

# The LiftLine

The Official Newsletter of the Garden State Ski Club

## Wild Turkey Kidnapped at Dude Ranch!

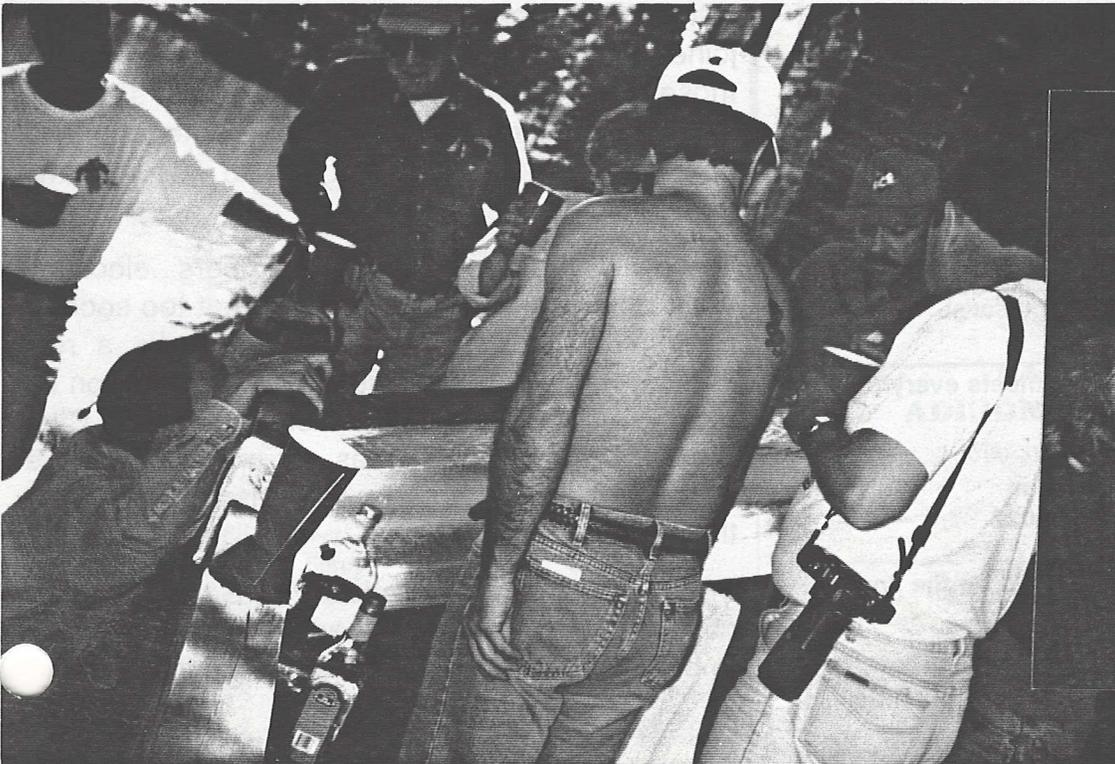
Seventy excited GSSC members assembled at the Hospitality Suite to start an exciting weekend at the Malibu Dude Ranch on September 29. The affair was hosted by Steve Hoppe, Ray Marcus, Guido Boggio, Joe Caramico, and our infamous Bob Gimpel. All ladies were gifted with long stem roses and tattoos while the men only got specially-topped "lollipops". A distinctive "boobs" cake was prepared to honor Bob G.'s 39th (?) birthday celebration. While most went horseback riding, many enjoyed target shooting, tennis, hiking, sauna, and the pool. Everyone was overwhelmed with the festivities after the evening hayride. A long line waited for shots at the uniquely grooved ice block where all guzzled shots of vodka, tequila, etc. Mickey had most of the Dewars Scotch however. Even blow-up Annie made her debut.

Comedian Todd Brentnall kidnapped a

wild turkey and hid it in Joe Noto's room. This poor fowl was so lonely it took up new residence in Bob G.'s room where he found companionship. After the special evening hayride, someone got liberated by burning her bra at the bonfire. How much she was paid for this remains a secret but some say it was about \$20. An evening party with dancing and good music followed in the main lounge. Bob Rosen was tattooed on his ????. It was difficult to tell who was being mooned!

