

Liftline

The Official Newsletter of the Garden State Ski Club

First Tracks by Mike Burney

Too much going on to keep track of over the past summer? Here is a short list.

We revised our Constitution so that all rules for expenditures are in the By-Laws. Then we revised the By-Laws so that all expenditures require a vote and tossed the "what does that mean?" parts which waived our vote rights.

We have a new check request form to make the budget process and the Treasurers job easier. It looks busy but we need it because we handle a lot of money with lots of member needs.

We have Budget Guidelines. Ever wonder what the categories in the Annual Budget mean? NO?! oh. Well if you ever have budget questions this guideline is the reference we use.

The ball is rolling for a Club Logo. if you are interested just submit your artwork! But do it soon. We should vote on the art in December so it can be on our Directory. Remember the winner gets a free weekend at the Lodge. Cool.

WOW Look at our Lodge! New paint job in front, freshly painted bathrooms and no trampoline kitchen floor. It was a fun floor but is now solid. Also a green metal roof has been approved and is on the way. Be sure to visit!

My favorite part as President is thanking the people who make our club fun.

Maybe you helped me by applauding the Boards pick for Club Member of the Month. In this Liftline take note of the people who are our Double Diamonds. Their invaluable contribution and hard work make our club fun. Plus they are "good people" with a ready smile. Double Diamonds, YEAH!

Thinking snow!

Mike

IS ANYBODY SADDLE SORE?



Everyone had a great time at the Dude Ranch Weekend except some people were a little sore! Where's the hot tub, pardner?
Photo By Rob Sinclair

A NEW PET?



Ann Benagh wanted to bring this guy home but Rob wasn't as eager.
Photo By Rob Sinclair

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD . . .

Winter Activities at Our Vermont Lodge

SKI downhill and X-C
Call Maureen at 973-872-9555 for reservations



SKI!

Members are required to participate in ski activities. A great way to start is on Instruction Day at Cata-mount. See Ray Owens



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The Garden State Ski Club meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.:
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Membership Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month:
7:45 pm – **Regular** Member Applicants
7:15 p.m. – **Provisional** Member Applicants

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From The Secretary's Note Pad

By Pat Braun



This is the second edition of the Lifeline since the 2001-02 Board of Directors was sworn in. The Lifeline will hopefully publish every three months. Why do I say hopefully? Because we depend on you, the members, to provide information/articles/pictures to make this publication.

Two years ago, the club was fortunate to have Pierce Haviland step to the fore as editor of our Lifeline. Pierce came with a wealth of experience, as he had been editor of the newsletters for both Ramapo and ASIA. I was secretary at that time, and realize that Pierce has done a stellar job of bringing informative, enjoyable reading. The Lifeline is also on our web site, so even if you can't make it to a meeting, you can still have access to the current edition.

Periodically, I will print a small column called Odds & Ends From Your Secretary. Here, I will offer information that I have announced at meetings that is not of a timely nature, but rather has to do with routine secretary duties. I encourage all readers to peruse this—it won't be a long column and will be provided in the form of short bullets.

Last edition, we presented short biographies on some of the new Board members. The rest are presented in this issue. You will also find a new feature that we hope to run each edition. In an effort to let members know of the many unsung heroes who make this club so successful, we are initiating a Double Diamonds column. See this edition for further details.

You do not have to sign up for a permanent position with the Lifeline. Whether you are talented in drawing cartoons, taking pictures, writing eloquently, or even providing "just the facts, ma'am" information about a club-sponsored event that you attend, your help is requested. Please see me or Editor Pierce Haviland. My phone number has changed since the directories came out in January. Please see the box on page two for my new number.

Editor's Note:

Thanks for the compliments, Pat. When submitting articles, it will be a big help if members can email them to me, or put them on a floppy disk. If you do print them out, please use a plain font like times roman, so I can scan them. Thanks for your cooperation.

- ◆ Membership Directories for 2001 are available from Pat Braun once a month on the nights of membership meetings.
- ◆ Provisional members who have completed all the requirements to become a regular member are asked to give their completed Regular Membership Application form to the secretary one week prior to the membership meeting. This is so the secretary can confirm that you have fulfilled the attendance requirement before you come to the Board.

Take that, Mother Bucker !!!

By Dolcey Chaplin

A new rallying cry was heard this weekend at Malibu Dude Ranch. Initiation was mandatory. The intrepid two dozen members accepted the quest as true representatives of GSSC.



