



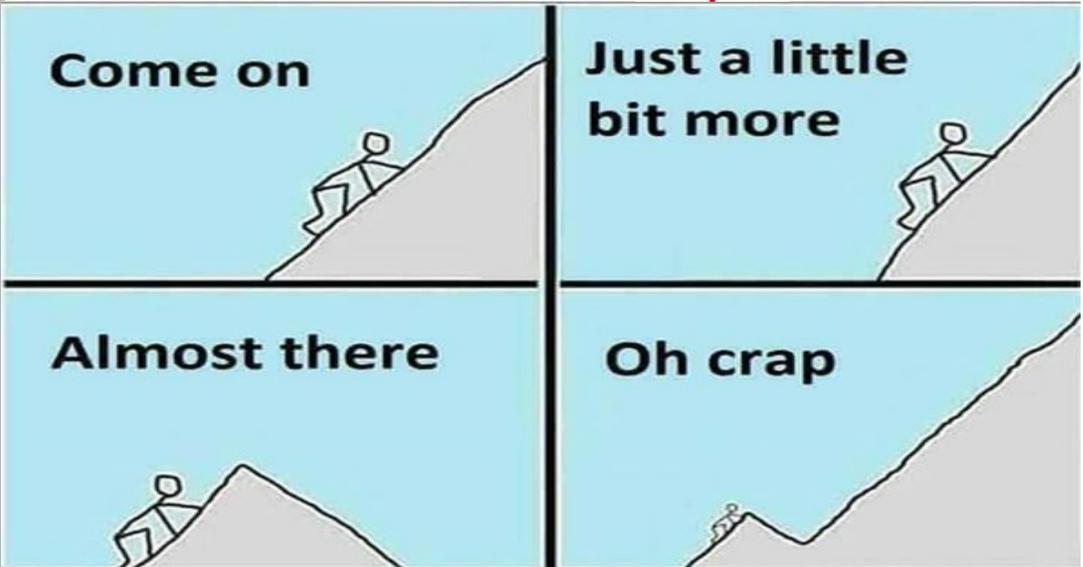
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Newsletter



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Editorial

Welcome all, new and renewed members to the July 2017 newsletter covering events from January 2017 to June 2017. There were many great outings during the past six months and seeing that look of awe as new members view the beauty found in certain hikes, namely Hidden Valley, the Sussex Bluffs and Gooseberry Cove, gives the leader a feeling of what it's all about. We started the year off with icy treks, followed by many snowshoeing events, and finally bike rides, hiking and boating as the weather warmed up and melted the snow.

Highlight of Events:

January ~ Mawhane Mountain

Lots of snow for snowshoeing and a new mountain to explore as we made our way to the top of Mawhane Mountain where you could look across the valley to see the top of Turtle Mountain where we have been many times.



February ~ The Number 7 Hill

This was one of the coldest days of the season. We began our 3-kilometre upward trek to reach the top of the Number 7 Hill through a beautiful winter trail of snow covered trees. We continued on to the corridor of Cotter Hollow that follows a stream and many beautiful ice walls. It was worth freezing your toes over.



March ~ McCrea's Pancake Breakfast and Midland Ice Caves Hike

An event we all look forward to every year and is always followed by a hike. This year we ventured into the Midland Ice Caves.



April ~ Gooseberry Cove

A yearly visit to Gooseberry Cove is a nice way to kick-off spring.



Editorial cont'd...

May ~ Green Snake Trail

Small but mighty...a mighty small group, but a mighty beautiful day it turned out to be. The waters were high in May and the streams that ran through the Green Snake trail were full and running hard.



June ~ Paddle from Sussex to Norton

Perfect day for a paddle as 25 paddlers make their way from Sussex to Norton covering 18 kilometres of one of the most picturesque waterways in southern New Brunswick. It didn't hurt that the day was calm and warm.



To view videos of some of the featured hikes, please visit the following:



- ◆ June Hall Youtube SJOE Icy trek to Mowhane Mountain January 28, 2017
- ◆ June Hall Youtube Midland Ice Caves 2017
- ◆ June Hall Youtube SJOE at Gooseberry Cove 30 April 2017
- ◆ June Hall Youtube SJOE, Greensnake Trail Dickson Falls Kinnie Brook 7 May 2017
- ◆ June Hall Youtube SJOE Paddle from Sussex to Norton 10 June 2017

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The Birth of Split Rock Trail

Twenty-five-year-old Leah Alexander has been working for the last 3 years trailblazing this area to deter illegal dumping and has created the most beautiful trail that leads from Colson Cove, along the coast to the lighthouse.

Ms. Alexander has contacted the provincial government and receive its blessing to do the work. To date the trail is approximately 5 kilometres and Ms. Alexander plans to add another three kilometres.

She likes to work on the trail during the cold months. This one-woman army has forged ahead using clippers, a small chainsaw with her dog by her side and has occasionally received help from her younger brother and a friend.

Several Saint John Outdoor Enthusiasts members have ventured on this trail numerous times this spring and have found the trail to be very well done and most enjoyable.

We wish Leah Alexander all the best as she continues to develop the trail and a sincere thank you for doing so.



Special Events

New Years Day Hike



The club meets traditionally every year on New Years day for a hike followed by a feast of leftovers from their Christmas festivities to share. As always, delicious!

Earth Hour Day Hike – For the past few years, we have done a pre-earth hour hike during the afternoon that we finish in time to gather for supper at Lily's Café followed by the Earth Hour hike that the Club leads for all welcomed guests.



Official Earth Hour Hike – This is just a short hike that leads to a view of the city as we arrive shortly before the lights go out over the city.



SJOE Activity Badges!

See the President on a hike or call Becky (693-2299) if you'd like your first or additional, SJOE badge

Earth Hour



Ramblings by the President...



Hi to Outdoor Enthusiasts!

Whatever you've been doing since our last newsletter, I trust some - or better still, a lot - of your time has been outdoors. As you can tell by our past reports, events and ongoing activities, many SJOE members keep very active all the time.

At our AGM in April, we had about 50 members present for a great pot luck meal and a good meeting where we broke into "table talks" on several topics. The board wanted to hear members' views on some pending decisions. Their comments demonstrated a real understanding of the club's mandate, sensitivity to members' needs and a concern for the long-term health of SJOE.

The board took the feedback and have decided on some changes for the future. To be specific, we have decided that to ensure SJOE keeps functioning responsibly, we will:

- ◆ Change our Membership year to a calendar one, so that it matches the Financial year. This is in effect now administratively but formally requires a By Law change so we'll get it ready for the next AGM. Also, there will be no proration of fees but we'll still welcome non-members to participate in up to three events before requiring them to become members.

- ◆ Increase Membership fees – in future – to become \$15 (Individual) and \$20 (Family). We'll let you know well in advance if they will be increased in 2019 or 2020 - once we have a better idea as to our budget.
- ◆ Charge a small fee for those attending our main social events, like the Christmas Party Pot Luck. Members felt that having such social gatherings was a benefit but that it is reasonable that participants contribute to the cost of the specific events.

Our members continue to be generous with their time and ideas, like the invitation to a social gathering on August 26th. (See the July-Sept Schedule). *Hope to see you there!*

Becky

SJOE members note the passing of one of our most adventurous and artistic members -

Rosie Jory



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