

Liftline

The Official Newsletter of the Garden State Ski Club

GARDEN STATERS BACK IN THE SADDLE



Photo Credit to V. Paruto

Somewhere between "Blazing Saddles" and "City Slickers", the annual GSSC dude ranch weekend at Malibu Ranch on October 2-4 transformed cowgirl and cowboy wannabes into seasoned riders. Well, almost.

While riding was supposed to be the focal point of the weekend, for many, "The Luge" took top honors as the favorite pastime.

Would you like some drink with your ice?

An ice block of Olympic proportions, balanced on an oil drum and positioned for maximum intake, The Luge welcomed Friday night's arrivals with all the excitement of a world-class slalom event. For those who have never experienced the activity, here's what happens. You express your willingness to participate, name your potion

(tequila, vodka, bailey's, or kahlua), place your mouth at the bottom of a gully carved into the ice block, and wait for the libation of your choice to cascade through your lips. Adding to the rush of the liquid running down the icy slope (followed by a squirt of lime chaser, if appropriate) is the frenzy of the crowd, cheering you on to greater excess.

Clearly in charge was Luge Queen Joan Groome, who had the spirits flowing and the imbibers glowing in rapid succession.

Horse sense and nonsense

For many ski club members who knew their way around the trails, getting back on a horse was easy and fun. For the first-timers, it was a mixture of anticipation and trepidation. Gee, these things are
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LAST CALL FOR THE SNOWBALL!
 8:00 P.M. Friday, December 11, 1998
 See Micki Levine or John Friscia tonight!

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The Garden State Ski Club meets every Tuesday at
 8:30 pm at: Victor's Maywood Inn
 124 West Pleasant Ave.
 Maywood, New Jersey
 201-843-8022

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

7:45 pm – Regular Member Applicants
 7:15 pm – Provisional Member Applicants

MEMBERSHIP HOTLINE: 973-478-8722

WEB SITE WWW.GARDENSTATESKICLUB.COM

GSSC BULLETIN BOARD

Ski Lift Ticket Upgrades

The deadline for submittal of requests for upgrades is December 31. Please see Roz Armentano for the official form and the charge for each mountain. Separate checks are required for each mountain.

There will be a table top meeting on December 22, 1998.

Running Out of Holiday Gift Ideas?

An attractive anniversary T-shirt

“GSSC Celebrates 40 Years Over the Hill 1958 – 1998”

may just solve your problem.

See Dennis Young for in-stock sizes.

No meeting on December 29, 1998.

Happy Holidays!



SOCIAL NEWS

Rollerblading

Sunday – weather permitting

11:00 am
Ridgewood Duck Pond
Ridgewood, NJ

Beginners welcome but must bring own gear.

Contact Mike Tillman
(201) - 670-7364
or
Vinnie Paruta
(973) - 546-0707

Ball Room

Dance Instruction

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(right before our meeting)
Victor's Maywood Inn

\$5 per night

Contact Steve Corris
(973) -



Annual Snowball

8:00 p.m.
Friday December 11, 1998

Ondine's
Piermont Road
Closter, NJ

Contact Micki Goldberger-
Levine or John Friscia

(201) 346-0604
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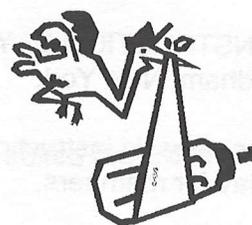
Congratulations to
Anna and Pete Broder who
had a baby girl on October 16,
1998!



SUNSHINE

Kudos to **Karla and Dennis Vogel** on the birth of their baby boy in July!

Congratulations to **Karen and Mitch Stachowicz** who are expecting a baby in March 1999!



SKI NOTES

LIFT TICKET SALES

Roz Armentano will sell discount tickets to regular and provisional members from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. and after the meeting.

CAR POOLING

Pete Bellin is organizing drivers and people who need a ride to any ski area of interest. Please contact him at (914) - 357-8941 to sign up.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY SKI EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER



<u>Sat/Sun 12th -13th</u>	<u>12th – 18th</u>	<u>Sun 27th</u>
<p>ASIA FALL RALLY Great early season tune-up plus banquet and other treats</p> <p>See Ray Owens (201) - 986-1156</p>	<p>SKI WEEK Mt. Tremblant, Quebec</p> <p>See Wayne Kieser (201) - 346-0604</p>	<p>CROSS COUNTRY High Point, New York</p> <p>Beginners Welcome Instruction and Equipment Provided</p> <p>See Pete Gisler (201) - 391-2445</p>

JANUARY



<p><u>Sat 9th</u></p> <p>CLUB INSTRUCTION DAY Windham, New York</p> <p>Complimentary ski instruction all day for members.</p> <p>See Ray Owens (201) - 986-1156</p>	<p><u>Sat 16th</u></p> <p>BUS TRIP <u>Belleayre, New York</u></p> <p>See Tom Carroll (201) - 772-2613</p>	<p><u>Sat/Sun 16th and 17th</u></p> <p>RACE TRAINING Killington, Vermont</p> <p>See Joy Daubenberger (201) - 825-1244</p>
<p><u>Sat 23rd</u></p> <p>DOWNHILL RACE Mountain TBD Killington, Vermont</p> <p>See Cherine Acoury (201) - 461 - 3380</p>	<p><u>Sat 24th</u></p> <p>CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Harriman State Park, NY No facilities</p> <p>See Bev Valenti (201) - 512-9701</p>	<p><u>Sat 30th</u></p> <p>BUS TRIP Mt. Snow, Vermont</p> <p>See Imran Rana (201) - 489-8503</p>

GSSC 1999 BUS TRIPS

- Sat. Jan 16 Belleayre, NY – See Tom Includes XC
- Sat. Jan 30 Mt. Snow, VT – See Imran Includes XC
- Sun. Feb 21 Montage, PA – See Bruce
- Sat. Mar 6 Windham, NY – See Bruce Includes XC
- Sat. Mar 13 Mt. Snow, VT – See Imran Includes XC
- Sun. Mar 28 Elk, PA – See Tom

Instruction is provided on all bus trips for provisional and regular members.

