

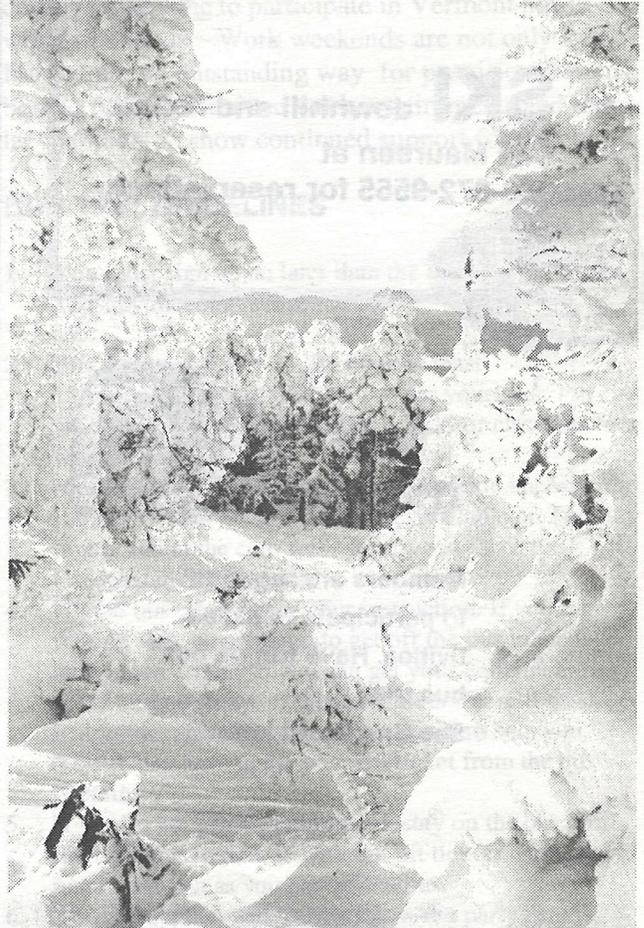


# Liftline

WINTER 2002

The Official Newsletter of the Garden State Ski Club

## WINTER WONDERLAND



Camel's Hump, as viewed from the top of Mount Ellen (Sugarbush North). Photo By Peggy Opalek

### First Tracks by Mike Burney

I am impressed with the creative talents of our members. There were several excellent samples that were submitted for consideration to be our new club logo. In a close vote, you selected the work of Lionel Chalier.

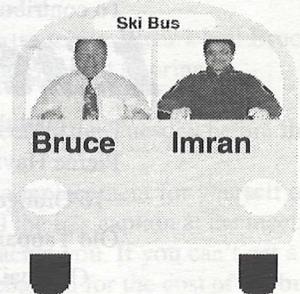
Lionel's logo can be seen at the top of this page. We will be adding it to a new banner and club stationary. My thanks to Lionel and all of the members who took the time to contribute their work. Lionel has been awarded a Double Diamond for creating our new logo.

In addition to our logo, two new members have submitted their artistic work for this issue of Liftline. Peggy Opalek volunteered her photo from Mt. Ellen (Sugarbush North) while Carl Opalek created the cartoon on the back page. Carl's work has graced the pages of many publications, including SKI Magazine.

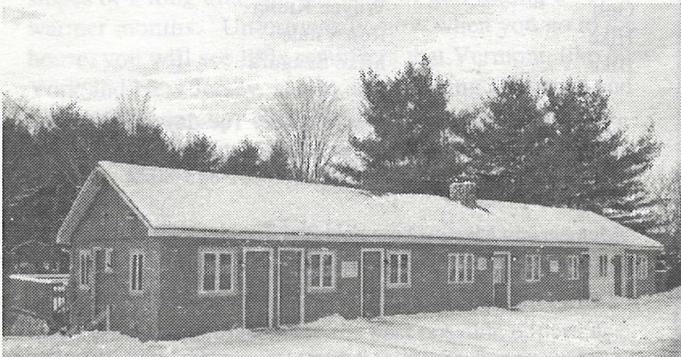
Peggy's photo is a reminder that the weather in Vermont is very different from what we experience in New Jersey. If you haven't been to the lodge this year, you have missed out on some of the best January skiing in years. The bitter January winds and hard ice of years past was replaced with cool days and soft snow. See our Lodge Chair, Maureen Lent, to plan your vacation in Vermont.