Later the fireplace flu closed causing a smoke situation. This is OK if you like smoked people. Imagine – Hoboken's Ski Club tried to mingle with our prestigious group. Joanne Peterson, does your mother know where you were or where your tattoo is? Room 8, also known as the exercise room, was quite active I hear. Nominations for club snake will be taken from this source.

*Isabella*



More pictures inside!

**GARDEN STATE SKI CLUB OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	<b>Rob Sinclair</b>	<b>445-6834</b>
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Instruction	Ray Owens
Racing	Joy Daubengerger
Ski Tickets	AnneCostello
Snow Reports	Cliff Broder
NJ Ski Council Liaison	Fred Hotz

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Golf	Wayne Kieser
Hike	Mike Scugoza
Bike	

**The Garden State Ski Club meets every Tuesday at 8:30 pm at:**

**Victor's Maywood Inn  
124 West Pleasant Avenue  
Maywood, NJ 201-843-8022**

**Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:**

**7:15 pm—Regular Member Applicants  
7:30 pm—Provisional Member Applicants**



## A Word from Your President

After five months as president of the Garden State Ski Club, I can say that I like the job. It can actually be kind of fun, providing I don't take myself too seriously.

I try to be flexible, to consider the wishes of the membership, to move away from confrontation and toward consensus. It isn't always easy to make a decision when there are 500 members who each has his or her own idea of what should be done.

To all our new members, both provisional and regular...welcome to Garden State! It's good to have you aboard. I strongly urge you to become involved in the many activities that the Club has to offer, and when you do, you will be rewarded with good friends, good fun and good fortune.

When I first became a member of Garden State, I joined several committees, and after working on those committees, I eventually chaired some of those committees. I also participated in the myriad social activities and got to know many, many people.

To all our regular established members...elections will be held again in June, and it's not too soon to start thinking about how you can make a real contribution to the success of our organization by serving as a Club officer. Remember, the Club needs you and your ideas. It may take a little more of your time, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

In summary, my association with Garden State continues to be a great experience, and I'm proud to be a member of the best ski club in the land!

*Rob Sinclair*  
President



# SKI NEWS

## SKI TRIPS 1995 - 1996

### **PARK CITY, UTAH**

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 1995  
 Contact Bill Jones  
 201-444-4455  
 \$925.00 per person

### **MT. TREMBLANT QUEBEC, CANADA**

Dec. 16 - Dec. 22, 1995  
 Contact Wayne Keiser  
 201-779-8997  
 \$700.00 to \$760.00 per  
 person

### **SUGARLOAF, ME**

Jan. 7 - Jan. 12, 1996  
 Contact Bill Jones  
 201-444-4455  
 \$199.00 per person

### **ASPEN, CO**

Feb. 4 - Feb. 11, 1996  
 (Waiting list only)  
 Contact Wayne Keiser  
 201-779-9887  
 \$1,099.00 per person

### **STOWE, VT**

Feb. 16 - Feb. 20, 1995  
 Contact Kim or Ken  
 Tursiella  
 201-728-8436  
 \$260.00 per person

### **SUN VALLEY, ID**

NJ Ski Council Trip  
 Feb. 25 - March 2, 1996  
 Contact Margaret O'Brien  
 201-262-0544  
 \$1,080-1,120 per person

### **FERNIE SNOW VALLEY**

**B.C., CANADA**  
 Mar. 3 - Mar. 10, 1996  
 Contact Wayne Keiser  
 201-779-8997  
 \$899.00 per person

### **BANFF, ALBERTA, CANADA**

Mar. 16 - Mar. 23, 1995  
 Contact Carol Storms  
 201-337-8401  
 \$910.00 per person

### **1996 BUS TRIPS**

[Locations to be announced]

Saturday, January 13, 1996  
 Saturday, January 27, 1996  
 Sunday, February 11, 1996  
 Sunday, February 25, 1996  
 Saturday, March 9, 1995  
 Sunday, March 24, 1996

### **1996 RACE SCHEDULE**

#1	Wed.	1/10/96	Campgaw Mt.
#2	Sat.	1/20/96	Sugarbush
#3	Sat.	1/27/96	Bus Trip
#4	Sun.	2/04/96	Pico (house)
#5	Wed.	2/14/96	Campgaw Mt.
#6	Sun.	2/25/96	Bus Trip
#7	Sat.	3/02/96	Okemo
#8	Wkend	3/16-17/96	Pico (double comb.weekend)

