/February 2003

## Conservation Updates

### Hot Hearing on Assawoman Canal Dredging

The Assawoman Canal Hearing held on November 13th was one that probably will not be forgotten for a while. Bethany Fire Hall was standing room only as community members and Chapter representatives gathered to comment on the proposed dredging permit. The seven or so Sierrans commenting during the hearing were left with no doubt that they were in a minority.

Interestingly, few of the people testifying in unqualified support of the permit had much to say beyond their perceived need for the dredging sharing stories how it would improve water quality, etc.

The Chapter went prepared with testimony from experts as well as commentary gleaned from long hours of research. The five minute testimony per person allowed only superficial coverage of the many topics we wished to bring to the hearing officers' attention. The Chapter enlisted the expertise of a hydrologist to review the permit in relation to the water flow within the canal; his findings concluded there would be *little to no* refreshing or exchange of water between the two Inland Bays. A letter from an economist stated there was no economic justification for the project in the permit application as is required by the Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Regulations. Essential Fish Habitat that the Canal provides for summer flounder, the prospect of erosion and the lack of finances

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## November Fund Raiser a Good Time for All



Partygoers line up for autographs from the evening's speaker, MaryAnn Karinch, a 1995 Eco-Challenge participant. Special thanks to the supporters of **Sierra Delaware's Wild Places, Cool Spaces** evening at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. *More details and photos on page 3.*

## Are WE Abandoning Democracy?

**"The only losers in the last election are the 60% who didn't vote".**

Quote from December 1, 2002 *Progressive Populist*,  
by Jim Hightower

**Of the 39% of American voters who did cast ballots, only 18% of these determined the Republican victory (now called a mandate) – because the real majority of votes cast were spread among Democrats, Greens, Libertarians, and other candidates".**

Paraphrased from December 15, 2002  
*Progressive Populist*, by Jim Hightower

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## Letter from the Chair

by Matt Urban

As I write this article the holidays are fast approaching, and it's a time to be thankful. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful and committed group of people. And that's not just the activists of the chapter, I'm really speaking of all of you that continue to show your support for the environment of our state (and our world) through your membership with Sierra Club. Particularly in light of what's going on in the world, it gives hope to know that we are all working together, in whatever way we can, to make a positive difference in the world.

In particular, a special thanks goes out to all that attended our second annual fall fundraising event at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. Although attendance was down from last year's event and we were not as financially successful as 2001, it was a truly wonderful evening. Just over 100 attended the event, and enjoyed cruising the art galleries, feasting on our absolutely wonderful catered hors d'oeuvres, and listening to the "Gypsy Jazz" music of Counterpoint. Businesses and individuals donated around 40 items for the silent auction. Our guest speaker, Maryann Karinch, captivated the nearly packed auditorium with adventure photos and tales of extreme athletes.

Thanks are also due to those that made the event happen. Our entire fundraising committee put a lot of effort into making the event come together, and a number of

chapter members came forth to help support and staff during the evening. Special mention must be made of Shiray Shipley (our chapter coordinator). Without her dedication and hard work this event would simply have not taken place. Finally, big thanks to some of our key supporters - *Out & About Magazine* (who donated a number of items for the auction and helped to advertise the event), and John Harvard's Brew House (who was kind enough to contribute beer to the event from a last minute request). And there are many others, too many to name here, but you know who you are!

As 2003 begins, we have some changes within our chapter. Our Excom will be changing, and we will have some new faces. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the election results. Also, we are very pleased to announce that we have a new Outings chair for 2003. Phil Shuman has graciously accepted the position, and although he's following in some big footsteps where Dan Soeder left off, we're sure Phil will set up some excellent outings in the future and keep our outings program rolling along.

Finally, be sure to check out some of the fun events we have coming up in early 2003. On Thursday, February 6, we'll be holding the second annual "Music Never Stopped" fundraising event at Kelly's Logan House in Wilmington (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). And we'll soon be gearing up for our first general membership meeting, to be held sometime in the spring - look for details in an upcoming newsletter.

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## Wild Places Cool Spaces *continued from page 1*

A very special thank you to those who took the opportunity to become a **Wild Places Sponsor** by submitting a donation directly to the Chapter. Donations made by the Wild Place Sponsors go directly to the Chapter for use in conservation initiatives. This donated money was not used to offset any of the costs for the event.

