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# Moshannon Group News

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—**IMMEDIATE ACTION!**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO!

The mega-landfill that has been proposed for Rush and Snow Shoe Townships has been a bad idea from day one. People Protecting Communities is the grass roots group that has led the fight to stop this bad idea. Their website [www.stoplandfill.com](http://www.stoplandfill.com) contains a wealth of background and information on this issue. The Moshannon Group has supported PPC in a variety of ways and we are now asking all Moshannon Group members to lend their voices to this fight. PPC has provided a detailed, specific call to action. Will you respond?

### PPC RESPONSE REQUEST TO THE HARMS-BENEFIT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE RESOURCE RECOVERY LAND-FILL PERMIT APPLICATION

**1.** Ask individuals/organizations to respond. PPC is handling a coordinated response, but individual responses to DEP between now and December 15, 2006 are very important and could be critical in defeating the landfill proposal.

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—**MONDAY DECEMBER 4 PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

## TONGASS & ARCTIC ALASKA

On Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> the Moshannon Group will present Brent Draper Scott from the Alaska Wilderness League. Brent's presentation will focus on the Tongass National Forest and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and will include slides or a video. He will give an update on the lame duck session of congress as well as environmental action plans for the new session when the Democrats take over.

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### EVENTS

### CALENDAR

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Presentations are open to both members and non-members. Presentations are held at the **Schlow Centre Region Library**, Community Room 211 S. Allen Street, downtown State College.

**Monday, December 4, 7PM:** Brent Draper Scott from the Alaskan Wilderness League will speak about, and show slides or a video about, the last great wilderness of Alaska and the political climate for protecting it.

#### WINTER PARTY!

**Sunday, February 11,** at Black Moshannon State Park, Cabin 20. Winter activities, dinner, conversation, and previews of this years films for the Banff Film Festival World Tour. Details on page 5, and on our website. Contact Ron Johnson for details.

#### OUTINGS

**See the directory at the end of the newsletter for contact information.**

**Sunday November 26: HIKING** at Trough Creek State Park, Huntingdon County. Moderate hike of 6-8 miles on park trails. Rock formations, interesting streams, views, and deep woods areas. Contact Ben Cramer.

**Sunday December 17: HIKING** at Black Moshannon State Park Unique intermediate winter hike of about 5-6 miles along pristine creeks, lake and bogs, with opportunities to see ice formations and winter wildlife. Contact Ben Cramer.

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ALASKA WILDERNESS LEAGUE

# MOSHANNON MUSINGS

Gary Thornbloom

Articles in past issues of the **Moshannon Group News** on the future of wind power in Pennsylvania have generated the letters to the editor that are printed below. Moshannon Group Excom members debated the content of the wind articles, as well as the postcards that accompanied the last **News**, prior to sending them out.

While we realize that we all depend on electricity, and that electricity is generated by better and worse methods, many of us on the Excom are disappointed in the manner in which the wind industry has been conducting itself in Pennsylvania. We are also dismayed by the failure of the Department of Environmental Protection to provide oversight of the wind industry.

The Rendell Administration, endorsed by the Sierra Club

in recent elections, is supporting many great conservation ideas. However, their plans to generate power by encouraging construction of waste coal burning plants—see the September 2004 **Moshannon Group News**—and their “blank check” allowing the wind industry to build anywhere, are not sound conservation plans. In fact they are plans the Moshannon Group Excom disagrees with.

Eric Feigelson encouraged us to clarify our position on wind power. Eric sent us the letter below and the Moshannon Group Excom supports the points that Eric makes. We believe that if Governor Rendell, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the wind industry would adopt these points that all Pennsylvanians, along with our ridge tops and the wildlife that depends on these ridge tops, would be better off.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to the Moshannon Group for advocating the responsible siting of industrial wind turbines rather than giving kneejerk blanket approval to industrial windfarms even in inappropriate locations. As a longtime member of the Sierra Club and co-chair of Save Our Allegheny Ridges, a citizens' group dedicated to the appropriate siting of windplants, I strongly agree with Moshannon Group's statement that "given that 95% of the continental United States' wind power potential exists west of the Mississippi River and that vast amounts of wind power potential exist offshore, the harm done by industrial windplants to both outdoor recreation and wildlife on the Commonwealth's State Forests will far outweigh any benefit of this form of energy production."

