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The race awards were the first to be presented with Kas Kasprowicz, Mark Eugster, and Steve Corris taking first place honors in the men's A, B, and C categories respectively, and Kathy Rhinesmith, Lily Merom, and Anne George winning the same in the women's divisions. Up next were the vanity awards. The controversial Cucaracha Award for best fall was announced, with Jim Fitzpatrick eking out a narrow win over some tough competition from the likes of Paul Karner, Anita Sementilli, Bob Bossolt, and Kathy Rhinesmith. Rob Sinclair wants to rename this the Sonny Bono Award, with a ski-off in the glades to determine the winner. Rob, the board welcomes suggestions from the membership, and will give it serious consideration.

The outgoing board came up, and we each thanked the people who helped out during the year. I presented gifts to Sue Amdur-Coburn, Laura Gaines, and Barbara

Bob Gimpel was recognized for his work with the directory printer, but, because of that fiasco, still fresh in some minds, a slew of epithets were hurled his way that, thankfully, he couldn't hear, and I refused to repeat. The new board was introduced, which was mostly the old board with newcomers Lionel Chalier coming on as ski VP and Nancy Asdal taking over as secretary.

What's this, a snowboarder as ski VP? Unbelievable, what is this club coming to?

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Jackie switched tables in a bold attempt at getting a second dinner. We started to play "What Celebrity Do I Look Like?" Bruce was John Goodman. His date resembled Marie Osmond. Everyone agreed Sherry looked like Barbra Streisand. We amused ourselves this way until the payoff came - dessert! We had been hearing about the legendary desserts for weeks, and they did not disappoint. "Jackie's in the ladies room," we told the waitress, "you can leave hers right there, thanks."

At the next meeting, Lily announced that the event drew 106 people. "More than last year's", she said, "which only had eighty-something". As last year's was run by yours truly, I can tell you that it was 83 exactly. Lily, and stop rubbing it in. As Lily is continuing on as Junior Delegate, give her some feedback on what you'd like to see at next year's banquet.



Got Picnic?

By lauragaines

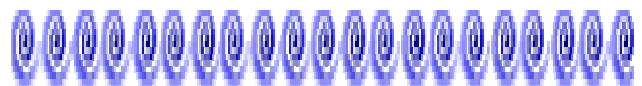
It was my first
GSSC picnic ever.

Tuesday, June
10th started the

GSSC's every-other-week-summer-food-fest. "Get in line for your food before it runs out" ... "No, no, go get your wristband, first". What is this a rock concert? I wandered past the hungry people waiting in line. I felt like I was a reception line of one, saying "hi" to all those who already had the illusive wristbands. Where was the end of the line? I looked. People zigzagged in and out of the parked cars, around the disk jockey and the speakers, through the pavilion. Oh, I see the volleyball players now in the distance. I'll go over and watch them while the line dies down. Could they really run out of food before I find the end of the line? Oh, the wristband. Found the table with the bands, paid my money... now I'm official. I can eat or drink any thing in the area, at least until the food runs out. Oh yeah, volleyball. How do skiers play volleyball when there's no snow on the ground? Not that well. Maybe it's the same theory I have about winning ski races, we need better volleyball outfits. I think this was a game of jungleball, basically, any thing goes. If you miss the ball, blame the person next to you. Not sure that the players did. I couldn't hear the repartee. Go get in line, before that damn food runs out.



I see the grill has lots of chicken cooking on it. How bad could the food shortage be? I think I'll go get a drink. No one mentioned that the drinks would run out. I did hear that the cups were leaking, though. That's okay, I can drink from the bottle. Hey, I'm in line. Do you think there will be food? I'm last in line. There are almost 200 people in line before me. Oh no, no salad left. One hot dog, lots of buns, no chicken ... hey, where's all that chicken that was on the grill? Good, still on the grill. I'll wait. In the end everybody got fed. The final menu: three bean salad, green salad, potato salad, chicken, veggie burger (there were lots of those), beef burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's. Then later on, just desserts. Don't know who made them, but I want the recipes. I noticed certain people satisfying their chocolate jones for the week. There was plenty of wine, beer and soft drinks remaining as the disk jockey cracked up the tunes. The tables were moved out of the way, the dancers started dancing and the mosquitoes started their own picnic. Special thanks to all the helpers who organized the picnic and especially to Herm Schamber for all his great effort and the dessert lady, Maria Mosca for hers. All in all, it was an exciting and fulfilling evening. Given the amount of rain we have had this season, a very good and dry night as well. Next time, I'll try to get in line about 100.



A Vermont House Perspective

by hankmazzucca

I am sure you remember the movie "The Way We Were". Well, the end of the winter season reminded me of that movie. If you really enjoy skiing, you were really sorry to see it end. Wow, what snow!