Thinking snow!  
Mike

## GET ON THE BUS!



**February 24**—Montage Club Race  
**March 2**— Windham  
**March 16** - Brodie St. Patrick's Day Bash!



Your Vermont Home, Escape the flatlands with a visit to our club lodge in Vermont! Photo By Pierce Haviland

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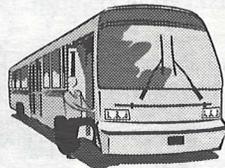
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## Winter Activities at Our Vermont Lodge

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

## TAKE THE BUS



Members are required to participate in ski activities. Have fun on our bus trips.  
 See Bruce and Imran

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

Membership Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month:  
 7:45 pm – **Regular** Member Applicants  
 7:15 p.m. – **Provisional** Member Applicants

**MEMBERSHIP HOTLINE: 973-478-8722**  
**WEB SITE [www.GardenStateSkiClub.com](http://www.GardenStateSkiClub.com)**

## A Vermont House Perspective

By: Hank Mazzucca

After that long drive north on a Friday evening, you make that left turn on Rt 7 in Rutland, you know the weekend is about to begin. You're not only looking forward to a few days of great skiing but also the fun we have at our oasis in Vermont. When you pull up to the plowed parking area for the first trip of the season you will notice that the front of the house is now just one color. Hopefully you can't see the new roof because it will be covered in snow but when you walk into the living room to pick up your bed assignment and sign up for chores, you're most likely going to be welcomed by several hello's and a roaring fire.



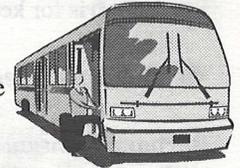
Most people who go to the Vermont house don't understand how much effort goes into making their stay at the house a fun experience. If you have a house, you know it takes a lot of hard work keeping it looking nice and functioning properly. Upkeep of the Vermont House is much more complicated than a typical house. In addition to the plumbing, heating and electrical systems, we also have our own drinking water supply which has a water filtration and ultraviolet disinfection system, an on-site wastewater treatment system, burglar and fire alarms and, of course, a magnificent reservation system: Maureen Lent. Maintaining these systems, scheduling corrective maintenance and dealing with emergency repairs, all within a strict budget, is a complex and time-consuming effort.

Over the past year a number of behind the scene improvements have taken place. You never notice electricity until you don't have it. Joe Mellusi's ongoing efforts have kept our electrical systems in tip-top shape. The recently refinished kitchen table looks fantastic and, while the work done to the deck can't be appreciated until the spring, the new bathroom colors will brighten up your morning experience. Upgraded plumbing was recently installed in the basement. This effort, one of a number of mechanical system upgrades spearheaded by Vince Paruta, was designed to allow us to take nice showers after a hard day on the slopes or a long bike ride or round of golf during the warmer months. Unfortunately, now when you go to the house, you will see little reminders that Vermont, like New York and New Jersey, is also experiencing a drought and wells are drying up. So taking those long, hot showers might not be the most politically correct thing to do right now.

If you see any of the Lodge Trustees out behind the back of the house looking into the ground, don't worry, we're keeping close tabs on water levels in the well to ensure that users of the house have the best possible experience.

There are still a number of things that members of the club have asked be done to the house. Installing new carpets, soundproofing and vinyl siding are just a few. Like everything else, upgrades and improvements not only take time and money but we need bodies if we are going to save money by doing some of the requested improvements ourselves. We encourage everyone to participate in Vermont house work weekends. Work weekends are not only lots of fun but are an outstanding way for provisional members to fulfill committee work requirements and regular members to show continued support for the club.

