

# BOOTPRINTS

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**Newport Mansion**  
*(photo by AnnMari Visconti)*

## Al Goodhinds' Mansion Tour and Cliff Walk!

*By Gary Dolgoff*

The Club attendees were meeting at this windswept, beach parking lot in Newport, Rhode Island. About 17 of us attended. When we met, the weather was the definition of 'cold and clammy'; freezing, and very cloudy.

After the tour thru the mansion where ladies and gentlemen in late 19th century outfits greeted us in various rooms of this mansion; in one of them, Al asked a 'period lady', what she did for vacation. She looked upon him with Mock Aghast, and declared (in her well-done

English accent), 'Vacation, from what? I don't work!!'

The tour ended with a ballroom dance, accompanied by live, well-played music. With many of these dances, the 'Lords and Ladies' asked guests to dance with them. The author 'lept to the occasion' each time a lady requested a dancing partner. Other Clubbies were cajoled (sometimes by fellow members), and did the same, for a couple of dances.

We came outside after the tour, and- lo and behold!- the weather was mostly sunny, and about 15 (delightful) degrees warmer! The cliff walk, was nothing short of, 'totally awesome & wonderful'; I never expected it, to be- as good as it was. The coastline was very natural; rocky, with the waves pounding the cliffs; it sorta reminded me, of the coastline of the (better parts of) California!

Much of the walk was over large rocks; the negotiating required some patience from some of our members, who had to 'take it slow'; but, as always, they had plenty of company, as the PVHC is truly- 'an all-for-one' group! Sometimes, the water would splash up 30 or 40 feet, almost reaching the top of the cliffs, on which we walked; unforgettable!

Later on, some of us stayed in town for a while; strolled around, and had dinner there. What is also nice, is when

different PVHCers get to 'hang out' with folks from the Club, that they haven't really hung out with before (as happened with some members that night)

Thanks to Al, for again leading a 'boss event'!

Gary Dolgoff

**New Bog-Bridge on the M-M** *(photo by Rob Schechtman)*

## Trail Maintenance

*By Harry Allen*





**New Bog-Bridge on the M-M** (photo by Rob Schechtman)

n November 18th I joined about 25 PVHC members to do trail maintenance. We met at 9 a.m. at Agawam Friendly's, and by about 9:30 we were at our destination-- Section 1 of the M&M trail. Our goal was to replace 80 feet of puncheon bridges in the bog. [Webster's defines puncheon as a heavy broad piece of roughly dressed timber with one side hewed flat or a large cask of varying capacity for beer wine etc. I think it's the first one.] Having the foresight to bring boots, I was fortunate to become part of the "mud crew". I worked with Ann Marie Visconti, Sue Ziff, and John Rothery dismantling old sagging sections and repositioning the railroad tie support sills. [We recently learned from a new member, who has hiked this area with the AMC, that this part was under water in the spring.] By about 11 a.m. the weather was becoming unseasonably warm, and we were operating like a seasoned crew. While one crew carried all the old rotted wood away from the trail, another group was assembling the bridge sections- ten, eight-foot sections in all. The new sections were designed to be built on dry land and to be carried in and installed. The design allows for each section to be lifted up if need be in the future to replace the R.R.

tie sills on which they are sitting. Rob Schechtman had surveyed the site, purchased necessary materials and pre-cut the crosspieces. This helped the job run smoothly.

While one crew was working on the bridges another group was busy preparing a delicious lunch, which was appreciated by all. The materials cost approximately \$275.00, which came from a grant, and the lunch supplies came from club funds.

Pat Fletcher, from the AMC, visited the site and was very impressed with our club's work and as a result has offered to fund the materials for the other eighty feet, which would complete the bridges. We will be scheduling another trail maintenance day in the spring so be sure to sign up early!

Harry Allen

## The Annual Club Holiday Party

The 'Best Of Times'!

by Gary Dolgoff

The Club Holiday Party, has always been a really good Club event; but, in the last couple of years, it has truly grown into an atmospheric, social gathering of the majority of our

members, with the advent of 1) The Pueblo- a place that is co-ordinated for us, by the good graces of Wayne Rodriguez, a club member; it has a nice, large fireplace; lots of 'wood within'; and, great lighting- not dark, but- 'with atmosphere'- ie, noy- 'glaring lights'!... 2) Thanks to suggestions from members, as well as a progressive leadership, we now have a DJ and dancing at the Party; indeed, we 'moved about' for hours- 'heavy on the dance floor', was our president, Rob Schechtman, among others- the Club dancers were everything from 'barefoot, gypsy style' (I know; I had the pleasure of a couple of dances with her, late in the evening)- to 'the kids of Clubbies', moving about the dance floor, sometimes in unison; we did the Macarena; the brave ones among us tried The Lindy ("a little lower, now! How low, can you go?")...

