

SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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“Fire on the Mountain”

Nov 13th Meeting

We will be showing the film "Fire on the Mountain" a history of the 10th Mountain Division filmed back in 1940s. The movie was recently transferred to digital and is of surprising quality. It is an extended length film (for the time) offering an in-depth review of the 10th Mountain Division in 50 minutes. Learn more about the incredible exploits of the famous Division and admire the remarkable skills and scenery depicted in the movie.

The goal was clear: defeat the Nazis who were entrenched high in the snowy mountains of Italy. Drawing together an elite group of champion skiers, mountain climbers and European mountaineers, the U.S. Army created the 10th Mountain Division, America's only mountain and winter warfare fighting unit. From the intensive training atop the Colorado Rockies to the spectacular night climb of Italy's Riva Ridge - where the 10th scored their biggest victory against Hitler's troops - Fire on the Mountain tells the thrilling story of these rugged, courageous men in all their glory. Directed by Beth & George Gage. An acclaimed profile of the members of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, whose daring mountain expeditions helped quash the Axis forces. Contains interviews and rare archival footage of the group in training, as well as a reunion of the group at Italy's Riva Ridge. It was the winner of the Grand Prize at the Telluride Film Festival.

Meeting is at the **Ancient Order of the Hibernian Hall, 1748 State Street in Schenectady**. We have a spacious meeting room and generous parking (You can park in the Bowling Alley parking lot). And, the liquid refreshment cost is very reasonable.

There is a social session from 7:00 to 7:30 where you can catch up on what is happening in the Club while the formal meeting starts at 7:30.

Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St. is just east of Rt 7 (the Cross town) in uptown Schenectady. To find the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** take State Street toward Albany. It is on the right side approximately 4 ½ blocks past the Rt 7 overpass. If coming from the Thruway take I-890 to Rt 7 East and exit at State Street (Rt 5). Turn right at the top of the ramp and go East 4 ½ blocks. From the Troy direction, take Rt. 7 all the way to State Street (Rt 5) and turn left at the top of the ramp and go 4 ½ blocks to 1748 State St. on the right.

Holiday Party Saturday Dec 6

Last year we had a great dinner and party at the Turf Tavern. So, why not do it again? Cash Bar 6PM and Dinner at 7PM. Dinner will be served buffet style with three entree choices. This year we recommend that you make reservations by organizing tables of eight. Send checks for \$29.00 per person and names of group to SWC-NNYP Holiday Party PO Box 228, Schenectady, NY 12301. All reservations should be received by Thanksgiving. Please call Tony Dorangrichia at 435-9981 or email at TDORANGRICHIA@nycap.rr.com with any questions.

Warren Miller – Nov 20 & 21!

“Children of Winter”

New days and times this year for three showings at the Palace Theatre in Albany:

Thursday, Nov 20 at 8 pm

Friday November 21 6:30 and 9:30 pm

The ticket price is \$22 for all shows. As always, the ski deals this year are terrific! There will be free lift tickets for Stratton, Smugglers Notch, Jiminy Peak and Windham Mountain and a retail offer for Ski Market. Be sure to buy your ticket from a club member, as this is our major fundraiser for the year. The more we sell as a Club, the more we make. See our web site, www.swc-nyyp.org, call the SWC hotline 370-0304, or call Jon Skalwold at 382-8458 for ticket sales information. Tickets may be purchased by sending a self addressed stamped envelope, a note with the number of tickets being requested, date and show times and a check made out to SWC for the total amount of the tickets to Jon Skalwold, 254 Bradley Blvd., Schenectady, NY 12304. As always we will need help handing out Warren Miller literature at the Palace prior to each of the three shows. Please contact Jon Skalwold to help out with this import task.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov 7-9 Albany Snow Show

Nov 7 Accolades of Praises Party

Nov 13 Meeting “Fire on the Mountain”

Nov 20 & 21 Warren Miller Movie at the Palace

Nov 22 Schenectady Holiday Parade

Nov 27 Thanksgiving (no meeting)

Dec 6 Saturday Holiday Party Turf Tavern Scotia

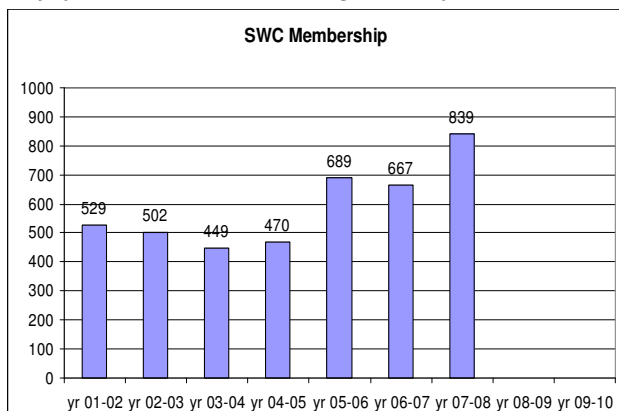
Dec 12-14 Bomber's Early Season Clinic at Stowe