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### **SIERRA CLUB SOCIALS** Wilmington socials

January 16th

February 20th

Kelly's Logan House, Trolley Square  
Wilmington, DE, 6-9 p.m.

contact: Matt@mobius.com

### Dover Socials

January 9th

February 6th

Smithers downtown Dover, DE

6:30p.m. - ??

### **Saturday, January 25th**

**Late/early Christmas party** for all club members/spouses etc. at Ron Zink's (28 Winged Foot Rd., Dover). Bring your own drinks and a finger food to share. There will not be a sit down dinner. Just food/drink/and good conservation. Starts at 6:30 p.m. RSVP Ron 302-735-8996 or Debbie at 302-378-8501.

.....and for the winter doldrums

### **Come join us for the SECOND annual "The Music Never Stopped"**

An evening of collaborative musical improvisation

**Thursday, February 6th, 2003**

**At Kelly's Logan House, Wilmington, DE**

**Starting at approximately 9:30 p.m.**

A 3+ hour non-stop collaborative musical excursion featuring multiple bands and musicians. It will be an evening filled with excellent musicianship, improvisation, and surprising results.

Tickets are \$10, and are available in advance from our chapter office (302) 425-4911, or at the door the night of the event. For questions regarding the event, or for information on how you can participate, call Matt Urban at (302) 521-4495.

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## A Look Forward From the Conservation Chair

by Debbie Heaton

Well it is acting like winter out there. We have even had some snow. Are you ready to spend the next couple months indoors? Do you find yourself dreaming in anticipation of being able to work the soil in your garden and spend time in the leafy green outdoors?

I find that I am not quite ready for the cold and the prospect of spring is a long time away. So besides warming myself up with a hot cup of tea I enjoy planning for the coming growing year. However, I am not really sure what to expect in 2003.

2002 was a dry year. We saw fewer butterflies and hummingbirds than previous years, my tomatoes were small though tasty, and many of the bushes and trees in my garden quietly suffered through another dry year. Many of the plantings are nine to ten years old and have probably resigned themselves to a dry climate. The challenge I find is to balance how much I irrigate versus conserve water. As I look through the plant catalogs I will be looking into more native plants, but I will also be planning how to put my new rain barrel to the test. It was installed last August, during the drought, so we only saw it full shortly before the first frost. Next year I am counting on it as a primary source for garden and tree water.

I was lucky to be able to participate in the Christina Basin Rain Barrel Program. The rain barrel is 34 inches tall and 22 inches in diameter and holds 50 gallons. I was able to alter the downspout off the back of my house to accommodate water collection in the barrel and added a short hose to one of the three spigots to make distribution to my watering can easier. With water becoming an increasing concern – and it will probably be again next year – the rain barrel offers an alternative to meeting water demand and reducing my water bill.\*

Delaware will be facing this drought situation again. It may be as soon as this spring, or if the winter is kind with lots of snow, we may be able to put off solving the problem of how to meet water demands during times of drought for a couple more years. But the fact is that we need to address the problem and the sooner we do it, the sooner and cheaper it will be solved.

Other problems that we are facing that a hot cup of tea and a plant catalogue can't make go away are the prospect of wholesale environmental regulation roll back that are imminent over the next two years with the Bush administration. Recent softening of the Clean Air act with the expectation of voluntary measures to clean up the air from dirty mid-western power plants, the prospect of attacks on the Clean Water Act, and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge because we don't have a forward looking energy policy are only

some of the problems looming.

It all boils down to accountability. The political world has moved beyond the voter to the boardroom. Corporations are the ones that many politicians now feel accountable to. We can sit and watch or we can work to take the power back and hold our elected and appointed officials accountable. We are all be part of the solution. The first step is to communicate. Not through the internet but through the old-fashioned method of the handwritten letter and phone call...personal contact. Take a few minutes each week to write or call one of your elected officials or agency heads to share your expertise and/or thoughts. Be concise. Make it personal. Ask for a reply requesting to know the official's position on your concern and their intended actions. Save your letters, the responses and if possible track their votes on those issues. (check out the weekly congressional vote tally in the Sunday paper.) Does this sound like too much work? If so, then choose one issue and stick with it over the coming months. Make your feelings known to your representatives in both state and federal government and keep up the correspondence. Support their good votes and call them to task over bad votes, but keep with it. If you and I can do this and we ask others to do this think about the impact we can have! The second step will come later in November 2004 when we go to the polls!

