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A SCHENECTADY WINTERSPORTS CLUB PUBLICATION

Upcoming Events

Table with 2 columns: Date, Event. Rows include: 1/9 January Meeting - Chili Cook-off, 2/7-10 Rock and River Weekend, 2/13 February Meeting - Verplanck Colvin & the Adirondacks, 3/12 March Meeting - 550-mile Adirondack Trail Ride Race, 4/9 April Meeting - Living a season in Puerto Rico

We meet the second Thursday of the month at the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Schenectady at 7 pm.

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SWC Events

SWC's 2020 Great American Chili Cook-off

January 9th Meeting

Have you been brewing up a new chili recipe to be judged at the Chili cookoff? Submit your entry into one of the categories below to be voted on by the members. Winners of each category will receive a prize and the overall winner will get a larger prize.

And mark your calendars to purge your taste buds for the judging. Tasters/voters are needed too, so be sure to attend the meeting on January 9, 2020, even if you don't bring a contest entry.

Set-up time for cooks is 6:00. Eating, socializing, and voting will take place from 6:30-7:30, followed by the awards.

Competition Categories

- Spiciest: Flame-throwing heat, but flavorful
Veggie-tacular: Think herbivore-ware
Unique: Most creative
Traditional: Classic-style
Best Overall SWC Chili-of-the-Year: Critiqued on flavor, freshness, texture, spice, and warmth to the soul

Editorials

Best Season Start Ever

by John Bidell

I made a decision that this year would be my all-time high number of ski days. I am on track and having a Warren Miller voucher and an Epic pass sure helps. We have numerous discount days on the Capital District Ski Council website and also the Connecticut Ski Council site. Visit them before heading out, since they are being continuously updated. The Bidells will be hosting at the Stowe house February 21-23. We will have great family-style dinners, and some ideas how to enjoy the Stowe area cheaply. Skiing is of course an option but there is also a lot to do without the cost of a lift ticket. Families are encouraged (tail end of winter break), and also any member that would like to learn what is required to host.

We are ordering club stickers and patches. We will

put the ordering information on the website. The club is also exploring the option of offering ski trips out west. We will have information available at meetings, with cheap skiing a priority.

The house is continuing to be upgraded with a lot of interest in the adopt-a-room offering. This gives people a chance to sponsor an upgrade to a room with their ideas for decorating. It is really a great way to help the club while giving a room a unique character. Of course, no preference is given when reserving a room. First come, first served.

I know this is the dead of winter, but think about maybe helping out with our spring paint marathon. We will be exterior painting for probably 5 days and also repairing any carpentry that is needed. All skill levels are needed and lots of ground work is available.

## **All the Skiing Ladies (and Riders)!**

by Bridget Barrett

Are you a lady skier/boarder looking for a network of women to hit the slopes with? You're not alone! Sandy Culver and I are working to organize a women's network of skiers. Our goal is to host one or two downhill skiing events per year to bring women together on the mountain, and also to create and share a distribution list to help seek out ski buddies. If you are interested in being included on updates or would be willing to volunteer to help coordinate, please send email me, [perfectnameforme@gmail.com](mailto:perfectnameforme@gmail.com). If you want to step up in a big way, we need help coordinating the ski events, communications, and social media.

## **A Word from Your Clubhouse Director**

by Bill Kornrumpf

What a December it has been so far (as I write this note). There was the 20-inch snowfall after Thanksgiving and then the melt down followed by rain and more snow and cold. Walt Kangas, Jon Skalwold, and I made the most of the first round of snow with two days of skiing at Sugarbush (Boomer Passes) and a day at Stowe (Epic Passes). Both mountains had plenty of terrain open for an early-season outing. I always promise my legs I will get them more conditioning but somehow that promise never is fulfilled and I start skiing on not-quite-ready legs. The snow was so good that the three of us were able to get runs in on double black diamond trails at both ski areas. I hope all of you were able to get a few turns in before the Christmas-New Year's holidays. I will be at the clubhouse for New Year's Eve with Gina and a few others.

