



THE TWILIGHT OWL

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Upcoming Events...

68TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT PARK ART SHOW

Clubhouse

August 8, 2015

Saturday: Opening Reception 5:00 – 7:00 PM

August 9, 2015

Sunday: Hours 1:00 – 5:00 PM



Judging by Megan Hyde and Jessica Lubniewski from the Tang Teaching Museum

Whether you are looking for artwork to adorn your walls, or just want to admire works by talented artists, the clubhouse is the place to be that weekend. *(For more information, contact Rachel Roll 589-9855)*

Mark your calendars for the Twilight Park Art Show !

Drop-In Dinner

Clubhouse

August 21, 2015

Dinner 7:00 PM

Dance Performance 8:00-8:30 PM

Chefs Fabio Corsi & Michael Titowsky
Performance by Mook Dance Company

Entertainment after the August 21st Drop-in Dinner

Following the scrumptious Corsi-Titowsky meal will be a performance by eight members of the Mook Dance Company on the Club House stage.

The dancers are comprised mostly of Alvin Ailey/Fordham BFA students and alumni. They will perform a total of 5 dances — "Clouds," "Solo," "Self Disruption," "Violet Duet," and "What Happened to Just Making Art."

The Artistic Director of the Mook dance company is Winnie Berger, also an Ailey/Fordham graduate.

The author (Art Tressler) is particularly happy to announce this performance because one of the dancers is his granddaughter Natalie Pearson.

RESULTS OF THE 2015 TWELKA CUP MATCHES

REPORTED BY JOHN "GORDO" GORDON



What started as a dreary morning of rain blossomed into a beautiful sunny afternoon, just in time for a momentous sporting event to take place in the hamlet of Haines Falls. More specifically, it was to transpire in the rustic Twilight Park clubhouse, where two world class

Butterfly ping pong tables had been strategically placed, surrounded by enough seating for seventy-five lucky aficionados. Oodles of mouth-watering munchies and tasty libations festooned two tables near the center of the clubhouse, on the West side, provided FREE by the Promoters. One half hour before the 2:00 PM start time, a pick-up truck filled with what appeared to be a gaggle of young Elkan Twelkans, and driven erratically by Elkan Captain Rob Constable, pulled up outside the clubhouse. Strapped in the back was a towering paper mache rendition of the blue stone lookout tower that, well, towers above the Elka Park landscape. "Oh my God", one Twilight Twelkan exclaimed, "is that the vaunted Twelka Cup nestled inside the tower"? And indeed it was. The tower was carried into the pong venue, with the hauntingly beautiful silver Cup teetering precariously from side to side, and unceremoniously placed (without permission or a permit) in front of the clubhouse fireplace, where it remained throughout the matches to come. Such impertinence often has unintended results, as was the case this day!

Let me set the scene for those unfortunates not in attendance. Seventy-five raucous fans, many wearing owl or elk paraphernalia in support of their team, noisily greeted the contestants as each was introduced. Some offered support for their team, while others preferred

trash-talking and what sounded like insulting jargon aimed at certain prominent pong stars. Many of the (legal) fans seemed to congregate near the four beer tubs, although this may have been coincidental. A huge gong graced the piano, to be melodically played by gong prodigy Jane Keiffer after each match was completed. A large scoreboard, ably managed by several young female Twilight fans, was prominently placed on the clubhouse stage. As previously stated, the glorious silver trophy was ensconced half hidden inside the Elka Tower, hardly visible to the pulsating throngs as they anxiously awaited the start of play.