President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer

I write this at the last minute, but for a deliberate reason. We are just back from the combined Leaf Peeper, Paddler and First-Time-Clubhouse-Visitors weekend. This weekend was nothing less than a "ten" on the 1-10 scale. Vermont is probably the best place in the world to celebrate autumn colors. The cider mills, craft fairs, micro brew fests, autumn paddling, biking and hiking were all in full swing and our Clubhouse guests (all 30 plus) did it all. One family did try the indoor pool facility in Stowe, "The Swimming Hole", and reported it to be a great afternoon activity and thought it would really be enjoyable in the winter.

My personal goal for the weekend was to welcome those who not used our Clubhouse before. Almost half of our group, at least 12, were first-timers. From the comments received as folks departed, I do think they appreciated the inclusion in activities, advice for the next day and just the awareness that not everyone is as familiar as those of us who have been around a while. If you have not been there yet, don't wait for another first-timer call. Anytime you have the urge to go, you will be welcome. Just remember, the other person might be new also!

I am sure there is a reason why "ski-season" is considered "in-season" and the rest of the year "off season, but it is lost on me. If you have not been to Vermont in the autumn, (or the spring and summer) you do not know what you are missing for a VERY enjoyable and affordable get-away.



From a low of 449 members in 03-04, our membership has been growing and this past year we were at 839 members. This is also well over the years of memberships in the 500's. Membership is the single most important factor for the future of our club. Without membership, there are no programs, no activities, no Clubhouse, no newsletter, no website.

I challenge all of you to see if we can make 1,000 members this year. This would be the very best way to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. Please consider a gift of membership to a friend, a parent, to a child. It is cheaper than a magazine subscription and keeps you from having to go shopping at the mall. (Bill Schaefer) 2

A New Outdoor Sports Group Forming, Ages 21-29!

An interest meeting was held Oct. 23, for the newest SWC development, an Outdoor Group for people aged 21-29! The group's focus is to bring together people in their twenties to partake in skiing, biking, camping, climbing, hiking and paddling trips. The group will operate under SWC-NNYP's Charter and participants will enjoy all benefits of SWC membership. Members please spread the word to your friends, family members and co-workers about this new group. The next meeting will be held at 7PM Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Hibernian Hall (1748 State Street Schenectady, NY). Why SWC- NNYP? \$20 membership per year! Cheap tickets for skiing and boarding! Ski and Snowboard racing! Kayak and Canoe racing! Access to the SWC Clubhouse located near Stowe, Sugarbush, Smuggler's Notch and Bolton Landing ski resorts as well as, Alpine, Cross Country, hiking, camping and paddling destinations. For more information please email Ray Asselin at Time2SkiSWC@aol.com.

A Note From Chris Beekman

Home sweet home, well I just returned from South America for the second time this summer. If you can remember I had just flown in from Chile on the day of the SWC 75th anniversary, which brought me back to where my skiing career began. Its hard to believe that it all started out sliding down the snowy slopes of good old Maple Ski Ridge and now my ski racing career has brought me to the steep icy slopes of the Chilean Andes. I just wanted to catch up and say thank you for having me as your guest of honor at the SWC 75th anniversary. It was great to meet so many of the club members and to see that priceless slide show. I would like to thank you all for your support. It is a great reinforcement to know that I have the support of such a great club and the support of so many local skiing fans to help me reach my goals of winning Olympic GOLD. I will be trying to get some sort of monthly update in so I can keep you all up to date on my progress and where I am in the world in my blog. It will help you better track my progress and help you learn about my interesting life as a ski racer or help support my challenge to Olympic Gold. You can visit my website, www.christopherbeckmann.us, For now, I am home for a few days before I head out to Utah to hit up the gym for a few weeks before we get back on snow again in Colorado in early Nov. Ski racing has become my life, a full time job, but hey, the worst day on the slopes beats any day at the office.

Thanks again for having me at the 75th, Chris

Clubhouse Corner: 2008 Clubhouse Update

Ed Miller will start taking **reservations** for the 2008/2009 Ski season at the Nov 13th meeting. There are instructions for making reservations in this Chatter and Chatters throughout the ski season. It is very important to follow the instructions carefully – do not expect Ed to be clairvoyant. If your message is incomprehensible, your reservation cannot be completed.