A tradition of "hell raising" second to none! An attitude that boasted of rekindled interest in rifle practice complete with Bin Laden targets for both the ladies and gentlemen.

Friday Night, the festivities began with the art of tattoo placement, very creative but mostly X Rated! The party went on. The liquid libation was a real Mother Bucker. Who knew that there were that many ways to enjoy life through a straw? Or for Bob in the hay! The GSSC cow-girls shot like pros, or was it.... did shots like pros?

Saturday morning came too quickly for sure, A photo opt included butt poises, started the morning off right. Gary offered Diane's hind portion to jump start Rob's cardiovascular system among other blood circulating veins. We haven't seen the pictures yet but Ann had a smile on her face all weekend!

The horseback riding was superb. However, the getting on and off part stumped Penny. And I can safely report, it wasn't pretty, Penny!

As Saturday evening's bonfire went up in smoke, Weaver ignited the famous annual party, at the Boathouse. It was Mother Buckers for all.

◆◆ **DOUBLE DIAMONDS** ◆◆

We all know that skiing, at whatever ability level, is great fun and good winter exercise. However, most skiers are envious of those who can take on the most challenging slopes. Doing a black diamond is an accomplishment. Doing a Double Diamond, well, that's REALLY something to write home about!!!

All club members are required to serve on a committee once every two years, and most of our club members are active and involved. That's what makes us able to offer many activities year-round at a reasonable price. However, we sometimes have those who go above and beyond the requirements, push that extra mile on a certain activity or function and may not get recognized for the kudos they deserve. It is to those people that this column will be dedicated.

Each issue of the Liftline will have this space set aside for mention of those that have performed outstanding service to the club. Sometimes, it's only been the board members who know how much behind-the-scenes work someone has put in for the benefit of all. This column will allow ALL the members to know just who has attained ◆◆DOUBLE DIAMOND status in the volunteer department.

◆◆ **From The President**

Kudos to **Kas Kasprowitz** for spending a summer weekend helping to seal the deck at our Vermont Lodge.

Hank Mazzucca for spending one weekend during the summer alone trimming trees in the yard of the lodge and power washing the deck.

Maureen Lent for creating a clear budget for the lodge and getting the kitchen floor fixed and getting the contract for the lodge roof repair.

Bob Marino and **Judy Chernofsky** for starting a new ski trip and trying to bump up the GSSC Fun Meter!

WALKING FOR A CURE

Laura Barber, her daughter Ellen, and Linda DeWolfe recently took part in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-day Walk. They walked an average of 17 miles each day and collectively raised over \$10,000 towards the fight against breast cancer. A big thank you to everyone in the club who made a donation.



◆◆ **From The Secretary**

Much thanks to **Laura Van Riper** and **Penny Salvatore** for designing the fliers for the New Member Brunch (nice work, ladies)



Bob Gimpel for running our database so effectiently and getting out our dues letters.

◆◆ **From The Social V.P.**

Kudos to **Ron Vitale** for so many years of hosting a Labor Day Bike weekend in Vermont.

Linda DeWolfe for not only offering her home for the Summer Olympics, but for also running the entire event.

Herm Schambler for a super summer of barbeques

Anne Benagh for the camp and canoe trip this past Spring, and for coordinating the fall foliage event in Vermont and the two fall tennis parties.

Mike Scugozza for planning the up bike excursion to Roscoe, NY.

Margaret O'Brien for running the Bike-On-A-Shoestring Weekend at the Jersey Shore.

Ed Ellis for running R.A.T.D.O.G.S. forever and ever!

Chris McGuinness for 3 years of serving on the barbeque setup committee.

Jane Sternfels for EONS of arranging the most fabulous desserts for our barbeques (she also bakes!)



CLUB CALENDAR

- 11/20 Theme meeting—Pie Night
- 11/27 Regular Meeting
- 12/4 GSSC Auction—Maywood Inn
- 12/7 Snow Ball—Ondine's, Closter, NJ
- 12/11 Membership meeting
- 7:15 for Applicants 7:45 for Provisionals
- 12/18 Regular meeting begins at 8:30
- 12/25 Theme meeting—Maywood Inn
- 1/1 Cookies & Egg Nog
- No meeting—Merry Christmas!
- No meeting—New Year's Day