The three Founders of the Twelka Cup competition (Rob Constable, Ellen Lasch and yours truly, John "Gordo" Gordon) eventually silenced the crowd, and began by greeting everyone, reviewing the match rules, and then introducing the day's competitors. Twilight Co-Captain Ellen Lasch would not be competing this day, as she was on crutches, ostensibly the result of a mud wrestling injury. It should be noted that she is still secretly married to Twilight President Alex Sade. When Elkan Captain Constable introduced his Women's second seed, whispers and muffled conversation began emanating from the Twilight fan base, as the contestant was a well-known Onteora cottager (who signed up this year as an Elka Park Associate Member). This unprecedented situation had been disclosed to yours truly prior to the event, and was reluctantly agreed to in the spirit of good sportsmanship, of not making waves. One unhappy fan was heard by this Scribe to mutter "What the hell's next? Will they be changing the Trophy's name to the TwelkON Cup?" Not to worry. As the Starkist Tuna spokesperson would say, "Sorry, Charlie".

With that preamble, the 2015 version of the Twelka Cup Matches commenced, with four Men's matches, three Women's matches, and two Kid's matches. It is my humble judgment that the quality of the ping pong on this Ninth (almost) Annual Twelka Cup competition was the best yet. Two Kid's matches were first. Twilight's Kalevi Kaukonen bested a very skillful Hedda Flynn in the Eleven and Under Kid's category, while twin brother Daniel Kaukonen moved up to the Kid's 12 to 16

category and ran into a slam master, Elkan Noah Jordan, who notched the win. Special kudos are deserved for the Twilight park Women's contingent, which swept their Elkan counterparts with three strategically critical victories. Specifically, Robin Kaukonen beat veteran Honora Perkins at number one seed, Laura Clare won against newcomer Mary Elizabeth Dickinson at number two seed, and Nora Monaco was victorious against Jessica Gibbons (reportedly, the creative creator of the Elka Tower display). Her work was exquisite, but no extra credit was given.

In the Men's category, the four matches were evenly split between the two Parks. In what has been labelled The Geezer Category, aging jurist The Honorable Kevin McKay was opposed by aging Geezer yours truly, John "Gordo" Gordon, who employed his new weapon, a Stiga Pro Carbon Table Tennis Racket made especially for a "cuts and spins" style. Gordon prevailed, thus proving the adage that to get the job done, one needs the proper tools. Third seed Elkan

player Rob Constable defeated Dan Maurer, relying on his powerful left-handed forehand slam. In a fantastic slamfest at the second seed level, Elkan prodigy Aiden Gibbons outlasted Twilight's exceptional Will Bennett in what this Writer considers the most exciting match of the day. Finally, Twilight's undefeated Twelkan superstar Than "Thanimal" Ferris beat the fierce Elkan competitor Jack Stolarz.

Add that up, and the result was A SIX TO THREE VICTORY for the triumphant Twilight Park squad, thereby notching their sixth Twelka Cup in nine events! As a fitting conclusion to the 2015 Twelka Cup event, a quick rainstorm ensued as the trophy was being presented, followed in quick order by a beautiful rainbow that spanned the historic Kaaterskill Clove. It doesn't get much better than this.

As a postscript to the foregoing, Elka Park's Equipment Manager has reported that some unruly Twilight Fan attempted to infest the equipment bag housing Elka Park's wooden paddles with a colony of Emerald Ash Borers, without apparent success.



CAMP PICTURES ...



Check out the
camp website for
all the news,
pictures and
upcoming events
for the Campers!

Campers off to the Races !



Jennifer Pharr Davies



The Owl Matches
Twilight vs. Onteora
Emma Henson
Kalevi Kaukonen



Twelka Cup
Elka vs. Twilight
Bo Flynn
Hedda Flynn
Daniel Kaukonen
Kalevi Kaukonen

GREAT MATCHES !!!

Park News...

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

Onteora's Children's Theater

July 25, 2015



A big cheer to all the budding actors
for their roles in the show!



Josephine Lemann as the imperious Veruca Salt
and Teddy Masters as her hapless father

Lingernot Hike

Twin Mountain

July 25, 2015



Dan Marcus (with
Reilly), Maya Sparks,
Nick Lemann, Moses
Lemann (behind Nick)
Megan Underwood, Alex
Lemann and Daniel
Gámez Olivares made it
to the top of
Twin Mountain!
Congrats to all !!

License Plate Challenge!

