

# SKI CHATTER

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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## Pilates - What It Can Do For You Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Learn how Pilates can help you get in shape for Skiing at the Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Meghan DelPrete will demonstrate get-in-shape exercises in this Mat Class. You are encouraged to bring a towel or mat for the floor and participate. Or, just come and watch and do your new exercises at home. This program will start at 7:30 sharp. Meghan is the owner/operator of "Reform - A True Pilates Studio" in Saratoga Springs.

There is a social session from 7:00 to 7:30 where you can catch up on what is happening in the Club, programs start at 7:30 before the business meeting.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St.** is just east of Rt 7 (the Cross town) in uptown Schenectady. From Schenectady take State Street toward Albany. It is on the right approximately 4 1/2 blocks past the Rt 7 overpass. If coming from the Thruway take I-890 to Rt 7 East and exit at State Street (Rt 5). Turn right at the top of the ramp and go East 4 1/2 blocks. From the Troy direction, take Rt. 7 all the way to State Street (Rt 5) and turn left at the top of the ramp and go 4 1/2 blocks to the **Ancient Order of Hibernians 1748 State St.** on the right.

## Ski Phantom! Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

On January 17th Dave O'Hanlon, designer, inventor, & president of Phantom Skis will introduce us to Phantom Skis (you got to see 'em to believe 'em). He'll discuss his experiences in turning an idea and into a marketed product. It all started with some tinkering in his garage and now he's getting great product reviews in national magazines. Is it really that easy?

You might have seen these big boards on the ski rack at any of the local mountains. But probably not on the slopes. That's because inventor Dave O'Hanlon wants you to enjoy the powder off piste. These super fat sticks let you surf the stashes of white gold most skiers can't get to. And they handle groomers too.

These skis aren't from a big multi-national corporation. They're from Clifton Park. They are the product of Dave's ingenuity and perseverance. The original Phantom was crafted from snowboards. Now after some trials and tribulations and refinements, Dave's latest version of the Phantom has received rave reviews from east coast powder hounds. Check 'em out at [www.phantomski.com](http://www.phantomski.com)

As always, the meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

## New England Lost Ski Area Project Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Have you ever wondered what happened to your favorite ski area? Why did it close? What was the history behind it? Ever driven by a closed ski area and wondered what it was, its legacy? Then you'll want to make this meeting.

Jeremy Davis, founder of the New England Lost Ski Area Project (NELSAP), is coming back to share more tales of ski areas closed long ago - and some not so long ago. If you have any gratitude and fond memories of those little back street hills operated by folks with a passion for the sport, you'll want to hear what Jeremy has chronicled. Check out the NELSAP website ([www.NELSAP.org](http://www.NELSAP.org)) to get a flavor of what this project is about. And take a look at the items in the NELSAP store. Jeremy will bring some items for sale at the presentation.

There will be time to reminisce about your favorite lost area in this presentation. NELSAP has expanded into New York and has found hundreds of lost sites. Jeremy is always on the alert for those he hasn't found - or to better document those with sketchy records. He uses topography, vegetation, post cards, photos, oral records, etc. as clues in uncovering former ski hills. Perhaps you have some clues of your favorite hill. If you missed him last time - don't miss him twice. If you were there at the Sons of Italy, you'll want to hear him again. Jeremy will be talking about additional lost centers.

As always, the meeting will be at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** in Schenectady.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dec 1 Holiday Party  
Dec 8 & 9 Warren Miller Movie Palace Theater  
Dec 13 Special Saratoga Meeting (see next page)  
Jan 3rd Pilates -What It Can Do For You  
Jan 17th - From an Idea to a Product: One Story on How New Ski Products Get Developed  
Jan 31st - Jeremy Davis- NELSAP Lost Ski Areas in NY

## For Sale

For Sale: Snowboard and boots used only 4 times! Purchased at Goldstocks, Loseophy white board and bindings \$125; boots Healside, grey and blue size 9.5 for \$60. Call Ray at 355-1882.

**President's Corner:** by Bill Schaefer

*Skiing more affordable than it has been in years!*

With the price of gas rising as I write, I am startled by our good fortunes we have for affordable skiing. I'll give you six reasons why it is cheaper than ever.

First - The Forum (our website bulletin board)

With the rising cost of Gas, the SWC Website has added the "Member Forum". This is a bulletin board on the website where you can post car pool rides to your favorite mountains. I have heard many members request this, so there should be ride posted soon.

Many have said they don't mind driving but want company, others have said they would pay but don't want to drive. We'll let you put those details together!