GSSC 1999 SKI WEEKS

SUGARLOAF, ME

Jan. 10-15
Contact: *Bill Jones*

**PANARAMA,
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Jan. 23-30
Contact: *Wayne Keiser*

JACKSON HOLE, WY
N J Ski Council

Feb 7-13
Contact: *Margaret O'Brien*

LAKE PLACID, NY

Feb. 12-15
Contact: *Anne Cronin or
Carol Alesso*

*** BANFF LAKE LOUISE,
CANADA**

Feb. 13-20
Contact: *Carol Storms*

STEAMBOAT, CO

Feb. 27 – Mar. 6
Contact: *Wayne Keiser*

**PARK CITY AND
CANYONS, UT**

Mar. 6-13
Contact: *John Knierim*

** Not a club sponsored trip; participation here cannot be credited toward your membership requirements.*

1999 ASIA SKI EVENTS - See Ray Owens or Pete Gisler for details

FALL RALLY

Dec. 12-13
Windham, NY

CROSS COUNTRY

Jan. 23-24
High Point, NY

SPRING RALLY

Mar. 20-21
Killington, VT



1999 RACING EVENTS

Regular Season Races

#1 MOUNTAIN CREEK, NJ	Wed. Jan 6
#2 KILLINGTON, VT	Sat. Jan 23
#3 MOUNTAIN CREEK, NJ	Wed. Jan 20
#4 PICO, VT	Sun. Feb. 7
#5 STERLING FOREST, NY	Thu. Feb. 18
#6 MONTAGE, PA	Sun. Feb. 21
#7 SUGARBUSH, VT	Sat. Feb. 27
#8 WINDHAM, NY	Sat. Mar. 6
#9 HUNTER, NY	Sat. Mar. 20

Special Events

NJ State Competition at PICO, VT
(By Invitation Only) Sat. Feb. 6

Double Combined at SUGARBUSH, VT
(Slalom and Giant Slalom)
Sat. Mar 27— All members welcomed!

Wednesday Nite Racing

MOUNTAIN CREEK, NJ
(formerly Vernon Valley)

Jan 6 and 20	Giant Slalom
Jan 13 and 27	Slalom
Feb 3 and 17	Giant Slalom
Feb 10	Slalom

Race Training

#1 Killington Weekend — Jan. 16-17 (See Joy) #2 Pico Day — Fri. Feb 5 (See Cherine)

Racing is open to all members. Sign up with Cherine Tuesday prior to the race date.

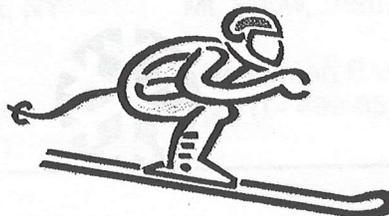
CLASS 'A' RACERS

MEN'S

Broder, Cliff
 Broder, Peter
 Burney, Mike
 Carlson, Cliff
 Cholin, John
 Cizek, Lou
 Costescu, Chris
 Darinzo, Todd
 Ehrich, Gary
 Huston, Michael
 Jones, William
 Kasprovicz, Kas
 Lopez, Hugo
 Mellusi, Joe
 Paruta Jr, Vincent

WOMEN'S

Acoury, Cherine
 Daubenberger, Bonnie
 O'Connor, Eileen
 Rhinesmith, Kathy
 Rubinson, Karen
 Schwarcz, Laurie
 Visich, Kathy



CLASS 'B' RACERS

MEN'S

Boggio, Guido	Lincks, Scott
Bossolt, John	Marino, Bob
Brentnall, Todd	Mosher, Bob
Eugster, Mark	Murante, Thomas
Fitzpatrick, Jim	Owens, Ray
Friscia, John	Rovito, Vinnie
Gimpel, Bob	Scott, Anthony
Gisler, Peter	Sharaga, Stanley
Harnett, Chris	Stachowicz, Mitchell
Karner, Paul	Strauss, Lew
Kellner, Aaron	Talon, David
Levins, Ken	Tillman, Michael

WOMEN'S

Bukowski, Dianne
 Costello, Ann
 Daubenberger, Joy
 Di Lauri, Cheryl
 Kaetz, Nancy
 Levins, Pat
 Most, Joan
 O'Brien, Margaret
 Quindazzi, Louise
 Rago, Karin
 Rider, Nancy
 Selino, Janette
 Stolarz, Eileen
 Tuman, Annette

CLASS 'C' RACERS



MEN'S

Babcock, Bruce	Paino, Cliff
Bauernfeind, Rich	Pius, Bill
Bebb, Russ	Portal, Michael
Bellin, Peter	Rana, Imran
Bilello, Joe	Rosen, Bob
Bukowski, Joe	Simendinger, Mark
Cifune, Joe	Sinclair, Rob
Corris, Steve	Slim, Bill
Ellis, Ed	Sternfels, Peter
Fisher, Bruce	Story, George
Forte, Lou	Tellefsen, John
Hurban, Gary	Willcoxon, Steve
Mehlman, Shelley	Young, Dennis

WOMEN'S

Hurban, Joan
 Jehle, Diane
 Laskay, Maryann
 Lent, Maureen
 Malzone, Jean
 Marino, Lorraine
 Melody-Murante, Kathy
 Micheels, Isabella
 Moeller, Celia
 Peterson, Joanne
 Sternfels, June
 Trabattoni, Joyce
 Vesper, Peggy
 Young, Pat

CHECK OUT THE LATEST RACE SCORES ON OUR WEBSITE AT
www.gardenstateskiclub.com

DARE TO SKI *SKINNY!*

CROSS COUNTRY

SKIING IS NOT ALL DOWNHILL!

For a winter fun alternative, step into some skinny skis and enjoy the sport in its *original* form: No liftlines. No crowds. No cacophonous machinery. Just you and some simple, light equipment gliding gracefully over natural snow, through the silent woodland splendor.

