

# Orange- Chatham Group

## Special Meeting Date

OCT 2004



The OCG General Meeting will be held on the **third Wednesday** in October and will be at the Carrboro Century Center and. General meetings are normally on the second Wednesday night of each month. **See you in Room 2-3 of the Carrboro Century Center!**

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### The Political Potential

Anyone else out there frustrated by the current state of politics. While one party seems afraid to embrace its ideals, the other one has degenerated to character assassination and fear-mongering. (You decide which party is which.)

Are you frustrated that the media spends countless hours discussing sound bites while real discussion is non existent. How about environmental degradation, population explosion, nuclear proliferation, or economic systems that destroy the natural world and decimate cultural identities?

Do these things really matter to you; to us? How many people express helplessness in the face of such world trends? Is there anything we can do?

I believe its true that one vote can't really change things any more than the president can control national and world events. But in this election, it seems clear that there's a lot at stake in terms of setting the agenda, the tone of cooperation, and the mood of our nation.

Please go out and vote. And get active locally. The OCG has one of the largest memberships of any Sierra Club in North Carolina, but we are struggling to find volunteers. Please help!

### Newsletter Editor Needed

After a second three-year term as newsletter editor, I'm once again stepping down to pursue other interest. (I'm already helping to coach my son and daughter's soccer team.) The OCG needs volunteers to assume the positions of newsletter editor and webmaster. For more information about the tasks, contact Peter Todd or Robert Porter. Contact details are to the right.

### OCG Meetings

**Wednesday, October 20th, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting. Book Discussion:** Dr. Robbie Cox of Chapel Hill, the three time past president of the national Sierra Club, will speak on President George W. Bush's environmental record. Cox will also say something about what might have been: As national Sierra Club president, he campaigned for Al Gore in 2000. Cox stumped for Gore with Melissa Ethridge, as well as the leaders of NARAL and Human Rights Campaign, so he might have a human interest story or two to share.

See you in Room 2-3 of the Carrboro Century Center on Oct. 20 at 7:30.

**Wednesday, October 6th, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting.** At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at [robertporter@mindspring.com](mailto:robertporter@mindspring.com) or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome and encouraged to join us.

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## Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

**3rd Saturday - Bolin Creek Trail.** Work is continuing on the Bolin Creek habitat restoration project. After a fairly small amount of work, a significant improvement is now visible along the Greenway. This is a long-term project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at [arbornet@mindspring.com](mailto:arbornet@mindspring.com), or 942-9937 if you are interested in participating.

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing.** Generally, the group meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month starting at 9:00 AM. The workgroup meets at the Scott King Rd. crossing of the ATT. For more info contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail [thad.howard@duke.edu](mailto:thad.howard@duke.edu).

**OCT 7 (Thu) 5:30 P.M. American Tobacco Trail.** Walk a new section of the ATT. Scott King Road, between Fayetteville Rd. and Herndon Rd. About 4 miles, easy. Contact Janet Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or [janet.hitti@verizon.net](mailto:janet.hitti@verizon.net).

**OCT 23 (Sat) Duke Forest.** Enjoy fall colors on a 2-hour moderate hike on a wooded trail near New Hope Creek in Duke Forest. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at parking lot for Johnston Mill Tract on Mt Sinai Road. To get there from Chapel Hill, take Airport Road (N.Columbia) to Mt. Sinai about 1.8 miles beyond I-40 Intersection. Turn right on Mt. Sinai and proceed 1.1 miles to parking lot on right. Participants from Durham and Raleigh can take I-40 to Exit 266 (86 - Airport Road) and turn right on Airport. Then proceed to Mt. Sinai as above. Possible lunch after the hike at Allan's Barbecue. Contact: Eric Block (OCG) PH: 919-489-4255; E-mail: [ericblock@da.org](mailto:ericblock@da.org).



The Sierra Club's **Sustainable Consumption Committee** has created a newsletters and website [www.sierraclub.org/sustainable\\_consumption](http://www.sierraclub.org/sustainable_consumption). The goal of the committee is to educate the public about the impact of over-consumption and to offer practical alternatives that can be applied at home, business and school.

### ***New OCG Listserv email list***

Orange-Chatham Group maintains a listserv to inform members of important events and action items. Anyone may subscribe to this list. Posting is limited to subscribers.

To subscribe to this list, go to <http://lists.sierraclub.org/SCRIPTS/WA.EXE?SUBED1=nc-ocg-news&A=1> and click on "Join or leave the list."

To post to this list, send your message to: [NC-OCG-NEWS@lists.sierraclub.org](mailto:NC-OCG-NEWS@lists.sierraclub.org)

To contact the owner of this list, send a message to: [NC-OCG-NEWS-request@lists.sierraclub.org](mailto:NC-OCG-NEWS-request@lists.sierraclub.org) Archives of this list may be viewed at: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NC-OCG-NEWS.html>

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