If you would like to be a weekend/holiday **Clubhouse Chairperson**, call Walt Kangas (518-370-5136 (h), 518-461-9330 (c)). He is keeping the schedule this year. Slots are filling early! Walt will provide instructions for new Chairs and refreshers for experienced Chairs.

Starting Thanksgiving, the **billing format will change**. For a standard weekend there is no billing increase (at least for now). However, breakfast has been rolled into the room rate (for all days) and will not be charged separately. Our expenses for food were exceeding revenue and some members admitted that they were using “just a little” of the Clubhouse supplies for breakfast, but not adding it to their bill because there was no Clubhouse Chair to prepare breakfast. So, all can now use the Clubhouse supplies for breakfast (whether prepared by a Clubhouse Chair or by individual members) - it is included in the room rate. Our Quartermaster will try to keep the breakfast supplies complete throughout the ski season. You should provide Clubhouse supplies (food) for reimbursement only at the direction of the Clubhouse Chair, Quartermaster, or Clubhouse Director. However, you can provide supplies as a donation.

To help provide **economical skiing** from the Clubhouse, SWC now has reduced cost lift tickets for both Jay and Stowe. These substantially reduced rates are valid any ski day, including weekends and holidays. There are instructions on how to obtain these tickets elsewhere in the Chatter.

Above all, enjoy the Clubhouse. Your Clubhouse committee works hard to keep the Clubhouse an enjoyable place - at the lowest possible cost to our members. As members, you are part of the operation of this fabulous asset. If you see a problem and can fix it without injury to yourself (or the Clubhouse), please do so and contact Walt Kangas or Bill Kornrumpf for reimbursement of materials used. Otherwise just notify Walt or Bill of the problem.

Ski Discount Deal of the Century Stowe and Jay Discount Tickets

Ski Stowe, **any day, anytime** for \$50. (\$45 for ages 65+ and 6-12)!!! **No blackout periods**, good any day of the season. You must be a club member to take advantage of this deal. We have 100 tickets and will only reorder more if the need arises. Don't wait to order them as they may be gone.

We also have Adult Jay Peak tickets for \$40. These are also good for any day. We do not have any Junior/Senior tickets to Jay this year.

For tickets send a self addressed stamped envelope to Dawn Knutson, 5 Colonial Dr., Schenectady, NY 12306 with a note identifying the location and number of the tickets being ordered and a **check made out to SWC** for the full amount. Give yourself plenty of time before you need them or call Dawn on 356-5242 to make sure she will be able to fill your order in time (she does have a life and may be on a ski vacation). Bill Kornrumpf will have a small supply of tickets at the Clubhouse – when he is there.

Warning! These tickets will be offered to all Ski Council members in order to reach our minimum obligation of 100 Stowe tickets and 25 Jay tickets. You must order early to get the discounted tickets before they are gone!

Stowe Ski Club Appreciation Days

The Stowe really cheap ski days have been announced so you can make your plans now. Last year the Clubhouse was packed (not quite full but packed) during these times. The dates for this season are: Dec 5-7, Jan 12-14, March 18-22. Last season the skiing in March was superb with piles of new snow on a massive base. Adult (<65) prices are ~\$32/day and senior/junior is only ~\$13/day. There is an advantage to outlasting your younger friends. Check the Stowe web site for more details.

This year we are expecting a great interest in these deals so we are planning that the Jan 12-14, March 18-22 will be hosted. Please make reservations for these days to ensure you have a room and meals. Beyond the usual weekend meals, meals will be provided as follows: Sunday Jan 11 – dinner; Jan 12 & 13 – breakfast and dinner; Jan 14 – breakfast. For the March event, plan on breakfast and dinner for Wed thru Fri. Weekend hosted rates will apply to these weekdays. Hope to see you there.

The Stowe Express

Would you like to Carpool to the Clubhouse? If you do, tell us if you want to ride, to drive, or either. We'll put your names in the Chatter so you may contact each other. This will just be a posting in the newsletter; it will be up to you to make your arrangements. Send Carpool interests to Bill Schaefer – wschaef1@nycap.rr.com. Any time you reserve a place at the Clubhouse, the host will have a list of attendees for car-pooling.

Racers Corner: by Dorie Valenti**The Accolades of Praises now Nov 7
At New Location (not Dorie's)**

The Accolades of Praises Party has been moved to November 7th, after the Snow Show. The Council is hosting a pre-season party at either Franklin Tower or Public House--for \$5.00 cover, includes lots of food and drink specials, and the band Side Effects. Call Dorie on 334-0652 for the time and details.