NORDIC MYTHS:

Think cross-country (XC) is too difficult? Too easy? Actually, it can reward skiers of all abilities and ages. Your stamina is determined only by your progressive enjoyment and sense of adventure.

Start easy, with a leisurely, sensuous stride along a flat lakeside path. Hungry for thrills? Build up to a heart-pounding, steep mountain chute on 2"-wide, 210mm-long, *edgeless* boards, light ankle boots, and free-heel bindings. Turns are optional! As you advance, you can learn the delicious new "skating" technique or the impressive telemark turn.

Your club offers numerous XC ski opportunities, including weekend outings, bus trips and day trips. Most loca-

tions feature lodge facilities, rentals and lessons and the club provides complementary instruction by very own ASIA-certified instructors.

DAY TRIPS:

Contact individual leaders for carpool meeting place and time. Bring knapsack with water and snack. Renting ahead, if necessary, is strongly advised (try Ramsey Outdoor Store, Paramus 201-261-5000). Some day trips are at local areas without full facilities. Day trips are subject to changes, additions, snow, weather & leader availability. If the weather forecast is bad, call the trip leader Thursday PM for cancel information.

NEW MEMBERS:

Meet requirements by helping or organizing a trip to your favorite area! For assistance: Ron Vitale (201) - 327-1316.

CYBER-SKI REPORTS:

Check the following Web Site for latest conditions: www.aminews.com/crosscountry, for Lapland Lakers: www.laplandlake.com, and, of course GSSC's own: www.gardenstateskiclub.com.

- Ron Vitale

See full schedule of cross country events on the next page



VERMONT HOUSE REMINDERS

Upon arrival, check your room assignment and sign in. The room assignment sheet is on the fax machine or posted on the bulletin board. Clean sheets and towels will be on your bed. If any items are missing, check the closet in the living room. (Please note that the sheets hemmed with green thread are for the double beds.) You are entitled to two towels for your stay.

There is also a house chore list posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up upon arrival.

Upon departure, place your used linens in a laundry bag on the back porch. Lock the windows in your room, empty the waste basket and double lock your door. Remove any leftover food. If you are the last person to leave the main house, double lock the front and back doors.

GSSC 1999 CROSS COUNTRY TRIPS

DEC.	27	INSTR DAY	HIGH PT. ST. PARK, NJ. Learn from top pros!- Pete Gisler.
JAN	10	DAY TRIP	Tentative- Leader/Location TBA
	17	DAY TRIP	HARRIMAN ST. PARK, NY. Bev's secret trail from Lake Sebago. No facilities. -Bev Valenti (201) - 512-9701.
	23-24	INSTR WKND & DAY TRIP	ASIA CERTIF'N. PROGRAM, High Pt. St. Park - Pete Gisler
	30-31	WEEKEND	VERMONT HOUSE (Tentative). Sign up w/House Cmtee (\$40). Ski at Mt. Top & Mt. Meadows; two top areas.- Ron V.
FEB	5-7	WEEKEND	GARNET HILL LODGE, NY. So. A'dacks, near Gore Mt. \$130. Joint w/ Ramapo Ski Club- Carolyn Monahan(RMSC) (914) - 358-6043
	12-15	WEEKEND (Pres. Wkd)	LAKE PLACID Join GSSC's major season event. Ski Mt. Van Hovenberg Olympic area. -Carol Alesso.
	13	DAY TRIP	MTN. TRAILS, Tannersville, NY, near Hunter. Great facility in the heart of the best of the East.- Ron V.
	20	DAY TRIP	HIGH PT. ST. PARK. You can't get any higher in NJ!- Sue Amdur.
	28	DAY TRIP	LK. MOHONK or MINNEWASKA, New Paltz, NY. Beautiful scenery, gentle carriage roads. Get in shape for next wkend!- Ron V.
MAR	6-8	WEEKEND	LAPLAND LAKE, NY. Season's peak! So. A'dacks Finnish village. Ski out cabin door onto super groomed trails, awesome snow- RonV.
	14	DAY TRIP	HARRIMAN ST. PARK, NY (A. Wayne Rec. Area). Ski close on popular trails.- Mike Scugoza 914-634-1903



HALLOWEEN PICTURES ARE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS !



Photo Credit to E. Ellis

The infamous judges: Margaret O'Brien, Stan Garchinsky, Roseanna Reese, Gary Marquist and Monique Anastasi