Industrial windplants east of the Mississippi River struggle to operate at 30% of their capacity. This results in an extremely inefficient use of the turbines and their associated transmission lines and substations. In contrast, windplants in the Mid-West and offshore operate at a much higher capacity level. Windplants in forested settings have numerous adverse impacts to wildlife, including direct mortality, forest fragmentation, and avoidance behavior.

Industrial windplants should be located where their benefits are maximized and their costs minimized. Locating windplants on the forested ridges of Pennsylvania's State Forests minimizes the turbines' benefits and maximizes their costs.

—LAURA JACKSON—

Moshannon Group policy discussion items on wind energy in central PA

a) We explicitly support the Governor's alternative energy agenda. We recognize that central PA electricity supply is strongly dependent on obsolete dirty coal power plants. This is injurious to air quality (and thus to public health), and contributes to global warming through carbon dioxide emissions which has many dangers to our natural environment and society.

b) Wind energy is an important element of alternative energy production in Pennsylvania, which is already the leader among Northeastern states. Wind energy is clean, renewable, cost-effective and growing rapidly both in the state and internationally. We support the growth of wind energy in the state providing it proceeds in a regulated fashion including the considerations outlined below.

c) Wind plants on the Appalachian ridges of central Pennsylvania have a number of critical negative impacts on the ecology and environmental health of our natural undeveloped regions. These include: forest fragmentation and consequent loss of endemic and endangered wildlife species; bird and bat deaths due to collisions with wind blades, particularly on cloudy/foggy nights; and dangers to recreational and hunter users of the ridges due to throwing ice. It must be recognized that the same geographic advantages that supply Class 4-5 winds on westward-facing ridges give updrafts used by migratory bird populations.

The Moshannon Group Sierra Club thus recommends that the Governor, DCNR and Legislature recognize that regulatory controls are needed for wind energy development in the state. Certain ridges important to wildlife preservation should be declared off-limits to any wind energy plants. Wildlife biologists must be consulted in the choice of these critical locales. These controls should be applied both to private and state lands; the current decentralized zoning regulations are ineffective in addressing the critical environmental impacts on pristine forest regions. The desire to occupy Class 4-5 wind sites must be balanced with the impacts on wildlife and related issues. On the other hand, wind development on existing industrial brownfields (e.g. old mine and quarry sites) and on open agricultural fields, which often have less native wildlife, should be encouraged.

—ERIC FEIGELSON—

# PUBLIC PRESENTATION ALASKA *(Continued from page 1)*

The Tongass, stretching 500 miles along the southeastern coast of Alaska, is the largest, most intact, temperate rainforest in the world. It is also the last great expanse of old-growth rainforest within the United States. At 16.8 million acres, the Tongass is the single largest National Forest in America, encompassing more than 73 percent of the land-mass in Alaska's southeastern panhandle. Within its boundaries lie two national monuments, one national park, and seventeen wilderness areas.

The forest's name is derived from the Tongass clan of the Tlingit Indians. It is home to the world's largest concentrations of bald eagles, grizzly bears, and Sitka black-tailed deer. Wild runs of salmon return to the Tongass each year, both feeding the region's wildlife and providing unparalleled commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing opportunities.

Brent will speak of the natural beauty and abundant wildlife of the Tongass and the threats to it. Until recently, Tongass management was dominated by long term contracts held by two local wood pulp mills. Forty years of these monopoly contracts led to a "timber first" management program resulting in the clear-cutting of nearly half of the Tongass' best old-growth.

The past decade brought new hope for the Tongass. In 1990, Congress passed the Tongass Timber Reform Act to end "timber first" management of the National Forest and, by 1997, both pulp mills lost their contracts due to a drop in world wood pulp prices.