### BUS TRIP GUIDELINES



1. You must sign up no later than the Tuesday meeting before the bus trip.
2. Bus leaves at 6:15 AM. Be there at least 15 minutes ahead of time to transfer your gear. Put your SKI BOOTS INSIDE THE BUS or else your feet will get cold.
3. Meeting place is the Ramsey Park & Ride opposite the Ramsey Police Station. Maps are available on Tuesday nights and at the club website at [www.GardenstateSkiClub.com](http://www.GardenstateSkiClub.com)
4. On the bus, arrange for your instruction. If you're renting skis, be prepared to get off the bus immediately upon arrival so you can get your equipment in order and be ready for the ski lesson. There'll be ski instructors and a bus captain on board to help you. You'll also have to get your lift ticket from the bus captain.
5. If you're not getting equipment, stay on the bus until the bus captain returns with the lift tickets. He/she will hand them out as you get off the bus.
6. The bus captain will let you know the party details, lunch gathering place and any other information on the ride up.
7. No Smoking on the bus. No stops for the bus. There will be a bathroom on board.
8. Dress in layers. Bring extra socks. Wear a hat! Bruce will have a checklist flyer on what to bring.
9. Cancellation Policy:  
100% refund if you cancel by the Tuesday before the trip.  
After that, you may get a replacement for yourself and advise that person to tell the bus captain at the meeting place that he/she is replacing you. If you can't get a replacement, you'll be charged for the cost of the bus plus any other costs GSSC had to pre-pay for the particular bus trip.
10. Return on the same bus you came on.

Please see Bruce or Imran for complete details!

◆◆ DOUBLE DIAMONDS ◆◆

Illustration by Carl Opalek

In recognition of club members who make that extra effort for the benefit of all in the club. These are the people who make our club great.

◆◆ From The President



Lionel Chalier for creating our new logo.

Ron Vitale for relentless effort to promote the cross country sport by running a great trip each yer to Lapland Lakes.

Steve Corris for keeping the lodge in good repair (honorary lodge trustee)

◆◆ From Secretary

Barbara Johnson, our Sunshine & Rainy Days chairperson, for sending happy wishes as well as condolences to members at special times

Sue Amdur Coburn for inputting all the changes in members' information (phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) for our 2002 Directories

◆◆ From Ski V.P.

Ed Ellis for always being there greeting new members (Ed suffered a broken leg at Belleayre in January. We wish him a speedy recovery!)

◆◆ From Social V.P.

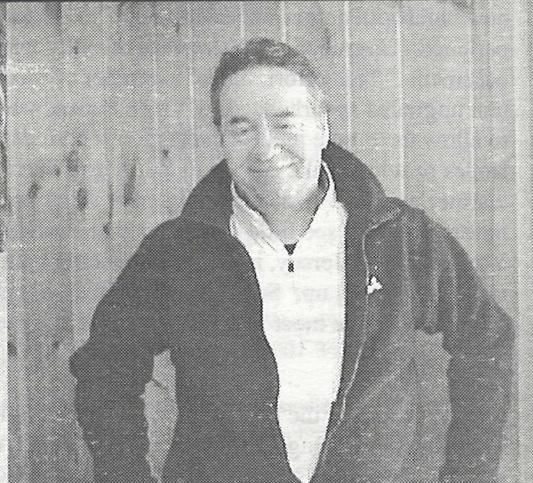
Rose Mary Mumm for chairing the Valentine's party for 2 years in a row. ALSO for running the comedy show at the canoe weekend



CLUB CALENDAR	
February	
2/16	Race at Killington
2/24	Bus Trip to Montage (Race)
2/28	Race at Sterling Forest
March	
3/1-3	Lapland Lakes X-C Trip
3/2	Bus Trip to Windham
3/9	Race at Sugarbush
3/16	Bus Trip to Brodie St. Patrick's Day Blast!
3/23-24	ASIA Spring Rally at Killington



Getting High at Belleayre, the highest skiable peak in the Catskills are Robin and Donna with Bruce Fisher and Cliff Carlson.



All Smiles Ray Owens works hard to provide expert instruction to all club members. He always delivers with a smile.

Photos By Mike Scugoza