Nordic Corner: by Lat Schmidt**Catamount Trail Association Winter
08-09 Member Rewards**

The Catamount Trail Association supports the maintenance and protection of the 300 mile Catamount ski trail running the length of Vermont. Membership is \$35, in addition to supporting a worthwhile organization it gets you their member rewards program with discounts at ski centers and businesses. The program for the 08-09 season includes 50% off or 2 for 1 ski passes at 24 Vermont Nordic ski areas. Last year this included Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Touring Center, Smugglers Notch Touring, Topnotch Resort and Bolton Valley.

They also have had 2 for 1 or reduced lift ticket coupons at Bolton Valley Ski Center, Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch, Mad River Glen and Bromley- a total of 8 alpine resorts. Various other retailers and businesses offer discounts through the program.

I also recommend the maps at their website. These have a series of topographical maps with the trail on a printable pdf file along with a route description. For example map 24 goes from Edson Ski resort (off Stowe Mountain Road) to the Morristown Farm Resort. This is a handy resource for touring on the trails in the region near the ski house. CTA is at 1 Mill Street, Suite 350, Burlington VT 05401. You can check out the details at www.CatamountTrail.org.

For Sale:

Thule 2 bike rack for 2" receiver, like new \$75.00
Call Ronda Anderson 885-0971

WANTED:(Found)

The earliest First Aid Committee Armband shown in the old ski movies has been found. Thanks to those who helped in the search. I'll try to show a photo of it next month. Bill Schaefer

Wanted:

Volunteer to scan old ski photos. Approximately 50 photos which are matted. Call Bill Schaefer

Marco Island, Fl Townhouse for Rent

Enjoy kayaking, birding, biking, and all water sports at this pristine location. Two bedrooms, both with private bath, and all amenities. \$2800 month.

gallocasey@comcast.net, 617-908-3027.

Events, Announcements and Reports:**SWC-NNYP's Holiday Parade Float
Goldilocks and the Three Bears Nov 22**

The Three Bears return from a ski trip to the Club House near Stowe, Vermont only to find Goldilocks sleeping in Baby Bear's bed!

We need volunteers to help with the float. Let's meet on Nov. 13 after the Club meeting at the Hibernian Hall. We will decide on the design & assembly of the float. **We also need lots of volunteers to walk behind the float to promote our club! Bring the kids! They'll love walking in the parade!** The gathering area is in the Lafayette Street parking lot. Afterwards, we can get together at a local restaurant. **The Holiday Parade is Sat, Nov. 22, at 5 P.M.** Come join us and have fun!

Call Charlotte Distel 372-7016 to reserve space at the restaurant for the after parade party. Call Ray Asselin 355-1882 with questions about the float.

WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

The 48th annual Burnt Hills winter sports sale will be held from 9 am to Noon on Sat, **Nov. 22** at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, 860 Rt. 50. This annual event gives the community an opportunity to recycle winter sporting equipment. There will be new and used winter sports equipment for sale. Items for sale may be delivered to the church between 6 pm and 9 pm on Thurs, Nov.20 and 5 pm to 9 pm on Fri, Nov. 21. Older straight skis longer than 180 cm will not be accepted this year. Downhill and cross country ski equipment, boots, skates, snowboards, sleds and winter sports clothing will be sold. Sellers determine the cost of the articles for sale and receive 75% of the sale price. For more information contact Greg Adams at 399-5875.

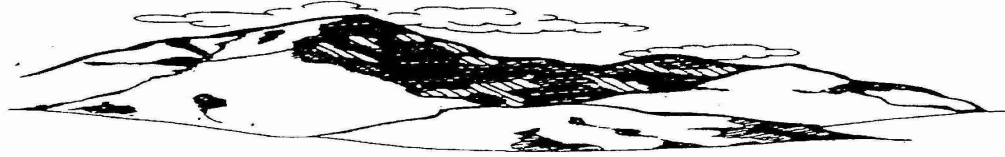
Snow Show - 11/ 7, 8, 9

The Annual Times Union Snow Show at the Empire State Plaza will be Nov 7 to 9 this year. Sign up at the Club Meetings or call Pete Weykamp at 785-6433 to help "man" the SWC booth.