This past season we saw a lot of new members take advantage of the Vermont Lodge. Judging by the comments I've received, a number of them realize that buying a share and reserving their days early in the season will be the way to go next fall. The Vermont Lodge is by far the best deal in the Killington area and you just can't beat the variety of nightlife.

I would like to thank all the members who stayed at the Lodge last year and, in particular, those who found and fixed those little household problems that always pop up. Fixing a minor problem before it gets to be a big problem saves the club both time and money and minimizes inconveniences.

Everybody knows that the Lodge Committee needs to be informed of any problems at the Lodge. In addition to identifying things that need to be fixed, we also invite you to give us feedback to let us know how we are doing. We don't have an official survey form, but if you have a few minutes, we ask that you give us your impressions of the lodge in the areas of curb appeal, furnishings, cleanliness, kitchen facilities, lighting, heating or anything else you would like to comment on. We are also interested in your suggestions concerning the way we manage the lodge, as well as, ideas for

improvements to the lodge itself.

We use your suggestions to develop both our short and long range plans for the Lodge. Recent suggestions have included: installing new toilets; upgrading faucets; improving the soundproofing between rooms (particularly between Rooms 2 & 3 and Rooms 3 & 4); replacing the rugs.

"Big ticket" items in terms of cost cannot be undertaken as part of an annual budget line item. In order to make them happen, the scope of the project has to be developed, costs identified, and entire package presented to the board and then to the general membership for a vote of approval. On large projects, membership approval is required before monies can be committed and the work started. Continued support from you, the membership, will allow us to go forward with the upgrades and improvements that you have asked be considered.

Speaking of improvements, the siding contractor had to stop work last fall due to early and continuing snowfalls, but the job should be completed this summer.

As I have mentioned in the past, we try very hard to utilize the skills of club members to minimize the cost of repairs and improvements, and we wish to thank everyone for offering their services. One area where we can use everyone's help is on the clean up weekends. On June 28, 2003 we had a small group of people up for a cleanup weekend. There was a lot of time consuming work done including: minimizing the iron stains on the tubs; cleaning all the windows and screens; getting rid of the cob webs; removing things that were growing in the refrigerator and sanitizing

the bathrooms. After a very accomplished full day of work, we barbecued using the grill on the deck, sat out and just enjoyed the cool evening. We expect to have another work weekend in the fall to get the Lodge ready for the ski season. If you need work hours to become a regular member this is a golden opportunity to comply with all the committee work requirements and meet other club members at the same time.

Now that summer has finally arrived, I encourage you to consider taking advantage of the Vermont Lodge for a week long vacation or perhaps just a long weekend. During the day, the temperatures are in the 80's and 90's, but in the evening it usually cools down to the 60's - just perfect for sleeping. If you want to work on your tan, you can lounge on the deck just a few feet away from a nice cold refrigerator, and you don't have to worry about getting sand all over the car. There are lots of activities and attractions in the Rutland area, including restaurants that are normally packed in the winter that offer some outstanding values. Driving home from Vermont on Sunday beats sitting on the Garden State Parkway for several hours with all the other shore traffic.



Remember, staying for a weekend at the Lodge during the summer counts as one (1) ski activity towards becoming a regular member. Ski you at THE LODGE.

On Committee Hours

by charlottepanny

(provisional member since February 7th)

Question: What do Hank Bazooka (with an "M"-Mazzucca), 2 barbecued steaks, 3 pairs of rubber gloves, 4 bottles of vino and 5 housekeepers have in common?

Wrong Answer: Hanky-Poo's last fling before marrying Pat, or

Right Answer: House Cleaning Olympics at the Vermont house!

Housekeepers accomplishing committee hours at the Ski House were Ian Coburn, Susan Schultz, Charlotte Panny, Kurt Herrmann and Joanne Kennedy.

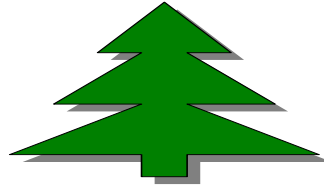
It started with a long northward trek up the Thruway, the Northway, Albany, Fort Ann, Whitehall (birthplace of the US Navy), before reaching the Ski Club Lodge. At nightfall on Friday, June 27th, armed only with my trusty rubber gloves, I met the team that I would get to know "up close and personal" while we scoured down 9 guest rooms, the great room with fieldstone fireplace, the huge kitchen, the deck and the barbecue. Actually, the ski house seems quite cozy and very much the bargain ... I was immediately impressed!

We awoke at 7:30 a.m. to a home cooked breakfast by Hank, our fearless leader. Eggs, bacon, coffee and English muffins were quite sufficient to spur us on to the cleanup at hand.