It is time to get into gear. By investing at least 15 minutes a week and a couple stamps you have the opportunity to drive change and protect the environment. I hope you will join with me on this communication campaign and invite others to join you.

Stay warm, and enjoy the respite that snowy days and a hot cup of tea are able to offer until spring comes!

\* If you would like a rain barrel similar to the ones used in the Christina Basin Rain Barrel Program contact [rainbarrelsandmore.com](http://rainbarrelsandmore.com). The barrels cost about \$50-60 and they can be shipped via UPS. Tell them that the Delaware Water Resources Agency sent you! Rain barrels are also available through other garden supply companies.

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### *Preserve the Future*

**N**ot everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

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or e-mail: [planned.giving@sierraclub.org](mailto:planned.giving@sierraclub.org)

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**Conservation Updates:** *continued from page 1*

for the project and any enforcement were also brought forward. Our thanks to Steve and Sallie Callanen, Debbie Heaton, Rich Anthony, Jim Stuhltrager of the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Law Center and Widener Law student Shanna McCann for their work preparing for and testifying at the hearing. Additional thanks to our friends and other chapter members who attended and gave us moral support. Now we wait for the hearing officers report and the Secretary's decision to be made public.

**Follow-up on the Assawoman Hearing...**

The Sierra Club requested that its petition containing approximately 200 signatures in opposition to the dredging project be placed in the public record; however, the Hearing Officer refused to accept the petition. *After the first of the New Year this petition will be delivered by Sierra Club directly to the Governor's office.*

The Sierra Club also requested the Hearing Officer to recommend that the new DNREC Secretary, John A. Hughes, recuse himself from any involvement in the decision making process for dredging approval. This move was necessary because Mr. Hughes has worked for over ten years to promote dredging of the Assawoman Canal, and has demonstrated an obvious prejudice in favor of the project,

**The Groin and erosion at Cape Henlopen State Park**

The North Shores Groin hearing was held shortly before Thanksgiving in Rehoboth Beach. Steve Callanen, the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Law Center, and a coastal erosion expert testified on behalf of the Sierra Club. Changes in the shape of the badly eroding shoreline of Cape Henlopen State Park, north of the North Shores groin, were effectively illustrated through the use of a series of aerial photographs that clearly showed the wide CHSP beach prior to construction of the North Shores groin and the accelerating downdrift erosion in subsequent years. The News Journal picked up on the challenge of protecting homes at the expense of losing state parkland in its reporting of the hearing. The Chapter is seeking to have a panel of coastal erosion experts make recommendations to DNREC on how to best modify the existing Henlopen Acres, North Shores, and Gordons Pond groins to minimize future erosion of both the private and state park beaches. Groins (commonly called jetties) are wooden or stone structures constructed perpendicular to the shoreline for the purpose of trapping sand.

**Upcoming Hearings/Expertise needed**

Lots of permits are coming up for review recently. Indian River and Conectiv power plant applications will be brought to workshop on December 12th at DNREC in Dover. Their formal hearings will be on the 17th for Conectiv and the 19th for Indian River. Motiva is applying for permits to detail the operation of already installed boilers after their recent malfunction. They have also sent in an application to update their National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit...this outlines how much pollution they can legally dump into the Delaware River and its tributaries. Do you have a special expertise that you would like to share with chapter volunteers as we seek to get solid comments in on these and other permits? If so, please contact Al Denio at 302-455-0389.

**Any money for the environment in 2004?**

The state budgeting process is starting up again for 2004. Initial presentations have been made to the Budget Office by the many state departments during November. When the General Assembly comes back in January the budget will be their major focus. Part of their challenge will be to balance the budget but still protect the environment and meet the challenges that Metachem and other industries have left behind. (If you guessed that we focus only on the parts of the budget that effect the environment you would be correct!)

**Say thank you for the cleaner air in restaurants**

The Indoor Air Pollution bill that passed during the last session will come under attack when the next session begins. Seems that the 24% who smoke are considered the mainstay of many bars and restaurants in Delaware. Smoke-free time started November 27 and I am guessing that some of you are enjoying the new found freedom in having wider options of places to enjoy friendly company and food. Next time you visit a place that has gone smoke-free take a minute to thank the manager. They need to hear from the other 76%!