New Ski Report Blog by Mike Roth

I am setting up a network of ski reports in my TU blog: <http://blogs.timesunion.com/ski>. It will contain reports from people in our area that ski. What I would like to see happen is that anyone who has skied on any particular day, register in on my blog that evening and tell me about it. When a comment is input, it will be sent to me and I will be put it up on the blog. You can comment on the area, the good or bad trail conditions or any particular trail that you found outstanding, the crowds or lack of, anything that you think other skiers like yourself would like to hear in helping to make a choice where and when to ski for the next few days. With your help we can make this grow. That way, everyone can get up-to-date information provided by skiers for skiers. Thanks for the help from all you skier. Mike Roth

Please Post this on your Refrigerator Door



SWC Clubhouse Update 2008-2009

The Schenectady Wintersports Club owns a 17-room farmhouse in Waterbury Center, VT, on Route 100, 6 miles south of Stowe. The Clubhouse is operated on a **cooperative basis** with the Club providing the basic utilities: beds, pillows, blankets, hot and cold water, showers & a bath, fireplace, wood, refrigerators and meals coordinated by a **VOLUNTEER** Weekend Chairperson. The Weekend Chairperson is the host for the weekend and will solicit help for various jobs (meal preparation, table clearing, dish washing, fireplace stoking, general area pick-up and straightening up). It is expected that everyone will help. A normal weekend consists of Fri & Sat night room, Sat & Sun Breakfast, Sat dinner for \$52 (member).



When you come to the Clubhouse, you should bring:



- 1) Linens or sleeping bags
- 2) Pillow cases
- 3) Towels & toiletries
- 4) Liquid refreshments & snacks including lunches
- 5) Good humor and a sense of comradeship

Remember that the Clubhouse is a cooperative venture. It will only be as successful and as enjoyable as you make it.

Clubhouse Rates

Winter Season Weekends & Holidays (Stowe Lift Opening to Closing)

	Room/Night	Supper	Week-End Total
Member	\$23.00	\$6.00	\$52
Guest	\$28.00	\$7.00	\$65
Junior	\$13.00	\$6.00	\$32

(Weekend is two nights, two breakfasts (included in Room Rate) & one dinner)

Winter Season Lodging Weekdays (except holidays: Dec 25 – Jan 1, Presidents week)

Member \$18, Junior \$10 & Guest \$23 (no supper)

Non-Ski Season Lodging

Member \$16, Junior \$10 & Guest \$18 (no supper)

Guests and Juniors: MUST be accompanied by an adult SWC Member

The door combination MUST never be shared with guests or non-members

Reservations

HOW TO PLACE A RESERVATION

1. Send an e-mail to **SWCLodgeRes@aol.com**. Be sure to include the following information:
 - 1) Names & Gender of ALL in party
 - 2) Are they Members or Guests?
 - 3) Telephone number of each person
 - 4) Your address
 - 5) Dates of arrival and departure
 - 6) Confirm Dinner
 - 7) Preferred room number(s)

2. Call the Reservation Chairperson
Ed Miller (518) 522-5474

If Ed is not home leave a **phone number** where he can reach you or **call back**. Do not try to leave a message with all the reservation information. Speak slowly.



Phone reservations will be accepted from **10AM to 10 PM weekdays**. Of course, emergencies will still be accommodated outside of the official hours. However, **E-mail is preferred**.

3. Show up at an SWC meeting. Either the Reservation Chairperson or the Clubhouse Director can take your reservation.
- 4.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The weekend Chairperson will check the Reservation Chairperson Wednesday night, so that accurate plans can be made for the weekend food and lodging.

CANCELLATIONS

Please **notify the Reservation Chairperson** if you are unable to use your reservation. You must also **call the Clubhouse** – even if it is at the last minute (Friday night). There may be someone on the waiting list for your room or someone who did not think there was room at the Clubhouse who can use your room.



More Announcements and Reports:

Bomber Ski Clinic Dec 12-14

John "Bomber" Anderson is running his 29th annual ski clinic at Stowe on Dec 12, 13, 14. This is a great way to start the season. The clinic includes: 3 day lift ticket, 3 nights lodging at the Stowe Motel on the Mountain Road and lessons from Fri noon till Sun noon. For those who are race minded there is a friendly competition in the NASTAR course on Sun afternoon. This clinic is for all abilities in alpine skiing and snowboarding (telemark instruction is not available) from never-ever skiers to recreational skiers to racers. This is one of the few times that instruction is also available for top-level expert skiers as well as racers. All can improve their skiing in this clinic. The cost is \$255 for the lift tickets, lodging and lessons. There is an additional \$5 fee for the race on Sun, if you race. There is a welcome party to start the clinic off right. Call Bomber (885-0971) or Email (iceanderson@nycap.rr.com) early to sign up. You need to send in a \$50 deposit to hold your reservation. His roster frequently fills so contact him now.

Leaf Peepers and Paddlers Join Together for a Good Time!

During the Columbus Day weekend the Schaefers and the Asselins combined forces to create the best Italian Night ever, serving Wedding Soup, stuffed Italian peppers, Eggplant Roulade, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage and ziti, plus a variety of desserts! Sunday night the Schaefers put on a BBQ meal that was outstanding! How did they make that chicken so tasty and moist? They topped off the meal with a delicious Apple Yum Yum, and it was! Do you regret signing up? The next time there is a special weekend at the Clubhouse you better go! Each weekend will be fun and there are Class A meals!