### **CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIPS**

Contact Ron Vitale 201-327-1316

### **GSSC HOUSE, RUTLAND, VT**

January 13 - January 15, 1996

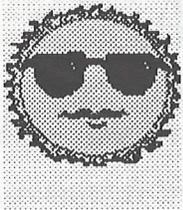
### **GARNET HILL LODGE ADIRONDACKS, NY STATE**

January 26 - January 28, 1996

### **LAPLAND LAKE ADIRONDACKS, NY STATE**

March 8 - March 10, 1996

*NY STATE THRUWAY ROAD  
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 1-800-THRUWAY*



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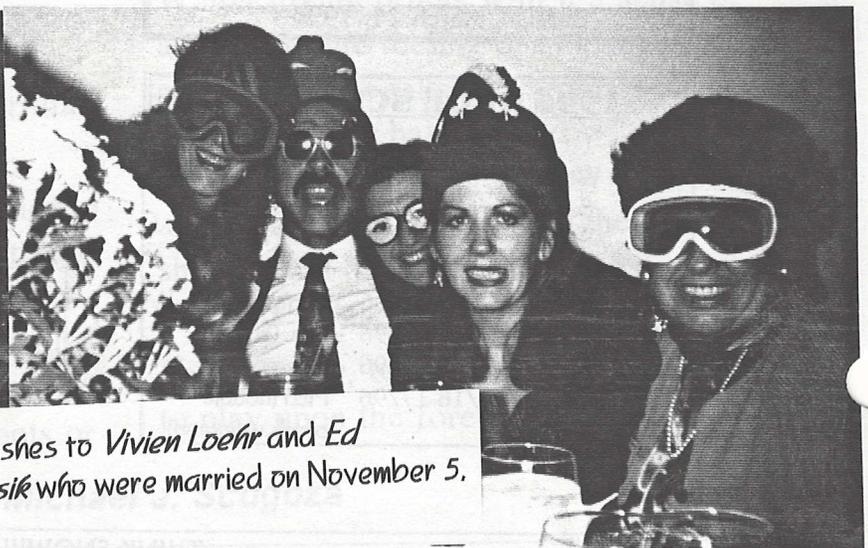
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## THIS OLD HOUSE

by Pete Gisler

The ski house received quite a few new alterations this summer thanks to five work weekends and a lot of help from a lot of members.

We were required to bring the house up to the 1994 fire codes, which, after some planning, created a number of good changes and more living space inside the house. Rooms 9, 10, and 11 were converted to (1) a ski, boot, and bike room, (2) a second dining room connected with a large archway (this also serves as a T.V. and game room), and (3) Room 11 became a good size store room.

As well as the work, we were required to do, we also accomplished a number of other things. The cellar and sheds were cleaned. A roof was put on the wood rack. Quite a bit of yard work was done. The old sign framework was rebuilt and a new 2' by 3' sign was made and installed. More shelves were added to the dining and living rooms. A brochure rack was built into the living room wall and stocked with "where to go" and "what to see" in Vermont.

So far, the people who I've seen who have seen these changes have been very happy about them. I can't wait for the ski season to start so more members will see and be able to take advantage of these great improvements!

My most hardy thanks and every member should also show their thanks to the people listed below who put in a lot of time and sweat!

Nancy Asadorian  
Rich Bellucci  
Terry Bellucci  
Bob Bossolt  
Dick Bradlof  
Don Brøder  
Peter Broder  
Susan Candelmo  
Karen Casino  
Jim Ferrone  
Carol Frenchia  
Rich Gianandrea  
Ellie Gisler  
Agnes Joyce

Cindy Koslow  
Ken Liljegren  
Judy Marques  
Joseph Marshall  
Joe Menondi  
Mary Menondi  
Bob Pepsis  
Bob Rosen  
Sharon Scarnecchia  
Alexis Smollok  
Cynthia Soma  
Eileen Stolarz  
Rick Taylor  
Lynn Zamparo