"The Housecleaning Olympics" commenced within the hour. Susan sparkled up all things glass (lighting fixtures and windows), while my specialty was vacuuming bunk bed drawers, road salt from plush carpeting, and cobwebs imbedded in

heating vents. Kurt maneuvered all the heavy furniture and reached the unreachable places: ceilings, shelving, over shower stalls and high window ledges. Through Room #4's open door one could just about see Ian silhouetted in the steamy hot water vapor working in his bathroom. Kurt removed the salt residue from each red-enameled room door and Ian sanitized the toilets with a final touch of bleach. Joanne puzzled over re-installing the egg racks, kitchen shelves and butter compartments after her major overhaul of the refrigerators. The team finally fit all the pieces back into the refrigerator doors. Did you know Joanne wields a mighty mop and great expertise with Murphy's Oil Soap? You wouldn't recognize the expansive kitchen floor after several washes to remove the grime. Hank was still polishing that wood floor (for the fourth time!) on Sunday morning.

Each of us was responsible for our own bathroom (and then some)! 6 of us versus 9 bathrooms—the bathrooms didn't have a chance! Thanks to teamwork and dedication, we knocked off around 4:00 P.M. for some leisure time...I needed a nap! With the bulk of the heavy cleaning behind us by Saturday evening, Chef Boy-R-Hank was basting 2 succulent London broils on the deck's barbecue. Complimented by roadside corn-on-the-cob and lettuce/cucumber/tomato salad, we ate our fill and talked (and drank) late into the night.



Toasted Head wine flowed freely from a bottle picturing a dancing, fire-breathing bear. There was plenty

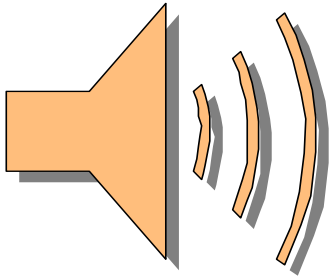
of lager and the choice of several other wines as we toasted our grand accomplishment with champagne and strawberries! We spoke about EPA, ERA, dumb stumps, the unlikelihood of celebrating a 55th wedding anniversary, cleaning up this winter's septic tank overflow, carrying knives and guns, cockatoo hairdos, motorcycling from River Vale to Vermont and numerous other mysteries of life!

After Hank prepared Sunday morning's breakfast and several minor chores, we went our separate ways; most of us NJ-bound; Joanne to NY. Our housekeeping marathon was done...worth at least 57 Committee hours apiece?!? Would I do it again? Sure. Some of you will be golfing or biking at the house in the coming summer weekends. As for me, I'll be returning in autumn for the "leaf peeping" past-time Vermont is famous for. The Club's ski house was well worth our weekend's efforts. Besides I met several new friends! Thanks, Hank, Joanne, Ian,



Kurt and Susan...you made it all worthwhile.

THE PREZ SEZ.....



By dennisyoung

It's been several months since the last Liftline. During this time we had a major problem--our liability insurance was suddenly cancelled and would end on June 30--right in the middle of our BBQ season. Well, initially I wasn't too concerned. After all, it was just insurance. It should be easy to find another insurance company. WRONG! Not for a ski club with all of our activities. Countless calls were made to insurance companies and several of our members in the insurance industry also began searching. June 30 came and went. Still no insurance. Thankfully, Bill and Elizabeth Murrell kindly donated their backyard for the July 8 BBQ. It was a BYOB and everyone came with their little bags as if they were going to a restaurant in Ridgewood! But this was much better. Luckily, one of my calls to a company in Vermont panned out and they were able to get us the coverage. We are now back in business with all of our usual activities. Thank you to Judy Rizzo, Bob Drake, Laurie Schwartz and Elaine Ryan for their help. And thanks again to Bill and Elizabeth Murrell for saving the day. This year the annual GSSC Summer Olympics will be held at Anderson Field on August 23. This location will be ideal for all of our needs that day. We expect a great turnout so sign up early to get on a team and get your team T-shirt.

I know it's the middle of summer, but Club-sponsored ski trips are now being planned. Carol Alesso is running a trip to Andorra that already has a waiting list, and Wayne Kieser is running a trip to Jackson Hole. Also, the New Jersey Ski Council will be going to Park City this year. I'm sure there will be more Club-sponsored trips announced as we get closer to the ski season.

As I've mentioned previously, the Club runs an all-year long Vermont lodge. The summer and fall seasons are great times to get away and enjoy golf outings, hiking, biking and to check out the fall foliage. You can also use the lodge as a starting point to explore other areas of Vermont and nearby New Hampshire. It's great for a long weekend. The price is right so give it a chance. The house is yours to use. Contact Maureen Lent for reservations.

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