

Liftline

The Official Newsletter of the Garden State Ski Club

EL CHEAPO LA FELICIDAD Translation: "Lot's of happiness for very few pesos."



Each year in January club members have made the trip to Maine for an exceptional value called the "El Cheapo". The price was right again this year and the trip sold out. Everyone had a great time and were lucky to enjoy weather in the 20s. More inside.

Diane Lagrecca is out of the woods at Sugarloaf in January on the "El Cheapo" before gathering with (l to r) Art and Janine Gillan, Anne George, Tom Vazbys, Carol Alesso, Diane, Maria Mateo and Adrienne Geffen at the Malibu Bar to celebrate Sugraloaf's 50th Anniversary. Of course, we didn't need a reason to celebrate, but it was a good excuse. Some members won prizes at the bar during the party.



Nordic Instructors gather with Pete Gisler at High Point, NJ

A.S.I.A. NORDIC PROGRAM AT HIGH POINT, NJ
Zoltan Nagy (2nd from left) gathers with Pete Gisler (far right) and Hank Mazzucca (3rd from right) for an A.S.I.A. Nordic Program at High Point, NJ. Lots of snow and happy participants being taught by Hans Karlsen (3rd from left). Karlsen is a former Norwegian National Champion who has taught this program for many years.



Photo by Barbara Johnson

The Deluxe Chateau Frontenac was the home for club members who joined Carol Alesso on her trip north..
Read Barbara Johnson's trip report on page 6.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD . . .


Spring Activities at Our Vermont Lodge

Relax, Hiking, Biking

Spring Skiing At Killington

Off Season Rates Are In Effect!

HELP!



That's what makes this club work, members helping others with committee work. If you are unsure of how you can help, talk to any of the club officers.

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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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Melissa and Constantine cooked a delicious fettucini alfredo dinner on the first night at Sugarloaf that was enjoyed by (l to r) Carol Alesso, Adrinne Geffen, Scott Links, Melissa Sandberg, Peter Alesso and his fiancè' Courtney, Maria Mateo, Gary Taylor.



Fashion Show—Rubber Ducky vs Tweety Bird (Courtney and Diane). We promised you lingerie shots. Here they are! Look out Victoria's Secret! Thanks to Bill Jones for organizing a great trip.



Greg and Gary get back rubs from Dianne—WOW!

Bill never told us that a massage was included in this trip! Some guys have all the luck. This was at the "Best Inn". Best in what?

Thanks to Dianne Lagrecca for the pictures. It was her camera, but she's in most of the pictures. We'll have to find out who the photographer was.

Dianne is starting a new job with Victoria's Secret this month (really). We don't think that the Tweety Bird flannel PJs came from their catalogue,

VERMONT WINTER SCENES

A group of club members decided to head up to Sugarbush in February. After the one hour trip from the lodge they found out that the area was closed because of high winds. Many other Vermont areas suffered a similar fate that day while the old lifts at Magic Mountain kept on running.

What do you do when you drive an hour and can't ski? Go shopping! Mike Burney, Kevin Feehan, Diane Lagrecca and others headed to Warren for breakfast and shopping.

When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping!



Mike, Roz and Kevin go shopping



Judy, Ann and Lou enjoy breakfast at Sugar and Spice during a trip to Vermont.



Maureen Lent relaxes with Maria Mateo, Art and Janine Gillan after dinner at the lodge.



Ann asks what the "Plus" is on the dessert menu. Ron LeVine offers the legal definition