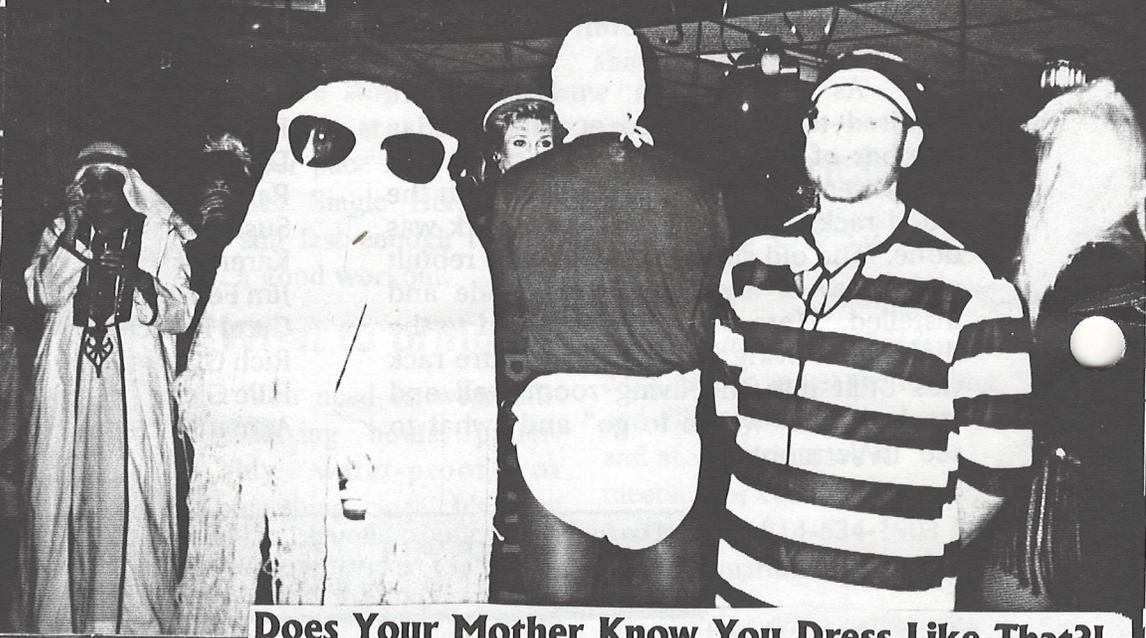
The house is located on Route 7 in Pittsford, Vermont.  
To make reservations, see either  
Lew Strauss or Peter Gisler.



*New sign that graces  
the lawn of GSSC's ski  
house in Rutland, VT  
to help new (and old)  
members find the house.*

# Halloween Costume Party 1995!

The Juice is back!  
Are you had your OJ today?



Does Your Mother Know You Dress Like That?!