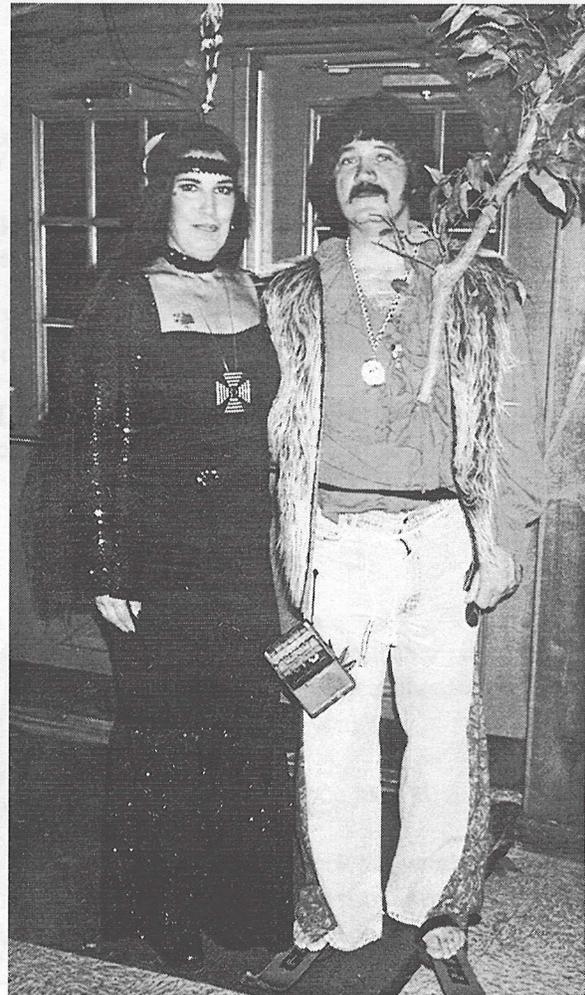


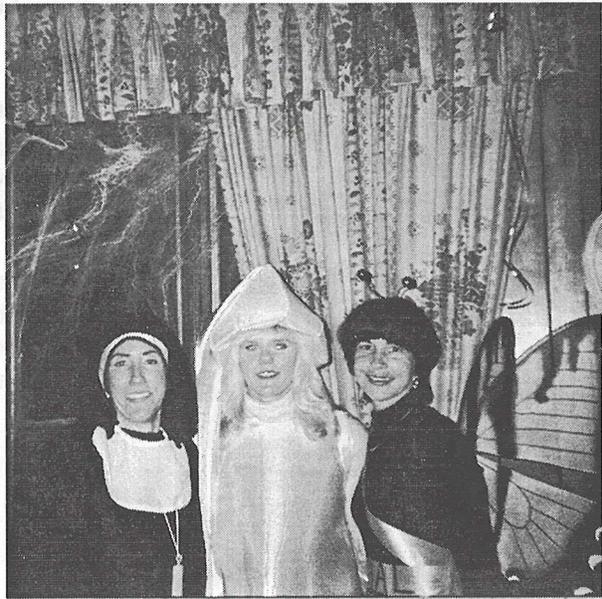
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"HOWDY PARTNER!"

It was a gathering of cowboys and cowgirls at the Malibu Dude Ranch, October 2nd - 4th for the Garden State Ski Club. No, we weren't skiing – we went horseback riding. Okay, only those brave souls who could handle themselves on horses. As for me, I decided to pass. I have lived to regret that decision, because after talking to the sets of riders, beginners and intermediates. Each group had a "cowboy" leader and rode along an adventurous trail..

Now, you may think that all one does at a Dude Ranch is ride horses. Well, that's far from the truth! Guy Boggio and Bob Gimpel organized a weekend of continuous activities. Some of us "horse shy" people were able to go on a picturesque hike through the woods, embracing nature at its best. Fall foliage was magnificent there!

The evenings were entertaining as well.. Everyone gathered at the "Stone House" for refreshments and dancing. It was there that the "luge" became the "main event"! You've never tasted tequila or Bailey's better than after its been poured down that ice! It's all on video tape, thanks to Doug Olson!

Bob and Guy supplied us with memorable trinkets that I'm sure were put to good use. Hey! What ever happened to my handcuffs!! Tattoos were imprinted on various body parts, of which I am reluctant to mention, with the help of Rob Sinclair and Steve Willcoxon.

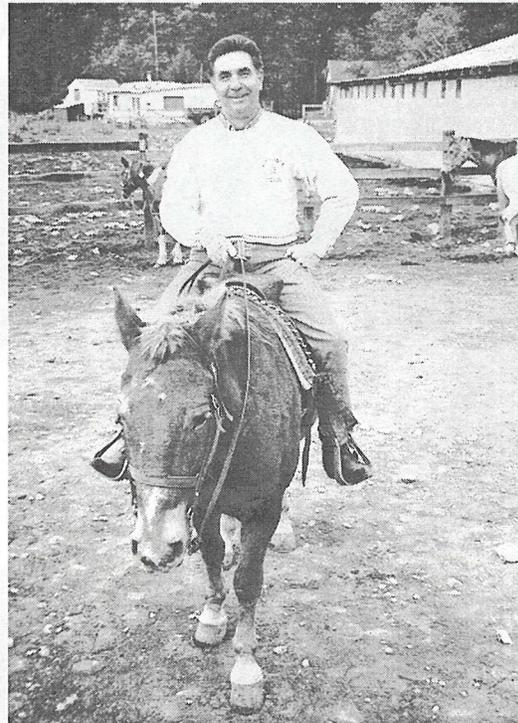


Photo Credit to D. Lagreca

Tennis players competed on the courts, while target shooters aimed their rifles. Of course, I managed to sneak in some shopping downtown.

The weather failed to cooperate with us on the last night, but that didn't stop people from taking the hayride. We warmed our bodies and souls near the cozy bonfire while listening to soothing guitars.

The final day, which was Sunday, riding was still a focal point again, but some of us nature lovers engaged in another great hike guided by Scott Links.

Even though we had to step on the dead – not really - maybe just park on their gravesites, the hike proved to be a rewarding experience. Bob and Candy scared us with their antics and some of us almost joined the dead souls out of fright!!!

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. Our weekend was one of shared memories and happy moments, and we are all extremely grateful to Guy and Bob for their efforts. I'm sure many of us will join in the fun next year.

- Maryann Kurus

Photo Credit to B. Comly





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big. Oh, it's moving! Where are the brakes? The professional wrangler staff at Malibu combined reassurance with experience and guided all the new riders up and down trails of adventure. Networking was in full force, as the riders carried on conversations while staring at the back end of the horse ahead. Rick Lazar, engaged in a continuous conversation with his horse, planned on leaving his business card on the saddle with instructions to call me if something nice should come along and sit down. But that's a horse of another color.

Name your pleasure

Riding and horsing around weren't the only activities. There was hiking of the casual and more strenuous variety, tennis, archery, target shooting, and paddle boat rides on the lake. A Saturday night drizzle failed to dampen the spirits of those who gathered for a hayride and to watch a bonfire light up the October sky. Meanwhile back in the lounge, Janet Manning led a small but focused group of country line dancers who finally gained access to the dance floor after a troupe of disgruntled little rugrats were finally encouraged to go to bed and leave the partying to the big cowpokes.

The second night of lugeing featured a tattoo party (oh, those lucky tattoo artists) and gifts from Santa Guy's sack distributed to the ladies: handcuffs, condom lollipops, male body parts made of licorice, whose size reminded some females of a bad blind date.