KILLINGTON DOUBLE COMBINED RACE RESULTS**MARCH 3, 2001**

CLASS	MARCH 3, 2001	SLA- LOM		1st Course	GIANT SLA- LOM		2nd Course	Best
	WOMEN	Run 1	Run 2	Best	Run 1	Run 2	Best	Total
A 1	Schwarcz, Laurie	31.30	31.20	31.20	23.82	23.84	23.82	55.02
A 2	Sementilli, Anita	30.94	31.34	30.94	24.13	24.47	24.13	55.07
B 1	O'Brien, Margaret	31.27	33.18	31.27	25.70	24.97	24.97	56.24
B 2	Gillan, Janine	36.40	42.05	36.40	28.83	28.84	28.83	65.23
C 1	Armentano, Roz	37.03	DNF	37.03	29.03	28.89	28.89	65.92
C 2	Asdal, Nancy	40.28	40.47	40.28	29.33	27.74	27.74	68.02
C 3	Young, Pat	38.80	45.07	38.80	32.78	31.05	31.05	69.85
C 4	Most, Joan	DNF	50.36	50.36	27.32	26.25	26.25	76.61
	MEN	Run 1	Run 2	Best	Run 1	Run 2	Best	Total
A 1	Burney, Mike	DNF	26.02	26.02	20.03	20.70	20.03	46.05
A 2	Kasprowicz, Kas	26.95	27.97	26.95	21.53	21.50	21.50	48.45
A 3	Mellusi, Joe	27.35	28.45	27.35	22.06	22.10	22.06	49.41
A 4	Ehrich, Gary	27.59	27.97	27.59	22.26	22.21	22.21	49.80
B 1	Karner, Paul	29.34	31.11	29.34	23.44	23.93	23.44	52.78
B 2	Bauerfeind, Rich	29.42	30.93	29.42	24.46	24.44	24.44	53.86
B 3	McCloskey, Joe	30.54	32.73	30.54	27.55	26.86	26.86	57.40
B 4	Gillan, Art	32.87	35.10	32.87	26.68	25.22	25.22	58.09
C 1	Sternfels, Peter	33.74	32.99	32.99	26.03	25.24	25.24	58.23
C 2	Corris, Steve	32.34	DNF	32.34	26.96	26.31	26.31	58.65
C 3	Young, Dennis	33.54	34.50	33.54	25.92	25.37	25.37	58.91
C 4	Willcoxon, Steve	DNF	36.16	36.16	26.24	25.06	25.06	61.22

YOU DIDN'T SKI IN QUEBEC?

By Barbara M. Johnson

Given the option to explore or ski in Old Quebec City (somewhere I have never been before) in a four day period, I opted to explore, especially after talking to a couple who were there last year and said they were still talking about it in July.

Upon arrival, one cannot help but be enchanted by the city's obvious history and quaintness. After checking into the Chateau Frontenac, the "center piece" of Old Quebec City, approximately 40 hungry travelers dispersed in search of fine cuisine and drink. The next morning, as mostly everyone else was boarding a bus at 8:15 a.m. to conquer the slopes of Mont Sainte-Anne, we slept blissfully until 9:30 a.m. and then ventured out in search of breakfast and adventure; only after taking the requisite 15-20 minutes, of course, to apply all the layers of



Dennis and Pat Young gather with Karen Sadowski, Dennis Bonomolo, Barbara Johnson and Dennis Latrella

clothing required for the cold brisk air we were to face after exiting from the warmth of this fabulous five star hotel. And explore we did. Drudging through the snow and thickly iced sidewalks over the next four days, we found a cornucopia of shops overflowing with crafts from local artisans, museums (including a wax museum with popular United States figures), an abundance of delectable food, diet blowing pastries, and extraordinary ice and snow sculptures on display for the winter carnival. There were horse and carriage tour rides, snowmobiling, tubing, cross-country skiing on the Plaines d'Abraham, tobogganing, and horse drawn sleigh rides. So much to do and so little time to do it all.



The 4 Napoleans—Dennis Bonomolo, Dennis Young and Dennis Latrella pose with a stiff version of the original.