Submitted by Laura Henson and Bob Post

Have you considered getting a personal license plate for your vehicle? Four states down and 46 more to go !! In-place ceramic plate displays on household walls often attract attention from relatives, friends, and other guests. Let's expand upon a growing interest of some Twilighters who have begun a different type of plate display – a mobile plate display using their vehicles. See some examples below. We plan to gather as many vehicles as possible during the July 4, 2016 Twilight celebration on the golf course for a group photo. Come join this event and be part of the Twilight mobile plate display.



DID YOU KNOW ...

TWP "Green Book" Corner



Unpleasant Sights & Sounds

"The Board also works through the Design Review Committee to correct unpleasant sights and sounds which may occur in the Park such as unconcealed garbage cans, visible clotheslines, towels and sleeping bags on railings, dead branches, toys or bicycles left on the road and unnecessary noise. To obviate the need for any action, we simply ask every Cottager to always be considerate of his or her neighbors in the time-honored Twilight way."

Vehicles

"The roads and land within Twilight are private, but we require that any motorized vehicle (including motorbikes and motorcycles) bear an effective license plate and be operated by a properly licensed driver. Except for the dirt road along the creek, all motor vehicles, except Park maintenance vehicles, are banned from the golf course year round."



Speed Limit

"20 miles an hour (or less, if driving conditions warrant). Children playing or bicycling, walkers enjoying Twilight's natural beauty or just stopping to chat always have the right. Ask your guests to follow these rules."

Dogs

"Dogs should be kept under control at all times and are not permitted at the swimming pool, tennis courts or in the upper reservoir. Dogs roaming loose should be reported to the Board. Owners will receive notice of a \$10 fine along with their property bill. For repeated, or more serious offenders, a fine of \$50 will be levied. Also, Cottagers should be considerate of barking by their dogs, especially when this barking occurs when the dogs are left alone, and the owners may not be sufficiently aware of the nuisance caused for their neighbors. Dogs may run free at the old golf course, but must be under the control of their masters."



HOW I CAME TO TWP...

How We Got to Twilight

Submitted by Art Tressler (Expanded version from Issue 4)

My Introduction to Twilight was in 1953 when I spent my honeymoon with my first wife, Laura Bohn, at Ledge End Inn. Incidentally, Ledge End Inn did not burn down, as recently reported... it was torn down... in the 1960s.

We had a comfortable room in the Inn and enjoyed many good meals. No wine with dinner, though. Twilight Inns were never permitted to serve liquor of any kind due to the prohibition by Charles Haines, a noted teetotaler. We were the only young persons at Ledge End. All the other guest consisted of ladies in their 70s or 80s.

For some years after that, we spent vacations in Twilight at Burn Brae...then owned by Val and Grace Bohn. It is now the Ainsworth Cottage.

Our three daughters also lived at Burn Brae the first summer years of their lives.

After several years, we came to realize the drawbacks of spending your vacations with your in-laws (and parents). So we started to hunt for other quarters. And we came to look at the Ambrosius Cottage...called Owls Roost. The story of how and why it had been abandoned is complicated. We heard that the son James spent too much time in the local bar (there was one then in Haines Falls).

So one fall Mrs Ambrosius decided to keep James sober, she would close Owls Roost for good. James begged and pleaded with her to change her mind, but the house was not to open for the following season. Then, as you would expect, tragedy struck. The following winter James took ill and died. A remorseful Mrs. Ambrosius decided to keep Owls Roost closed forever as a memorial to James. She instructed Ed France (superintendent during those years) to board up the downstairs windows and to prohibit anyone from entering the premises. He was to keep an eye on the place and make any

necessary repairs. When Ed retired, he either forgot to pass on this information to his successors, or he did and they did not respond.

After many years of abandonment, Owls Roost began to fall apart and it was in very bad shape. We broke in (as had many others over the years) and decided that it was worth buying and fixing up.

Now, we were assured by Grace Bohn and Sue Elting and others who knew Mrs. Ambrosius, that she would never sell the "shrine."

