

THE RAY

THE SCHOOL FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP, ADVENTURE AND RECREATION

Vasa, 1995

Attention: All cross-country skiers and lovers of hot chocolate and good times -

The 1994 VASA in Traverse City is just around winter's corner, along with all of that great snow we're going to get this year (Teresa's Almaniac, 1994). So pull those skis out of the closet, dust 'em off and wax 'em up - It's time to make some plans for a fun weekend February 10th - 12th.

Anyone can come: skiers, people who want to help out skiers at the start/finish, or those who want to watch or do their own thing during the race and just go out with the group post-race and Sunday.

Here's the plan:

Friday, Feb. 10th: Carpool up to Traverse City, go to Grand Traverse Resort to pick up race packets and then to dinner or hotel. Lodging is reserved for Fri. and Sat. at Day's Inn. (Suites which accommodate 6 persons each, pool, jacuzzi, nearby restaurant for breakfast. Suites have full kitchen, although we didn't use them last year.)

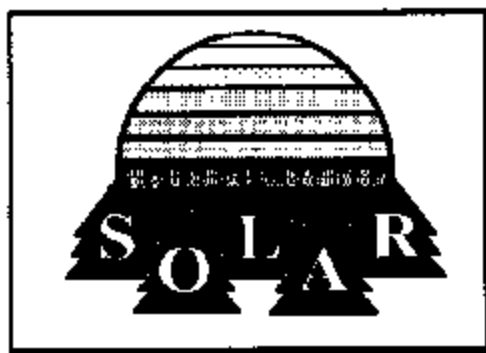
Saturday, Feb. 11th:

Race day! 45K begins at 9:00 a.m., 27K at 9:30 a.m. and 12K at 9:45 a.m.

Post race: Hot chocolate, jacuzzi, swim, jacuzzi, etc.

Evening: back to the Grand Traverse for race results, and out to dinner/dancing/cards back at the room, etc.

Sunday, Feb. 12th: Breakfast ensemble or as you wish, ski on the way home at numerous great cross-country ski areas.



The cost for 47K or 27K is as follows: \$40 through Dec. 31, \$45 through Feb. 10, \$50 on Feb. 11.

The cost for the 12K is \$15 through Feb. 10.

The 5K Powerbar Family Fun Ski (the only VASA course to be run on Sunday, the 12th) is \$3.

The cost for the hotel for 2 nights is expected to be \$35 per person.

Your contacts for the VASA weekend are: Jim Young (810) 726-8253 H, and Teresa Savarino (810) 740-2136 H, (810) 546-0233 W. Call Teresa to get a pre-registration form.

Upcoming Event

Mount Brighton

If you're the sort that doesn't let superstition get in your way, you may want to go skiing on Friday the 13th of January. Skiing is from 6 to 10 PM or if you're hardy enough, you can start at 3 for a small additional fee. Afterwards show up at Mo and Dave DeFrance's and you'll probably be fed, too much, if past SOLAR pot-lucks are any indication. You can get more information from the hand-out at the meeting in January or by calling the DeFrances at (810) 229-8283.

Announcement of SOLAR Club Bylaw Recommended Revisions

The SOLAR Club Steering Committee (SC) is recommending the following changes to the bylaws governing the club. This publication of the changes is considered written notice of the recommendations. The SC will vote on these recommendations at their next meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Steve Gardner (810) 547-4998. Any comments on these recommendations must be received in writing by the Bylaws Chairperson (Mike Felix, 760 Central, Inkster, MI 48141 (313) 722-3994) no later than Tuesday, January 24th, 1995 to be considered prior to the vote on these recommendations. All interested SOLAR Club members are welcome to attend this meeting.

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Current Language: ARTICLE I! Section 2.2: How the SC Votes on Business Transactions- To vote: a quorum of SC members must be present (a quorum is a majority of the SC membership). Then the decision of the majority of the SC members present is required for the vote to be effective.

Recommended Revision: Section 2.2: How the SC Votes on Business Transactions- To vote: a quorum of SC members must be present (a quorum is a majority of the currently (See *Bylaws*, Page 2)

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members**

(Bylaws, Cont'd from Page 1)
elected SC membership). Then the
decision of the majority of the
***SOLAR Club members present
for the vote is required for the vote
to be effective.

