



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."

December 2010



President's Notes

I am pleased to announce a new initiative – the ASCNY Honorary Member Awards. This new annual program is designed to honor, recognize and promote the contributions of key ASCNY members who have created, nurtured or somehow augmented the Amateur Ski Club of New York through the years.

The Board of Governors is currently seeking nominations for the 2011 ASCNY Honorary Member Awards. Nominees must be at least sixty years old. Awards may be made posthumously. If you would like to nominate someone, please send an email to me by January 17th at familyalexander2000@yahoo.com. Simply describe why the person you are nominating is deserving of this honor. This initiative will help us celebrate our club's esteemed history and it will be a teaching tool for our club's next generation of members.

My wife, Priscilla, and I have two sons, Scott (9 years) and Bradford (6 years). Our sons don't yet know much about John Gerli, Roland Palmedo, Mary Kerr or Truxton Pratt. Our annual Honorary Member Awards will teach future generations of ASCNY members about those individuals who made our club the special entity that it is today.

Please save the date of February 19th to join us at the Lodge for our annual cocktail party and race awards dinner, during which the Board of Governors will present the 2011 ASCNY Honorary Members Awards.

I invite all members to reach out to me, or any member of our Board of Governors, with ideas for how to improve or celebrate our club. Further, please join some of our many com-

mittees. We need help in various ways, particularly with writing newsletter articles and documenting our history, especially as we prepare to celebrate our 70th Anniversary next year.

In closing, I'd like to thank Patrick Mooney for his fine service while leading us as our President these past three years; the ASCNY is better because of his leadership. And I look forward to working closely with our new ASCNY Officers: Jim Byrne, Vice President; Trey Gregory, Treasurer; and Tasha Nagler, Secretary. Thank you to John Nesbett and Newt Merrill for leading this year's Nominating Committee and also to Bob Nichols and Delphine Knight Brown for their work as Club officers.

Best regards,
Scott Alexander



Hooley Wilks

ASCNY Presidents, past and present, gather at the 2010 Fall Party: Patrick Mooney, Jim Graves, Rick Stowe and Scott Alexander. Story on page 4.

Calendar of Events

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ASCNY 2010 Summer Gathering: Pleasant Temps & Pleasant Company

As members of the ASCNY, when we talk about perfect weather conditions, we think of a crisp, clear winter day after a huge snowfall at MRG. At the July 31st ASCNY gathering, we experienced an equivalent epic summer day. The sun was shining, the temperature was fine and the greatest gift was the complete lack of humidity. So with that setting, we all sat back, enjoyed catching up with our ski friends, and ate and drank plenty, while the kids ran about the lawn chasing a young puppy. Note: said pup is sure to be chasing them through the snow soon!

The afternoon began with a final meeting of the 2009 – 2010 Board of Governors, during which we expressed our great thanks and appreciation to Patrick Mooney for his leadership and direction these last three years. Incoming president Scott Alexander could seek the counsel of several past presidents gathered that day – we enjoyed seeing Bill Miller and wife, Jeanie, along with Ned Nunes. Ned arrived with Max Nunes and Christine Gerli. Sadly, none of us knew this would be Christine's last ASCNY event before her recent and untimely passing. Ever the good sport, she was the last to leave the party that day, as her "ride" had taken to the sea!

Aside from Board members and their families, including Wares, Warrens, Alexanders, Gregorys, Wilks, Byrnes, and Gaudets, we were happy to meet prospective members and also wish Dean Richards a very happy 5th birthday that day. He's definitely mountain ready! And Christian Nagler did an exceptional job manning the grill under pressure, with various stressors of cheese or no cheese, veggie burgers, a runaway dog and a bossy wife.

To those members who couldn't join us this year, you were mentioned and missed. Hope to see you all again soon on the slopes!

—Tasha Nagler

Editor's Note: Thanks to Tasha and Christian Nagler for hosting the 2010 Summer Gathering at their lovely home in Rowayton, CT.



Above: Scott Alexander and host Christian Nagler



Left: Ashley Ware with Jim and Melissa Byrne

Below: Hooey, Phoebe and Jeff Wilks

Bottom: Margie and Trey Gregory with former ASCNY President Ned Nunes



Former President Bill Miller, Christine Gerli, Jeanie Miller, Brooks Ware, Max Nunes



Photos: Tasha Nagler

Former President Patrick Mooney Wins 11th Annual ASCNY Golf Championship – Finishes Round with Birdies on Final Two Holes

Patrick Mooney's final official act

as our ASCNY President was to capture this year's highly competitive member's golf championship held at Ridgefield Golf Club in Ridgefield, CT. On a gorgeous, sunny October afternoon, with temperatures hovering between 40 and 45 degrees throughout the fierce match, most competitors wore ski hats and long underwear. Mooney's consistent iron play and sure-handed putting delivered a fine score of 79, good enough to capture his first ASCNY Golf Championship.