We've Got the Pictures To Prove It

Memorable moments are too numerous to mention while certain members left their mark on Malibu. Among them: Stan, the traveling blender man with his exotic drink concoction; best-dressed cowboy, Bruce, who looked like he stepped off the set of 'High Noon', and able equestrienne Anne Benagh, who emerged from her riding spill stirred, but not shaken. Photos of the weekend can be seen on the ski club bulletin board and activities were captured on video.

A tip of the Stetson goes to Guy Boggio and Bob Gimpel who worked hard to round up a fun-filled weekend of events for GSSC dude ranchers. Tired but happy campers rode off into the sunset on Sunday a bit saddle sore, but ready for the next club adventure.

- Janet Manning

GSSC SCRAMBLES THE "ROCKS"

OK, so over the years I've listened to Jim Fitzpatrick describe his Rock Scramble and really believed him when he said that it was a non-technical climb. And sure, I could use some exercise and fresh air while enjoying a hike through the woods with friends. So I convinced Dennis that this was something we must do!

On October 24, which was warm and sunny, approximately 15 hardy souls assembled in Ramsey and drove up to Mohonk Mountain. The hike began innocently enough with a mile or so walk up to the Mountain House. "Piece of cake," I thought to myself. Hard to believe, but Jim was right.. Anyone can do this.

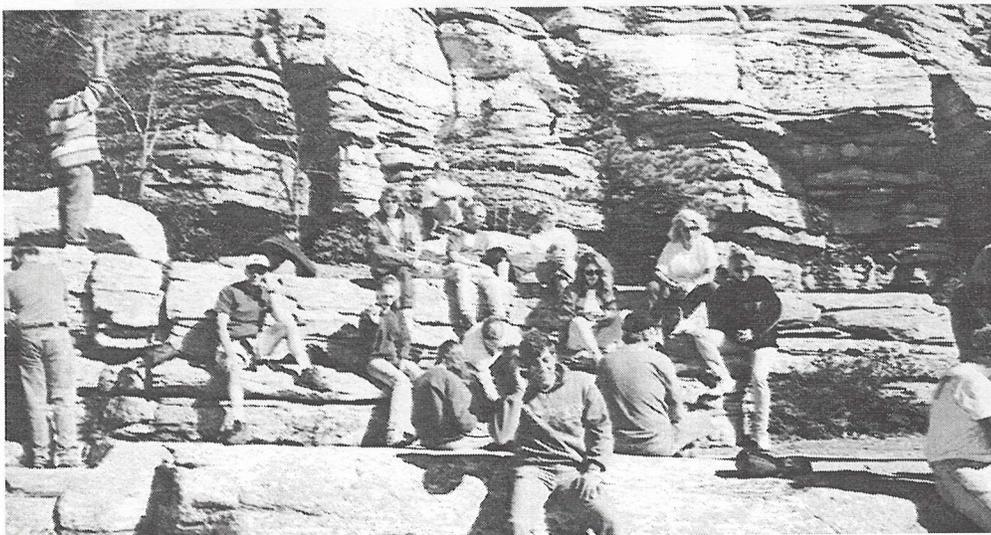


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Then we got to the rocks.....

We climbed. We crawled. We scaled. We slithered over rocks. We slithered under rocks. Big rocks! We slipped on rocks. We dangled precariously off of rocks. The "lemon squeeze" has to be experienced to be believed. However, any thoughts I may have had of beating a hasty retreat were quickly extinguished by the fact that Kathy Davenport's young daughters and a pregnant woman (Nancy Rovito) were having no trouble at all.

I have to admit, once I dragged myself to the top of the mountain, I was pretty proud of myself, and we were rewarded with breathtaking views of the area. However, the moments of serenity were shattered when Vinnie Rovito got a call on his cell phone!!



Since we all did so well, we finished earlier than expected. What to do next? Wine tasting, of course!! Jim needed a little convincing as he is a confirmed "beer man." Our group invaded a nearby winery and quickly got the hang of wine

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The Common Living Areas of the Vermont Ski House Gets a MakeOver

Faux Painting the Living Room

While many of you were away for the off-season, some of your fellow Garden Staters were busy offering their talents to make our house more attractive. The first thing that you will notice is that our entire living area has a new look. All ceilings, walls, nooks and crannies were primed and painted.

One Friday night Carol Alesso and Anne Cronin arrived and went straight to work, and work they did until Sunday afternoon. With their assistants they gave our living room walls a new face with a faux stone look on top and a striped effect on the bottom separated by a contrasting chair rail. The lighter walls accent the fireplace and give the room a spacious feeling.



Work in progress

Photo credit to E. Murrell

Installation of Additional Lighting

Vince Paruta and Joe Mellusi added indirect lighting at two ends of the living room that looks great and gives flexibility to the amount of lights available. New carpeting was installed in the living and the TV rooms. To complete the makeover, the couches, easy chairs and maple chairs are being covered in three coordinated fabrics. The cushions for the couches and easy chairs are being professionally made.

Reupholstery the Vermont Maple Chairs

If you haven't heard, a group of GSSC volunteers rebuilt and upholstered all 15 maple chairs. This was no small feat. It took Bob Janney and others an entire weekend to take the chairs apart. A quick revision was made to our plans to get all the chairs done in one weekend and we brought them all to N.J. Each chair then required an additional 4-5 hours to add a plywood seat, 3 inch foam base, batting, muslin cover and then the final cover.

With the help of an adult school instructor a workshop was held at Anne's house and several members pitched in to help finish the chairs, while learning a new skill! Our thanks to Nancy Asdal, Russ Bebb, Judy Chernofsky, Diane Jehle, Candy Kelly, Maureen Lent and Bob Gimpel, who attended one or more workshops. Special thanks to Candy Kelly who found us reasonable fabric; to Elizabeth Murrell, who completed four chairs; and to Rob Sinclair, who cut all the new seats and reglued many of the frames. I know that I finished more chairs than I care to remember. There are now 11 chairs looking for a ride home to Vermont.