Before the dancing, was a dinner, featuring an incredible array of great food! The planning committee ordered Pasta Primavera, some great chicken dishes, and much more. Members brought 'much food': appetizers, desserts, etc. Featured in the dining area, was a picture of (our own) Norm, standing next to a (cutout) of Norm, from Cheers ('Norm & Norm')! [The pic was taken on a Boston Club outing, led by Marsha Kelly]

Then came awards for leadership, plus 'door prizes'.

Best of all, was that 'ol' Club comraderie'!

Gary Dolgoff

## First Night in Northampton

By Sue Carey

For the fourth consecutive year, Frank Kamlowksi has introduced a contingent of PVHC members to the awesome world of Northampton's Center for the Arts' First Night.

The ravenous revelers rendezvoused at Melino's, where they dined on an array of entrees and appetizers, sumptuously served promptly and piping hot. Of

particular enjoyment was Melino's oversized cup of full-bodied coffee.

First Night's twenty-one venues included the folk glitter of Judy Polan, the barbecue music of Trailer Park at Union Station and the improvisational antics of the Villa Jidiots.

The highlight of the evening was the annual appearance of the world-renowned Young at Heart chorus. From their tribute to George Harrison with "Here Comes the Sun", to "Staying Alive" and a medley of artists including Frank Sinatra, the talent of these geriatric performers brought the audience in the Academy of Music to its feet!

Meeting up with Gary Dolgoff's crew for a quick java jolt, the group snaked its way down Main Street. Basking in the tropical 25 degree temperature (much more comfortable than last year's 12 degrees!) the PVHC welcomed in 2002 with the boom of a canon, a spectacular fireworks display and the laser-sparked magnificence of the New Year's ball which slowly ASCENDED the rooftop of the Hotel Northampton as 2001 ebbed away. Thank you Frank for another fabulous First Night!

-Sue Carey

## The Christmas Revels

by John-Paul Boisvert

On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December seventeen members of the PVHC set off for Cambridge to see a performance of the Christmas Revels. At the Sanders Theater a group of talented actors presented the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Revels, this year transporting us back first to the Court of Henry VIII, then to that of his daughter, the charming Elizabeth I.

Transporting, however, proved to be a problem for those of us living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It was decided that one person should carry the tickets. Unfortunately she never turned up at the rendezvous spot. Bounty hunters set out in

search of her, finally locating her down the road. Although we got a late start we still arrived in Cambridge with plenty of time to dine, shop, and stroll around town.

The revels, celebrated at Hampton Court in the company of King Henry himself, sung with the sound of celebrations and the music of our voices. Music, dance and drama were all a part of the program. And fellowship was very much a part of our program. We all had a wonderful time, thanks in part to the hard work Marci Kelly put in arranging the whole affair. And a special much obliged to our intrepid bounty hunters, Diane Carey and her aid-de-camp, Gary Dolgoff

- John-Paul Boisvert

## First Night In Northampton With The Club (New Years' Eve)

by Gary Dolgoff

We met in two groups in 'Noho'; one with myself, and one with Frank Kamlowski. My group, we met at 3pm; at 5pm, we dined at Siam Square, a delicious, nice (but affordable) Middle Eastern restaurant (some 'featured goodies', are the veggie Pad Thai, and the

(mild, despite the name)- Volcano Chicken. The seafood dishes there, are also nice. The others met at 4:30, and enjoyed Mulino's restaurant (Italian!). [It is a marvel, that they have so many delicious, and varied restaurants - all in one town!

Of course, we came mainly for the many events in town on the 31st; for under \$20.00, you get a 'first night button'; each hour, from around 2pm till 11pm, there are 10 to 15+ interesting acts; comedy, improv, caberet, reggae, 'young at heart' chorus, the villa jidiots, Irish fiddle music- and much, much, much- more!

A little before midnight, over 20 of our group, gathered with each other, and with the biggish cluster of folks, awaiting the 'midnight hour'; then, the cannon- literally-boomed (the crowd gasped) - some fireworks occurred - and the (large, glowing) ball - went up! (at the Hotel Northampton).