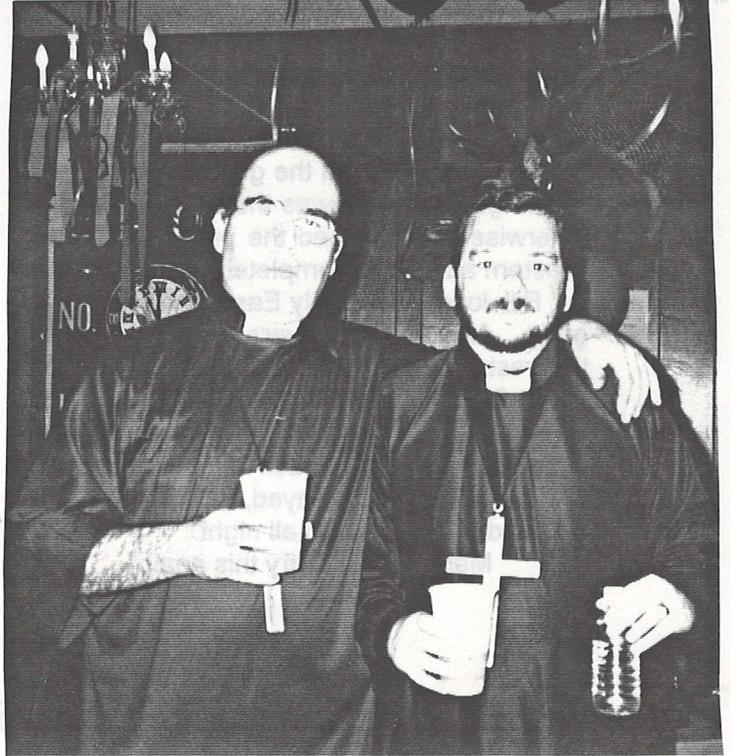




**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

GSSC again presented THE PARTY of the season on October 28th at the Hackensack Elks Lodge. The 115 guests were in costumes, dressed to be winners in any judging. Unfortunately, they ran out of prizes. Music by DJ Cindy was superb. The buffet dinner and open bar added to our pleasure. Thanks to Barb Comly, chair-person, and Pat Braun, Lisa, Pat Mullins, Cynthia Soma, Jean Meyer, Bob Mosher, Ed Bialoglow, Brenda Marshall, Chuck Johnson, Sue Amdur, Pat Parker, Carol Brahs, June Anton, and Ellen Lansdown, the hall was expertly decorated. As you can see the pictures are worth a thousand words.

*Isabella*



## TAVERN TOUR HELD IN CHELSEA



Chelsea – home to Clement Clarke Moore, Dylan Thomas and Sid Vicious, among others – was the site of a pub crawl and historic walking tour on Saturday, October 14. Pat Braun, a licensed N.Y.C. tourguide, led a group of 20 through the rain-soaked streets of the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. The evening began with a tour of one of Manhattan's microbreweries, Zip City. After a tour of the facility and an explanation of how beers are brewed, the group sampled some of the wares and were given tokens for free beer on their next visit.

Next, it was on to Peter McManus, an Irish bar opened in 1936 and known as a "Poor Man's Country Club". Previously frequented by Errol Flynn, Burt Reynolds and Burt Lancaster, this is a gritty working class Chelsea pub still holding the original mahogany bar. Because of the pouring rain and the ravishing appetites of several

participants, several sites were forfeited in order to head to dinner sooner than scheduled. But not before the opportunity to tour the lobby of the Hotel Chelsea, the first building in the city to be designated a New York Landmark both for architectural and historical interest. A roster of former residents of the Hotel Chelsea reads like a Who's Who of artistic achievement: Mark Twain, Sarah Bernhardt and Arthur Miller to name just a few.

The final leg of the tour included a visit to the site of the original Madison Square Garden and an explanation of the derivation of the term "23 Skidoo!!!" The night ended with dinner at a trendy Chelsea restaurant, where all participants had a chance to "meet" Abe Lincoln and George Washington.

If you missed this tour, fear not! Pat will be offering this outing again in April 1996, once the spring thaw arrives.

### *Country Western Dance*

Cowboy Bob and Instructor Linda taught 34 GSSC members the Two-Step, Texas line dancing, circle dancing, and mixers with fancy variations at Madonna Hall in Stockholm. Anne Benagh supplied refreshments. Rob Sinclair flagged down the guests on Route 23. Thank goodness he was there or many might otherwise have missed the place completely! Western attire was completely optional.

Bill Jones and Emily Eastwood were really great. Ann and Rob were swinging, leaving the rest in the dust. Have they done this before? Most of us were getting confused with tap – touch – left – right turn....soooooo difficult to deal with such simple instruction. Once the music played, Dot's feet just responded and danced all night.

Many vowed to try this again!

*Isabella*

The following letter was recently received from the owners of Sawdi's restaurant in Pittsford, Vermont, located next to the ski house:

October 18, 1995

Dear Garden State Ski Club,

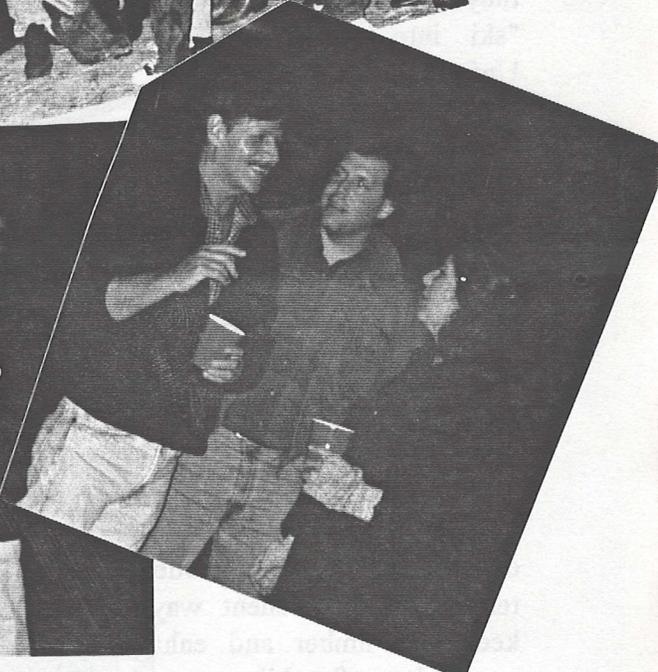
Sawdi's Steak & Seafood located here in Pittsford, would like to welcome all your members back for another great winter of skiing in Vermont.