I found that early skiing sometimes accentuates some bad habits I may have picked up somewhere during the summer and that was the case again this year. The days at Sugarbush and Stowe showed that

my balance, edge control and most other features of my ski technique were lacking and needed a tune up, just as my skis had needed a tune up after a long storage in the basement. The Bomber's Early Season Clinic at Stowe was just what I needed. If you don't know about the Clinic, it is three days of skiing and instruction at Stowe Mountain Resort. You are in small groups of 7-10 people with PSIA Level 3 or higher certified instructors who are the top of the Stowe ski school instructional staff. Bob, my instructor, was able to find where I had misplaced my balance over the summer and had me riding the edges of my skis like they were rails. Or, that is what I thought I was doing. I can say that after three days, my skiing was much improved over what I had experienced the week before with Walt and Jon. I encourage all of you to attend a multiday clinic sometime soon so that you can enjoy your time on the mountain as much as I can now.

We have good news from Stowe: this season, there will be three Ski Club Appreciation days at Stowe. We don't have the pricing details, but the dates so far are Thurs, Feb 6,

Wed, Mar 25, and Thurs, Mar 26. I should have more details next month. Watch the website for late-breaking news.

Remember to make reservations any time you plan on using the clubhouse and sign in when you arrive. When you want to change or cancel a reservation, email Ellen Bidell at [swsctreasurer123@gmail.com](mailto:swsctreasurer123@gmail.com) and she will cancel and refund any unused reservations. If you need to report any problems encountered at the clubhouse, email me at [wkornrum@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wkornrum@nycap.rr.com) and I will remedy any issues.

See you on the snow, Bill Kornrumpf

## **Ski Deals**

### **Stowe Ski Club Appreciation Days**

Stowe is offering an Appreciation Days discount this year. It is a way to receive a discount without the advance purchase requirement that we had in the past.

The discounted days start on February 6 and March 25 & 26. You can purchase lift tickets on those days for up to 5 consecutive days.

You will need the SWC Coupon Code: 3392070. See the listed prices on the next page. More information coming on the website and in the February Chatter.

**ATTACH CUSTOMER # 33920700**

VALID 02/06/2020; 03/25/2020 – 3/26/2020

Ticket Type	PHC	Cost
<b>Adult (13-64) 1 Day</b>	115821	\$99.00
Adult 2 Day	115843	\$194.00
Adult 3 Day	115844	\$276.00
Adult 4 Day	115845	\$360.00
Adult 5 Day	115846	\$440.00
<b>Child (5-12) 1 Day</b>	115847	\$84.00
Child 2 Day	115848	\$164.00
Child 3 Day	115849	\$234.00
Child 4 Day	115850	\$308.00
Child 5 Day	115851	\$375.00
<b>Senior (65+) 1 Day</b>	115852	\$92.00
Senior 2 Day	115853	\$180.00
Senior 3 Day	115854	\$258.00
Senior 4 Day	115855	\$336.00
Senior 5 Day	115856	\$410.00

**\*All Rates Are Subject To 6% VT Sales Tax**

Present this coupon along with appropriate ID when purchasing your lift ticket. Redeemable at Spruce Base Camp & Mansfield Base Lodge only.

This coupon is non-transferable and not negotiable for cash. No replacements if lost or stolen.

## Ski Council Appreciation Days

\*Bolton Valley: \$42 all season, except 1/1, 1/17-20, 2/12-23

\*Maple Ski Ridge: \$15 every Wed, Thu, Fri exc 2/19-21

\*West Mountain: \$30 for 4-hour weekdays, \$40 for 4-hour weekends

\*Butternut non-holidays: \$45

\*Catamount non-holidays: \$30 Monday-Friday, \$50 weekend

*See each mountain's website for details*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Jan 1 Killington \$65 Pico \$45	2 Attitash \$37	3 Attitash \$37 Mt Snow \$45	4 Attitash \$47 Mt Snow \$56
5 Attitash \$37 Mt Snow \$56 Plattekill ½ off	6 Sugarbush \$58	7 Sugarbush \$58 Stratton \$53	8 Sugarbush \$58 Stratton \$53	9 Sugarbush \$58	10 Sugarbush \$58 Killington \$55 Pico \$40	11 Sugarbush \$65 Killington \$65 Pico \$45
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19	20	21	22	23	24 Mt Snow \$45	25 Mt Snow \$56
26 Mt Snow \$56 Jay \$61 Oak \$30 adult/ \$20 child	27 Jay \$51	28	29	30	31 Killington \$55 Pico \$40 Attitash \$37	Feb 1 Attitash \$47