Club members hugged each other, shook hands, wished each other Happy New Year- glad to see each other, on this 'night of nights'- and then, we left! (Some to go home, and some going first - to the local pizza place (I myself, had a slice that had a topping consisting mainly of chicken and tortellini).

Anyway- to everybody- HAPPY

### **Congratulations to our Year 2001 Recognition Award Recipients**

**Dick & Sue Forrest  
Mike Gross  
Dave Rotondo  
Gary Dolgoff**

During this years Holiday Party we awarded our most active Hike & Event Coordinators with a Recognition Award and \$25 Monetary Prize. To show our appreciation to the people who make the club great we started off by acknowledging the over 40+ Event Coordinators who volunteered their leadership over the past year. We than gave special recognition to our top three leaders for their contributions over the year. In additions, this year the Executive Board awarded a SPECIAL Recognition Award plaque and clock to Dick & Sue Forrest for their efforts on the clubs Web page and years of dedication as Hike Planning Coordinators. Thanks to all of you that volunteer your time to make this club the best in the area.

NEW YEAR.

Gary Dolgoff

## Dancing The Night Away....

By Shari Cox

If you weren't at the Pueblo December 8<sup>th</sup>, you missed a terrific time. It was the place for the club's annual holiday gathering.

This year, Rob Schechtman, Lisa Frigo, Carol Vanderheiden, Gary Dolgoff and I were on the holiday party committee. Thanks to the people that set this up last year. It made it easier to plan this year. We held it at the same place as last year and I think it is a perfect setting for the club. The Pueblo is on East Campus of Springfield College and is nestled in the woods. Inside, the Pueblo has a large fireplace which sets the mood for a nice cozy atmosphere.

We planned food, decorations, gifts, entertainment and it worked out pretty smoothly. We had about 110 members signed up to go with about 20 guests. Some people didn't make it and were missed.

The table was filled with appetizers when you walked in. The fire was going, the mantle and tables decorated and the people socializing. We had the main course catered by Frigo's Catering and the rest of the food was brought by everyone. If people went home hungry, it must be because they were watching their weight. We had plenty of food.

After dinner, Dick and Sue Forrest were presented a clock for all the years that they have been doing the hike planning meetings and for all of the work Dick did on getting our Website revamped. We then had the raffle for gifts. We had about 60 gifts, which included the centerpieces. Dave Rotondo also made a donation of gifts to the table.

Ann Marie Visconti presented the slide show. She had slide donations from Dick and Sue Forrest, Mike and Monica Gross, Rachel Bellenoit, and Karen Siemering, besides her own. Now you know why Ann Marie always

made us stop for pictures. She usually carried two cameras. One camera was for slides and the other for regular pictures. So next time she says she wants to take a picture, SMILE, because you face maybe in the next slide show.

After the slide show, we had Michael Mahan for our DJ. People must have enjoyed him because the dance was pretty full. I was even out there dancing. We danced the night away until about 11:00. The kids seem to have a good time and they were the winners of the limbo contest. I didn't feel as young as I use to be trying to get under that limbo stick.

Then it was time to go home. We left the warm cozy place to go out to a winter wonderland. It was so pretty. I think that has been our only snowstorm so far this winter. It was so pretty that after I got home at midnight, Laurie and I took a walk around my neighborhood. It was pretty to see the Christmas lights and snow. I was surprised to wake up to have about seven inches of snow. I was to lead a hike behind the visitor's center of the notch to the horse caves that morning. We had about six people, not too tired from the party, on the hike.

Thanks to Bryan G, Dave R and Laurie Dream Catcher for the help setting up, Ann Mundy, who brought her own apron, for doing dishes, and all the people who helped clean up. Also, thanks to all that came and made this party another successful club event. As Rob S said once, "God, I love this club!"

- Shari Cox

## A Reminder About Those Who Went Before Me

by Ed Sullivan

I recently pick-up a camping/hiking catalogue issued by a downtown Boston firm in 1926. It's always worth remembering, to me anyway, that in this day of synthetic, lightweight, and colorful bags, clothing and tents how far away we are from the heavy woolen clothing, canvas tents, and

knapsacks, knee high leather boots, cumbersome cooking gear and so much else that were the lot of early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The arrival of automobiles for a mass market by the early 1920s completely changed the nature of camping, opening up for both campers and hikers far off locations that one could only read, and maybe dream about earlier. This catalogue illustrates what to take with you, including some of the latest products in "KarKamping" (ugh!). A sampling: Canvas folding trunks adapted to fit on running boards; "autokamp" tents attaching directly to the car; a gadget for siphoning gasoline from your car (or your neighbor's?) for use in lanterns and cook stoves; a portable stropper to enable gentlemen hikers and campers to hone their shaving razors; waterproof canteen covers and rubber blankets and ponchos.