Reason For Revision: In order for
the SC to conduct business, a
majority of the SC must be present
at SC meetings. The Members at
Large (past presidents) are part of
the SC and have voting rights.
Therefore, their attendance at
meetings is necessary to continue
the business of the club. However,
if they do not regularly attend the
meetings, a majority may not be
present to vote and the business of
the club can not continue.
Therefore, the SC recommends that
only a majority of the currently
elected SC members is necessary.
In addition, those club members
(whether an elected SC member or
not) who attend the SC meetings are
those most interested in the
business of the club. Therefore, the
SC recommends that those club
members should have the right to
participate in any vote.

Current Language: ARTICLE V:
Section 5.2: Membership
Designations - Memberships in this
Club shall be designated by the

following classifications:

A) Individual Memberships: A
donor in the amount of \$20.00 shall
be designated as an "Individual
Member". This membership must
be renewed annually.

B) Family Membership: A donor in
the amount of \$35.00 shall be
designated as a "Family
Member". The Family Membership
will consist of an individual member,
their spouse, and children under 18
years of age. Any child of the
immediate family who is at least 18
years of age shall be designated as
an "Individual Member". This
membership must be renewed
annually.

C) Lifetime Individual Membership:
A donor of funds in the amount of
\$75.00 shall be designated as a
"Lifetime Individual Membership".

D) Family Lifetime: A donor of funds
in the amount of \$125.00 shall be
designated as a "Family Lifetime
Membership". The Family Lifetime
Membership will consist of an
individual member, their spouse,
and children under 18 years of age.
Any child that turns 18 years of age
during the "Lifetime Membership"
must choose between an "Individual
Membership" or a "Lifetime
Individual Membership".

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A) Individual Membership: *** This
membership must be renewed
annually.

B) Family Membership: *** The
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an individual member, their spouse,
and children under 18 years of age.
Any child of the immediate family
who is at least 18 years of age shall
be designated as an "Individual
Member". This membership must
be renewed annually.

C) Lifetime Individual Membership:

D) Family Lifetime: *** The Family
Lifetime Membership will consist of
an individual member, their spouse,

and children under 18 years of age.
Any child that turns 18 years of age
during the "Lifetime Membership"
must choose between an "Individual
Membership" or a "Lifetime
Individual Membership".

The amount of the dues for each
membership classification above
will be reviewed on an annual
basis and revised as necessary by
the SC.

Reason for Revision: Currently, in
order for the SC to make necessary
revisions in the amount of the club
membership dues, a bylaw
amendment must be made. The SC
recommends removing the amounts
of the membership dues from the
bylaws in order to have the ability to
review and approve revisions in the
amounts of the dues based on the
annual projected budget without the
necessity of having to amend the
bylaws in order to do so.

People

Leslie Cohen and Gene
Cordova have finally made
announcement of their
engagement. The happy
couple are planning an August
26, 1995 wedding. Gene will be
adopting Shadow, but claims no
responsibility for Inky.

And Marilyn Arnold has moved
(yes, again). Her new address:
Marilyn Arnold
440 Bennaville
Birmingham, MI
48009
(810) 647-5870

And Marco Scarpetta and Jim
Gilfix, too:
Marco Scarpetta / Jim Gilfix
1816 West Webster
Royal Oak, MI
48073

Upcoming Event

Cabin Fever,
SOLAR Style

On January 6-8, then again on February 24-26, SOLAR will be at the cabins at Wilderness State Park. There will be space for you inside the cabins if you sign up early enough, or, if you have the skills, you can camp. There typically is a SOLAR style (too much food) potluck on Saturday night. For more information on these weekends contact Joan Westbrook at (313) 356-3627.

For the adventurous, SOLAR has planned a weekend at Hartwick Pines State Park. The catch here is that the cabin isn't big enough for a crowd so we'll be sleeping outside in quinzies or tents or whatever and using the cabin for warming and eating and such. For more information on this trip call Cindy Harrison-Felix at (313) 722-3994.

