



The Hornet Newsletter

Minutes of October 21, 2025

Meeting was called to order @ 6:32 with 18 members attending.

The meeting was led by Treasurer Combs and Secretary Hall this evening.

It was our final meeting at the clubhouse this week. We will begin our fall/winter meeting venue at The Elks club starting next week 10/28.

We had Bear and our waitress Gen recognized. We thanked Bear for hosting the membership. Bear also has an interest of becoming a member. Gen was recognized with a generous gratuity. Thank you both.

Jack Carter showed us the ad we had placed in the Schoharie Valley Concert Band program. (pic on next page)

Treasurer and public relations chair Bill Combs informed us of an ad in this weeks Times Journal. (pic on next page)

A motion was made by Bill Combs to change the name of the Coats for Kids program to Kids Winter Clothing program. This better suits the various articles of winter clothing we normally purchase for this cause.

The motion was seconded and carried by the membership.

Rich Williams won the 50/50

Meeting adjourned @ 7:09

Happy Birthday

Shawn Decowski 10/06

Sean Mahar 10/12

Randy Crapser 10/14

Bob Frase 10/28

Jack Young 10/28

Upcoming Events

Oct 28 Meetings start at The Elks Club for our Fall/Winter venue.

Nov 4 **Election Night, No Meeting**

Pancake Supper @ the firehouse

Ticket Sales

10/21 Bruce Wollaber

10/28 Jack Young

Golf News



There was an outing this week with 2 foursomes playing for win. The winner came in at 3 under taking the round from the other group who came in at par.

Tony Hall won the lunch flip.

Committees (*=chairperson)

Kids Winter Clothing: Bruce Wollaber*, Gary Hayes, Tony Hall, Terry Keller

Backpack Program: Gary Bywater*, John Dahl, Joe Corsall

Scholarship: Dick Norton*, Jack Carter, Jack Young

School Christmas program: Rich Williams*, Tony Hall, Jack Carter, Joe Corsall

Audit & Finance: Dan Lamont*, Doug Shaver, Werner Hample, Dick Norton

Picnic: Henry Simmons*, John Cleary, Joe Corsall, RJ Mallery, Terry Keller

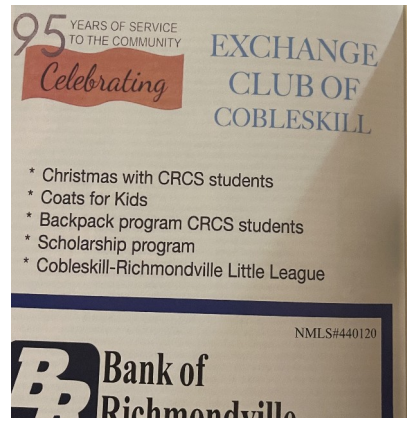
Christmas Dinner: Gary Hayes*, George Konta, RJ Mallery, Cliff Hay

Little League program: Andre Nadeau*, Gary Bywater, Bill Combs, Shawn Dekowski

Little League Parking: John Cleary*, Gary Bywater, Andre Nadeau, Henry Simmons, Bob Frase, Jack Young, Joe Corsall

Public relations: Bill Combs*, Joe Corsall

Golf Tournament: Bruce Wollaber*, Jack Carter, Ron Reinemann*, Fred Langevin, John Dahl, Chet Burton, John Cleary



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Spotlight on Nonprofit

The Cobleskill Exchange Club: Fostering Community and Service in Schoharie County

COBLESKILL — On October 3, the Cobleskill Exchange Club hit a tremendous milestone—their 95th year in operation.

“How many organizations hit 95 years?” asked Exchange Club President Gary Bywater.

Not many. Founded in 1930 as a chapter of the National Exchange Club, the Cobleskill Exchange Club shares the organization’s national mission: to inspire communities to become better places to live. The club brings together volunteers from diverse backgrounds, united by a common goal of serving others and improving their community through various service projects, educational initiatives, and fundraising events.