At this time, Sawdi's would like to pass on a winter discount of 15% off your final dinner check, any time during the Ski Season Nov. 1, 1995 through Apr. 30, 1996. Proper identification of membership is required and should be presented to your Server before the check is totaled.

We look forward to seeing your Club soon.

Sincerely,  
Brent & Robbin Gifford  
Owners

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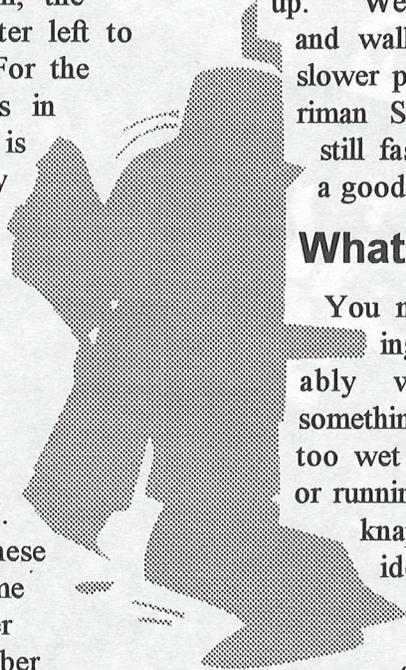
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## Guide's Column

There are those that see hiking as either a walk around a local park or being bowled over by huge packs and steep terrain. While getting some real benefit usually means some steepness in the terrain, the big packs are better left to the boy scouts. For the rest of us, skiers in particular, hiking is simply a fine way to get out of doors, into shape, and more acclimated to colder weather. Too many people think they can simply "ski into shape". Unfortunately, these are often the same people who suffer the greatest number



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of injuries. Hiking moderate terrain is an excellent way to keep you limber and enhance your balance for skiing.

Most of the fall and winter hikes will take place in Harriman State Park. There is a surprising variety of terrain that can challenge almost any skill level. Most of our hikes are at or near the moderate level. Any skier should be able to keep up. We stop more often and walk at a somewhat slower pace than the Harriman Single Hikers, but still fast enough to give a good workout.

## What to bring

You need to wear hiking boots, preferably water-proof, or something close. It's been too wet to wear sneakers or running shoes. A small knapsack is a good idea since you will want to bring drinking water, fruit and snacks or sandwiches for the lunch stop. While not as strenuous as cross country skiing, hiking can still get you sweating even during cold weather. You might want to consider wearing some of the new polypropylene underwear that wicks moisture away from your body, keeping you far warmer than cotton undies. Your outer layer should be some form of windbreaker, and you should have head protection as

well.

## Events

We will be hiking every Sunday unless there is sufficient snow-fall to go cross-country skiing. There has also been some talk about a snow-shoe event.

## Getting included is easy

- *Getting included is easy*, talk to me at the meeting and I'll let you know where and at what time we're meeting, or call before Saturday at 914-634-1903 for this information.

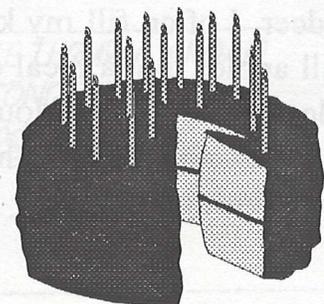
- *Hikes often include* Sue Amdur, Barbara Comley, Pat Braun, Ron Vitale, Zoltan, Rob Sinclair, Ann Benaugh, Susan Candalmo, Joseph Marshall, Nancy Asadorian, John Minet, Karen Hromada; and the group continues to grow..

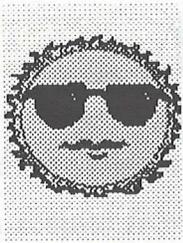
Information or  
directions:  
Mike Scugoza  
1-914-634-1903

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL!!!

(November, December and January babies!)