The last days of the Clinton era were marked by another major victory for the Tongass: its inclusion in the President's Roadless Policy. An intensive and heartfelt public campaign was headed by President Clinton, and standing under the snow-covered branches of towering conifers in a ceremony at D.C.'s National Arboretum on January 5th, he announced his decision to safeguard the remaining wild forests and watersheds of the Tongass.

This hard-won victory proved to be short-lived. Several western Governors have joined with industry in judicial efforts to overturn the roadless policy. The Bush Administration delayed implementation of the policy, and has worked quietly to undermine its provisions while declining to defend the policy in the courts. Through a series of interim directives, the Forest Service has basically exempted the Tongass from the roadless protections. Draft regulation revisions issued by the Forest Service in November, 2002 drastically undermine both the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Forest Management Act.

The battle for the protection of the Tongass National Forest is underway right now. Brent will discuss the Chabot/Andrews amendment, who the new committee chairs are expected to be and what it means for the Tongass. He will also discuss the Tongass Land Management Plan and the 90 day comment period that begins in January of 2007.

In the far northeast corner of Alaska lies one of America's great natural treasures, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Its 19 million acres comprise one of the last places on earth where an intact expanse of arctic and subarctic lands remain protected. It is considered the crown jewel of America's National Wildlife Refuge System. And yet this truly undisturbed wilderness -- a last vestige of the American frontier that helped shape and define our national identity -- is today in grave danger of being destroyed by those seeking short-term oil profits at the expense of this spectacular national treasure.

***Brent will be bringing  
Alaskan Salmon as a  
taste treat! So join us  
on December 4th***

The fate of the Arctic Refuge -- the habitat, the wildlife, and the culture it has supported a thousand generations -- now depends on the will of Congress, which has an opportunity to stave off the oil companies' assault by protecting this majestic landscape for future generations. The Bush administration favors drilling; pro-development bills have previously been introduced in both the House and the Senate.

Brent will discuss pending legislation that may or may not have been moved on, "offensive" measures that are planned and what the election results may mean for the future of our last great wilderness, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Before coming to work for the Alaska Wilderness League Brent worked for a New York gubernatorial campaign, and as an associate regional representative for the Sierra Club in California and Nevada--this included federal state, and local issues including the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water, CA Desert Protection, and closing a landfill in the San Fernando Valley. He also produced a video for the EPA on Childhood lead poison prevention.

Join us on December 4<sup>th</sup> 7PM at Schlow Memorial Library for an informative look at the beauty and challenges of protecting the great wilderness areas of Alaska and to taste some Alaskan Salmon!

## —THANK YOU—

Dave Coleman has left the area for California. Dave's energy and commitment will be missed by the PA Chapter and the Moshannon Group. The Moshannon Group Excom expresses its gratitude to Dave and his family for all they have done for the Sierra Club. We would like to thank Dave for his inspiration and example.

Dave, we wish you well in California!

Nancy deStreel has moved on to motherhood, and we would like to thank Nancy for all she has done as Membership Chair and as Newsletter Coordinator.

Thank you Nancy!

# GROUNDBREAKING LEGISLATION WOULD EXPAND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ON PA FARMS

## *The REAP State Tax Credit Program First of its Kind in the Nation*

New Pennsylvania legislation would establish an unprecedented water quality program and boost efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay. The Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program (REAP) would provide state tax credits to farmers who prevent pollution and restore habitat.

The legislation enjoys bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. Introduced as Senate Bill 1286 by Senators Wenger, Waugh and O’Pake and as House Bill 2878 by Representatives Stern, Hershey and Daley, the companion bills have many co-sponsors.

The REAP proposal provides critically needed funding to farmers who install stream protection measures and it delivers that support through state tax credits that farmers can use to reduce their tax bill or sell to other taxpayers. REAP also creates a sponsorship program that allows businesses

to sponsor projects on farms in exchange for tax credits. These and other features of REAP are based on the successful Educational Improvement and Research and Development Tax Credit Programs already enacted in Pennsylvania.

