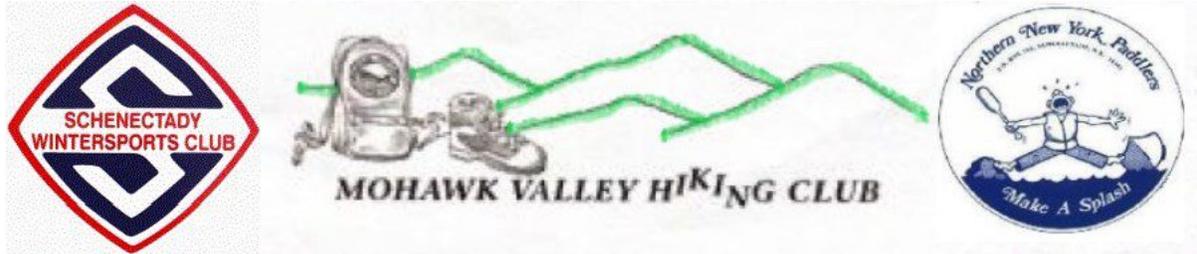


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SWC Newsletter November 2022

Where have all the chargers gone? Long time passing....

I remember that song from AM radio back in the sixties. I'm up at the house so I got up early to see if I could catch the migration of chargers that appears to take place. These little rascals are like the King Crab of the Bering Sea. They travel from their present location (Waterbury) to an undisclosed location. We did replace one with a donation from a generous member and that is safely in the fireplace room. Please bring your own charging station for the bedrooms, since the remaining ones may well be gone when you come up.

Warren Miller is Coming to Town

We have booked the Proctors Theater in Schenectady for Thursday November 17 at 7:00 pm for a showing of the latest Warren Miller show Daymaker. This will be the biggest fundraiser for the club in the last 25 years. We were contacted two weeks ago, but the board put things together in record time.

Ticket price will be around \$25 with handling fees. We are working on swag with local ski shops and areas. It is something that I always looked forward to, but at the least we will have drawings at the intermission if the swag doesn't work out.

Please consider supporting this fundraiser, since I have negotiated exclusive rights to future shows.

The Clubhouse

The club purchased two kayaks for use up at the house next year. Maybe some member has paddle boards we could pick up for cheap. That seems to be very popular with my girls, while I seem to have balance issues. I look pretty strange wearing a helmet while on a board.

The core group of members provide cleaning and supplies for the house. Please leave the house in better condition than when you arrived. Also, we attempt to keep the house stocked with cleaning supplies, breakfast items, and paper goods. If we are running low, let me know. If we are out, please go to Shaw's and purchase a supply. You will be promptly reimbursed and earn the gratitude of the next member who stays at the house.

And remember, wildlife and chargers are very active this time of year, so drive carefully.

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Warren Miller's Daymaker Tickets on Sale Now!

A killer storm cycle in the Monashees. Adaptive backcountry riding like you've never seen before. The ultimate grass skiing run. Alaska (twice).

Come along for the biggest days with the 73rd annual Warren Miller film, **Daymaker!** Then get ready for your own. Because there's no better day than one out on the hill.

When: Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM

Where: Proctor's Theater, State Street, Schenectady

Cost: \$25 per ticket available at swcweb.org or [Proctors Theatre Ticket Search Options](#)

Door Prize 1:

Attendees will be entered into a raffle to win *an Indy Pass for the 2022-2023 ski season (\$329 value)*. The **Indy Pass** offers 2 days each at 100+ independent ski areas across the US, Canada, and Japan, plus 25% off your third day.



Door Prize 2:

A second raffle will be held for a **one week stay at the SWC Clubhouse in Waterbury Center, VT for the summer of 2023 (\$750 value)**.

You must be present to win. Drawings will take place during intermission. Schenectady Wintersports Club is the independent promoter of this Capital Region show.



Warren Miller Movie - Q & A

Are there any ski lift ticket giveaways this year?

No, there isn't any "swag" from Warren Miller Entertainment (WME) this year. Vail Corporation now owns many of the mountains that used to give away free lift tickets, and they don't do giveaways. It is difficult for the smaller mountains to giveaway thousands of free passes. We do have one free Indy Pass to raffle off, and we are still calling mountains in the area to see what they can offer.

Why isn't SWC selling physical tickets like in the past?

This is a positive one! In the past, we were just the local sponsor for the show. WME ran everything, and we earned \$2 per ticket that we sold. This generally earned us about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year. This year (and probably going forward), we are an Independent Promoter for the show. That means SWC has to find and contract with a venue, market the show, obtain giveaways, and run everything on show day. We will break even at about 410 tickets, but then earn 65% of the ticket price. Last year with COVID and no swag, 900 people attended the show.