Second- the Clubhouse at Stowe has been offering family friendly rates. Take advantage of these for your family vacation. (The Clubhouse looks terrific thanks to many members efforts this spring and fall.)

Third, use those Warren Miller Tickets - if you are not familiar with Smuggler's Notch, the big free ticket, it is the back side of Stowe and very convenient to our Clubhouse.

Fourth - SWC-Jay Peak Discount Tickets- Once again, our deal with Jay peak gives you western skiing at a crazy low price, just over an hour north of the Clubhouse. (See Article for more details)

Fifth - Ski Council Cheap Ski Days Check the list and check our website for more mountains as they add more days. Use the Member Forum to save driving costs or just to ski with a friend.

Sixth – Ski during Ski Club Appreciation days at Stowe for as little as \$27/day (\$11 Seniors) and stay at the Clubhouse.

So, mark those calendars, take that vacation, play hooky, whatever - you will save big every time you go with SWC.

See you out there!

## **Gift Membership - the Perfect Holiday Gift**

Consider the gift of membership this year. Cheaper than a magazine subscription, this will add a friend or family member to your favorite activities. This is the very best way to ensure your clubs future.

Just fill out the application on the website or older Chatters. Please include the word "Gift from "your name" somewhere on the application.

## **Special Saratoga Meeting Dec 13**

Interested in meeting fellow SWC members from North of the capital region? Car Pool? Hate to ski alone? This meeting on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> is for you! As many members live in Clifton Park, Saratoga, Glens Falls, there has been interest in having a meeting in the Saratoga area so you can arrange car pools to Vermont, Gore, etc. The Alpine Ski Shop has graciously invited us to meet by the fire. Rumor has it we may also have a "special discount" that night.

Come to this informal gathering **at the Alpine Ski Shop, Thursday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 9 pm.**

## **Donations for Projector adding up**

by Bill Schaefer

Please join me in extending a big thanks to Robert and Sue Gartley for being the first to donate towards the projector request! Thanks to that first donation, matches received as of 11/14 have come in from Ray and Elaine Asselin, Pete and Nancy Weykamp and lastly Karen and I just joined in.

Please consider joining us in donating to the SWC Projector Fund. It won't be too late, we still have a ways to go.

## **Skiing in the Past**

A few weeks ago Freddie Anderson joined us for one of our Club meetings at the Hibernian Hall and Bill Schaefer took the opportunity to ask her about a picture he has of a group of young ladies with skis in hand. She was identified as one of the people in the picture and Bill thought she might be able to lend some insight about the picture. Bill and many of us had thought that it might have been a group that was skiing up at North Creek. Freddie first admitted that she did not remember the picture and then went on to say that she didn't think that it was taken at North Creek, that it was likely taken here in the Rotterdam foothills. She guessed that she was in her mid-teens at the time. Back then (remember this was in the mid-thirties) she and her friends would take the trolley from Schenectady to Amsterdam and would ask to be dropped off at the bridge that crossed the Mohawk at Rotterdam Junction. From there they would walk to the hills across the river to go skiing. My guess is there was no high-speed lift to take them up the hill, either. I was impressed! I don't think that I would have been that dedicated to go skiing and I realized how spoiled we are with today's ski areas. It was great to hear her tell about skiing in those days and there might be more stories of this kind to be heard at our holiday party. Come join the rest of us for an evening of the fun and find out more.

## Warren Miller Movie–PLAYGROUND

Three showings of the Warren Miller movie are coming up Fast. Have you bought your tickets?

This year's movie is at the Palace Theatre, Albany. The shows are on Sat, 12/8 at 6 and 9 PM and on Sun, 12/9 at 7 PM. SWC has 300 tickets advanced tickets for each show. Last year they went fast, so don't delay, buy your \$22 tickets now! Remember, this is our major fundraiser and each advance ticket sale through us helps the Club more than at the door. For ticket sales call:

In Schenectady – Jon at 382-8458

In Clifton Park – Mike at 399-4372

In Albany/Voorheesville call John at 765-2141

All who attend this year's showing of the Warren Miller Movie PLAYGROUND will receive a voucher good for:

- A free lift ticket at Stratton Mountain valid Mon – Fri opening day through 12/21 or 3/31/08 – 4/13/08, or a 2 for 1 lift ticket valid Mon – Fri 1/2/08 – 3/31/08 (excluding 1/21/08 & 2/16-2/22/08)

- A free Mid-week lift ticket to Smugglers' Notch valid until 2/1/08 (excluding 12/24 – 1/8/08, 1/21/08).