**Protecting a productive fish habitat  
(together positive things can happen.....)**

Work by Mike D'Amico and chapter activists has served to protect Hen and Chicken Shoals, off the coast of Cape Henlopen State Park, from being used as a source of sand for U.S. Army Corps beach replenishment projects. Banding together with local fishers the Club sought to protect his area because it is a prime fishing area and provides ideal habitat for many species of fish. Destroying it to provide beach sand when other areas were available would have unduly harmed local recreational and commercial fishing.



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

# OUTINGS

Please contact leader listed to register participation. Hikes are labeled for their difficulty [strenuous=S; moderate =M; low=L] and education (E) and conservation [C] content.

## TERRI TREKS

Terri Tipping, leader

### Sunday January 19th White Clay Creek State Park -

Judge Morris property and Middle Run Nature Preserve We will hike from the Judge Morris Estate property to Middle Run and back for a nice moderate hike of approximately 8 miles. The hike will take approximately 3 hours. Additional hiking available at Judge Morris property (4 miles). Meet at 10am at Judge Morris section of White Clay Creek State Park, on Polly Drummond Hill Road (north side of Kirkwood Highway). No Park entrance fee at this time of year. Bring water and a snack. L to M; E; C.

### Sunday February 2nd, White Clay Creek State Park

We will hike a couple loop trails for a total of approximately 7 miles. There are many trails to choose from, so we can hike further if the group desires. The 7 mile hike will take approximately 2.5 - 3 hours. Meet by 10am at the Nature Center off Hopkins Road (between 896 and Thompson Station Road in Newark). No Park entrance fee at this time of year. Bring water and snack. L to M; E; C

**Saturday March 8th** -- Joint hike with the Wilmington Trail Club. Details will follow in the March newsletter. Hike will be approximately 15 miles. Mark you calendars now!

## From the New Membership Chairman

by Eric Vanim-Botting

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. For the past several months I have been the new Membership Chair here in the Delaware Chapter. I was first introduced to the DE Chapter a few years ago by Matt Urban, our Executive Committee chair. It was as simple as Matt asking me if I wanted to come along on an early spring kayaking trip down in the Big Cypress Swamp. It sounded like just the thing to shake off the winter cobwebs. Not only did I have a great time, I also learned a lot about the natural resources that DE has to offer. I grew up in the mountains of northern New England and have spent the better part of the last 10 years living up and down the east coast. I have lived in the Philadelphia suburbs since 1997, and truth be told, I didn't believe that a place like the Big Cypress Swamp could possibly exist within a short drive of my home. To be perfectly honest, before I paddled my way through that beautiful patch of swamp, I thought that the entire northeast corridor was a complete loss in terms of natural beauty. Matt and the rest of the friends that I have made since have really shown me the errors in my thinking, and for that I am truly grateful.

I first began working with the Sierra Club in summer 1994. I was living in Atlanta soon after I finished college and answered an ad in the *Journal Constitution* for a paid position as an environmental activist. I thought, "Now, that sounds like a good idea." It was and it wasn't. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I also worked 70 hours a week for about \$ 150 a week. We took to calling it "subsidized volunteer work". It was also an opportunity to make a contribution to humanity and the environment. I spoke to thousands of people over that year about the impending environmental horrors Newt Gingrich's 105th Congress was planning and was able to sign hundreds up as members of first, U.S. Public Interest Research Group and then the Sierra Club. It was on those nights when I was sitting there on a curb under a street lamp reading *Sierra Magazine* that I came to know the Club and what it's particular brand of environmentalism is was all about. What I learned from talking to all those residents of the Atlanta suburbs was that most people want to do their part when it comes to the environment. They just really need a clear authoritative message telling them what their part really is if we are going to develop a sustainable relationship with our environment. Some people joined, most people didn't, but most of them knew a little more or had their views challenged enough for them to take a second look. I would certainly recommend that any college students that don't already have something to do this summer take a look at a summer canvas near you.

One of the other things that I learned on the canvas was that what really drives the power of these environmental organizations is membership. In order for the Sierra Club to effectively compete with the lobbyists of huge corporations and special interests in Washington, we need many active members. So, thank you. If you are reading this, chances are you are a member of the Sierra Club. It's your membership that allows the Sierra Club to do the work that needs to be done.