Why isn't the show at the Palace in Albany anymore?

WME planned to run the show in Albany, but the fees for the Palace would have doubled the ticket price. We got a great deal with Proctors (where the show used to be years ago).

Why are you so late in selling tickets?

The main person at WME who organizes the shows resigned abruptly for health reasons. WME switched their model from running all aspects of the show, to contracting with us as an Independent Promoter. We were contacted by WME on Friday, October 7 (Columbus Day weekend), and the tickets went on sale on Oct. 27. There was a lot of leg work, contacting venues, reviewing contracts, calling mountains for giveaways, and working on logistics, but we made it with three weeks to go before the show!

What if I want to support the club, but can't make it to the movie?

Buy your ticket and send a photo of it to ebidell@yahoo.com. You will be entered into the raffle for the Indy Pass and the free summer week at the SWC Clubhouse. If we have any other giveaways, you will be entered into those also. The money that we earn can be used for a variety of things, from expanding skiing instruction and racing opportunities, promoting more paddling and hiking, social events, and making additional improvements to the Clubhouse.



2022 Early Season Ski & Snowboard Clinic

Thursday to Sunday, December 8-11

An ***extended weekend of skiing*** fun with friends! Registration deadline is November 18, so make your plans now!

- **Thursday** Night: Welcome Party at Stowe Motel. Come have a beer and snacks, while catching up with friends.

- **Friday** morning 1/2 Day Free Skiing-Warm up & afternoon 1/2 Day Instruction

- **Saturday** All Day Instruction

- **Sunday** 1/2 Day Instruction and possible Optional Race

Preferred Accommodations at the Schenectady Wintersports Club Clubhouse or the Stowe Motel on the Mountain Road, while space allows. Note - Any non-members who elect to stay at the Lodge, will receive free SWC membership for the 22-23 Season!

At this time, your full payment is needed to hold your room reservations. The deadline for registration and full payment is November 18 in order to assure availability. After November 18, late registrations depend upon capacity, the prices increase, and will not be refundable.

Pricing:

Lift tickets are the responsibility of each participant. (See notes** as Epic Day Pass price will increase November 20).

Lessons are optional. Early Season Clinic reduced price for all three days is \$300.

Lodging - Clinic Special Prices, all rooms are per person, double occupancy for 3 nights:

- \$120 SWC Lodge: Room only per person for 3 nights, breakfast included.

- SWC dinner meal, Friday and or Saturday, \$15 each, payable at the lodge.

- \$195 Stowe Motel Type 1 Room: 2 Queen Beds

- \$215 Stowe Motel Type 2 Room: 2 Queen Beds & Kitchenette

- \$235 Stowe Motel Deluxe 1 Room with 2 Queens or 1 King (very limited) & Kitchenette

- \$245 Stowe Motel Deluxe 2 Room with 2 Queens, Efficiency kitchen & Fireplace

- Larger rooms and suites are available at Stowe Motel for groups and families by special request.

****You can get a three day Epic Day Pass for only \$221 if you purchase before Nov 20 when the price goes up.**

The web address for the Day Pass is: <https://www.epicpass.com/passes/epic-day-pass> . You must choose the **non-holiday and 32 resort options for the \$221 rate for 3 days**. If you think you will be skiing more days at Stowe, the daily price goes down. This is a great deal as the walk-up price is going to be close to \$200 for holiday skiing.

Email me at wkornrum@nycap.rr.com or call at [518-209-3244](tel:518-209-3244) if you have any questions about the rates, lessons, tickets, rooms and special room requests.

Remember, your **final payment is due by Nov 18th**.

I hope to see you there in December!

Bill Kornrumpf

How to make your Early Season Ski Clinic full payment on-line

Payment due is **Lodging price** (SWC or Stowe Motel rooms) + **Lessons** (\$0 or \$300) = **Total \$**

1. Go to www.swcweb.org
2. Scroll down and click on **“Make a Donation to SWC Lodge”**

(You will be able to pay using your PayPal account or credit card)

3. Fill in the information, including your **Name, \$ Amount, Email, Address, Phone number**, and fill in additional registration information in the **Comments** box:

- a) Date of Birth (Required by Stowe)
- b) Do you need lift tickets see below for obtaining Epic Day Passes
- c) Do you want Lessons? Yes/No
- d) Select a class level: Advanced, upper, or lower Intermediate, Beginner, First Timer
- e) Will you be staying at the SWC Lodge or Stowe Motel?

