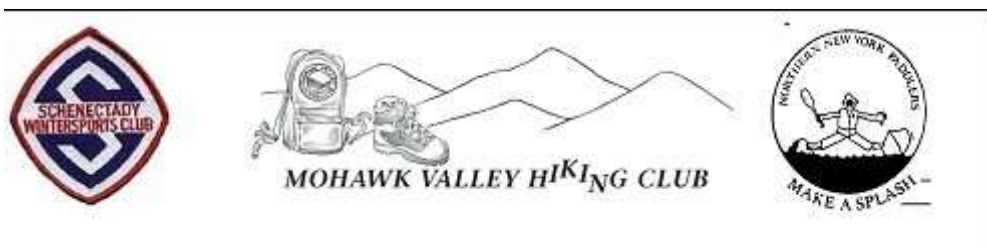


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Warren Miller lives on in Schenectady

Well, in November we sponsored the showing of the annual Warren Miller film in Schenectady at Proctors which has been a tradition since 1963. The 73rd showing had over 560 attendees, and our volunteers did a great job of managing the show. These include many of our sports expo volunteers, and work weekend volunteers. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help on these projects.

We should have sole rights to Warren Miller in coming years. With more time to work on swag, we will hope to surpass 1000 attendees. The money generated from this movie is needed for house maintenance and repair. Thanks again to our volunteers.

Work weekend was a success with the house ready for our winter season. One thing we are looking at is house utilization. We need people to stay at the house to generate income. If at all possible, make that one night stay two nights. This is a big help in paying the bills. Kids are free, as is breakfast.

Skiing is open at Gore and Killington as I write this article. By the time you read this, hopefully things will be going full blast at the mountains. I plan on skiing (riding) Bolton Valley and Cochran's. These are two inexpensive options to visit while at the house. Cochran's is \$19 Friday nights with free chili!

I am negotiating with a chef from Philadelphia to prepare meals for us during Presidents weekend : 😊) Steak Diane? Chicken Piccata? Venison roast stuffed with oyster, pecan stuffing? Oh, the possibilities are endless!

Alright, thanks to those of you who bought tickets to support the club and were not able to attend. Your names were still in the raffle, but attendees did walk with the loot.

Think about hosting at the house, its easy and fun, and a big help to the club.

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We have the stickers from the NY Capital District Ski Council that allow you to get the discount rate at area mountains. Right now, those mountains include Jiminy Peak, Stratton, Berkshire East, Catamount, Magic Mountain, Maple Ski Ridge and Snow Ridge. Check the New York Capital District website for full redemption instructions for each mountain at <https://nycdsc.org/ski-council-days>.

To receive your stickers, **send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to John Boscarino, 126 Polsin Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303-2516**. When you place the sticker on the back of your card, make sure to leave the website code visible.



Relax and Stay Awhile

by Ellen Bidell

Over the past twelve months, more than 215 people have stayed at the house (not including the exclusive weekly rentals).

Of those, nearly half only stayed one or two nights (and not always consecutive).

There were 547 stays, which only generated about \$20K, much less than the \$36K it costs to run the house (the weekly stays helped make up the difference). When visiting the Clubhouse, consider staying an extra night to relax and enjoy the area.

SWC Website Redesign and Relaunch!

by Brenda Streed

SWC is pleased to announce the development of a new club website, designed to increase club online visibility, provide a members-only area with more extensive online

We are currently in a soft go-live status, with limited testing by a small group of members. We plan to roll out access to all active members during the month of December 2022. Members who have not paid their 2022-23 Membership before the end of December will be imported into the website as contacts. When a lapsed member opens the new website, they will need to re-register as a member.

You will receive email communication in the next few weeks with more specific instructions. Helpful instructions will be posted on the website explaining LOGIN, updating your PROFILE (very important!), and navigation tips.

(NOTE: swcweb.org will still be our domain name; we have not linked the domain to the new website yet. That will occur after we have members set up and connected to the new site.)

Please direct questions about the new site to myself at swcchatter@gmail.com, and put the keyword WEBSITE in the title.

SNEAK Preview!

by Brenda Streed

What does the new website look like? What will it offer?

The site powered by Wild Apricot software highlights the club in a professional format, showcasing the Clubhouse, and provides linkage to room reservations.

Our members will have the ability to connect with other members using our member directory and forum discussion groups, as well as update and pay for memberships online. Members can view calendars of events, and register for some, such as Hosted Weekends at the Clubhouse. Members will also have the ability to print out their own Membership Card at home.

SWC is working to promote outdoor sports for all seasons, and there are Activity pages for Downhill Skiing, Nordic skiing, hiking, kayaking / canoeing, golf and more. Members will have the ability to subscribe and post to activity forums; forums will have information about informal get togethers for different activities e.g. downhill skiing at Gore next Wednesday.

