

Chamber News

April 2009

SPRINGTIME CHAMBER EVENTS FEATURE GOLF, LAKES, PLANS, TRAILS AND MORE!

When a town such as Winthrop undertakes a comprehensive planning process, countless hours of discussion and other forms of information-gathering occur. Demographics, economics, facilities and land, transportation, utilities, and many other factors must be thoughtfully examined and carefully weighed in order to create a successful plan. Patrice Putman, chair of the Town of Winthrop's Comprehensive Planning Committee, will be the featured speaker at the Chamber breakfast meeting on

Thursday, April 2.

Winthrop recently convened a 13-member Comprehensive Planning Committee, and the committee is now actively engaged in updating the Town's 1996 plan. Once completed, the comprehensive plan will guide decision-making in Winthrop for the next decade. Committee meetings regarding the comprehensive plan have already begun to be held. These meetings, held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at the Winthrop Town Hall, are open



to the public. To date, the committee has held meetings to review the 1996 version of the plan (March 9) and discuss economic development and future of Main Street in downtown Winthrop (March 23). Topics for discussion at upcoming committee meetings include transportation on April 13, natural resources on April 27, and recreation on May 11. Community participation is strongly encouraged.

In addition to the talk about Winthrop's comprehensive plan, the Chamber breakfast meeting will include a brief presentation by representatives from Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA), a coalition that works to improve the health and quality of life in communities in southern Kennebec County. HCCA representatives Joanne Joy, Executive Director, and Amy Wagner, Adult and Worksite Wellness Manager, will be engaging participants in the "themes and strengths" assessment process as part of HCCA's Community Health Improvement Plan initiative.

The Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, April 2 will be held at the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union** (located at the intersection of Route 202 and Highland Avenue in Winthrop). The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:15 am and the meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.

For more information, please go to www.winthropchamber.org, call 207-377-8020, or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

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Kennebec Land Trust Trails FEATURED AT MAY MEETING

Jym St. Pierre, past president and one of the founding members of the **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, will be the featured speaker at the Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 7. St. Pierre will present “KLT Trails: Exploring Kennebec Land Trust Preserves.” KLT is a nonprofit land conservation organization. During the past two decades, KLT has protected 45 properties encompassing more than 3,200 acres with 20 miles of trails. St. Pierre’s richly illustrated talk will highlight the many beautiful places to visit on KLT lands in the region.



Goose Nest, Bog Pond Conservation Area, Manchester
Photo © Jym St. Pierre

FOCW & Lakeside to Host May BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed** and **Lakeside Motel, Cabins, and Marina** will be co-sponsoring the Chamber’s “Business after Hours” event on Wednesday, May 20 from 5 to 7 pm. (Rain Date: May 27.) The event, to be held at Lakeside Motel, Cabins, and Marina in East Winthrop, will prove to be a great way to kick off Memorial Day weekend by featuring a hamburger and hot dog cookout on beautiful Cobbossee Lake, as well as boat rides courtesy of Clark Marine and numerous raffle prizes donated from local merchants! Lakeside Motel, Cabins, and Marina is located at 77 Turtle Run Road in East Winthrop.



Register Now for the 5th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

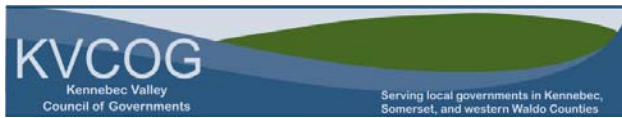
It’s already tee time, which means it’s almost shotgun start time! That’s right, the Fifth Annual Chamber Golf Scramble has been scheduled for Friday, June 26 (rain or shine) at Springbrook Golf Club in Leeds. This annual event, once again sponsored by the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union**, is great opportunity have fun while networking with your Chamber colleagues and other business associates. Mark your calendars and register now.

See Golf Registration Form on Page 5.

Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE

The current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber’s new Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted at www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html. For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

KVCOG and Others Sponsor ACCESS TO CAPITAL FORUM



Small business owners have expressed concerns that access to capital has become more difficult because of the recession. In response to these concerns, a forum on access to capital has been scheduled for Monday, March 30 at 10 am. Sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, the Finance Authority of Maine, the US Small Business Administration, and representatives from area banks, the forum will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about the many sources of capital available to businesses. The forum will take place at the Fairfield Community Center, located at 61 Water Street in Fairfield. RSVP: Amy Harrington 453-4258, ext. 11, or aharrington@kvkog.org.

Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kennebec Land Trust's 2009 Lyceum, "Forest Management in Maine, New England, and the World," continues this month. Malcolm Hunter, Libra Professor of Conservation Biology, Department of Wildlife Ecology, at the University of Maine, will present "Of Toadstools and Trees: Principals of Managing Forests for Biological Diversity" on Thursday, April 2 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Ladd Recreation Center on Gott Road in Wayne. For information, call 377-2848.



Some terrific events are happening in April, thanks to the **Winthrop Education Corporation (WEC)**. On Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, WEC is sponsoring "The Lakeside Revue," a music and comedy celebration of our beloved lakes region. The show includes local performers, Maine personalities, and plenty of fun for the whole family. Hosted by Las Vegas lounge performer Gary Winchester from the Sand Pit Hotel and Casino, "The Lakeside Revue" has something for everyone.

The event will take place at 7:30 pm at the Winthrop Performing Arts Center and will feature host Gary Winchester, as well as games, prizes, and more. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. A portion of the event's proceeds will be donated to the local schools for their general use. Don't miss the poster on page 4.

WEC is also sponsoring a performance by the University of Maine Orono Dancers on Friday, April 17 at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at the door for \$7 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors.

WEC and the Winthrop Performing Arts Center are successful thanks to the support of the community. They are looking for contributions for raffles and giveaways and would be grateful for your generous donations. For more information, call David Setchell at 377-2228, ext. 114, or Victoria Christopher at 377-3818.

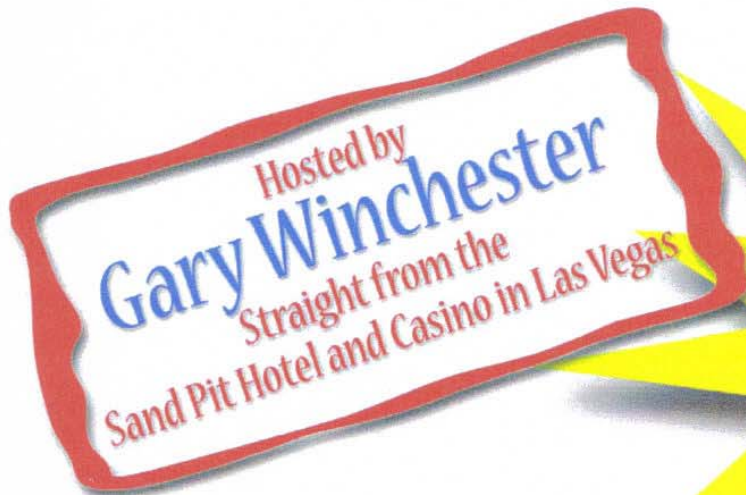
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TWO LAKES PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

LAKESIDE

REVUE!

**a music and comedy celebration of
Monmouth, Readfield, Winthrop and
the surrounding areas**



APRIL 10TH AND 11TH @ 7:30PM

WINTHROP PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

\$10 ADULTS \$5 STUDENTS/SENIORS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!



Fifth Annual Golf Scramble

Springbrook Golf Club, Friday, June 26th

Registration/Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Shotgun Start: 12:30 pm (Rain or Shine)
18 Holes ▪ \$260 per Foursome (includes golf cart) ▪ Social Hour, Hors d'oeuvres, and Awards Following
Closest to Pin and Long Drive Contests and Many Other Great Prizes
For more information, call the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce at 377-8020.

Sponsored by Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union

Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Golf Scramble

Please complete form below and return it with check made payable to Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce.

_____ Hole Sponsor - \$125

Name of Sponsor for Recognition: _____

Hole Sponsor Contact Person Name and Phone Number: _____

_____ Player Registration - \$260 per Foursome

Name of Player and Handicap: _____

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Foursome Contact Person Name and Phone Number: _____

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