Throughout the year, the Cobleskill Exchange Club hosts several popular events. The latter part of the year is an especially busy time for the organization, when they implement the School Backpack Program, which donates 100 new backpacks stuffed with school supplies for the students who need them at Ryder Elementary School. There’s also the Winter Clothing Program for elementary students who need warm winter clothing; the school tells the Exchange Club what is needed, and the Exchange Club delivers—and don’t forget the School Christmas Program, where every student in grades K through three receives a Christmas bag of goodies.

The Exchange Club also awards a \$2000 scholarship for a graduating high school student, and they also do a lot to support the Cobleskill-Richmondville Little Leagues. Last year they raised over \$30,000 to put LED lighting at the Richmondville fields, partnering with local volunteers and organizations to get it done.

The Exchange Club works throughout the year to raise funds that support their charity work, and 100% of the proceeds are invested back into the community.

Every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club in Cobleskill, the Exchange Club meets to talk about upcoming events and service opportunities. Occasionally, they present programs of interest, like honoring outstanding community members or learning from guest speakers.

The Exchange Club also has their sights set on the future.

“We need to build up our membership with a fresh, younger group of people,” member Bill Combs said. “The clientele we have now is a little older. It’s good to have fresh, new ideas of how to serve the community.”

Membership in the Exchange Club is open to anyone interested in making a positive difference in Cobleskill and in the broader Schoharie County area. The club welcomes new members who are committed to volunteerism, and it offers opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and meaningful social connections.

For more information on upcoming events, programs, or how to join, interested readers are encouraged to write to info@cobleskill-exchangeclub.org or attend one of their Tuesday night meetings.



Bill Combs Jr, John Daul, & Gary Bywater donate free backpacks of school supplies to Ryder Elementary.



From left to right: Tony Hall (Cobleskill secretary), Joe Greatsinger (former Connecticut district president), Ginay Greatsinger (current Connecticut district president), Gary Bywater (Cobleskill president), and Joe Dudek (national president).



In front of an audience of children, the Exchange Club isn't afraid of looking silly.



Dressed in seasonal attire, the club prepares to perform.

Members

Bender, Trevor	2025	607-348-5688
Briggs, Raymond	2025	231-4673
Burton, Chet	2017	858-3678
Bywater, Gary *	2017	231-1213
Carter, John P	2020	315-212-3471
Cleary, John	2016	203-571-8100
Cohn, Roger*	1971	234-8765
Combs, Bill	2023	231-0571
Corsall, Joe*	1989	234-7835
Crapser, Randy*	1986	294-7112
Dahl, John*	1967	386-679-6789
Decowski, Shawn	2025	518-657-9556
Frase, Bob*	2003	823-4371
Hall, Tony	2021	231-5069
Hampel, Werner	2020	221-5332
Hay, Clifford	2023	234-7165
Hayes, Gary	2021	390-0490
Keller, Terry *	2017	234-3004
Konta, George*	2005	231-9114
Lamont, Dan*	1971	339-7576
Langevin, Fred	2000	231-3629
Macan, Ron*	2014	526-6671
Mahar, Sean	2025	231-1203
Mallery, R.J.*	1996	296-8882
Nadeau, Andre*	1999	234-8962
Norton, Richard	2018	234-7332
Reinemann, Ron*	1972	234-4396
Shaver, Doug*	2001	231-1899
Simmons, Henry	2017	287-1569
Warner, Sam		Emeritus
Williams, Rich	2018	231-0910
Wollaber, Bruce*	2010	287-1577
Wollaber, Eric	2016	294-4003
Young, Jack*	1967	234-7627

*= Past President

Officers

President	Gary Bywater
Vice President	Joe Corsall
Past President	Gary Bywater
Treasurer	Bill Combs
Secretary	Tony Hall

Board of Directors

Dan Lamont
John Cleary
Jack Young
R J Mallery

Business Memberships

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518-234-2521

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Milan Jackson 2018
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