A colorful large fold-out illustrates the firm's "Hed-room" tent, priced at \$39 and containing 35 square feet of stand-up space that can be partitioned for privacy, attached to one's car and needs no ridgepole. It is implied that a group of hikers can divide the parts among themselves while on the trail. Cashmere and rayon hose (the first synthetic cloth, I think, to come on the market) are priced at 3 pairs for \$1; men's "Honest Abe" flannel windbreakers are priced at \$5.85; cowhide leggings at \$4 to \$7; gabardine breeches for men and women sell for \$4.95; U.S. Army Balbriggan shirts at 50c; a camp bed that stretches across car seats for \$9.45; knapsacks (smaller than today's day packs) at \$3 to \$5. I noticed brands that have long since disappeared: Wenzell, Fulton, and Red Head tents; Kampcook and Prentiss-Wabers cooking equipment; Airubber swimming and floating gear; Legion outdoor clothing; Preserva waterproofing materials. But also, Coleman cooking/lighting products and Stanley vacuum containers -- both still in business today.

All in all: Good reading and my considerable admiration for those who went before me.

- Ed Sullivan (Suffield, Conn)

## Member Profile: Rachel Bellenoit

Rachel Bellenoit, while a relatively new member, brings a unique photographic eye to our clubs adventures.

### When did you join the club and what motivated your interests in PVHC?

I joined the club in September 2001. Last spring I went on a hike with another club and it was so driven it felt more like a marathon than an enjoyable hike. Oddly enough, when Christmas shopping last year (2000) at Filene's, while purchasing a vest in the men's department, I met a PVHC member working there. When my daughter asked me why I was purchasing a man's vest, I said, 'for hiking.' (Hey, it has great pockets.) The clerk overheard me and told me about the club and we exchanged addresses. I had info on the club in the U.S. mail just a few weeks later.

### What got you interested in photography?

I've always been musical and artistic. While in junior high school and high school, I spent my summers taking art lessons. I tried everything; sketching, pen and ink, oils, acrylics, sculpture, etchings and numerous crafts. I even thought about applying to art school out of high school, but instead when to a traditional liberal arts college and floundered between being an English or French major. I think my interest in art is what got me interested in photography. In high school I became a big fan of Georgia O'Keefe, in particular, her floral paintings.

### Can you describe one or two of your favorite photography

### subjects and why they are your favorites?

Macro flower photography has got to be first. Nature photography (scenics and animals) comes in second. The flowers are due to the influence of Georgia O'Keefe. Nature and animals are an extension of my love of nature.

### Any especially memorable hike you have been on with the club you might like to share with us?

I've only been on 3 hikes, having to limit myself to easy or easy/moderate. So far the most memorable was the one lead by

The biggest influences in my life have been the beauty of the written word, music, art and nature. When I take pictures I feel like I can capture the essence of that beauty. A photograph can inspire the written word. It can elicit music. It can be an artistic masterpiece or it can reflect the beauty of the earth we live on. That's what I see and that's what I try to capture with my camera.

*Rachel Bellenoit*

Dick Forrest at Dubuque State Forest. I've never fallen hiking before and been applauded at the same time. All in all, I made it intact and felt a sense of accomplishment (and fatigue) when it was over. Outside of the club, my favorite hike trails are on Block Island, RI. They consist of well-kept trails on bluffs overlooking the Atlantic.

### I understand you have a webpage of some of your photographs. Where can we see some of your work and what's your favorite?

I'm presently trying to complete my own personal website. A club member has offered to finish my galleries. The address now is: [http://www.geocities.com/rollei\\_flex](http://www.geocities.com/rollei_flex) I'm hoping it will be complete over the next several weeks and to have it hosted where I work. Right now you can view a good sampling of the work I've done over the past year at Shutter City: <http://www.shuttercity.com>ShowGallery.cfm?AcctID=971> As far as what are my favorites, well, that's a tough question. I consider 'Curvaceous' my signature. I love

my animals shots as they are much more difficult to take than flowers. I also love doing 'slow water.'