- A free lift ticket to Jiminy Peak valid until 12/20/07 or a 2 for 1 ticket valid 3/6/08 to season end.

- A free lift ticket to Windham Mountain valid until 1/24/08 (excluding 12/26 – 1/8/08 and 1/19 – 1/21/08)

- A free lift ticket to Ascutey Mountain valid on Warren Miller Appreciation days 12/21/07, 1/13/08, 2/10/08 & 3/8/08

- \$25 off any purchase of \$100 or more at Ski Market (offer expires 12/31/07)

You can expect *PLAYGROUND* to dazzle you with electrifying winter sports footage presented in crystal-clear high definition and 5.1 surround sound. This cross country live event spectacle is saturated with deep powder, incredible cinematography, technical lines, and massive air and showcases stunning global destinations from Sweden to Canada, Alaska to Japan, and several others. *PLAYGROUND* also exposes the most unlikely winter sports destination, a resort found directly within the Arabian Desert called Ski Dubai. Olympic Gold Medallist, skiing innovator and pop icon, Jonny Moseley, adds a new title to his resume as he serves as the film's narrator.

This year's invigorating action display includes: a rare and insightful segment on ski racing king and perceived industry bad boy, Bode Miller; a trip to Alaska's untouched Chugach Range with X-Games Gold Medallists, brothers Zach and Reggie Crist; unbelievably deep powder in Utah and British Columbia; and astonishing aerial acrobatics from Sweden, and so much more. *PLAYGROUND* also highlights the future of snowboarding in a segment featuring the youth-infused Burton Smalls Team in which these young prodigies teach us that size truly isn't everything.

## New Ski Area with Area Ties

Ed Silverton is the name of a new ski area in Colorado. It is different in that it has only one slow double chairlift but has a zillion acres of untracked powder terrain and (skiable?) avalanche chutes.. Skiers have to walk to get to the good stuff and then return to the lift by a shuttle bus. And Oh yes! you have to be accompanied by a guide, at least on weekends. Not for everyone, it's steep in both \$\$\$ and vertical.

In the November Powder magazine, there is an article about the five interns that are the assistant guides, dynamite the cornices, drive the shuttle bus, man the lift and do anything else that needs to be done. One of the interns was Cory Miller, my grandson! A couple of my friends have now skied there, met Cory, and say it's a great skiing experience and want to go back (on a year when they have more snow in the Rockies.) by Ed Miller.

## Ski Council Days

Check the Council web page - [nycdsc.org](http://nycdsc.org) - for the latest information and updates:

12/9 Stowe Demo Days

12/14, Friday, Stratton, \$30

12/21, Friday, Okemo, \$30

1/4/2008, Friday, Gore, \$30

1/11, Friday, Mt. Snow, \$32

1/18, Friday, Stratton, \$30

1/25, Friday, Okemo, \$30

Cheap Skiing:

Gore, 12/7, Demo day, \$25

Gore, Cola product Wednesdays



SWC/NNYPers at the Schenectady Holiday Parade

## Alpine Skiing Corner: by Dorie Valenti

### SWC Invitational at Gore FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>: Tentative Date

Come and celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> year with us at Gore. Race start time will be around 10 am, and the keg gets tapped at around 3:00 pm. We need spectators, cheerleaders, gatekeepers, and loud and boisterous skiers. Shy and demure skiers are also welcome. First timers, many timers, and life timers should all join us for this festive occasion.

Tryouts for the SWC Alpine Race team resulted in many empty bottles of wine, both red and white, and only a few empty bottles of beer. This indicates something. If anyone has any idea what this may indicate, please let someone know, and we will address the issue, if necessary. Unfortunately, this year's SWC spandex team racing suits were somehow lost in the mail, and we are investigating. Again, if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of these suits, please let someone know. Imagine your SWC racing team, screaming down the mountain and through the gates, clipping and snapping the poles, SWHISH CRACK! And all in neon blue complete with the big S (for SWC) embroidered in silk on the back.

More to come as the season progresses. Cheap ski days for this coming season will be posted on the web site. Go to [swc-nyyp.org](http://swc-nyyp.org) and click on cheap ski days.