Farmers have long recognized the need to be good stewards of the land, but with today’s slim profit margins, many critical environmental measures just aren’t feasible for the farmer acting alone. The program gives higher tax credits for measures that provide the greatest benefit to the public and the environment, including tree planting along streams and runoff controls on barnyards. Farmers benefit because improving pastures and barnyards provides healthier conditions for livestock as well as fish. Applicants are eligible for tax credits up to \$150,000. The legislation caps the

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO! *(Continued from page 1)*

**2.** DEP will accept their concerns regarding specific harms, their request for a public meeting and/or hearing, and their recommendation for approval, denial or revision of RRLLC’s permit application. We suggest the following:

**a.** Identify and address the specific harm(s) most important or of concern to you. Identify that this harm will result from RRLLC’s Resource Recovery Landfill if approved. You don’t have to defend or argue your choice, just state it, if that satisfies you. Your opinion counts here!!! But you don’t have to do this if you so choose.

**b.** Ask that a public hearing be scheduled for harms-benefits but request that a *separate* harms-benefits information meeting *precede* the public hearing. A public meeting allows for an exchange of information through DEP’s explanation of the permit and process, and the opportunity for questions to be asked and answered. A public hearing would not include an exchange of information or allow questions. A public hearing only allows oral and written testimony (comments/concerns) to be presented. This is an important request. Make sure you identify that your request for these meetings is for the Resource Recovery Landfill permit application.

**c.** Recommend denial of the Resource Recovery Landfill permit application. You don’t have to justify why. If you prefer revision of the permit rather than denial, we ask that you specify a revision that would exclude the I-80 Interchange option (RRLLC *does not* have approval for the Inter-

change and cannot guarantee they will get this approval) and limit the permit term to the standard 10 years rather than the requested 25 years.

**3.** Responses should be mailed to the DEP by December 15, 2006. Comments should be sent to:

### **Email:**

RA-NC-WM-Comments@state.pa.us

Identify Resource Recovery Landfill in the subject line

### **US Mail:**

Dave Garg, P. E., Facilities Manager

Williamsport Regional Office

208 West Third Street, Suite 101

Williamsport, PA 17701

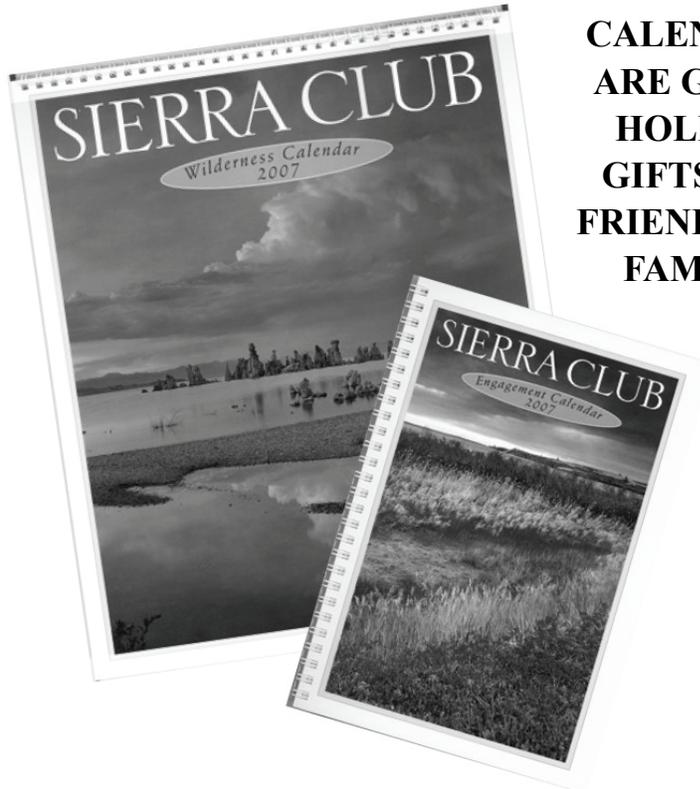
NOTE: In the past PPC has provided form letters to encourage people to submit comments and to help those of you that may have difficulty composing letters. In this case, we strongly feel that comments composed entirely by you will carry more weight with the DEP than an edited form letter. We have sent this notice to almost 1,000 people. It will send a very strong message to the DEP if all respond and better yet, have another friend or family member respond as well.