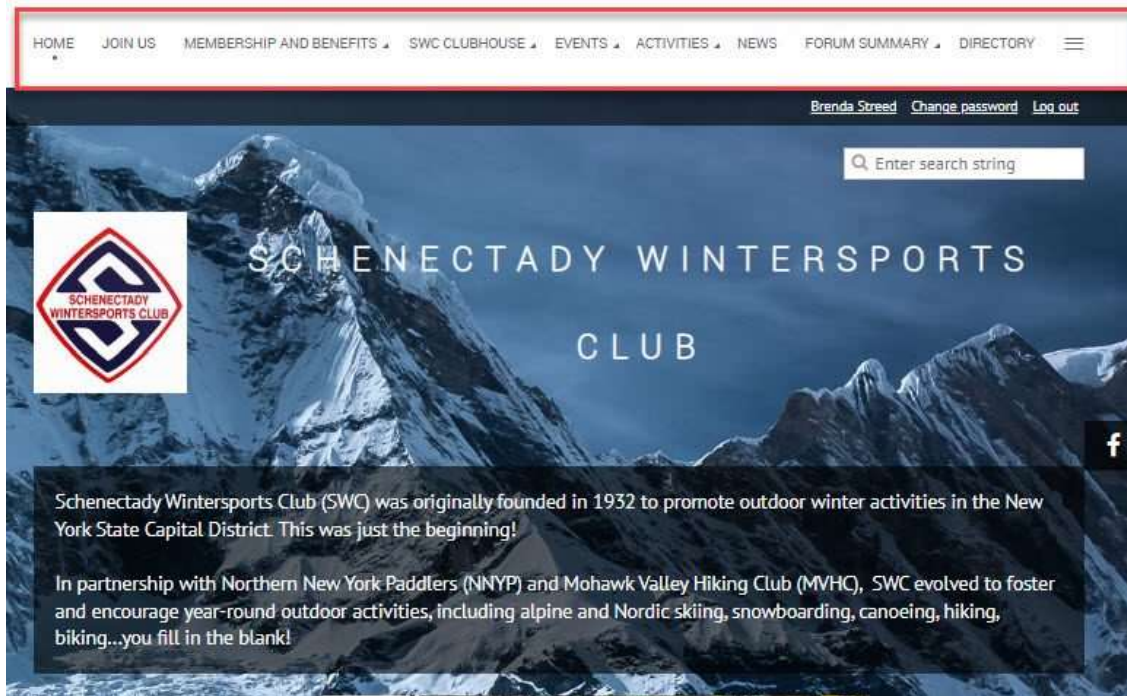
Below is a sampling of what some of the website features:

HOME page (Menus at the top)

SITE HELP LINK (on the Home page)

EVENTS page

EVENT CALENDAR




The screenshot shows the homepage of the Schenectady Wintersports Club. At the top, a navigation menu includes links for HOME, JOIN US, MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS, SWC CLUBHOUSE, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, NEWS, FORUM SUMMARY, and DIRECTORY. A user profile for Brenda Streed is visible with links for Change password and Log out. A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Enter search string". The main header features the club's logo on the left and the text "SCHENECTADY WINTERSPORTS CLUB" in large white letters over a background image of a snowy mountain range. A Facebook icon is on the right. A text box in the center provides information about the club's history and activities.

HOME JOIN US MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS SWC CLUBHOUSE EVENTS ACTIVITIES NEWS FORUM SUMMARY DIRECTORY

Brenda Streed Change password Log out

Enter search string

 SCHENECTADY WINTERSPORTS CLUB

Schenectady Wintersports Club (SWC) was originally founded in 1932 to promote outdoor winter activities in the New York State Capital District. This was just the beginning!

In partnership with Northern New York Paddlers (NNYP) and Mohawk Valley Hiking Club (MVHC), SWC evolved to foster and encourage year-round outdoor activities, including alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, canoeing, hiking, biking...you fill in the blank!

Getting Started with Our New SWC Website

Use the [Link below](#) to access more information and How To articles about Member first time Login and updating your Profile. These steps and updates are important as we get ready to convert fully to the new website.

[SITE HELP LINK](#)

Support Help Contact: [SWC Chatter](#)



GET ACTIVE

Welcome to the launch of the new SWC website that we hope will inspire members to spend time outdoors in new activities and adventures!

We are a year-round community involved in many activities including hiking, biking, paddling, and more.

[Read more](#)



Vincent J. Schaefer (1906-1993)
50th Anniversary Hike 1970 MVHC



FIND A MEMBER

A link to our member directory.
[Click here](#)

SWC CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

SWC was founded in 1932 by Vince Schaefer, the first President of the club.

We are turning 90 on December 21, 2022, and plan to celebrate this special birthday in January 27, 2023 with a party. Check back for more details!

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SCHENECTADY WINTERSPORTS CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Year's Eve @ SWC Clubhouse

Start	30 Dec 2022 3:00 PM	<p>This is ONLY the registration for the event. Reserve your room now through BEDS 24.</p> <p>Come and join John and Ellen Bidell 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, John and Ellen will be hosting a fun weekend Dec 30 - Jan 1. Cross country ski, snowshoe or downhill at Sugarbush, Stowe or Bolton Valley. <i>IKON and EPIC passes are valid on January 1st and not blocked out.</i></p> <p>We look forward to hosting a great group. Act early as there may be limited availability.</p>
End	1 Jan 2023 12:00 PM	
Location	SWC Clubhouse, Waterbury Center, VT	
Spaces left	12	
Registered	Be the first	

[Register](#)

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SKIING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Calendar Includes:

- Hosted Weekends
- Ski Council Days
- Other Special Events

Month: December 2022 🗓

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

by John and Ellen Bidell

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Nordic Weekend at the SWC House in Stowe - DATE CHANGE

by Sue Strangia

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 SSWC Wintersports Weekend February 3-6, 2023 Keene NY

A fun winter weekend in the ADKs not far away: Rock & River Lodge in Keene, NY. Take a look: <https://rockandriver.com/lodging/>

Currently there are no openings for reservations, but we are keeping a waiting list in case of cancellations, which has been useful in the past.

Our group of 25 has been renting the entire two building beautiful lodge 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, or nearby at Mt Van Hoevenberg, Cascade or countless other area destinations. Downhill skiing at Whiteface, snowshoeing or visiting Lake Placid and Saranac Lake-so many choices! We bring and share breakfasts, and 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.

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

Upcoming Events

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

1/20 thru 1/22 2023 Nordic Weekend

1/27 SWC 90th Birthday Party

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

2/16 thru 2/20 President's Day Weekend at the Clubhouse

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