## Whiteface Club Appreciation Days

Whiteface has \$35 tickets for Ski Club members on 12/9-10, 1/23, 2/2, 3/24-25, 4/7-8. The regular price is \$64. You have to show your membership

## Cross Country Corner: by Anna Dugan

### Wednesday Skiing

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." John Muir

With that thought in mind, several SWCers have decided to rekindle a past spirit from back in the 90's, when a few hearty souls in the Club used to get together on Wednesdays to X-C ski locally for a few hours. Well, seeing that we have quite a few more retirees, we thought we'd start that up again as soon as the first snow arrives.

Wednesday will be the official X-C snow day. Various locations will be sought and we'll take suggestions, trying to stay somewhat local for this 3- to 4-hour day trip. No golf courses, please! If you see snow forecasted, pack a lunch and contact one of the following people to find out where we'll be skiing...it should be fun!

Ruth Brondel--381-6899, Kelly de la Rocha--280-4150, Anna Dugan--489-5092, Don Patneau--887-5483, Terry Tamer--435-1704.

## SWC Logo Fitness Fleece

We are getting orders together for the LL Bean Fitness Fleece again. These are the same fleeces you have seen on many of your members. Great for hanging around or as a layer in your ski outfit. This year we will offer several colors. For men: Black, Deep Red, Bottle Blue, Graphite, and Night (navy blue). For women: Black, Deep Red, Dark Plum, Green Tea, Ivory, Sea Blue, and Slate Teal. Cost is \$40 and includes a small fund raising contribution to SWC. Call Walt Kangas (370-5136) with your size and color selection.

## Names and Numbers to Remember

### Board of Directors:

Bill Schaefer, Pres	H 370-0229
Pete Weykamp, VP Administration	H 785-6433
Anna Dugan, VP Nordic	H 489-5092
Kathy Perrego, VP Activities	H 869-1155
Dorie Valenti, VP-Alpine	H 334-0652
Anna Dugan NNYP President	H 489-5092
Lat Schmidt, Secretary,	H 372-2915
Ray Asselin, Treasurer	H 355-1882
Walt Kangas, Clubhouse Director	H 370-5136
Tony Dorangrichia, At Large	H 435-9981
At Large	(open)
Rich Vanderwood, At Large	H 368-1149
Jon Skalwold, Past Pres.	H 382-8458

### Others:

Jean Burton, Membership	H 872-2333
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Dorie Valenti Webmaster [doriev@verizon.net](mailto:doriev@verizon.net)

Ed Miller Clubhouse Reservations (Number soon)  
Clubhouse at Waterbury Center 802-244-8918

## Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: [wburton2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wburton2@nycap.rr.com) or Jean Burton, PO 46, Gallupville, NY 12073. Do not send them to the editors, or to the Club PO Box, they will get lost.

## Chatter/Blade on Website

The Chatter/ Blade is timed to arrive at your doorstep for the first of the month.

As it is sent to the printer, we also post it on our website. This means the Chatter/Blade can be viewed about the 20th of the month, or about 10 days earlier. (The best part is the pictures look great in color)

## Clubhouse Corner:

### Clubhouse Reservations for 07-08

Ed Miller, our Clubhouse reservation coordinator this season prefers that you e-mail your reservations to him at [swclodgeres@yahoo.com](mailto:swclodgeres@yahoo.com), if you do not have email, you can call him at our **new reservation number (518)-522-5474** between **10 am and 10 pm**. You can also sign up for rooms at the regular Club meetings. Please use "SWC reservations" on the subject line of your e-mail reservation.

### Clubhouse Rates Reduced for Kids

Starting last spring we set up reduced rates for juniors. We hope that these rates (along with the ski deals noted elsewhere in the Chatter) make vacationing in the ski country more affordable for families. The rates are on the billing forms at the Clubhouse and member winter ski season rates are as follows:

Member	Dinner	Break fast	Lodging: Weekend Holiday	Lodging: Mid-week
Adult	\$6	\$3	\$20	\$15
Junior	\$6	\$3	\$10	\$7
6 and Under	Free with Parent			

Friday night – weekend rates apply. Sunday night (non-holiday) - mid-week rates apply.

Guest rates are on the billing form and are slightly higher (encourage your guest to join!). Remember guests do not have unescorted access to the Clubhouse. Do not give your Clubhouse combination to anyone.

### Really Cheap Tickets at Stowe

Stowe is again offering Club Appreciation weeks on December 1-3, 2007; January 14-16, 2008; and March 19-23, 2008. Ticket prices are:

Adult lift tickets    Child/Senior lift tickets  
(13-64 yrs old):    (6-12 & 65+):

1-day=\$38            1-day=\$21  
2-day=\$64            2-day=\$27  
3-day=\$90            3-day=\$37  
4-day=\$118          4-day=\$48  
5-day=\$137          5-day=\$55

Bring your SWC card and a photo ID to the Mansfield Guest Service Desk to get your discount.

