



Hello, Everyone!

Welcome to the July 2022 Edition of the SWC Newsletter. After a brief hiatus, the newsletter has returned with myself as the new Editor. I would like to ask your help in making this publication as informative and useful as possible.

Articles and notices to be considered for inclusion should be submitted to: swcchatter@gmail.com. In general, the deadline for submission in order to be included in the upcoming newsletter will be 7 to 10 days prior to publication. A schedule of deadlines and publication dates will be posted or emailed for all of our members to review.

I am looking forward to receiving items from you to share with the SWC group, to enhance your membership experience!

Best Regards,

Brenda Streed

Safety and Security at the SWC Lodge by Ellen Bidell

We recently installed new door locks on the front door of the SWC lodge. The door locks automatically after four minutes, and sends me a notification when the door is unlocked or forced open. For those members that stay more than a few times a year,

you will have a personal code that opens the door at the lodge. Those who stay infrequently will receive the general code emailed to them with their reservation. Although the door locks within minutes, it is be good practice to check the door before finally leaving after your rental.

Security cameras have also been installed in three areas: the kitchen facing the stoves; the fireplace room facing the sign-in desk; and the fireplace room facing the fireplace. The cameras will be activated in the fall, and then only when we have bigger groups.

Why these changes? There are single people staying at the lodge midweek who are sometimes uncomfortable being there alone. The automatic door locks make sure that once you are in the house, the door is locked behind you. At our last work weekend, a woman wandered into the kitchen looking for an AA meeting! Years ago, two guys entered the building during a crowded weekend, said hello, walked into first floor bedrooms and stole several purses. And over the winter, some members came back to the lodge and found a roaring fire in the fireplace and no one in the building! There have also been instances of the stoves being left on.

We hope these changes will help our members staying at the lodge to feel more safe and secure.

SWC Membership Reminder

Your 2022 Membership covers the period June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. In order to keep your membership up to date...(Click the Button below to redirect to the Membership form).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY MAIL OR
ONLINE AT swcweb.org/membership

Name _____

Age Group (circle one) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Type of Membership: Individual () \$25 Family () \$35

Please Indicate: New Member () Renewal ()

For Family Membership, please indicate:

Name of Spouse _____

Age Group (circle One) 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members _____

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

Interested in volunteering? Circle any that you are interested in:

Clubhouse NY Capital District Ski Council

SWC Board Hiking Group

Biking Group Activities Outreach

Make check payable to SWC and mail with the completed application to:

John Boscarino, 126 Polsin Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303-2516



Nature Bus Returns for 2022 submitted by John Rack

MHLC has teamed up with CDTA and area conservation partners to launch the second year of Nature Bus! **On Saturdays from May 28 to September 24**, City of Albany* residents can ride this free bus service to connect with nature at eight Capital Region locations.

NEW in 2022: This year's service has been refined with convenient shortened routes, nearly 50 bus stops in and around Albany, new destinations, and more free programs. The Albany Pine Bush joins the route this year with stops at the Six Mile Waterworks property, offering playgrounds, walking trails, and fishing opportunities. Partners at each location will provide free programming most weekends, leading guided hikes on the trails, teaching bird identification, and so much more!

* Nature Bus is free for all, you do not need to be a City of Albany resident.

Visit the Nature Bus website for more information!



Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis, Austrian Alps!

February 10, 2023 thru February 19, 2023

Skiing, Snowboarding and Adventuring in the Austrian Alps!

Albany Ski Club invites you to enjoy superior accommodations at Hotel Amadeus including breakfast and dinner, snowboard or skis & poles rental, 6 days lift tickets, air and ground transportation, all for \$2,929 per person! *

******Don't Miss Out on this European Winter Opportunity******

Enjoy the amenities of the Hotel Amadeus, double-occupancy superior rooms, 3/4 board meal plan with breakfast, apres-ski buffet and dinner, relax in the indoor pool and the Wellness center, socialize apres-ski with others.

And, the skiing/snowboarding, offering over 220 kilometers (135 miles) of groomed trails and plenty of off-trail opportunities, is mostly above the tree-line. Hotel Amadeus is just a short walk away from the Depot where your ski/snowboard equipment will be stored and which is the base for three gondolas which connect Serfaus to an extensive network of trails and lifts. These trails and lifts connect Serfaus with neighboring towns Fiss and Ladis.

This package also includes a half day shopping and sightseeing opportunity in Munich, a two-hour city bus tour of Munich depending on the time of the arriving flight, and dinner at the Hofbräuhaus. The journey from Munich to Serfaus also includes a two to three-hour stop in Garmisch Partenkirchen for shopping and lunch. Optional side trips during the week can be arranged on request, to major cities such as Innsbruck, Landeck, Salzburg, etc. for an additional charge.

For reservations and more information, contact SWC Treasurer Don Streed at dastreed@gmail.com.

*Estimated Price based on 3/1/2022 current rate of exchange US Dollar to Euro. Non-skiers deduct \$490.

Items for Sale...or Free



FREE!

Classic 15' Kayak

Canvas covered wooden ribbed

Classic kayak paddle included

Call Don Streed 518-339-2150

Schenectady Wintersports Club

Treasurer's Report FY22 Year Results

Income

Dues received for the June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 Fiscal Year totaled \$14,435, which was a \$5,380 increase over the prior year, although a \$4,725 drop (25%) from the year prior to the pandemic.

Lodging FY22 total paid receipts were \$44,225, a \$31,765 increase over the pandemic limited prior year, and the highest total of the last five years.

- Removal of pandemic restrictions encouraged participation in outdoor activities.
- Price value of Clubhouse attracted more younger, first-time members.

Expenses

Administrative expenses paid for the year were \$4,937, including:

- \$3,068 for liability and D&O insurance
- \$570 PayPal fees
- \$517 for software, and
- \$378 for postage

Clubhouse expenses paid in the year were \$39,158, including:

- \$11,435, of which \$4,384 was for FY22 property insurance and \$7,051 is for prepayment of FY23 property and liability insurance
- \$10,767 for utilities, nearly identical to the prior year \$10,787

- \$7,337 for property taxes, a 6% increase over prior year, and
- \$5,050 for maintenance, a 3% increase over the prior year.

Net Gain

- Total net cash gain from ordinary operations was \$14,863 for the fiscal year, a welcome reversal after three consecutive years of operating cash declines totaling \$25,733.

Balance Sheet

Account Cash balances as of May 31, 2022:

- Capcom checking accounts \$32,420
- PayPal account \$3,768
- Total \$36,188

The SWC Reserve Fund savings account ended the fiscal with a year at \$89,978, a total decline of \$2,367 as the securities markets saw a significant decline in the first five months of calendar year 2022.

There have been no cash additions or withdrawals this fiscal year.

Opinion

It is the opinion of the Treasurer, the Club is in a solid financial position for entering FY23 as cash on hand equals approximately 80% of one year's total operating expenses and sufficient reserves are on hand to meet any reasonable unforeseen expenses.

Respectfully,

Donald Streed, Treasurer

SWC Newsletter Submission Deadlines for Publication

Issue	Submission Deadline	Publication Date
August 2022	7/27	8/3
September 2022	8/31	9/7
October 2022	9/28	10/5
November 2022	10/26	11/2
December 2022	11/30	12/7

*NOTE: Deadlines fall on the last Wednesday of the month, for publication on the first Wednesday of the month of issue.



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