You Come as Stranger and Leave Friends

This was a comment made this last weekend (Oct 10-12) at the Clubhouse by new member Bob Lawrence. He hit on exactly how our Club and Clubhouse operate. Each time that I go to a meeting or the Club House it seems we meet new people or learn a little more about existing members. Ask a friend or relative to come join us!

A note for the really Old Old Timers

Jerry Kirchner, our Landlord on Goldbrook Road in Stowe in the 60's passed away recently.. He was one week shy of being 85. Jerry was a graduate of Dartmouth, an FBI agent and taught at Johnson State College. He is survived by three sisters from Montclair, NJ.

Up-coming Demo Days

- 12/5/08 Friday**, Sponsored by the Sports Page @ Gore. \$29 lift ticket for the day
- 12/6-7/08 Saturday & Sunday**, Industry sponsored @ Stowe. 12/5-7 are skier appreciation days at Stowe, so the lift should be reasonable
- 12/17/08 Wednesday**, Sponsored by Inside Edge @ Gore. Go to Inside Edge in person for a discount lift coupon. They are in Glens Falls.
- 1/2/09 Friday**, Burton Snowboards @ Gore. No discounted lift tickets and this is a demo day for snowboards only
- 1/4/09 Sunday**, Sponsored by Goldstocks @ Gore. No lift discounts
- 2/8/08 Telemark** demo day, clinic & race @ Gore. Telemark only demos
- 3/09 date to be determined**, demo the new year gear (09-10 season) @ Gore

Ride the Bus

Clubhouse to Ski Lift Bus Service

The Green Mountain Transit Authority operates bus service to ski areas which includes our clubhouse. Take the bus and leave your car at the lodge, or if you just want to be on a different schedule than your ride. Depending on route, the cost is free, \$1, or \$2. You can take the bus to the Village of Stowe, from Stowe to the Ski Area, or to Waterbury for transfers to the Mad River Valley areas including Sugarbush. You can flag the bus down at the lodge, or call up to the day ahead to schedule the stop. For schedule information, go to www.gmtaride.org.

SWC Logo Fitness Fleece And other great SWC Things

Would you like a fine souvenir of the 75th Anniversary Party? We are taking orders for SWC monogrammed fleeces. They are great for hanging around or use as a layer in your ski outfit. This year we have several colors. For men: Black, Deep Red, Bottle Blue, Graphite, and Night (navy blue). For women: Black, Deep Red, Dark Plum, Green Tea, Ivory, Sea Blue, and Slate Teal. The Fleece is from LL Bean and has the SWC Logo embroidered on the chest Cost is \$40 and includes a small fund raising contribution to SWC. Call Walt Kangas (370-5136) with your size and color.

To celebrate **SWC's 75th year**, we also have SWC decals in two sizes and embroidered patches for your jackets. We also have copies of the book "Wintersports" by Norm Dibelius. You have heard mention of it and now is your time to purchase one for the holiday. It is a great gift and winter reading



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Paddlers Banquet Nov 8th at Castelo's

We're moving the venue of the Paddlers Banquet to Castelo's Restaurant at 183 Nott Terrace, Schenectady - site of some after-Thanksgiving Parade get-togethers. Also moving it to an afternoon time affair on Saturday November 8th to take advantage of some very reasonable rates (did I hear that NNYP'ers are keen on bargains?). The banquet starts at 2 PM.

Make your reservations and food selection by calling Anna Dugan at 489-5092 or emailing her at adugan@nycap.rr.com. Checks should be mailed to Anna at 20 Parkwood St., Colonie, NY 12203. So, come on all you paddlers and join us. Renew friendships and tell stories that no one will dispute.

Friends of the Kayaderosseras Annual Fall Cleanups

Nov 8 and 15, 2008 9:00 to 1:00

We are ready to tackle another section of the banks of the Kayaderosseras Creek off Maple Avenue in Ballston Spa to rid it of trash--from styrofoam cups to tires and refrigerators. Are you ready to help? Check the meeting place on our website - <http://www.Kayaderosseras.org> - then call Project Leader Karen Totino at 573-6846 to let her know that you are coming.Ruth Dibelius

NNYP Barge Chaser

NNYP's last outdoor event of the year went into the record books with the Sept 28th "running" of the Barge Chaser. The weather was absolutely perfect for canoeing/kayaking, with pleasant temperatures and a faint trace of sun on the turning trees. Thanks to Sue Brisley-Knapik and her two spritely elves, Kim and Donnie.