Class

Survival Skills

What if things don't go as planned on your back packing trip. Well, with a bit of preparedness, you took the SOLAR Survival Class, and the rescue party finds you alive. The class will be taught by Bob Westbrook and others and will cover scenarios to keep you alive until help can get to you. Pre-requisites for the class are the SOLAR Backpacking and Winter Backpacking classes. For more information on class dates and costs, you can call Bob at (313) 356-3627.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January

3	Tuesday	General Membership Meeting, Colony Hall Southfield; Cindy Harrison-Felix (313) 722-3994
7 or 8	Sat. or Sun.	Cross Country Ski Clinic Location to be determined, Jim Young, (810) 726-8253
6-8	Weekend	Cabin/X-Country Ski weekend Wilderness State Park, Joan Westbrook (810) 356-3627
11,18	Wednesday	Winter Camping Class, Mike and Cindy's Dave Jones (313) 722-8178
13	Friday	Skiing at Mount Brighton, Mo and Dave DeFrance (810) 229-8283
20-22	Weekend	Winter Camping Practical II, Location TBA Dave Jones (313) 722-8178
21	Saturday	Cross-Country Skiing, Hudson Mills Metropark Margaret Martin (313) 721-2821
25	Wednesday	Survival Class, Location to be determined Bob Westbrook (810) 356-3627
27-29	Weekend	* Crawlathon- Caving Trip Olive Hill, KY Leslie Cohen (810) 547-5626
27-29	Weekend	Cabin/X-Country Ski weekend, Hartwick Pines State Park Cindy Harrison-Felix (313) 722-3994

February

1,8,15	Wednesdays	Survival Class Location to be determined Bob Westbrook (810) 356-3627
7	Tuesday	General Membership Meeting, Colony Hall Southfield; Cindy Harrison-Felix (313) 722-3994
10-12	Weekend	Vasa X-Country ski race, Traverse City Teresa Savarino (810) 546-0233
17-19	Weekend	Blue Mountain Skiing, Collingwood, Ontario Jeff Zabel (810) 816-8029
24-26	Weekend	Cabin/X-Country Ski weekend Wilderness State Park, Joan Westbrook (810) 356-3627
TBA		Survival Practical, Location to be determined Bob Westbrook (810) 356-3627

March

7	Tuesday	General Membership Meeting, Colony Hall Southfield; Cindy Harrison-Felix (313) 722-3994
17-19	Weekend	Cross Country Skiing Wabos Lappet Marilyn Arnod (810) 547-5870

* Denotes a Non-SOLAR activity. Included on this calendar for informational purposes only. SOLAR will not be held responsible for this activity.

Roll at the Dome Rollerblading at the Pontiac Silverdome.
Contact Doug Lanyk (810) 634-4551

Wallyball every Monday, Contact Margaret Martin, (313) 721-2821.

If you would like to help plan and/or lead a SOLAR trip or activity, contact Leslie Cohen at (810) 547-5626.

About the Ray

The Ray is a monthly publication of the SOLAR Club and is provided free of charge to the current dues paid members. For those members who move outside of a 200 mile radius of the Detroit Area and would like to continue receiving The Ray, a \$5.00 annual subscription fee will be charged to cover mailing costs.

DEADLINE for The Ray is the second Wednesday after the general meeting for the following month's edition. Contributions in the form of comments, trip reports, recipes, photos or original articles are welcome. Send all contributions to: Steve Gardner, RAY Editor, 10024 Borgman, Huntington Woods, MI 48070 or call Steve at (313)547-4998 or call Julia Gordon RAY Co-Editor at (313)475-7265, (no calls after 10:00 PM please.)

Meeting Location

The purpose of the SOLAR Club is to promote and advance interest in the outdoors through information and participation. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Colony Hall, located at 21730 Evergreen Rd. in Southfield, between B & D Mile Roads at 7:30 PM SHARP. Membership dues are \$20.00 per individual and \$35.00 per family.

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If you would like to assist with any of the above positions, call the appropriate committee chairperson.



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