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Upcoming Events:

3/21/08 Spring/Summer cycling begins

3/25/08 A2A Bowling League Begins

5/24/08 Trout Fishing

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Spring has Sprung

For those of you who shudder at the forecast of snow, wind and near freezing temperatures etc... salvation is here at last. The robins are chirping, the edge is off the wind, and daylight lasts to a respectable hour. So now it is time to dust off the bike helmets and lube the chains, pull out the kayak paddles and untangle the fishing lines. We are busily planning and looking forward to an exciting new season of fun and adventure, organizing events that will get more and more of



you 'adventurers' out there.

In this issue of the adventurer we are going to let you know what we have planned for the next couple of months. We are thinking up new ideas and different types of activities everyday. Our website will let you know what we have added to the calendar, so check back regularly and find out what is going on.

Spring and summer are such an inviting time to be outside. We have spent months pent up inside waiting to be able to go outside (without the 4 additional layers of clothes), and fantasizing about how

the warm breeze blowing past us will feel. Remember spending balmy evenings at dusk outside? Well, soon enough we won't have to visualize it any more. As the season changes, think about how you'll want to get out there and be active. It always seems so much easier to access the outdoors when the sun is out and the air is warm. We here at A2A look forward to seeing you out there.



In Your Words Member Spotlight: Let the Cycling Begin!

A2A is fun and exciting! They introduced me to scuba diving. I got so interested, I started taking lessons and got my scuba certification. I have met fun and interesting people by going to events held by A2A. Through A2A, I have tried rock climbing, trout fishing and bowling. I have liked all of these recreational activities. The people who run A2A, Brian, Jenny and Erin are wonderful human beings, too. Thanks to them, I have tried things that I would have never tried before.

Tanja Blicher

Cycling Season is here! Thank goodness. I don't know about you, but the holiday season still lingers with me (that Easter ham was tasty though). In my opinion there is no better way to kickstart a healthy summer than with a leisurely bike ride. This year could be the most exciting yet for A2A cycling. We are looking good to get more rides in than we ever have by cycling from mid April until late September. We expect to ride biweekly, offering our two handcycles for a minimal cost. We will meet every other Monday at Colt State Park, starting the 21st of April. We also hope to have guest speakers come and talk about vari-

ous aspects of cycling, such as information on bike maintenance, or long distance bike rides. I hope that we will see all of the familiar faces out there and have the opportunity to see new ones. A number of us have set a goal to register for the Tiverton Century ride, organized by the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen, on September 7th. It is a beautiful ride and you can chose to do 25, 50 or 100 miles. Come and join us for our rides, and if you feel like setting any riding goals, let us help you achieve them. See you out there!



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Thoughts from the desk at a2a

Spring is finally here! Winter seemed longer this year than in the past. While I am not entirely sure, we may have had even less snow than usual. And while the skiing this year has been really great, I am ready to store the snowboard and get my bike tuned for the season. I know that the summer will be jammed with fun and adventure for all of us. Most of all, I am looking forward to challenging myself, and hopefully some of you, to participate in the Tiverton Century, the bike ride at the end of summer. Having cycled 100 miles a handful of times, I know that it is definitely a

goal to "WORK" for. I am also looking forward to spending some time on the water, not frozen of course. I hope that we can inspire YOU to get out there and perhaps try something new and exciting. There are plenty of activities that we haven't even tapped into. I am going to go try to track down that "summer gear" and make sure it is ready the minute that warm breeze kicks in.

See you out there,



Brian Skeels,
President

New A2A Bowling League Begins

"Leap Year Bowling" was a great time. We saw some new faces and were blessed with some familiar ones. Every time we bowl we are impressed with the response we get. Our friends at the East Providence Lanes, especially Elaine, treat us very nicely and we appreciate it very much.

We are now proud to announce the first ever A2A bowling league. We will meet the last Friday of every month beginning April 25th. Everyone interested is encouraged to sign up for the five week series. We will bowl at East Providence Lanes from 10:00 to 12:00. And we will record the stats and averages of everyone so we can see how all improve.

