

# The Compass

The Butler Outdoor Club Newsletter Butler, Pennsylvania

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## BOC Jan 4 Meeting

Please join us at 6:30 pm at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa. as Warren Smith talks about pharmacy in the Peruvian Rainforest and shows us a DVD filmed during the expedition of a jungle walk with Dr. Mark Plotkin, author of "Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice" and "Medicine Quest".

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## Congratulations to 2012 Officers

Steve Bickel, president

Tammy Veloski, Vice-President

John Stehle, secretary

Carol Bickel, treasurer

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BOC Christmas Bird Watchers

## New Years Day Picnic

Join us at the Annual BOC New Years Day Picnic 12:00 noon Jan 1 at Moraine State Park North Shore McDanel's Launch Pavillion .

Electric will be available for crockpots, etc.

Bring a hot dish to share.

Come prepared to XC-Ski, Hike, Bike, etc depending on weather.

We have teamed up with the park to lead First Day Hikes about 2 miles long for the public from 1 to 3 pm.

## Second Wilderness Lodge Weekend

I am taking reservations for Jan. 27-29. It will be the same price and conditions as the weekend of Jan.6-8. (If you booked for Jan. 6-8, I cannot move you to the last weekend. Those have already been reserved and paid for. Here is your chance for a second weekend...but first come, first serve, let me know asap.

Singles - \$78

Couples with another couple - \$166

Private room for couple - \$185

\* This includes Sat. dinner

Once you notify me, I will confirm that you have it and then you can send me a check. Joyce Appel

1899 State Route 268, East Brady, Pa.16028

## 2011 Christmas Bird Count

Seven field scientists for a day from the Butler Outdoor Club took part in the 2011 Christmas Bird Count. They were Dave Adams, Steve Bickel, Tom Baumgardner, Helen Coyne, Dorothy Weisberg, Ed Scurry, and John Stehle.

The count, coordinated locally by Susanne Butcher and the Batramian Chapter of the National Audubon Society, is an attempt to get a census of birds at a time when most migration has stopped. Although each count and each party of observers is subject to a wide variety of factors which may influence the count, the value of the count can be seen when you look at it over many years. And in the case of the Christmas Bird Count, that is now at 100 years, and in the Butler area, 46 years. When the actual scientists look at these numbers over time, they can see trends that help them understand the health of the bird population of North America.

In our case, we started out with some nice, somewhat warmer weather, which resulted in some good counts in the early part of the day. But as the day wore on, it got colder and windier, and the birds seemed hunker down out of sight.

Around mid-day, the group ended the count with some delicious stew made with Hungarian paprika and some wassail to warm us up. A great way to end a winter bird outing. Here is our count, with a total number of species of 24 and a total number of birds at 404.

Bald eagle	2	Mourning dove	6
Blackcap chickadee	17	Pileated	
Blue bird	5	Woodpecker	1
Blue jay	6	Red bellied	
Canada geese	90	Woodpecker	2
Cardinal	6	Robin	110
Crow	8	Ring billed Gull	21
Downy Woodpecker	7	Starling	80
Golden eye	2	Tree sparrow	18
Hairy Woodpecker	3	Tufted titmouse	4
Horned grebe	2	White breasted	
Junco	6	Nuthatch	7
Kestrel	1		

## BOC Directory

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### Rambles

Cindy Webreck

### Nature Study

Dorothy Weisburg

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"The purpose of the Butler Outdoor Club is to provide year-round outdoor activities for the enjoyment and fellowship of our members, while creating awareness, appreciation and conservation of the environment."

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Visit our club website for the latest event updates and club news at

[www.butleroutdoorclub.org](http://www.butleroutdoorclub.org)



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## BOC Sponsored Events

Dec 17 Annual Christmas Bird Count - meet at the end of Swamp Road in Moraine State Park at 7:30am. Contact John Stehle - cell 724-256-0674 for last minute weather issues.

Dec 19 BOC board meeting Monday, Dec. 19 at the Buter YMCA Trustees Room, 7:00 pm.