I am going to be working with the Executive Committee and the committee chairs over the next couple months to put together a general membership meeting for our members in March 2003. It will be an opportunity to come out and meet other members, learn how you can participate in chapter activities, meet the folks who lead outings and head up committees, and give your feedback.

We are also currently drawing up a membership survey for the spring. Please look for it in the March newsletter. Your answers on this questionnaire will help to shape how we run the Chapter in the next year. We are looking at how we can customize communications so that you are getting information on the things that are most important to you.

If you have suggestions or if you would like to become active on the membership committee, please email me at [eric@pfiresearch.com](mailto:eric@pfiresearch.com). I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and sharing ideas about what our share should be.

Also, remember, the reason I got involved was because Matt asked me to get involved. If you have a neighbor, friend or a coworker who's not a member, but you think might be interested in getting involved with the Sierra Club, it won't hurt to ask. Invite them to the membership meeting in March. You never know. They might just say yes.

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### **Tax Shelter on Wheels**

*The Journal News*, By Greg Clary  
(Westchester, Rockland and Pullam County,  
NY) 12/16/02

Hybrid car owners will have something to smile about come tax time. While most consumers say they didn't buy because of it, the IRS currently allows a \$2,000 tax credit on hybrid car purchases. Some states have even upped the ante; New York Gov. George Pataki, for example, signed a bill Sept. 24 that allows a \$3,000 tax credit for buying a hybrid vehicle, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2000.

### **Supreme Court Protects Wetlands and Streams**

By David Willett, 202-675-6698  
Washington, DC -- 12/16/02-

The Sierra Club welcomed today's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court as an important step in holding companies responsible for their impacts on clean water. The Court affirmed a lower court's ruling that agricultural operations that destroyed wetlands and streams on a California ranch required a Clean Water Act permit.

"Today's ruling by the Supreme Court is a victory for clean water," said Ed Hopkins, Director of Sierra Club's Environmental Quality program. "Polluters wanted to create a huge loophole in the nation's protections of wetlands and streams, and the Supreme Court said 'no'."

Agricultural industry groups, joined by mining, roadbuilding, homebuilding and other industry groups, had sought a Supreme Court determination that wet-

lands and stream-destroying activities could be done at will. The Sierra Club joined with several other national environmental groups in filing a brief on behalf of the government's claim that the destructive activity required a permit.

### **Poultry on Antibiotics: Hazards to Human Health**

The Sierra Club and the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) have issued the first report to examine the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in brand-name poultry products. The report finds that many consumers are ingesting bacteria resistant to important human antibiotics like ciprofloxacin (Cipro), Synecid, and tetracycline.

Today, factory farms are putting the health of our families at risk. The use of antibiotics in food animals that are not sick causes an increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria. This means that the medicines we rely on for human health may not be as effective when you or your family get sick. To find out more about this growing problem and what you can do to protect yourself and your family, see the videos below.

Consumers have a choice. You can demand meats from farmers who don't abuse our medicines. Do your part to keep our antibiotics working today. Visit the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy's Eat Well Guide at [www.iatp.org/EatWell](http://www.iatp.org/EatWell) for a state-by-state listing of meat and poultry producers using no antibiotics or no routine antibiotics, in addition to restaurants and other places to buy these products.

**Wilderness First Aid:** An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted April 12-13 in Newark, DE. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$140. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905, email [chris@wfa.net](mailto:chris@wfa.net), or visit <http://wfa.net>.  
DATES AND PLACES: Feb. 1-2: Alexandria, VA; Feb. 1-2: Phila., PA; April 12-13: Newark, DE; April 26-27: Phila., PA; June 7-8: Phila., PA. *Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards for 60 minutes or more from definitive medical treatment.*

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## Meetings and Workshops

All Delaware Chapter and Southern Delaware Group members are invited to attend these Executive Committee Meetings. The call for agenda goes out prior to each meeting to those who have indicated an interest in attending.

### Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 14 7:00 p.m.

### Conservation Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30p.m.

Both of these meetings will be held in the library of the Wesley Methodist Church (main church building, ground floor) at 209 South State Street in Dover. Please note that this is a change from the previous meeting location.

## First Annual Delaware Tributary Action Team Conference

Saturday, March 8

Virden Center, University of Delaware

Graduate College of Marine Studies, Lewes, DE

For more information: contact Kathy Bunting-Howarth at DNREC (302) 739-4590

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