# Clubhouse Notes

## **Martha VanVleet is our Clubhouse Host Coordinator**

Martha VanVleet has volunteered to be our Clubhouse Host coordinator for this season. You can reach her by email at [hickorymartha@aol.com](mailto:hickorymartha@aol.com) to get on the schedule. So far, we have 3 or 4 hosts signed up to help at the clubhouse this ski season. On hosted periods, the host greets the members and guests, answers questions, organizes the meals (guests are expected to help with meal prep and cleanup), and reports back to me if there are any problems that need fixing. Most of our guests now arrive with paid reservations and that has reduced the need for the host to collect money and account for it all.

### **Housekeeping Items**

**Reservations:** Make reservations for all stays. From the SWCweb.org homepage, go to "Make a Reservation" and use the password on your membership card.

**Door Combination:** The door combination is on your membership card.

**Sign-in:** Sign in at the guest register at the podium in the fireplace room when you arrive.

**Others:** If you arrive and it does not appear that others have all signed in, please remind them to sign in. We need to know who was there.

**Payments:** You should pay before arrival. If not, pay using the reservation system before you leave. If you cannot pay electronically, and mail in the payment, remember that payments made more than 7 days after usage will be surcharged an extra \$10. Use billing forms to mail in payments.

**Smoking:** It is not allowed anywhere in the 150-year-old building or on the wooden patio.

**Temperature control:** Individual room thermostats turn them off when you leave. There are also heat vents in all the first-floor rooms; remove the heat control boards if you need heat. Replace them when you leave.

**Meals:** Dinner is only served on Saturdays and hosted periods. The refrigerator is stocked with breakfast meats, eggs, frozen OJ & coffee for breakfast. We do not provide materials for lunch. There are great restaurants in the Waterbury/Stowe area. Try the Apple Core diner next to the Clubhouse for lunch.

**Patio:** The same combination opens the patio door. The patio is wood; do not smoke on the patio.

**Outdoor cooking:** Never use a charcoal grill on the wooden deck.

**Problems:** Please notify Bill Kornrumpf if there are any issues (see: Names and Numbers).

**When you leave:** Turn main thermostats in kitchen and office to 55. Close and insert the locking pins in all the windows on the first floor (we have had break-ins). Lock both doors (patio & driveway).

### **Canceling/Changing Clubhouse Reservations: You Cannot Do it by Yourself!**

If you need to cancel or change a reservation, email Ellen Bidell at [swsctreasurer123@gmail.com](mailto:swsctreasurer123@gmail.com) and tell her how you would like a refund, if needed. You can ask for a refund to the card you used, vouchers for future usage, or gift the money to the Club.

### **Change of Address Notices**

*Change of Address notices should be sent to:*

**John Boscarino\*** [boscarino126@aol.com](mailto:boscarino126@aol.com)

126 Polsin Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303-2516

*\*Do not send to the editor or the Club PO Box; they will get lost*

### **Submissions for the Chatter**

Content submissions for the SWC Newsletter should be emailed to [swcchatter@gmail.com](mailto:swcchatter@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month and should 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