You can also register by E-mail to Group Sales at [sales@stowe.com](mailto:sales@stowe.com). Use subject line "Ski Club Week RSVP" and list how many people in your party and how many tickets (and which type) you will be purchasing. You can also call the sales office @ 800-253-4SKI with any questions.

## Stowe Points Card Free to Club Members

The Stowe Points card provides for a discount on Lift Tickets (excluding Saturdays and Holidays). After accumulating points, you earn a free lift Ticket. For details on how points are accumulated, go to [www.stowe.com/tickets/specials.php](http://www.stowe.com/tickets/specials.php). Ask for the Points Card at the Guest Services Desk – have your SWC Card and a photo ID with you.

### Jay Peak Tickets

SWC has purchased a block of Jay tickets again this year. These tickets are good any day and cost \$35 (junior passes @ \$33 for ages 6-18) – a substantial discount. Send Dawn Knudson (5 Colonial Drive Schenectady NY, 12306-3507) a self addressed stamped envelope with a check for the number of tickets you want. Give yourself plenty of time before your visit to the Club House. Bill Kornrumpf will have a small supply of tickets at the Club House – when he is there.

### Weekend Clubhouse Hosts Needed Now

We are looking for new (and returning) Clubhouse Hosts for this season. Anybody thinking about going up to the Clubhouse is a potential weekend Host. We would like to have fun by advertising theme weekends this year. How about Italian, Polish and Chinese nights? If the Hosts commit early perhaps they can advertise their menu to appeal to the new members. Your imagination can develop interest in the Clubhouse. People think with their stomachs!

### Guided Tours of Stowe, Sugarbush and Jay

Walt Kangas and Jon Skalwold will be at the Clubhouse beginning about March 15 for about a week. We will be there to take advantage of the deals noted above (especially the Stowe Club Appreciation week). Walt will give tours of Stowe and we will all explore the other mountains. If you are interested, make reservations at the Clubhouse, get your discounted tickets, and we will see you there. You can also give Walt (370-5136) or Jon (382-8458) a call for more details as we get closer to the dates.



# THE BLADE

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## You Spell It DEL-MAR-VA

During the week of Oct 7-14, Judy Brandow led a group of ten NNYPers on a paddling trip on the Delmarva Peninsula. In case you don't know what Delmarva is, it is the peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, parts of which are in the states of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia (thus DEL-MAR-VA). The area is obviously near salt water but also has a lot of inland rivers and streams that are very good for paddling. We paddled on the Pokemoke River, a small stream called Dividing Creek (which forms the division between two counties) and on some of the bays inland from Ocean City Maryland and near the Assateague Island National Seashore. We also did some hiking around on the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, which is on the southern end of Assateague Island but located in the state of Virginia. We did a fair amount of bird and wildlife watching in those two National Park areas. Most notable were the wild ponies which were quite beautiful. Thanks goes to Judy who set the whole thing up, did the research on where to go and found a very reasonably priced place to stay. We are including some photos from the trip, which can give you an idea of how nice the place was. *Terry Tamer*



The Delmarva Governor and His Trusted Entourage



The Delmarva Navv In One Of Their Better Moments

## Paddlers Banquet Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at Brandon's

Come one, come all! Warm up a cold winter night with food, fun and laughter at the Annual Paddlers' Dinner. Join us on Saturday, February 16th for a lovely sit down dinner (menu choices in next issue) at Brandon's 1725 VanVranken Ave., Sch'dy. Cocktails and soft drinks will be available at 6:00pm from the cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7:00. Make your reservations early to beat the rush by calling Kim Greiner at 875-6497 or email at [twobears@nycap.rr.com](mailto:twobears@nycap.rr.com). Checks for \$22.00 (includes all taxes and gratuity) can be mailed to Kim at 558 Old Hwy. 30 Esperance, NY 12066. Rumor has it that a guest speaker may offer a slide presentation from a trip to far away places. Another rumor has it that Uncle Don will be dressed in his Saturday evening best. Surely you won't want to miss out on that!