With the barge chaser over, all six major NNYP paddling undertakings went off successfully again in 2008. This includes the Towpath Regatta, the Electric City Regatta, the Barge Chaser, the Wednesday Night Time Trials, the Monday night Paddles at Kiwanis Park, and the monthly Monday Potluck dinners.

Thanks to all the many people that arranged, worked on, and participated in these events. Let's look forward to next year.

Paddlers' Weekend Report

Well! What a wonderful treat we had Oct 10-12 at the Clubhouse! It all began with a fun pot luck dinner, delicious because of the participation of several fine Club Members who brought everything yummy: meatballs, Waldorf salad, chicken with herb sauce, coleslaw, a red and green pepper dish, the biggest chocolate cake I've ever seen, and some dishes I can't recall. Paddling conversations and next-day plans ensued in front of the open fire. The nude skinny dipping party was a huge success! (Oops, wasn't supposed to print that)

Next morning, the scrumptious aroma of French toast and bacon rose up the staircase, calling us to breakfast. Dinner that evening offered a new, cozy ambience to the Clubhouse with tablecloths and classical music playing. A homemade Italian buffet, with appetizers on a beautifully displayed tier in the fireplace room, followed by fruit cup, homemade Italian Wedding Soup, (everyone oohed and aahed—fabulous!), ziti with homemade sauce, eggplant rotini, meatballs, sausage, and a lovely salad. Various cookies and that big chocolate cake, as well as Elaine's chocolate buns finished off the meal. A long walk was required afterward. ☺

Breakfast Sunday morning was incredible: Eggs Benedict with hollandaise and asparagus spears, delivered to the table! Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for dinner, but I'm sure the BBQ was undeniably delicious.

Yes, in addition to eating we paddled the Green River Reservoir, to admire the magnificent leaves' reds, oranges, and yellows reflected on the water; spotted a beaver, swimming and diving in the sunlit waters. Then there was the arts and crafts festival, showing among other things \$350 birdbaths made of natural stone, as sculptures. Yep, we just ate and then biked six miles on the bike path; walked the remaining trail, others hiked the Nebraska Notch and almost tumbled to their death! And then there was the Sunday morning paddle on the Waterbury Reservoir while the mist slowly rose through the glorious blankets of leafy colors. So, sure, we ate well all weekend long, and look forward to doing it again next year because of the glorious activity that made all that eating possible without Guilt! Ya shoulda' been there!

Submitted by Anna Dugan

Paddlers' Paradise Report

Sept 17-19 *True?, True?, False?*

1. Lois missed her seat in the canoe and landed on her rear end in the bottom of the canoe.
2. In a difficult kayak launch, Jean maneuvered well but realized 15 feet from shore she had no paddle.
3. Both canoes and both kayaks traveled through a culvert, under the railroad tracks into Turtle Pond. Eagles and loons each day greeted the six intrepid paddlers that met at Fish Creek for some spectacular day trips in mid Sept. Fish Creek sparkled in afternoon sun and was a good short trip after setting up camp. On Thursday we headed for Hoel Pond and went on through Turtle, Slang and had lunch on the shores of Long Pond. We even squeezed in a short hike to Follensby Clear Pond. But Friday was the crown jewel. The early morning fog foretold a day of light wind and clear skies, which dazzled the waters of the Bog River. Slight tinges of red in the trees reflected with the rocks and evergreens. Jan and Jean hiked up "Gus's Knob" for a glorious view of mountain ranges behind the Bog River valley. Needless to say the paddling was outstanding. The friends shared in cooking and fun. Jean and Warren even brought the kitchen sink (see photo). We played "True, True False" and learned a lot about each other. And we heard some whoppers!! To learn the truth of the opening statements you will have to ask someone from the trip, Jean and Warren Burton, Ed Miller, Jan O'Hare, Alan and Lois Foster.

For Sale

Thule/Yakima Rack and Accessories.

Show Sally or Bud Halsey at The Boathouse at Rexford Bridge your NNYP membership card to receive a 20% discount on in stock Thule and Yakima rack accessories. Shipping required on orders unless combined with our large order.

Keep The News Coming

The challenge is out. Send in your news even though there is not a word of truth to it. Creativity counts – you may get tapped to do the political beat. Water sport write-ups, photos, jokes, stories, etc. or activities that might interest the group (like hiking, theater, etc) are fine. Send to Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12th of month. Put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't Spam you, and pictures should preferably be less than 100Kb.

Club Canoe Availability

Remember that we (SWC/NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use by members:

18' 6" Wenonah CC 18' 6" Lincoln CC 18' 6" Sawyer CC
18' 5" Alumicraft 12" Acadia Kayak

These boats may be borrowed by Club members for a \$5/day, \$25/week donation. They are located at Uncle Donnie Patneau's house at 741 River Road, Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483).