If SWC Lodge and not already a member, free 22-23 season membership included!

f) What Stowe Motel room is desired: Type1, Type 2, Deluxe 1 or 2, other

g) Name of your roommate (all lodging prices are based on per person, double occupancy)

h) Instructor or classmates you would like to be with

An example of a filled in Comments box might look like this:

Date of Birth: 06/20/1990, Lift Tickets: Have an Epic or 3-day Epic Day Pass**

Want lessons: Yes

What is your class level: Advanced/ Intermediate/ beginner/ First Timer

Stowe Motel: Type 2 room (with kitchenette), Roommate: Tom Jones

4. Click **“Pay with PayPal or by credit card”**

5. Check that Total donation amount is correct, then Click **“Purchase”**

6. You will be transferred to the PayPal website that we use for secure payments. You can

use your PayPal account, or pay by credit card by Clicking **“Pay with Debit or Credit Card”**.

7. You will be transferred to the **“Check out as a guest”** page: Click **“Continue to Payment”**

8. You are finally at the **“Pay with debit or with credit card”** page: Fill in your payment

information.

9. Click **“Pay Now”** and you are done. You will receive an email confirming the transaction.

New Year's Bash at the Clubhouse Dec 30 - Jan 1

by Cathy McCabe and Rick Cobello

Come and join us at the ski house for a great weekend of fun! We'll have all of those Vermont favorites like maple syrup, chugging, milk pong, and team cow tipping!

All kidding aside, Cathy McCabe and Rick Cobello will host and have a fun weekend Dec 30 - Jan 1. Cross country ski, snowshow or downhill at Sugarbush, Stowe or Bolton Valley. IKON and EPIC passes are valid on January 1st and not blacked out.

We look forward to hosting a great group. Act early as there may be limited availability.

Nordic Weekend at the SWC House in Stowe January 20 - 22, 2023

by Sue Strangia

Mike and I are hosting a **Nordic sports weekend January 20-22, 2023** for club members. Both Saturday and Sunday will have a planned Nordic event (XC ski one day, snowshoe the other) if you want to join up with others, and if not, there will be information on locations to enjoy on your own.

There are three rooms set up for families (Rooms 11, 25 and 26/27). Several other rooms have multiple twin beds to accommodate smaller families. Adults are \$37.50 pp/night, and children under 17 are free. Saturday will include a tasty comfort dinner (\$15 per adult and \$5 per child under 17). Breakfast is included on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Don't wait to reserve your room!

Annual SWC Wintersports Weekend February 3 – 6, 2023

Join Us! At Beautiful Rock and River Lodge, Keene, NY.

Fall is here and the Adirondacks are showing their best colors, but soon the snow will be flying! Now is a good time to start making plans for winter sports. You won't have far to go, Rock & River Lodge in Keene, NY.

Our group of 25 has been renting the entire two, well-appointed lodges for a weekend for over 30 years. It is located right at the southern end of the Jack Rabbit trail and ideal for X-C skiing out the door, at Mt Van Hoevenberg, Cascade or countless other area destinations. Downhill skiing at Whiteface, snowshoeing or visiting nearby Lake Placid and Saranac Lake - so many choices! We share breakfasts, potluck dinners and spend evenings by the large fireplace, in the gracious living room area (games, puzzles) or downstairs for ping pong and foosball. High speed internet throughout. All linens provided.

Check out the lodge at <https://rockandriver.com/lodging/>

At press time we still have Three rooms available: two of the rooms each have a queen bed and private bath and another room/suite has a queen bed downstairs and two single beds in a loft with a private bath to be shared by 3-4 people.

For questions and reservations contact Margie Litwin [518-928-0600](tel:518-928-0600), mhlitwin@nycap.rr.com or Fran Herve [518-899-3216](tel:518-899-3216), fherve@nycap.rr.com

Friends of the Waterbury Reservoir Meeting

Join us on **Wednesday, November 16th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM** for our annual [Friends of Waterbury Reservoir Meeting](#) at SunCommon, 442 US Route 2, Waterbury, VT. We're excited to hold an in-person meeting to talk about the issues regarding the reservoir and to share our accomplishments. This is the group that cares for and volunteers to maintain the reservoir across Rt. 100 from the Clubhouse.

This is your opportunity to learn about and share your insights and concerns about our favorite body of water. The Waterbury Dam is scheduled for more maintenance and Dam Safety Engineer Benjamin Green will share the latest updates. Sheila Goss will tell report on our [Loon project](#), as well as our [fishing line recycling efforts](#). The new on-water State Park Ranger, Ben Foltin, will share his observations and experiences about the happenings this summer on the reservoir.

Upcoming Events

11/4 thru 11/6 Clubhouse Work Weekend - FULL

11/5 thru 11/6 Northeast Ski Expo

12/8 thru 12/11 Early Season Ski Clinic

12/30 thru 1/1/2023 New Year's Bash

1/20 thru 1/22 2023 Nordic Weekend

2/3 thru 2/6 2023 SWC Weekend at Keene Valley



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