Jan 1 Annual BOC New Years Day Picnic Noon Moraine State Park North Shore McDanel's Launch Pavillion - Bring a hot dish to share - Come prepared to XC-Ski, Hike, Bike, etc depending on weather. We have teamed up with the park to lead First Day Hikes of approx. 2 miles from 1 to 3 pm.

Jan 4 Our monthly meetings are 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program on the first Wed. of each month usually at the Butler YMCA, 339 N. Washington, St. Butler, Pa.

Each meeting includes outing announcements, a featured speaker and slide show or outdoor educational program and is open to the public.

Our January monthly meeting will be held Wed Jan 4 at the Butler YMCA

Join us at 6:30pm as Warren Smith talks about pharmacy in the Peruvian Rainforest and shows us a DVD filmed during the expedition of a jungle walk with Dr. Mark Plotkin, author of "Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice" and "Medicine Quest".

Jan 15 Hike at Kennerdale Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 am. Contact Carol or Steve Bickel at [cbickel@zoominternet.net](mailto:cbickel@zoominternet.net)

Jan 27-29 Second Wilderness Lodge Weekend I am taking reservations for Jan. 27-29. It will be the same price and conditions as the weekend of Jan. 6-8. (If you booked for Jan. 6-8, I cannot move you to the last weekend. Those have already been reserved and paid for. However, if you want this last weekend also...here is your chance...but first come, first serve, and I say...they may go fast...so don't wait) Let me know asap. Wilderness Lodge has a downstairs and upstairs. Lower level has a bar, tv, couches, chairs and tables to socialize and play games. You are not allowed to bring your own bottle of liquor because of liquor law. Bottle prices are very reasonable at Wilderness Lodge. Upstairs has the sleeping rooms and small sitting room. A daily trail pass is purchased separately at next door building called "Nordic Center". They also rent skis. Singles - \$78 Couples with another couple - \$166 Private room for couple - \$185 \* This includes Sat. dinner Once you notify me, I will confirm that you have it and then you can send me a check. Joyce Appel 1899 State Route 268 East Brady, Pa. 16028

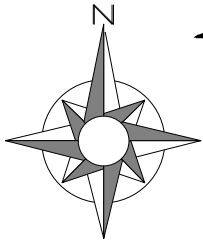
## Other Area Outdoor Events

**These events are listed for public information and are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Butler Outdoor Club. We assume no liability for anything that happens if you participate in these activities.**

Dec 26	**** Moraine State Park Late Season Archery Hunt **** Wear orange or bright colored clothing during the Late Season Archery deer hunt will be open from December 26, 2011 through January 16, 2012. Some areas in Moraine State Park normally closed to hunting will be open, to archery only. All PA Game Commission and safety zone regulations still apply. Stop in the South Shore office M-F 8-4 or call 724 368-8811 for details.
Jan 1	First Day Hike January 1, 2012 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. McDanel’s Launch, Pavilion 7 North Shore, Moraine State Park The Butler Outdoor Club invites you to start 2012 out right with a First Day Hike! Dress to enjoy the weather and meet enthusiastic fellow hikers for a hike of approx. two miles, over moderate terrain. Get outdoors right from the first!
Jan 21	Winterfest January 21, 2012 McDanel’s, North Shore Moraine State Park Join the Moraine Preservation Fund at the second annual Winterfest at McDanel’s Launch on the north shore of Moraine State Park on January 21, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. One highlight of the day will be the chili cook-off contest! Businesses and individuals may enter. Winter activities include ice skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and hiking. Ice sculpture and dog sledding demos are planned. Crafts and hot food! Contact <a href="http://www.morainepreservationfund.org">www.morainepreservationfund.org</a> for more info. 724 368-9185
Apr 27 29	KTA Spring Meeting & Hiking Weekend, Wellsboro, Tioga County
Jul 20 22	KTA Prowl the Sproul Hiking Weekend, Renovo, Clinton County
Sep 8	KTA Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run, York & Lancaster Counties
Oct 12 14	KTA Fall Meeting & Hiking Weekend, Clearfield, Clearfield County



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