There are also four canoes for members who are up at the Clubhouse, but no fair using them on Nosedive!

Since the availability of life vests (PFDs), is limited, you should bring one along if you have one.

Help Wanted

The club canoes at the clubhouse are in desperate need of refinishing. This winter, bring a canoe home with you and work on it in the warmth of your own workshop. Call Anna (489-5092) for more information on what needs doing. Your less well-equipped paddling friends will thank you.

Names and Numbers to Remember

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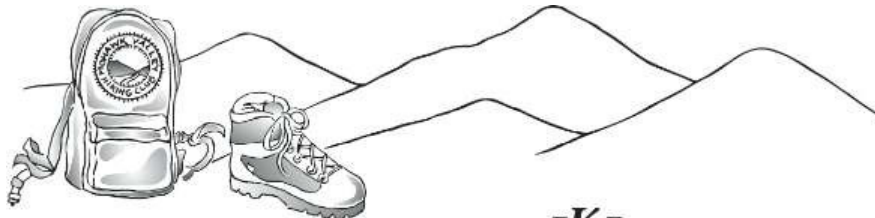
Clubhouse at Waterbury Center 802-244-8918

Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: Jean Burton, wburton2@nycap.rr.com or PO 46, Gallupville, NY 12073. Do not send to the editors, or the Club PO Box, they will get lost.

Chatter/Blade on the Website

The Chatter/ Blade is mailed on the first of the month. We post it on the Website 10 days before that. You will have the schedules and info earlier if you visit the Website for your Chatter/Blade and the pictures look great in color. In addition there is sometimes more room for information and photos on the Web.



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11/1/08

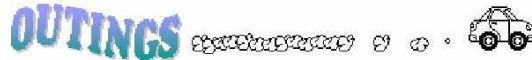
Conservation Report

by Henri T. Plant

Due to a technical error, we are unable to bring you the Conservation Report this month. It will be back on this page next month. Sorry for any inconvenience. CAM

Please call leader in advance; weather and other factors may cause changes. Please, no pets on any hike as a courtesy to others. This is a volunteer organization and with any activity there is a presumption of risk. Each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. Bring ample food and water, dress appropriately.

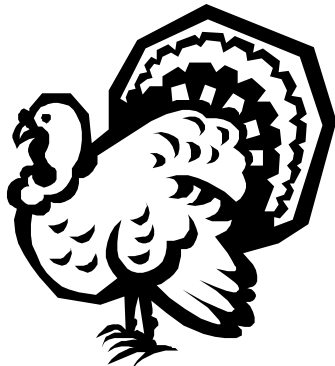
Hike leaders: Please send your reports to:
Cecilia A. MacDonald, 260 Sever Road, Delanson, NY 12053.



Tip from AARP ---- How To Burn 50 Calories

- 30 minutes of walking
- 10 to 15 minutes of giggling
- OR ... 30 minutes of kissing

Thanksgiving is the day we all meet in the woods to celebrate with our MVHC friends. This is a unique way to start this special day and enjoy the camaraderie which ushers in the holiday season. Some do not understand why we do this. I was asked by a teacher when one of my grandsons was in 2nd grade, if I knew what he was telling the class --- that he hiked into the woods for pancakes and hot cocoa on Thanksgiving. She was amazed at my reply. So to all who will join us, and to all who can't be with us in person, Happy Thanksgiving.



Saturday, November 15- Since weather caused a cancellation of her hike in September, **Margaret Parks** has chosen **The Long Path at Thatcher Park** for today's hike. Again, this is a lovely trail with some elevation, beautiful views and only a short drive from home. Call Margaret at 785-8267 for meeting time and place.

Wednesday, November 26 - All volunteers, please meet at Christman Preserve at one o'clock to bring in the non-perishable provisions for THE BREAKFAST. Thank you all for your help.

Thursday, November 27 - Our Thanksgiving Breakfast at Christman Preserve is today. Volunteers please meet at 6:30 AM to carry in the food. Serving will begin at 8:00 and will end at 9:30 so we can all get home in time for our "other" Thanksgiving. Bring plate, silverware and cup, your appetite and good cheer. We look forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Trip Tales

The weather was not great looking for the day but we went to the Plotterkill anyway. The clouds passed and the 4 of us had a long hike, 8.6 miles by the step counter.

We started with the Highland trail and than when down to the stream and crossed over to the other side. When we got to the end where we had to cross back over the stream the water was high in that area and we had to go further down the stream to get back to our cars, that means we did a little bush whacking. It was good training for the Mt Marcy hike on 9-20.

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