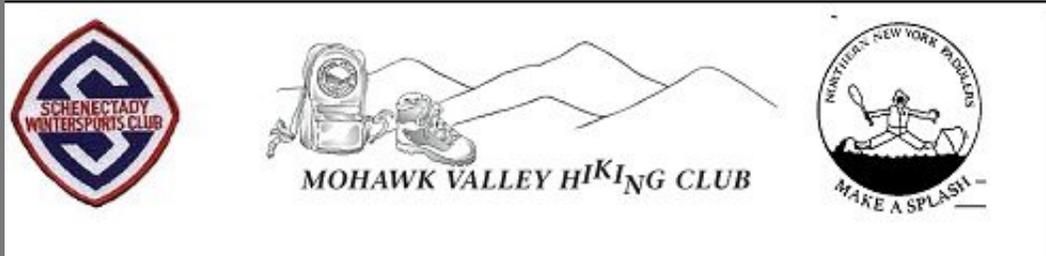


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Chatter Hiatus

The Schenectady Wintersports Club newsletter, the Chatter, will be on hiatus after the release of the May edition until another member volunteers to take up the reins. After five years of editing the Chatter, David and Bridget are focusing on their new family and are unable to continue to support this publication. If YOU would like to volunteer to edit and publish the Chatter, please email swcchatter@gmail.com for more information.

Membership Renewal Time

The Club's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 and it is now time to send in those membership dues for the new season (2022-2023). You can use the Membership tab on the website (www.swcweb.org) and pay by PayPal or credit card. Or, you can fill out and mail the membership form at the end of this email. Online registration is preferred as it makes less work for our volunteers. New membership cards will be mailed as soon as they are available.

SWC Board Meeting Minutes 4/12/22

by Karen Simmons, Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE: John Bidell, Ellen Bidell, Don Streed, Bill Kornrumpf, John Rack, Ed Greiner, Bill Simmons, Karen Simmons, Bill Romania, Rick Cobello

FINANCE: Don provided copies of the complete treasurer's report to all board members for review. March 2022 was a month with an operating profit.

RESERVATIONS: Ellen reported that there are currently 3 reservations for weekly rentals. We are now entering the anticipated slower rental season at the Clubhouse.

NYCD SKI COUNCIL: Karen reported the election results for 2022-2023 offices of the Council. President: Jim Tunney, VP: Mark Quackenbush, Treasurer: Sally Vanderzee, Secretary: Delores Lark, Board members: Frank Scuderi, Mark Pavlus, Jerry Danielski, Terri Engel and Darren Dyer. The council is planning a Fall auction as a fund raiser in conjunction with the Snow Show planned for this year.

CLUBHOUSE: Bill reported that there are many items to be accomplished at the May 13-15 work weekend. He cautioned that we have and continue to focus on improvements to the house, but also have to complete the punch list of maintenance items to ensure continued functioning of all of the systems in the house. There is certainly room for others to volunteer for all or part of the May weekend.

NNY PADDLERS: Ed reported that the Paddlers will be participating in three races this season. Recreational paddling will begin on May 2 for all skill levels and continues every Monday through the summer. Rime trials begin May 4 and will also continue throughout the summer. The Paddlers will purchase specific insurance for each of the events they participate in. Ed, Kim and Susan represented the Paddlers at the recent ADK Sports Show in Saratoga and included information, to the many attendees, about SWC related paddling.

NORDIC: No report

HIKING: John reported no scheduled hikes.

TECH UPGRADES TO THE CLUBHOUSE: Rick will purchase the approved items and will install them during the May work weekend. These upgrades will contribute to safety and security at the Clubhouse.

SURVEY: With experience in this area, Bill Romania has offered to work with the board to create a survey identifying and prioritizing items and issues which could be addressed to improve the appeal of the clubhouse for a wider audience and range of use. When completed the survey will be distributed to all members for input.

The meeting was adjourned with the next monthly meeting scheduled for: 05/10/22.

Sun Valley Ski Trip

The Albany Ski Club will be going to Sun Valley March 11-18, 2023, and they are inviting members of the SWC!

SUN VALLEY is one of the historic ski resorts in the US and it is now on the IKON pass for the 2022-2023 season.

- The club will be staying at the Limelight Hotel (<https://www.limelighthotels.com/ketchum>)
- Flights will be from Albany, NY into Boise, ID, giving us more options than flying into the small local airport in Hailey

- Estimated price is \$2,196 including air if you have an IKON pass

The trip requires the IKON Base Pass Plus, or the full IKON pass. You can purchase the pass on the Albany Ski Club link (the link can also be found on our web pages at albanskiclub.com). For those purchasing the upgraded pass for this trip, until we meet the minimum number of travelers, IKON passes will not be purchased, so no one is locked into an upgraded pass if the trip does not meet its minimum. If we do not meet the minimum, SPORTS AMERICA will refund your pass money, if desired.

By May 7th we need to have the minimum number of travelers, so let us know by signing up that you are interested. If we do not have enough interested parties, we will not move forward with the trip. A \$300 deposit will hold your spot. Please use this link to register on SPORTS AMERICA website!

If you have any questions, call Rick Cobello ([518 337 6188](tel:5183376188)).

This will be a great trip!

Kayak for Sale

Stunning handmade cedar strip kayak built from Rob Mack/Laughing Loon Northstar Baidarka plans; located near Albany, NY.

Beautiful, very stable, very fast, and super agile. 18'4" long, 22.5" beam, 35"x17" cockpit opening, and a lightweight 39 pounds. The boat has been stored indoors and looks very clean. Photographs available upon request. Although the Baidarkas are designed for big ocean waves and rough water, I have mostly paddled it on the Adirondack lakes. It tracks extremely well, carves wonderful edge turns, and really shines strong in the winds and swells on the bigger lakes. This is the fastest kayak I have ever paddled upwind. This Northstar features gorgeous cedar strip planking, two watertight hatches, a larger than normal cockpit opening built of hard wood. The kayak is stunningly beautiful and every time I take it out, I get countless compliments about it. "Northstar was inspired by the kayaks of the Aleut Eskimos of Alaska and by George Dyson. Using anthropologists drawings of a baidarka as a starting point, Rob Macks designed North Star to retain the excellent handling qualities of this native design and yet have the stability and features the recreational paddler wants." Google [laughingloon/northstar](http://laughingloon.com/northstar) for details about advantages of the unique bifurcated bow and truncated stern. The Grey Owl paddle pictured is not included. Many Baidarka owners use a Greenland style paddle. Taller kayakers will appreciate the leg length room in the cockpit.

For those not familiar with cedar strip kayaks, some people might equate a wood

boat with high maintenance, yet a properly built cedar strip wood kayak is not only beautiful, naturally buoyant, and very lightweight, it will almost always outperform a composite equivalent and will last decades if stored and maintained properly — just like any other high-end kayak. The cedar strip boat is completely sealed by two layers of fiberglass and resin providing a very strong and high-performance hull that will not rot.

Asking price is \$3900.

New Northstar kayaks sell directly from Laughing Loon at \$13,800. If you order one from a boatbuilder, considering 500 hours of labor, and cost of materials, you may pay \$9000+. I love this kayak, but I am selling it since my arthritis problems are not improving. I would prefer a local cash sale. However, due to the unique nature of the cedar strip baidarkas, I realize there may be a buyer from out of state. I would consider helping the buyer make arrangements to transport the kayak to your location, with the kayak paid for in advance and the buyer covering all transportation costs. Feel free to email me with any questions: tim@timraabnorthern.com.

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