### If you were to share your most picturesque area in New England as a possible photo hike, where would it be?

Club members would probably know that more than me! Right now I find the greenhouse and outside grounds of Smith College perfect for macro flower photography. There are a few spots in S. Amherst for great sunsets. Mt. Holyoke campus is great for waterfowl. Come to think of it, Block Island, RI is probably the most picturesque area in New England. That would make a great photo hike (and a regular hike and/or birdwatching hike).

### Do you have any other hobbies besides photography and hiking?

Birdwatching is another, especially waterfowl. I love to feed geese and ducks from my hand. Music is another hobby. I've studied classical piano over 20 years. Along with classical, I love jazz. Films (independent and foreign) are another viewing hobby. And, there is reading.

### What's your favorite vacation area?

I can't say I have one. I love to travel and have lived in France and traveled through a lot of Europe. I've had memorable trips to Lisbon and Scotland in the past few years. Barbados is my favorite Caribbean isle and Block Island my favorite New England island (over the Cape islands). The Canadian maritimes are gorgeous, especially Cape Breton National Park in Nova Scotia. Someday I'd like to go to Australia and New Zealand. Traveling the Old Silk Road in China is a fantasy.

### Do you have any (up to now) secret ambitions?

I'd like to make enough money from my photography to support my hobby. It's a modest ambition, but not easy to accomplish. Other than that, I try not to set too many expectations of myself.

Expectations can be the death of you. I feel it's easier on you if you go along with the flow and recognize opportunities when they present themselves. That's when things happen.

**Thank you Rachel.**  
-John Klebes

## Movie Review and Looking Back Over the Past Year with PVHC

by *Connie Fogarty*

I would like to recommend a great flick, "The Lord of The Rings". It's a wonderful story about friendships, courage, determination, magic, and love. It was a 3-hour movie which, as it ended, left me wishing there was more. Two more movies have already been made, and I can't wait to see them. The next in the series will be out in a year.

Also would like to say that I feel very lucky to have made such wonderful friends in joining PVHC just last summer. The hiking, biking, canoeing, and sightseeing trips that I've been on with the club have been so enjoyable and such fun. Everyone is friendly and caring. I feel like I've become "a member of the family".

The annual Christmas Party was a highlight of the year. I'm looking forward to First Night In N'hampton and many more great times in PVHC. Have a very good holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2002!!! Feel free to print this in Bootprints. Thanks for your hard work in getting it done every month.

- Connie Fogarty

**FEBRUARY ELECTIONS**  
Don't forget to VOTE

*As Al Capone once said: "Vote early and vote often." Elections to be held for 2002 club officers at the February Meeting.*



## PVHC Mailbox

Dear PVHC,

Sue and I would like to thank the club for our wonderful combination plaque and clock that was awarded to us at the holiday party. We really appreciate the fact that our work for the club was noticed.

We would like to personally thank the leadership of the club for all of their own hard work over the past year. The executive committee has done a tremendous job of keeping the club running smoothly. You also deserve awards. Thank you, executive committee members: Rob, John, Shari, and Anne Marie, for your own dedicated efforts, and keep up the good work!

- Dick and Sue Forrest

From: Patrick Fletcher  
To: Ann Marie Visconti  
Sent: November 24, 2001  
Subject: Bog bridging

The Metacomet-Monadnock Trail comm. (AMC) has approved \$300 from our trail fund to purchase material for completing bog bridging at Rising Corner. You can notify your people (PVHC) and plan when you want to complete project.

Some of the trail crew has expressed an interest in working with the PVHC when you do the work. I checked out the work and took some pictures and Lin Pickle our Treasurer hiked thru the section and every one was very impressed. Great Job.

Pat Fletcher (AMC)



## For Sale:

**FOR SALE:** Columbia Winter 2-layer Jacket. Color Purple/Aqua, Men's size Large. Asking \$75.00 (retails at \$190.00), used only a couple times.

Call Bill Cichaski (413.592.5153)

**FOR SALE:** Women's hiking boots, Vasque Sundowners, 8-1/2, worn about ten times. Normally they are priced at \$180 new, asking \$100. Call Eva, 782-0762, or email at [hc595@aol.com](mailto:hc595@aol.com)

## Membership Directory Update

Membership Directories were distributed at the Holiday Party and January Meeting. Those who have not picked them up will have them mailed during the second week of January. Please make a note of the following correction to the directory:

Joyce Berg  
281 Chauncey Walker St. #313  
Belchertown, MA 01007

## Reservation Time!

Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup> in Maine and Massachusetts, and probably other states, you can begin making reservations for that special cabin or campsite for this summer. Places like Baxter State Park and The Cape fill up fast with even some diehards camping out to be first in line. With states now using computerized reservation systems you need to start planning your 2002 adventures now.

