

# FOOTSTEPS

NEWSLETTER OF SEQUOYAH HIKING CLUB  
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## Sequoyah Hiking Club

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### Purpose

- 1-To plan and enjoy hikes in local areas.
- 2-Little organization
- 3-Few rules
- 4-No by laws

### Meetings

4th Monday of each month

### Dues

\$12 per year

### Footsteps

Monthly newsletter

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The February 22 meeting at Bert's Hometown Grill was well attended with Lucy Alexander, Bobbie Arp, Mary Jane Burnette, Johanna Cooley, Elbert Croft, Paul Gamble, Lee Roy Holt, William Frank and Elizabeth Johnston, J. D. Jones, Marcia Long, Houston Lowry, Richard and Bettye Spurling, Sue West and Liz Yates present.

The club has 28 paid members for 1999, and it is hoped that more of last year's members will pay their '99 dues to bring our active membership to the number that we had in 1998.

Three new members had joined last month, and we are pleased to welcome Bill and Marcia Long who joined at the February meeting.

Johanna Cooley reported that we have \$382.92 in the bank and \$63.56 in cash for a total of \$446.48.

It was suggested that we begin to look for trails to use for the Habitat for Humanity Hikes this year. It was thought that the trail to Flats Mountain was in too poor a condition to use

## MARYVILLE-ALCOA GREENWAY

The Greenway hike of 8 miles was planned for February 17, but contingent plans were in place in the event of rain. On the Wednesday of the hike, it was raining, and so the group of Freda Lowry, Liz Yates, Johanna Cooley, Imogene Cantrell, Robert Millsaps and Joyce Denton walked 6 miles in the Foothills Mall. The mall opens early each morning for hikers. The stores in the mall open later. When our group arrived, there were local walkers who were finishing their walks and leaving. After leaving the mall, the walkers went to the BelAir restaurant to eat lunch.

### ---- BLACK APRIL ----

All who paid 1998 dues will receive the March newsletter. Those who have not paid 1999 dues will have to be removed from our mailing list in April... no more Footsteps. Paid dues are not required to participate in the hikes.

## WHY IS IT CALLED .....?

Several versions of the source of the name, Charlie's Bunion, are prevalent. They differ in some details but all have the same basis. This version was given by Horace Kephart who was present when the name was first given.

Though almost a sheer drop, the northern side of the mountain had been forest clad with few cliffs to be seen. An unprecedented cloud burst in 1929 swept every vestige of vegetation and soil from the bare rock into the depths of the ravine below leaving a naked stony spire pointing to the clouds.

When torrents of flood water and drift came down the swollen Oconaluftee, a party, including Kephart and Charlie Conner, climbed the mountain to see the effect of the down pour there. Conner, a native of Lufty valley, had long suffered with a protruding bunion on one of his feet. All the party were familiar with the region, and they were astounded by the unaccustomed desolation when the scene suddenly burst upon them.

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again this year.

Our regular meeting in March will be March 22.

## MIDDLE PRONG HIKE

Freda Lowry, J. D. Jones, Bettye Spurling, Elizabeth Johnston, Imogene Cantrell, Robert Millsaps, and maybe Liz Yates and Johanna Cooley gathered at Wal Mart parking lot on February 3 for the Cucumber Gap Hike but agreed to go on the Middle Prong Hike instead. The day was beautiful and the river was full causing the falls on the river to be very pretty.

## RABBIT CREEK HIKE

The hike to Rabbit Creek scheduled for February 13 was canceled for two very good reasons:

- 1. The weather was cold and bad.
- 2. The leader, Bobbie Arp, had bronchitis.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

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Commenting on the sheer rock pinnacle, one man remarked, "That sticks out like Charlie's bunion!" And so a new name was born.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 28, Sunday - Ball Play Falls; 2 & 1/2 miles, easy; Leave Wal mart parking lot at 2 PM; Leader - Paul Gamble, 423-442-9382.

March 3, Wednesday - Maryville- Alcoa Greenway; 8 miles, easy except for distance; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; Leader - Freda Lowry, 423-442-2161.

March 14, Sunday - Conasauga Falls; 2 & 1/2 miles, easy; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 2 PM; Leader - Paul Gamble, 423-442-9382.



**St. Patrick's Day  
March 17**



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March 21, Sunday - Ft. Loudoun Park; 4 miles, easy; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 2 PM; Leader - Bobbie Arp, 423-442-1923.

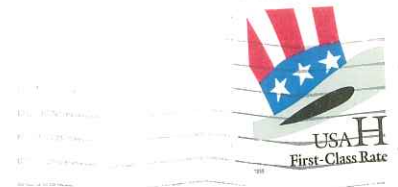
March 22, Monday - Monthly meeting at Bert's Hometown Grill at 7 PM.



April 10, Saturday - Piney River; 10 miles, moderate, all down hill; Will shuttle cars at trail; Leave Wal Mart, Madisonville at 8 AM or 68 Plaza, Sweetwater at 8:30 AM; Leader - Lee Roy Holt, 423-337-5913.

April 17, Saturday - Jeffrey's Hell; 5 miles, easy, on a road bed; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; Flowers should be beautiful; Leader - Bobbie Arp, 423-442-1923.

April 26, Monday - Monthly meeting.



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