Remember: **SILENCE IS APPROVAL**



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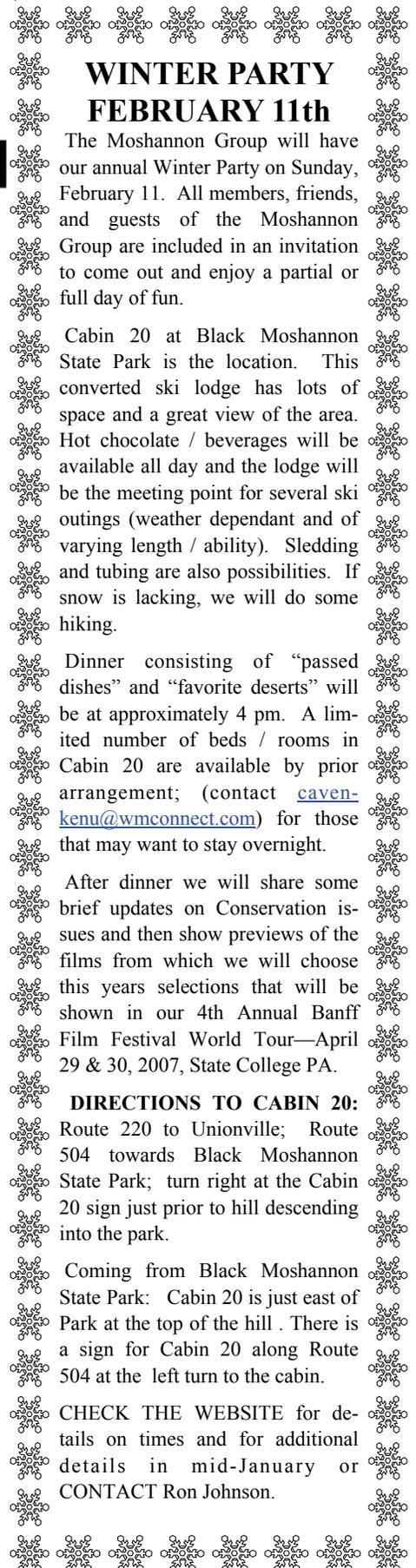
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Make checks payable to "Sierra Club Moshannon Group" and mail to :

Paula Thornbloom, Calendar Chair, 702 Hall Road, Julian PA 16844

Call 814-353-3466 to arrange to pick up calendars in the State College area.



## WINTER PARTY FEBRUARY 11th

The Moshannon Group will have our annual Winter Party on Sunday, February 11. All members, friends, and guests of the Moshannon Group are included in an invitation to come out and enjoy a partial or full day of fun.

Cabin 20 at Black Moshannon State Park is the location. This converted ski lodge has lots of space and a great view of the area. Hot chocolate / beverages will be available all day and the lodge will be the meeting point for several ski outings (weather dependant and of varying length / ability). Sledding and tubing are also possibilities. If snow is lacking, we will do some hiking.

Dinner consisting of "passed dishes" and "favorite deserts" will be at approximately 4 pm. A limited number of beds / rooms in Cabin 20 are available by prior arrangement; (contact [cavenkenu@wmconnect.com](mailto:cavenkenu@wmconnect.com)) for those that may want to stay overnight.

After dinner we will share some brief updates on Conservation issues and then show previews of the films from which we will choose this years selections that will be shown in our 4th Annual Banff Film Festival World Tour—April 29 & 30, 2007, State College PA.

**DIRECTIONS TO CABIN 20:** Route 220 to Unionville; Route 504 towards Black Moshannon State Park; turn right at the Cabin 20 sign just prior to hill descending into the park.