Reinforcement of the Floors

As you step from the living room to the dining room you may miss the soft spot that used to give you the feeling that you might one day fall into the basement. Our thanks to a new member, Ralph Goth, who had the expertise to locate the problem, and to Rob Sinclair, who assisted him in this repair. They spent most of one day in the crawl space on their backs, cutting out a section and adding reinforcements.

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GARDEN STATERS CHALLENGE THE RAPIDS

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, a beautiful sunny day, a group of 24 met at the Whitewater Challengers campsite in Hickory Run State Park for a whitewater rafting trip down the Lehigh River on a trip arranged by Imran Rana. My companions, some of whom had traversed more treacherous waters, calculated that we would be facing class 2 rapids, not much worse than the ones that we faced in the spring on the canoe trip down the Delaware.

At 10:45 AM, we picked up our life jackets and boarded old yellow school buses for the 10 minute ride to the launch site. There was a rack in the camp store on which you could leave your car keys. If you take this trip, remember that the river is FULL of car keys - don't let it get yours.

In my raft with me were Jean Myers, Judy, Stan, Mike and his girlfriend. There would be 12 rafts in our group with the GSSC occupying five. We had three guides who would accompany us in kayaks, one in front and a sweeper in the rear. We were given instructions while sitting in the raft on dry land, including what to do when you fell out of the raft. We stayed together so that, when one of our rafts was going sideways or backwards or stuck on a rock, its occupants would be the subject of good-natured kidding and unhelpful suggestions. Our raft bounced from rock to rock, filled with water and required frequent baling. Sometimes the bailers were used for splashing

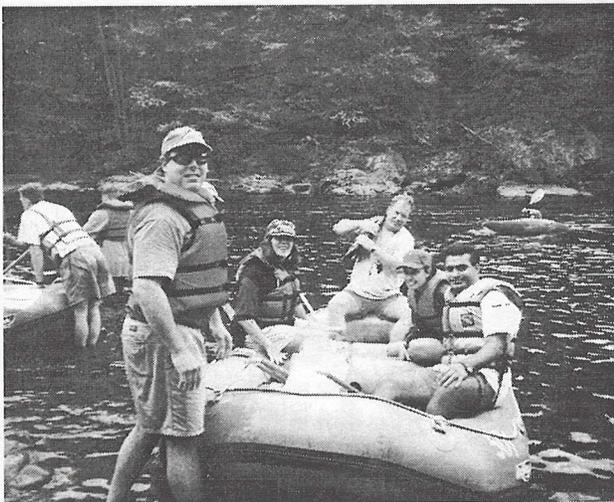


neighboring rafts. The rafts are made of heavy duty rubber and easily became stuck on one or another of the countless protruding rocks. We collided with most of them. And, why not, the collisions and narrow escapes were all part of the fun. On a couple of occasions, one of us had to jump out of the raft into the rapids at risk to life and limb to free the raft. At these times a helmet would have been a wise piece of safety equipment. One of the noteworthy sights was a group of kayakers diving off a 20-foot high rock overhang into the river to the appreciative shouts of rafters below.

Rafting is great fun but it is also dangerous. One raft did overturn. Its occupants were quickly plucked from the water by other rafts. It is easy when tossed from a raft (as one or two of us were) to wind up floundering about in the rapids, exposed to dangerous or even fatal collisions with rocks.

Another danger is starvation which seemed imminent by the time we stopped for lunch. The boat contained a sealed lunch pail so that while we were otherwise soaked, our lunches stayed dry. Swimming at the lunch site was permitted as long as you wore your life vest. A strong swimmer swimming against the current could manage to stay in one place until exhaustion set in. Back in the rafts we continued to prove that six people can all paddle in different directions, have six

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James Kalka	Dec 1	Jackie Kevorkian	Dec 17	Kathy Rhinesmith	Jan 9
Terry del Alcazar	Dec 1	Clifford Paino	Dec 17	Russell Biss	Jan 10
Christopher G. Weigl	Dec 2	Walter C. Goldenbaum	Dec 18	Karen Woodward	Jan 11
Martin C. Haas	Dec 2	Stan Wojtko	Dec 20	Mary Ann Laskay	Jan 11
Marianne McCormack	Dec 3	Cynthia J. Soma	Dec 20	Louis Mortaro	Jan 12
Steven Corris	Dec 4	Denise Ragno	Dec 21	Ralph Greene	Jan 12
JoAnne Kern	Dec 4	William Berge	Dec 21	Arthur B. Brite	Jan 13
Craig Foote	Dec 5	Bruce W. Fisher	Dec 22	Bob Janney	Jan 17
Chris S. Costescu	Dec 7	Anne George	Dec 23	Bill Murrell	Jan 18
Marilyn Pastore c/o Sjolund	Dec 7	Pat Levins	Dec 24	Anthony Carbone	Jan 18
Andrea Kiine-Reeves	Dec 9	Nasar Mahmud	Dec 24	Bonnie Krepliak	Jan 18
Fran Bedner	Dec 9	Laura Barber	Dec 24	Michael O'Keefe	Jan 19
William Brough	Dec 10	Bob Rosen	Dec 24	David Del Rosso	Jan 20
Peter Gisler	Dec 11	Carol Oxley	Dec 24	Myke Leshowitz	Jan 21
Ellen Lansdowne	Dec 11	J.P. Ferrone	Dec 26	Robert Smyth	Jan 22
John Portal	Dec 11	Peter Sucato	Dec 27	Jane Fisher	Jan 22
Maureen McDowell	Dec 12	Peter Cavallo	Dec 29	Stanley Sharaga	Jan 22
Douglas C. Olson	Dec 13	Diane Rubino	Dec 30	Roseanna Reese	Jan 23
Steven Simon	Dec 13	James Minaya	Dec 30	Paul Tracy	Jan 26
Stacy Courtwright	Dec 14	Joseph Bukowski	Dec 31	Anne Cronin-LoMauro	Jan 26
Al Scardino	Dec 15	Cherine Acoury	Jan 1	Jan Rosenberg	Jan 26
Mark Eugster	Dec 16	Dee Rigg	Jan 1	Carol Jordan	Jan 27
Lori Merriam	Dec 16	Marian Sepede	Jan 3	Karen Stachowicz	Jan 27
		Thomas Missonellie	Jan 4	Marge Lesica	Jan 27
		Linda DeWolfe	Jan 4	Cameron Blaikie	Jan 27
		Patricia E. Manning	Jan 5	Marita Howard	Jan 27
		Bernice May Reesbeck	Jan 5	Joan Most	Jan 28
		Barry D. Schwartz	Jan 5	Kathleen Burns	Jan 28
		Todd Darinzo	Jan 6	Anne Benagh	Jan 28
		Bonnie Huston	Jan 6	Maryann Gregorio	Jan 28
		Gary S. Hurban	Jan 6	Charles McKearnin	Jan 29
		Agnes Mundal	Jan 8		