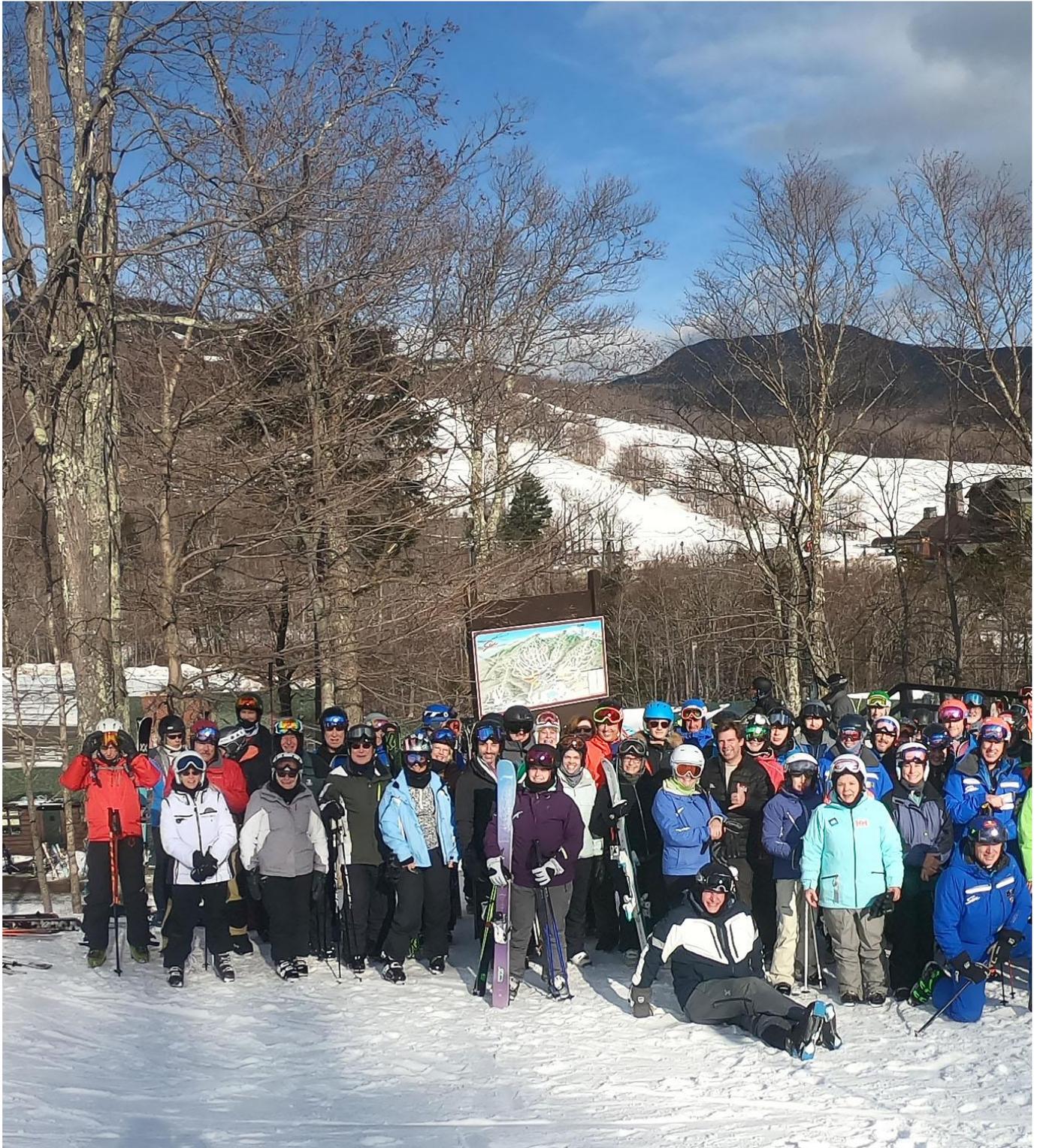
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## **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

### **Membership Renewal Application 2019-2020**

**Membership is from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020**

*Please check your Newsletter delivery preference:*

**Email version of the Newsletter** \_\_\_\_\_ *(this saves trees & club resources)*

Receive Newsletter by postal mail: \_\_\_\_\_ *(slower, higher club cost)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle one) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Member or  Renewal

\$25 individual or  \$35 Family

For Family Membership, please indicate:

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle One) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_

*To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 or 18 and still in High School.*

Interested in volunteering? Circle any that you are interested in: Clubhouse, SWC Board, Snow Show, NY Capital District Ski Council, Activities, Warren Miller Movie, hiking, biking, and other Club help such as outreach. **Make check payable to SWC** and mail with the completed application to **John Boscarino, 126 Polsin Dr., Schenectady, NY 12303-2516**