We took a bus tour that brought us to the much talked about "Ice Hotel", which will melt after March; the Montmorency Falls, which are higher than Niagara and a spectacular sight; the Ile d'Orleans; a copper museum; and the Basilique Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre. Another day we explored the lower part of Old Quebec City (the Basse-Ville) during a snow storm. We took the Escalier Casse-Cou ("the break-neck stairway"), which Dennis decided to try and demonstrate why they are called "break-neck". Luckily, nothing was twisted or broken. He was quite graceful in fact. Taking the Funiculaire (a glass elevator connecting the two villages) back up to the upper village (the Haute-Ville), we found more ways to spend money and more food to eat. We located Erico Choco-Musee, a chocolate museum (I was in my glory), which Dennis found out about on the internet. We were interviewed by the Canadian Broadcast News (no autographs, please). We did a horse and carriage tour ride; took the ferry across the St. Lawrence River (very cold) and got an up close and breathtaking view of the ice floes; did the toboggan ride; found the oldest hotel in Canada with the oldest dining room in Quebec City and dined by candlelight on delectable French cuisine and afterwards, an after dinner drink at their jazz bar. Very romantic indeed.



Barbara Johnson and Dennis Latrella enjoy a carriage ride

It was fun crossing paths with familiar faces and comparing notes of what we saw, what we did, and where to eat. Our favorite breakfast hangout was Le Conchon Dique ("The Crazy Pig") in Basse-Ville. Our very last meal was eaten there with time to spare to depart from this beautiful jewel of a city, leaving many of its facets still yet to be discovered.

Without a doubt, a spectacular winter wonderland to which I would certainly return...and maybe even do some cross-country skiing.

WE USED TO....

By Barbara M. Johnson

We used to do this. We used to do that. We used to do things differently. Things change. People change. And the more they change, the more we want them to stay the same. It is surprising that there is such a thing as progress at all.

We used to have barbeques with just hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, beer and wine (and always great home made desserts) and listen to the same tapes all evening long. Now, we have a variety of food and beverages (even catering to the vegetarians in the group) and dance all night to a D.J.



Vince Paruta volunteers to fix a leaky pipe in our lodge in Vermont.



Roz Armentano, Janine Gillen and Anita Sementilli prepare the pasta. If someone didn't volunteer to cook, we would go hungry!

We used to have a barbeque every year for 15 years at Bob Gimpels'. Not anymore. Approximately 200 people would show up to party and only a handful would help clean up afterwards. No one else has stepped forward to have their home "trashed" once a year.

We used to have a shore house at the same place and have "Christmas in July" parades for so long, the neighboring summer renters looked forward to it every year. The house was sold and only recently a shore house has been attempted again, but not without negativity and resistance.

We used to have two buses for the bus trips and one was always designated the "party" bus. Stories from reliable sources were that there was much drinking and a blanket would be strung up in the back of the bus for privacy during some "intimate moments" between consenting adults. Is this why there is only one bus now? I would like to believe we have become more mature and wiser in our behavior.

We used to do a lot of things and we still do. Yes, this is a ski club, but what makes it appealing and worthwhile are all the social events and trips. These events and trips are run by volunteers, members of this club who have lives outside of the club and are doing the best they can for the benefit of many people and trying to meet the majority of everyone's needs and wants. But they get "burnt out" because it is usually the same people doing it. They get burnt out not because of what it takes to run an event, but because human nature runs rampant through the club. Of approximately 400 members, only a handful are the doers and a majority of the rest bitch, moan, complain, and demand but aren't willing to help out. From where they are sitting, everything can be done better or differently. We all want to have fun but we don't want to do the work to have the fun.

For the committees and board members, when the work is done, they get an applause but while they are volunteering their time and efforts, they mostly get very little appreciation and help and a lot of aggravation.

This is a club in which we are all members, all pay dues, and all should participate in instead of complaining about how things are run or "reminiscing" about the way things used to be.



What could be nicer after a hard day on the slopes than an elegant dinner. A dozen members gathered for this meal in February with the club's Senior Delegate, Kevin Feehan. (far right).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Annual Banquet and Installation Dinner
May 11th



Tennis Parties April 21 & May 12

See Rob Sinclair to sign up soon, these indoor parties sell out fast

R.A.T.D.O.G.S.

(Rank Amateur Tennis Double-Faulters Of Garden State)
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