.....*Kim Greiner*



Finish Line At The Delmarva 89+ Miler

## Riverwalk

It was a lovely day, sunny and breezy, with lots of pleasant conversation among members and visitors. Kudos must be given to our volunteers: first and foremost, Uncle Donny, for supplying everything: the pop-up booth, chairs, table, photo stand from Sue Brisley, his infamous C-1, signs from Noralee Itchoak, paddles, PFD's with WHISTLE, as well as the history behind NNYP that people found most interesting! Second, Tom's C-2 was a big hit for the children, whose parents photographed them sitting in stern or bow with paddle and PFD--very cute. Thanks for reading your "Blade", Tom! Third, Kathy Perrego managed to pinch-hit between Pine Hills' table and ours. Thanks to Kath for assembly and disassembly of the tent, as well as greeting the public in such a friendly manner. Last, but not least, Terry Tamer brought along a canoe, presently for sale, at \$250/BO--check it out.

It was a good day: folks enjoyed learning about paddling and our Club. One couple even called about the Paddlers' Weekend and almost joined us. Thanks one and all for being there--it was fun! *Anna Dugan*

## For Sale

(Ads will run for 2 issues. Renotify editor for renewal)

### Olympic Sprint Kayak.

Jaguar by Gaybo Boats (UK). Previously owned by US Olympic Team member. Kevlar, wood seat, white with British Flag, \$1,200 obo. Call Joe (518)762-9558.

## Club Canoe Availability

We (SWC/NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use:

18' 6" Wenonah CC    18' 6" Lincoln CC    18' 6" Sawyer CC  
18' 5" Alumicraft    12" Acadia Kayak

These boats may be borrowed by Club members for a \$5/day, \$25/week donation. They are located at Uncle Donnie Patneau's house at 741 River Road, Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483).

There are four canoes for members who are up at the Clubhouse, but no fair using them on Nosedive!

## News Updates

Remember to send all the Blade dirt you can to me, Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12<sup>th</sup> of month. I'd suggest putting NNYP, SWC or Blade in any email Subject title line so I don't spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb. If you are using US Mail, let me know (438-5540) in case I'm traveling.

## NYMCRA

The New York Marathon Canoe Racing Association had its annual meeting and banquet on Sat Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at the Depot Restaurant in Oneonta, NY. President Roger Henry called the meeting to order a little after 11:00 AM. After a few boring reports, elections were held to fill three seats on the Board of Directors which terms were due to expire. As all three directors were willing to continue, and no nominations were received from the floor, they were easily reelected. They are Scott Stenberg, Jeff Pedersen and Ed Greiner.

After the election, discussion was opened to the floor. The only significant change to come out of the meeting was an increase in annual dues from \$15 to \$20. Ways to increase membership and possible changes to increase participation in the points series were also discussed.

The banquet was a buffet with several kinds of pizza, two different lasagna dishes, a salad bar and apple crisp for dessert. All was good, but the vegetarian lasagna seemed the runaway favorite.

Awards were next. T-shirts were given out to this year's inductees into the 200 and 400 mile clubs. Those eligible must have compiled at least 200 racing miles in NY State. NNYP members that won their respective classes in the points series were Jim Amell, Jim Lord & John Jackson, Pam Fitzgerald & Kim Greiner, Linda & Bob Cooley, and Roger Henry & Brian Young. They received nice fleece jackets by *Columbia* with the NYMCRA logo and "2007 Points Champ" embroidered on them.

The last event of the day was the meeting of the new board of directors. The usual business was discussed, such as newsletters, advertising, use of the website and membership information. Vice President Jeff Pedersen suggested putting on a Regional Championship, perhaps in mid-July. More research and discussion is needed on this topic.

The BOD also created an eighth directorship and appointed Mike Wolfson to fill this position. Mike was the obvious choice since he is the Points Series chairman and the new board position would oversee the series.

It was a long day but a productive one. NYMCRA has an active BOD and a willing volunteer base. The future looks good for us. Anyone wishing to learn more about NYMCRA can visit our website at [www.nymcra.org](http://www.nymcra.org).

.....Ed Greiner

# **Membership Application 2007-08**

**June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008**

Schenectady Wintersports Club & Northern New York Paddlers  
PO Box 228, Schenectady NY, 12301

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Northern New York Paddles  
PO Box 228  
Schenectady New York 12301

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Member ( ) Renewal ( ) \$20 individual ( ) \$30 Family ( )

For Family Membership, please indicate

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_

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To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 or 18 and still in High School.

Please indicate your Activity interests. Check as many as applicable;

Alpine Skiing ( ) X-C Skiing ( ) Paddling ( ) Biking ( )

Hiking ( ) Ski Trips Western US, Canada, Europe ( )

Ski Racing ( ) Wilderness/canoe camping ( ) Canoe Racing ( )

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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