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS...

This is a list of those names that were not listed in the original 1997-1998 club directory. The section can be cut out and taped, stapled, or glued into your directory.

REGULAR MEMBERS

October

Robert Smyth Greg Toro

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

October

Fran Bender Teresa del Alcazar
 Edie Duin Rose Gannon
 Gerri Iovino Patricia Marshall
 Maureen McCann Lori Nelson
 Felicia Policari

November

Gene Belden Chris Fallo
 Gerry Hillman Janine Leeman
 Lisa Quinton Maureen Shindle

Gene Belden	973-208-8236
Fran Bedner	732-574-3055
Terry del Alcazar	201-236-8770
Edie Duin	973-616-9746
Chris Fallo	201-487-9759
Rose Gannon	732-388-0687
Gerri Iovino	201-943-1379
Gerry Hillman	973-235-9210
Janine Leeman	201-291-9217
Patricia Marshall	201-666-1917
Maureen McCann	201-385-2696
Lori Nelson	201-934-3456
Felicia Policari	000-000-0000
Lisa Quinton	201-461-8046
Maureen Shindle	973-233-0980

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They May Not Know the Final Score of the Army – Air Force Game but They Sure Had Fun !



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New Doors and Ceiling Fan

If you stay in Room 6 you will find a new ceiling light and a Cassa Blanca fan that are operated by a remote control device mounted in a bracket just inside the front door. Speaking of doors, all of the remaining rooms will be receiving new exterior doors, with new locks and locking dead bolts in the month of December. Along with the doors, new soffits and fascia are being installed. (We ask your cooperation when leaving your room for home to please take the time to set the dead bolt from the outside with your key.)

New Steps from the Porch and Tool Room

A new set of steps complete with railing was built on the Saudi side for easier access to Room One. Our thanks to Bill Murrell, who designed the steps, and his able assistants, Mike Burney and Russ Biss, who provided a weekend of labor. Our special thanks to Steve Corris, who added a secure tool room to the basement where we are storing a variety of wood working, plumbing and general home repair tools to be available for any work weekend or rainy day project.

Photo Credit to A. Benagh

Many Thanks

We had five official work weekends this year and want to thank all of the following people who participated in one or more of these: Carol Alesso, Roz Armentono, Fran Bedner, Marla and Russ Biss, Todd Brentnall, Brad Bromley, Stan Bruckner, Mike Burney, Steve Corris, Anne Cronin, Barry Fields, Lou and Nancy Forte, Rose Gannon, Joanne Geils, Ralph Goth, Bob Janney, Ellen Lansdowne, Maureen Lent, Joe Mellusi, Bill and Elizabeth Murrell, Margaret O'Brien, Vince Paruta, Laurie Schwartz, Rob Sinclair, and James Wright. Ask any of these people to find out what you have missed by not participating in a work weekend!

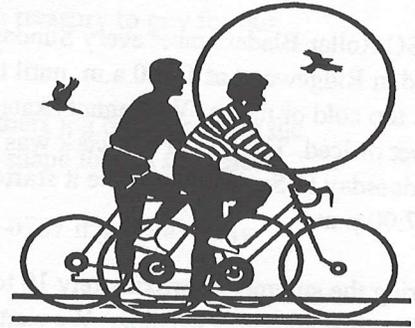
- Anne Benagh



GARDEN STATER'S BICYCLE AROUND--WHERE?? YES, ROSCOE!

An intrepid band of Garden Staters and friends encountered a vibrant demonstration of fall foliage, and other whims of nature, during last October's Hiking/Biking Weekend in Roscoe, NY.

Proving that a skier's ability to endure climatic adversity can be useful in other pursuits, the group, led by Mike Scugoza, made the best of a semi-soggy, unusually nippy weekend, venturing outdoors for a bit of hiking, some shopping, and a full day of bicycling.



What, or where, is a Roscoe? The locals call it Trout Town USA. Snuggled in the densely forested, watershedding hillsides between the rugged Catskills and the Delaware River... beyond the touristy resorts of Monticello and Liberty... smack on top of the the junction of the famous Wil-lowemoc Creek and the Beaver Kill... Roscoe is world-renowned as a fly-fishing mecca, and the original inspiration for the book *A River Runs Through It*.

Yet, its remoteness and lack of commercialism make it a great location for biking and other forms of "getting away from it all." Bike any of its surrounding small roads and at almost every turn you'll encounter a tableau of moving water, colorful leafery, and mountain vistas worthy of the painter's brush.

Stay at the Reynolds House Inn and you'll be surrounded by Victorian quaintness and a history that includes visits by J.D. Rockefeller himself. Eat at the Rockland House restaurant and you'll enjoy fresh, fat, locally raised trout like nowhere else on Earth.