Gail Stokes	Nov. 1	Ellen Lansdowne	Dec. 11	Richard Taylor	Jan. 6
Thomas W. Gallagher	Nov. 2	John Portal	Dec. 11	Susan Dooley	Jan. 8
Jacqueline Veigh	Nov. 2	Maureen McDowell	Dec. 12	Maureen Griffin	Jan. 8
Margie Sherrer	Nov. 5	Steven Simon	Dec. 13	Agnes Mundal	Jan. 8
Sandra Ettinger	Nov. 6	Stacy Courtwright	Dec. 14	Ruth Gilchrist	Jan. 9
Virginia-Hol Rango	Nov. 6	Nick Constantino	Dec. 15	Kathy Rhinesmith	Jan. 9
Rita Fritz	Nov. 8	Carolyn Tierney	Dec. 17	Russell Biss	Jan. 10
Edward Ellis	Nov. 9	Clifford Paino	Dec. 17	Karen Woodward	Jan. 11
Pete Guggenheim	Nov. 9	Walter C. Goldenbaum	Dec. 18	Mary Ann Laskay	Jan. 11
Robert C. Law	Nov. 9	Chuck Johnson	Dec. 19	Louis Mortaro	Jan. 12
Bob Tardio	Nov. 9	Shirley Piazza	Dec. 19	Arthur B. Brite	Jan. 13
John Orgero	Nov. 10	Cynthia J. Soma	Dec. 20	Lucila M. Moure	Jan. 15
Paulette Comis	Nov. 11	Stan Wojtko	Dec. 20	Linda A. Hall	Jan. 16
Jim Deaver	Nov. 13	Denise Ragno	Dec. 21	Sheila Scaffidi	Jan. 16
Keith Reardon	Nov. 15	Lauren Terach	Dec. 21	Bob Janney	Jan. 17
Kathie Dillon	Nov. 20	Bruce W. Fisher	Dec. 22	Bonnie Krepliak	Jan. 18
Joseph Noto	Nov. 20	Vicki Waltz	Dec. 22	Patricia Moore	Jan. 18
Diane Ferrone	Nov. 22	Thomas Golabek	Dec. 24	Bill Murrell	Jan. 18
Stan Garchinsky	Nov. 22	Nasar Mahmud	Dec. 24	Anthony Carbone	Jan. 18
Kathryn Davenport	Nov. 23	Carol Oxley	Dec. 24	Michael O'Keefe	Jan. 19
Derek Sage	Nov. 24	Bob Rosen	Dec. 24	Lisa Fadini	Jan. 20
Evelyn Freedman	Nov. 25	Pat Rosenkranz	Dec. 24	Myke Leshowitz	Jan. 21
Kate Hurley	Nov. 26	J.P. Ferrone	Dec. 26	Stanley Sharaga	Jan. 22
Betty Ronner	Nov. 26	Michael DeNoble	Dec. 27	Terry Dunn Egan	Jan. 23
Marian Burke	Nov. 27	Peter Sucato	Dec. 27	Roseanna Reese	Jan. 23
Myrna Fleischer	Nov. 27	Jacqueline Dejean	Dec. 28	Jan Rosenberg	Jan. 26
Hal Tice	Nov. 29	John S. Larkin	Dec. 29	Amy E. Smith	Jan. 26
Christine Bizukiewicz	Nov. 30	Peter Cavallo	Dec. 29	Paul Tracy	Jan. 26
Robert Sternad	Nov. 30	James Minaya	Dec. 30	Karen Arbasetti	Jan. 27
James Kalka	Dec. 1	Joseph Bukowski	Dec. 31	Carol Jordan	Jan. 27
MV. Martin C. Haas	Dec. 2	Thor Sorensen	Dec. 31	Karen Stachowicz	Jan. 27
Steven Corris	Dec. 4	Cherine Acoury	Jan. 1	Cameron Blaikie	Jan. 27
JoAnne Kern	Dec. 4	Frances Harvey	Jan. 1	Anne Benagh	Jan. 28
Chris S. Costescu	Dec. 7	Thomas Missonelle	Jan. 4	Maryann Gregorio	Jan. 28
Marilyn Pastore	Dec. 7	Cathy L. Wasserman	Jan. 4	Gary DiCiacinto	Jan. 29
Elaine Carfagno	Dec. 8	Bernice May Reesbeck	Jan. 5	Charles McKearnin	Jan. 29
Andrea Kline	Dec. 9	Barry D. Schwartz	Jan. 5	Ken Fishman	Jan. 30
William Brough	Dec. 10	Todd Darinzo	Jan. 6		
Peter Gisler	Dec. 11	Bonnie Daubenberger	Jan. 6		