## February 2, 2002

### HILLTOWN OLD-FASHION SLEIGH RIDE

On February 2, outdoor activities followed by a sleigh ride with Belgian horses is planned in Worthington. Snow shoeing, hiking back roads, or for \$8 cross-country ski at Hickory Hill. You will meet at Westfield Friendly and car pool to Worthington to the home of Phyllis Dassatti, continue with activity and have a potluck dinner, followed with sleigh ride and finally crash by the fire. Space is limited for the sleigh so sign-up and submit \$4 for the ride.

More details can be provide by the leader, Phyllis Dassatti, 413- 238-5962 , and wish for great weather conditions.

## February 7, 2002

### NORTHAMPTON DINNER AND WALK! (Thursdays; 2/7, and 3/7- Thornes Market)

The tradition continues; come join us for these 'mellow and sociable' evenings! Many of the restaurants in Northampton are very tasty, the food interesting and likeable- walking off the meal afterwards, feels right! - Easy to get to; near I-91, and also near rts. 5 and 10.

- Gary Dolgoff

## February 16, 2002

### OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE (2/16- 9am, Westfield Friendly)

A staple of New England, this village features early 19th century village life. Admission fee. We'll 'do lunch' as well, I'm sure... -Sure to be entertaining, as well as informative!

- Gary Dolgoff Co-leading with Dianne Carey

## March 2, 2002

### MASS MOCA MUSEUM TOUR, LUNCH, AND Hike (3/2 Sat.- 8:00am, Brooks Holyoke, 3-4 miles)

I led this for the Club, 'some time back', and it's high time, that we make a 'return visit'.... -This unique, somewhat esoteric art museum, is said to be one of the largest anywhere; it's actually a large warehouse building, that has become a housing for this 'interesting art!' (It's hard for me to be more specific, as many of the exhibitions, change over from time to time). We will also be treated to a tour; the guide will give us insightful, artsy explanations- for the assorted paintings (some mammoth in scope), sculptures, and other 'forms and shapes' that will be laid out in front of, on the sides of, and over- where we walk... -The visit and guided tour, will be followed- for those who wish- by dinner, and then a walk. It's worth a 'go'- interesting, and different! There is an admission fee; under \$10.

- Gary Dolgoff

## Important Notice

The following memberships are up for renewal:

### January Renewals:

Claire Bailey  
Sheila Croteau  
Gary Dolgoff  
Thomas Harrington  
Jan Howard  
Linda Januszkiewicz

### February Renewals:

Rosemary Arnold  
Linda M. Benoit  
April Carlson  
Mary-Beth Carney  
Thomas Carpenter  
Bart Estes  
Gary Hale  
Donna Hatch  
Eva Kealey  
Paul & Maxine Lessard  
Suzanne Love  
Chris Pierce  
Shirley Porter  
Bill Schafer  
Michael Sharpe  
Edmund Sullivan  
Mike Tenczar Family  
Carol Vanderheiden  
Jim Walsh  
Glen Young

Please renew early, and renew by mail. (*Make checks payable to PVHC*) Mail your renewal with your name and any address or phone number changes to:

Shari Cox, PVHC Treasurer  
223 Gifford Street  
Springfield, MA 01118

## International Year of Mountains



The United Nations has proclaimed 2002 as the International Year of Mountains (IYM) to increase international awareness of the global importance of mountain ecosystems. Worldwide, mountain areas face increasing marginalization, economic decline and environmental degradation. The IYM represents an important step in managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development, and placing mountains on an equal footing with climate change, tropical deforestation and desertification as a key issue in the global debate on environment and development. Let's take this opportunity to remember our role in Land Stewardship as members of the Pioneer Valley Hiking Club.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ❑ Next Club Meetings:  
February 5, 2002, 7pm at WEU  
March 5, 2002, 7pm at WEU
- ❑ Next Hike Planning Meeting:  
February 12, 2002, 7pm at WEU
- ❑ Deadline for Submissions for next BootPrints is: February 26, 2002
- ❑ **SPECIAL NOTE:**  
Absentee Ballots "Must" be received by the February 8<sup>th</sup> Mail Delivery.

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