Anticipate a repeat journey next year, minus, hopefully, the cold drizzle, and be ready to rock-and-roll in Roscoe!
--Ron Vitale

DISCOUNT SKI LIFT TICKET PRICES:		
OKEMO - \$33	KILLINGTON - \$42	SUGARBUSH - \$31
PICO - \$25	WINDHAM - \$31	HUNTER - \$27

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tasting. (Hey, we're from GSSC. We're professionals!) After sharing a bottle of champagne, which disappeared in a matter of minutes, Jim declared that wine tasting would become an integral part of all future Rock Scrambles!

Dinner at the Mahwah Bar & Grill capped a great day. All said and done, I'll definitely do it again!

- Pat Young

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different theories of paddling, and still stay with the larger group and make it down the river in one piece. It must be said that in the most dangerous spots, like the "No-way Rapids", which earned that name because there was no way to get by them without getting stuck on a rock, we rose to the challenge and came floating through in style as one might expect of GSSC extreme sportsmen and women. We turned in the rafts at the finish area around 4:30 pm. It was a great trip, my rafting companions and I had a great time, and the courageous and unselfish behavior that we all displayed has led to our all becoming mutual admirers and good friends.

-Pete Bellin

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RAT CATS: Rollers About Town, Can't Wait to Ski

GSSC Roller Bladers meet every Sunday at the Duck Pond in Ridgewood at 11:00 a.m. until the weather gets too cold or nasty. We cannot skate when the path is wet or iced. The day of the week was changed from Wednesday to Sunday, because it started to get dark by 7:00 p.m..

During the summer approximately 10 to 15 members met each Wednesday evening. We skate approximately 10 miles, from Ridgewood to Route 4 in an hour. Vince Paruta provides lessons for beginner skaters in the parking lot and intermediate roller bladers along the trail.

The beginner lesson usually lasts approximately 15 minutes to a half-hour at which time the intermediate roller bladers set off down the path to Route 4. The bike path follows the river from Ridgewood through Glen Rock and Paramus to Fair Lawn and is used by walkers, joggers and bicyclists as well.

The first leg of the path is flat and except for two sections of the path that go underneath local roads, there are no hills. Rita Agnelio was able to progress from a beginner, who needed help down the start of the path, to intermediate roller bladder, who can negotiate the underpasses and steeper bridges. By next summer she will be ready for the steep hill at the end of the path in Fairlawn.

From Ridgewood we take a short trip to the Glen Rock Duck Pond and then backtrack to the river and head south into Paramus and Fair Lawn. In addition to two overpasses there is a steep hill, which only more advanced skaters should attempt. No one has fallen on the steep hill, however there have been falls going over the streams. In November, I took my first fall in the parking lot while skating backwards.

Carol Alesso, who started this summer as a beginner, went all the way (to the end), with Vince. She progressed from a "timid" beginner to a speed demon. At the end of the summer, Carol donated two large pizza's she won at a charity event. We ate them at an end of the season party, celebrating our accomplishments. Thank you, Carol for your donation and thank



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you, Vince for your instruction.

It was always a pleasure to skate behind either Ellen or Marilyn because they have such terrific form. Marilyn had to suspend skating because she had knee surgery. (Her injury was not a result of her skating, which is relatively safe providing you follow the basic requirements.) Everyone must wear a helmet and wrist guards. We strongly recommend wearing elbow and knee pads, designed for roller blading. When Doug fell and cracked his helmet, the cost was \$30.00 not \$30,000. By the end of the summer, Carol, Peter Bellin and I were almost able to keep up with Vince. He's the fastest — and an excellent skater and a patient instructor.

A new tradition has taken hold: each afternoon after our strenuous exercise we treat ourselves to dinner and drinks at a local restaurant. We became regulars at an Italian restaurant because it offered a vegetarian

meal, pizza as well as meat and chicken. Fratelli Trattoria is located at 119 E Ridgewood Ave. in Ridgewood (phone (201) 447-9377) just across from the downtown park. It is not true that avid skater and former GSSC treasurer, Ron Lichtman funneled funds from the treasury to pay for our splurges!

Some people come and ride their bicycles with our blading group, while others jog or walk along the path. We often see Ray Owens, who enjoys jogging as a means to get into shape for the ski season.

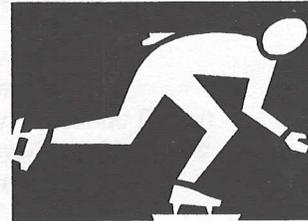
Call Mike Tillman at (201) - 670-7364 or Vincent Paruta Jr. at (973) 546-0707 if you have any questions. Happy blading. See you there!

- Mike Tillman



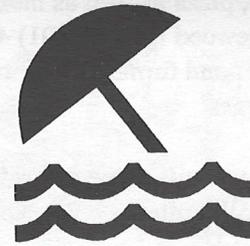
Directions to the Ridgewood Duck Pond:

From Route 17 go west on Ridgewood Avenue until you enter Ridgewood. The Duck Pond is on the right hand side, just after you cross Paramus road and go over the river. We park in the last parking lot on the left, just before the exit onto Ridgewood Avenue.



ATTENTION ALL BEACH BUMS...

It's time to get out those skis and brush up our skills — a hard time to think about the dog days of summer. However, it's also time to start investigating a shore house for the Summer of '99. This past summer, our club rented a house that slept nine in Bradley Beach. Realtors in the Jersey Shore area advise that securing a summer rental by the end of January guarantees us a wide selection close to the ocean.



Pat Braun, who recruited last year's shore house, has agreed to do it again. We need to have an idea of how many beds will be needed. If you will be interested in going in on the shore house — whether it's a week, four weeks, or the entire summer — we need to know by mid-December. Please contact Pat Braun **no later than December 15** so that we can secure a house that will accommodate all who are interested.

Reminder: To reserve a room in the Vermont House, please contact Maureen Lent Tuesday night or call her at 973-872-9555. She must speak with you in person to book your space (don't assume that you have the reservation if you just leave a message on her answering machine.) And be prepared to pay for the room in advance of your stay.

Maureen will ensure that the burglar alarm at our Ski House is deactivated during your visit so that you don't inadvertently set off the alarm and summon the police.

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