I learned Mrs. Ambrosius address and sent off a letter describing the condition of the house and its need to be purchased and repaired and that I was willing to do so.

I got a letter back from Louene, the daughter, saying that her mother would be happy to sell. (I believe that Mrs. A was "out of it" by now and her daughter was happy to stop having to pay fees and taxes for a place that they hadn't used for years.)

After a little negation over price (no one can believe what we paid for this cottage, this was 1963). Laura and I (and the girls) became Twilight Cottagers.

Now...much work was to be done. Fortunately, we could call on the services of a local repairman -- Tommy Easton, known as Tommy Fixit. He could repair anything. First, he got rid of the coal stove and ice box. It was really an "ice" box... hole had been drilled in the floor to let the water from the melted ice drip into the basement. Then he repaired the chimney which had lost many bricks... many of them had fallen into the fireplace. The roof needed repair in places as did some of the downstairs walls. Outside, on the front and downhill side of the house, Tommy cut down the bigger trees...I removed a number of saplings. And, eventually planted a front lawn.

Twilight Park Haines Falls – A Heritage
Submitted by Andy Smith



It was 1974 and I had gone over to a retirement community one mile east of the Sanibel Bridge in Florida to visit my mother, Helen MacKinnon MacDonald. During the visit, in passing, I mentioned that I had purchased a small weekend-vacation home in New York State. She promptly said: "How nice Andrew. Where in New York state is it?" I replied: "It is in a tiny town that you never head off in the Northern Catskills." Her voice rising - "Andrew, I know the Northern Catskills! Where is it?" With some exasperation in my voice, I replied: "It is a little place called Haines Falls." Demonstratively, she answered: "Andrew, I spent my first two summers in America with four other Scottish friends in a bed and breakfast in Haines Falls. We loved it because it reminded us so much of the Scottish Highlands with hiking in the mountains and seeing the streams and waterfalls." She also mentioned that she sang solo at the Methodist Church. My Mother had an excellent alto voice. This is a picture of my Mother at age 29 when she came from Scotland in front of the Brookside Bed and Breakfast. It is still in operation. If my Mother were here today, she would want me to remind you that: You are Scotch by consumption, but Scottish by heritage!

Editor's Note:

I am not in the park during the week and not on all weekends. If you attend an event, feel free to email a small write up (with pictures, if you have them).

Again, thanks to all for your submissions.

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Submissions may be edited.

**Deadline for Issue 6 is
Monday, August 10th !!**

MOUNTAINTOP ARTS PROGRAM

Dedicated to bringing world-class performing arts to the village of Tannersville, NY by developing artist residencies, community outreach, and educational opportunities with internationally recognized artists.

Visit the website for upcoming events in the area!!
<http://www.23arts.org/events-calendar/>

Jennifer Pharr Davis: Why Walking 100 Miles Is Better Than Swimming 10 Miles

Submitted by Bob Post

I attended Jennifer Pharr Davis' presentation at the Twilight Clubhouse on July 23, 2015 along with numerous other Twilighters, and to the best of my knowledge she never mentioned the word "swimming" during her talk. I expect other Twilighters will write article(s) about her presentation in more detail elsewhere, so I will not delve into her accomplishments here. So why do I think might she think this way? Let me explain.

First, let me say that I am a retired mechanical engineer and use numbers often to present my case in many discussions. It is engrained in my DNA. My initial assessment of walking is that it is dangerous to my existence and I will not survive another two years. Here is the data. When we arrived at Twilight on June 18 I weighed 177 lbs. I regularly walk the Level 1 and Level 2 road loop (Ledge End, Santa Cruz Hill, Spray Falls, Pharmacy Hill, Barkeloo spur) that is slightly more than 1.5 miles which I will call one lap. I keep a log of daily laps (never time), and as of yesterday I have walked over 70 laps in five weeks. Let's call it 100 miles for conservatism. I have lost just about 10 lbs. in the process. Extrapolating my weight loss of 10 lbs. in five weeks means if I continue this exercise program and walk 1800 miles in 90 weeks I will weigh about zero lbs. and disappear, end of me. Not a good outcome, I need to look at this differently to defend the title of this article.