Coming from Black Moshannon State Park: Cabin 20 is just east of Park at the top of the hill . There is a sign for Cabin 20 along Route 504 at the left turn to the cabin.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE** for details on times and for additional details in mid-January or **CONTACT Ron Johnson.**

# CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

## FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### —CHALANDRA BRYANT—

I had never hiked, backpacked, or camped before joining the Sierra Club. During my first outing I learned a tremendous amount about reptiles, natural habitats, and vegetation. Most of the hike took place in the rain, but I did not mind – I was hooked, after only one excursion. I quickly purchased *The Short Hiker*, by Jean Aron and *50 Hikes in Central Pennsylvania* by Tom Thwaites at the suggestion of a club member. Hiking and camping with the club members helped me develop a better understanding – and more importantly, a greater appreciation – of state forests, wildlife, and environmental issues.

I have attended the local group's (Moshannon) executive committee meetings; I have even attended one of the state level meetings. During this time I had the opportunity to meet the senior chapter director as well as other members of the Pennsylvania Chapter. Thus, not only have I learned how the local chapter functions, but I have also learned how the various chapters across the state affect, and, in turn, are affected by each other. I have contributed photos to the local website, assisted club members with folding/labeling over 800 newsletters, and provided aid in measuring hiking trails. I have always had an interest in protecting the environment. I would like to say that I have always loved outdoor recreational activities, but that just is not true. I can honestly say that the Sierra Club played a significant role in not only nurturing, but encouraging that particular interest. For that I am thankful. I would therefore, like to reciprocate, that is, in some way, "give back" to the organization. Your vote would afford me the opportunity to do that.

### REAP *(Continued from page 4)*

program in the first year at \$50,000,000 in tax credits and \$100,000,000 in each of the successive four years. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue would administer the program.

"As we address water quality concerns, we must also find ways to help farm families deal with the financial squeeze of higher costs and lower returns," said Chesapeake Bay Foundation Pennsylvania Executive Director Matt Ehrhart. "We congratulate the bill's sponsors for addressing the needs of both."

The REAP Program will help Pennsylvania meet its obligations under the 2000 Chesapeake Bay Agreement to reduce nitrogen pollution going to the Chesapeake Bay by over 38 million pounds a year by 2010, as well as phosphorus and sediment pollution.

***Please write your state Senator, Representative, and Governor Rendell and urge them to support this critically important proposal.***

### —BEN CRAMER—

With a lifelong interest in conservation and environmental matters, in the year 2000 I read a biography of John Muir which then inspired a personal investigation into the history and political stances of the Sierra Club. I then quickly joined the Club, and in early 2003 I became involved with the Moshannon Group executive committee. I was soon appointed Group Vice-Chair, Outings Chair, and Website Coordinator. I have extensively redesigned the Moshannon Group Website. As Outings Chair I have also increased the frequency and variety of Moshannon Group outings, and have made efforts to increase participation among both Moshannon Group members and the public.

With a lifelong love for the outdoor recreation opportunities in the forests and hills of our beautiful region, I have developed a deep knowledge of our environmental and conservation issues. After nearly a decade as a very enthusiastic hiker, I have logged nearly 3,000 miles on Pennsylvania's hiking trails. I am also a frequent camper and backpacker. This vast outdoor experience has made me interested in promoting the low-impact recreational opportunities available in our region, and I have become significantly interested in the governmental issues related to our State Forests and State Parks, hiking and biking trails, and especially our Natural Areas and Wild Areas. For these reasons I have greatly enjoyed my participation in the Moshannon Group executive committee, and the opportunities I have been given to make an impact on our local conservation and environmental challenges. With your vote I would value the chance to continue my involvement in the years to come.

### EVENTS CALENDAR *(Continued from page 1)*

**Saturday and Sunday December 30-31: WINTER BACKPACKING** in Moshannon State Forest, Centre County. Moderate hike to secluded and sheltered location along a creek near Black Moshannon State Park, then unique cold weather camping overnight. For experienced outdoorspersons. Contact Ben Cramer.

**Sunday January 14: CROSS COUNTRY SKIING:** Rock Run Trail in Moshannon State Forest, Centre County. Contact Gary Thornbloom.

**SNOWSHOEING:** If you are interested contact me and I will keep a list and put something together and let you know when and if there is enough snow. Contact Gary Thornbloom.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are welcome. This is your opportunity to become involved in the Moshannon Group and to help set our goals, activities and agenda. Held on the **first Tuesday** of the month at 7PM at Clearwater Conservancy. Call an Executive Committee Member to confirm the next meeting location and date.