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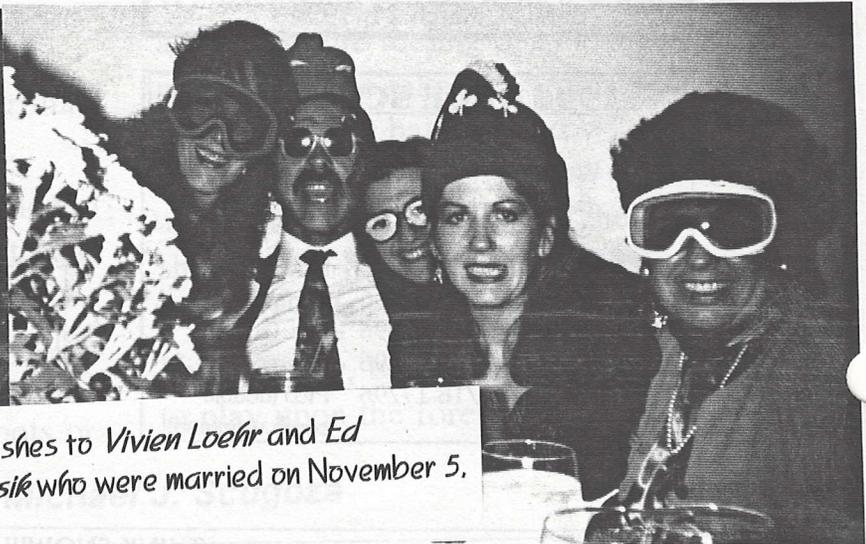
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# A Dance in the Woods

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A winter hike can be a special treat - a respite from "cabin fever," or simply a chance to stretch muscles beginning to atrophy from too many hours "riding the couch." The leaves will have begun to lose their crunch, and a soft calming stillness soon encircles you. If you pick a more secluded trail, there is soon no one but you, the deer, and an occasional raccoon, sharing the hushed forests. Often, hiking with a friend or mate can heighten the pleasure - each hike somehow brings new experiences, worth retelling, even years hence.

My real preference is to hike the day after a snowfall - the nocturnal creatures, which have done their dance of life and death by the moonlight, trace the steps of their dance in the snow, belying the seeming lifelessness of the landscape. One can only wonder at the capriciousness of Nature; allowing some of her creatures to hibernate in protected caves and burrows, yet casting out others to suffer the whims, and often bitterness, of winter weather. The tracks, and the stories they tell, add yet another dimension to the austere winter landscape, already powerful in its brilliant whites and shades of blue and violet.

In deference to the grace and endurance of the deer, I often fill my knapsack with the small apples that a local orchard sells for applesauce and pies. Hours might then be spent looking for signs that a herd has pawed through the snow for fresh roots or

acorns, showing me where to spread my meager bounty. The shining reds and greens become mere pinpoints of color in this vast sea of white, so I crush a few to put the scent upon the wind - hoping they'll be found before the cold renders them mere colorful rocks. With luck, this treat may lift the burden of winter a little for a lucky few, as much as sharing their domain brightens my existence.

Self-appointed duties attended to, my eyes and senses are once again free to wander further from the trail, taking in yet more of the surrounding wildness. Stands of mountain laurel and rhododendron spot the hillsides, providing shelter for the hapless creatures seeking respite from the slicing winds. Trees creak at the slightest breeze, their frozen limbs stiffened and unyielding, aching for the warm surge of fluids that spring will send to revitalize them. The dark mouths of caves are in evidence against the snow, leaving you to wonder whether they reveal the winter lodgings of a hibernating bear or two, but there seems no real need to find out. Winter hiking brings with it a sense of adventure; the feeling of aloneness; nothing can be taken for granted. You challenge your balance and wits to take you in, and to get you back - your ballet along the paths, and among the rocks, sharing this dance with the spirits of the native peoples who have gone before you. Hiking early, before the sun has a chance to play upon the forest, reveals the

by Michael J. Scugoza