Let's try it from a different perspective – energy efficiency. I cranked some numbers using data available from the internet. Walking about 3 mph for 100 miles uses about 25,000 calories. Swimming 10 miles leisurely (0.7 mph or 20 yds. per minute) uses about 5,000 calories. I can walk 10 times as far as I can swim and only use five times the calories. Therefore, it is more energy efficient to walk than swim. Case closed. Besides, walking is more practical than swimming if you are a land based being. If you live in the ocean, swimming wins, walking loses. I did listen to what Jennifer said last evening, and she said walking the Appalachian Trail was not entirely about numbers.

So, maybe it was about the view. Certainly there is more to see walking the 1.5 mile loop within Twilight Park than swimming the pool. Looking at the bottom of the pool with goggles gets boring. Also, there are breathing rules to comply with, well just one, don't breathe underwater. It ruins your experience. This is a stronger argument to defend the title of this article, if you defend views and breathing safety. This is still not the answer.

Jennifer said her third time hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT) was her world record accomplishment for man or woman, the entire 2189 mile trail in 46 days and 5 hours (if I remember correctly). She further elaborated that it was a team effort, and she could not have done it without her loving husband Brew, and numerous other people. She said you need a support team to make it happen. Now we are getting to the title of this article.

So I say to you Twilighters who have been my support team (unknowingly until now), that it is better (for me) to have walked 100 miles than have swum 10 miles. If I had swum, I would never have passed Jim Martucci running and singing and waving with his i-pod and ear buds, had talks with Mimi Haik while she walked her dog, met Taylor Hitchcock the life guard who wants to pursue medicine, met Molly Marine who now knows who "Popcorn" is. Also, I spoke to James McCabe a stone contractor who has done work for our family about his family and possible weekend activities for him and his kids (Fiber Flame in Saugerties). Then there is Mollie Zucker driving around the park to get from one camper issue to another, who yells out her car window, "What is that 70 or 80 miles?" I reply, "No it's over 100".

I'm on my way, maybe to 200 miles. Who knows, does it matter? What matters is the presence and continued support from fellow Twilighters, my support team that I engage in conversations or simple greetings as I go round and round the park. And that's why I think Jennifer Pharr Davis might have thought this way – "Why Walking 100 Miles Is Better than Swimming 10 Miles".





RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Recycling is mandatory in Greene County!
PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLABLES
and prepare them for collection as follows:

- Glass bottles and jars: clean, with metal and plastic neck bands removed
- Metal cans: clean
- Plastic bottles: clean, with caps and metal rings removed. Only soft plastic with recycling number 1, 2, 3, or 5.

Use see-through bags for the above items. The driver must be able to see what is in the bag

- Newspapers: tie with cotton twine or put into brown paper bags. Glossy supplements and telephone books can be included.
- Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper: tied with twine
- Office paper, envelopes, junk mail: separated into brown bags
- Corrugated cardboard: flattened and bound. No waxed cardboard or pieces larger than 3' x 3'.

Appliances, car batteries, tires and other items should be taken to the Hunter Transfer Station on Hylan Road. Check out <http://greenegovernment.com/departments/solid-waste/services/accepted-waste/> for what is accepted.

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sun: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wed: CLOSED

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Tuesday pickup: May 19 - October 20nd
Saturday pickup: June 27 - Sept 5

Remember....

Consolidate smaller bags into larger ones as we are billed by the bag. Up to 40 gal bags are \$2, larger bags are \$4. Multiple tall kitchen bags will fit into a 40 gal bag!

Trash Drop Off: If you need to dispose of smelly trash before a scheduled pick up day, there is a bear-proof receptacle behind the club house.



Mountain Top Library

(518) 589-5707

www.mountaintoplibrary.org

Mon – Fri: 10 am – 7 pm

Sat: 10am – 2 pm; Sun: Closed

Adirondack Trailways Bus Schedule

Check the website

www.trailwaysny.com