# AND BALLOT OF THE MOSHANNON GROUP

—STAN KOTALA—

Dr. Stan Kotala has been a lifelong nature enthusiast and conservationist. He began birding at age 12 and has been a member of the National Audubon Society for thirty-five years and the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology for more close to two decades. He is also a member of the Sinking Valley Watershed Association, the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsman's Clubs, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy, the Clear-Water Conservancy, the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Wilderness Society. Dr. Kotala has served as president, newsletter editor, education chair, conservation chair, membership chair and Important Bird Area coordinator for Juniata Valley Audubon, based in Altoona. He's served as the Wildlife Chair of the Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club for the past two years. He is a board member of the Little Juniata River Association and Rails-to-Trails of Central Pennsylvania. He was the conservation chair and education chair for Blair County Trout Unlimited in the 1990s. From 1996 till 2004 he was the Western Ridge and Valley Regional Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Herpetological Atlas Project and now serves on the Amphibian and Reptile Technical Committee of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey. Dr. Kotala is a DCNR volunteer at Canoe Creek State Park near Hollidaysburg and serves on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Canoe Creek State Park and Prince Gallitzin State Park as well as the Watershed Protection Committee of the Altoona City Authority and on the steering committee of the Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory. He practices family medicine in Blair County and enjoys exploring nature with his wife Alice and daughter Helena.

As Wildlife Chair for the Moshannon Group, he intends to continue speaking up on behalf of wildlife on the local, state, and national level. Dr. Kotala's particularly interested in conservation biology, the need for large core wild areas and corridors for wildlife, and the preservation and restoration of natural habitats.

—BILL TANNER—

Sierra Club member for eighteen years. Moshannon Group Treasurer for past seven years. Retired from AT&T, last sixteen years as accounting manager. Program assistance for past several years. I wish to serve the Moshannon Group for another two years.

—JUDY TANNER—

As a member of the Sierra Club for 30 years, and currently a member of the Moshannon Group Executive Committee, (serving as Secretary, Political Chair, and Population/Growth Chair), environmental issues are very important to me. In today's political climate, protecting the environment is a challenge that requires the attention and efforts of each of us, but we must take a stand. We cannot remain silent as we watch the attack on our air, forests, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. At the same time, we must individually examine our lives and determine ways in which we can alter our consumerism in order to decrease the impact on the environment. I hope to continue serving on the Executive Committee and ask each of you to commit to joining with the Sierra Club in our efforts to make a difference.

## \*\*\*\*\*Ballot\*\*\*\*\*

Vote by placing a checkmark next to no more than **four** nominees and return this ballot concerning the governing executive committee of the Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club. Ballots must be received by **January 2, 2007**. Mail to **Elections, Sierra Club Moshannon Group, P.O. Box 513, State College, PA 16804**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Chalandra Bryant**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ben Cramer**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Stan Kotala**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Bill Tanner**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Judy Tanner**

(Write In Candidate)

**Note: For verification purposes your mailing label should remain attached on the opposite side. You may black out your name and address on the label, but not the zip code. If joint membership two sets of checks are permitted.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP:

### ◆ The Moshannon Group needs a Program Chair.

The Program Chair would work with the Executive Committee to identify guest speakers, films, or other presentations for Public Presentations that the Moshannon Group would hold 4-6 times per year. The Program Chair would contact speakers, set up the date and reserve the space (currently Schlow Centre Region Library Community Room), and work to get the word out (we currently have someone who will work with the Program Chair to do this).

### ◆ We also need a Newsletter Coordinator.

The Newsletter Coordinator picks up the Newsletters from the printer, puts labels on them so they can be mailed, and then takes the Newsletters to the State College Post Office to be mailed.



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**Membership**

**Yes**, I want to help safeguard our nation's precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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SUPPORTING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
CONTRIBUTING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
LIFE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
SENIOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32
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**APRIL 29 & 30, 2007**  
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