



It's Time: The SWC Lodge Opens Up for Individual Bookings

by Ellen Bidell, VP Administration

Vermont is beginning to reopen, allowing vaccinated people to travel without restrictions, while unvaccinated people can travel to Vermont and socialize with one household if they all test negative three days prior. The CDC has concluded that Covid-19 is only airborne, and the deep cleaning services after every use are no longer necessary.

We will begin taking individual reservations for the SWC lodge starting May 1. The price remains \$37.50 per person, and you will book a room, instead of a bed. We are only allowing vaccinated people at this time to coincide with the VT regs. You will have to do some cleaning upon your departure (bedroom, bathrooms, and kitchen), since the Board members who have been cleaning over the past year cannot do it every week. Since some weeks are booked exclusively, you cannot just show up at the house without a reservation, and the door code on your membership card will not work.

Those who have weekly reservations will still have the whole house to themselves. Additionally, we still have weeks during the fall that can be booked for \$500 for exclusive use.

Spring is Here

by John Bidell, President

Ski season ended with a 73-degree day at Stowe. Final run of the year was Nosedive and the moguls were the size of my wife's Honda. Now it's time for the other toys to come out. Yes, we are having a work week that is meant to be half work, half play. We would like you to help out until lunch, then golf, bike, or hike. The bike trail along the lake over in Burlington was a great ride we took that 73 degree weekend. So check the calendar, come up for a couple of days, and enjoy friends and the house.

We hope to have meals prepared by a professional chef and, as usual, all food is provided. You will also be eligible for vouchers for a future stay at the house or a discount on the \$500 weekly rental. Work weekend volunteers need to be vaccinated, per Vermont mandate. So we have outdoor projects, indoor and outdoor painting, and carpentry. Some of our members with RVs will be staying in the back or using their Harvest Home membership at Cold Hollow next door. Hope to see you up there.

By the way, since I will be golfing, anyone interested in going out to Blush Hill with me is welcome. I usually need help finding my ball due to my erratic play.

Notes from SWC Monthly Board Meeting, via Zoom, April 13

by Karen Simmons, Secretary

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President John Bidell.

Treasurer Don Streed presented an overview of the complete report he had provided to all board members. Questions remain as the FY22 budget is prepared. Will membership rebound to pre-COVID numbers; will activities and social events be positively impacted as members are vaccinated; and will other activities produce income as in the past? Don has also contacted the Town of Waterbury to initiate a challenge to the Clubhouse tax assessment. He is awaiting a return call from the assessor. Bill Kornrumpf is working with the local water department to challenge the amount we are being charged.

Ellen Bidell reported that the house has been reserved through 8/21 with weekly rentals. Going forward, decisions have to be made about how to manage future rentals, and how to return to non-weekly reservations. (More information in Ellen's article above.)

Karen Simmons reported that the Ski Council is organizing an online Spring auction, during the month of June, to raise funds to support race activities for next ski season. Every member club is asked to participate in this fundraiser. Annual Council elections were held with Jim Tunney re-elected as President, Karen Simmons VP, Ray VanEpps Treasurer, and the Board of Directors consisting of: Mark Pavlus, Delores Lark, Frank Scuderi, Jerry Danielski and Paul Kirwan.

There will be a work weekend Wednesday, May 19, through Sunday, May 23. Members are asked to contact John Bidell if they plan to attend and advise which day(s) they may be available. We have plans to work in the mornings and hike, bike, paddle or sight-see in the afternoons. Bill Kornrumpf is assembling a list of projects to work on and will include any additional items members present. If you plan to come, contact Bill to determine any tool or equipment needs.

We would also like to schedule some kind of local summer event like a picnic or a hike at Thacher Park. Members are asked to contact board members to let us know how much support there is for such activities. We're all eager to get active, together, again.

Members are reminded to check the SWC website and the SWC Facebook page for club information.

Notes from Capital District Ski Council Meeting, via Zoom, April 7

by Karen Simmons, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Tunney

Treasurer Ray VanEpps was not able to provide a treasurers report as access to the online account information was unavailable.

The success of the recent Council sponsored ski race was discussed. Why was it successful and what needs to be repeated to ensure future success. Advertising by each ski club is needed and advertising in the form of

pamphlets to distribute to ski areas and ski shops was suggested as an additional approach. It was also discussed that the Council should focus on supplementing skiers' ticket costs, but not be very concerned with supplying food or awards.

As a spring fundraiser, the Council will host an online auction during the month of June. All member clubs are asked to provide items to be auctioned by mid-May to Ray. Jim will compose a letter that can be sent or delivered to businesses explaining the goals and activities of the Council in an effort to obtain items for donation. Money earned will be used to support STRIDE, racing, etc.

The annual election of officers took place with the following results:

President - Jim Tunney

VP - Karen Simmons

Tres - Ray VanEpps

Sec - vacant

Board of Directors - Mark Pavlus, Delores Lark, Frank Scuderi, Jerry Danielski, and Paul Kirwan

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Submissions for the Newsletter

Send articles that you would like to have published in the following month's SWC Newsletter to swcchatter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month and include a contact name and phone number. Content that needs to be run in subsequent Newsletters must be resubmitted each month.

Names and Numbers to Remember

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2020-2021 Membership Renewal

Visit www.swcweb.org to renew online. You must be a member to stay at the house this season.