Guest Ken Cardinal of Ridgefield, CT captured the Guest Championship with a 76. Ken also won the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin awards. His 305 yard drive on the par-four seventh hole split the middle of the fairway, while his eight iron shot on the par-three twelfth hole stopped less than four feet from the cup. He made the birdie putt.

Peter Sugarman of Chatham, NJ led the tournament after nine holes, needing only 37 shots. However, three errant tee shots on Ridgefield's tight back nine cost him several strokes and two balls lost out of bounds. Steve Indelicato of Branchburg, NJ briefly led the match with a birdie—eagle—birdie stretch across the tenth through twelfth holes, but his unsteady putter cost him strokes on the course's greens. Many competitors three-putted Ridgefield's small, slick greens. Certainly there are no gimmies in the ASCNY Golf Championship.

Former tourney champions, Bob Nichols and Jim Byrne, finished second and third respectively in the members' category. Jim Byrne's round became undone with consecutive



Back Row: Chris Warren, Joe Celiberti, Jim Byrne, Scott Alexander, Paul Clarke, Bob Nichols
Front Row: Ken Cardinal, Steve Indelicato, Patrick Mooney

three putt holes on back nine. Bob Nichols finished just two strokes behind Mooney with strong iron play and an impressive total of three par saves from green-side traps. Nichols had seven pars in total, but lost ground on the tricky par threes, where he was four over par, including a double bogey on the 154 yard uphill seventeenth hole.

ASCNY member Chris Warren and Bob Ezrin participated in their first ASCNY Golf Championship. Warren commented that, though he was disappointed he didn't win, he loved the après-ski comradely atmosphere on the clubhouse's mahogany deck. As he watched the sun set across Ridgefield, he committed to playing in next year's tournament, as long as it doesn't snow.

Guest Paul Clarke of London, England finished behind Cardinal with a 79. Accustomed to playing in blustery conditions, Clarke's controlled short game kept him even with Cardinal much of the round. "It felt like we were playing Carnoustie or St. Andrew's today with the huge wind gusts and bone-chilling temperatures. Low approach shots were necessary today to avoid the effects of winds. The Bass Ale on tap at the clubhouse reminded me of home, too," he said.

Next year's event is planned for either Fishers Island, New York, or the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York.



Left: The champions: Ken Cardinal (guest) and Patrick Mooney (member)

2010 Fall Party Was a Smashing Good Time!

The setting: a crisp November evening at New York City's iconic Campbell Apartment.

The event: the ASCNY's annual Fall Party.

Well-dressed ASCNY members and guests enjoyed an elegant repast on November 13th amidst the historic trappings of a bygone era. Hidden away up a velvet staircase off the mezzanine level at Grand Central Terminal, the Campbell Apartment is a luxurious venue befitting a club as storied as the ASCNY. Originally leased from the Vanderbilt family by mogul John Campbell, the space has served as a private office, a secret drinking den for wealthy swells, and even as a holding pen for transit police prisoners. Now restored to its original splendor, the Campbell Apartment also offered the advantage of being mere steps from the "last evening train on the New Haven Line".



Top right: Right this way!

Middle right: Tasha Nagler, Jim Graves and Stefanie Nunes Kies

Bottom right: Priscilla and Scott Alexander

Above: Pam Nesbett and Hooley Wilks

Photos: Hooley Wilks and Betsy Rawlings



Above: Former President Jim Graves (1970 - 1972) and Race Chairman John Nesbett
Right: Bob and Helena Nichols



Cocktails ranging from Sidecars to Mojitos lubricated the crowd, copious hors d'oeuvres were passed by an attractive staff, and a soundtrack of laughter and light jazz accented the mood of holiday cheer that night. Attendees included President Alexander, former chief executives Mooney, Stowe and Graves, most current Board members, and a representative sample of members from as near as the Upper West Side and as far as New Hampshire. The ASCNY's newest member-to-be was even in attendance, gender yet unknown but surname assuredly Stowe.



Above: Bill Kies, Stefanie Nunes Kies, Patrick Mooney

Below left: Trey and Margie Gregory with Jeff Wilks

Below: Party organizers extraordinaire, Betsy and John Rawlings





Above: The beautiful Campbell Apartment

Above Left: Doug and Carrie Stowe

Left: Kara and Simon Gerson

Below Left: Harry Fisher and Christian Nagler



At the stroke of 9 pm, a subset of party-goers dutifully bolted for the 9:07 train to Fairfield County, while a hardier bunch stayed on. Eventually good-byes were said, with some then partnering up for late dinners (babysitters be damned) and one hip couple even venturing off to the Dave Matthews concert. Thanks went out from all to Betsy Rawlings for organizing and marketing the event, with a hope to continue the tradition in New York City in the future.

—John Rawlings

Editor's Note: Additional thanks to John and Betsy Rawlings for the oh-so-elegant design of the party invitation!

HOOKER JUDSON Celebrates 100th Birthday

More than 100 revelers helped Hooker Judson celebrate her 100th birthday on August 12, 2010. She and her husband, David Judson, were longtime ASCNY members, going back over half a century. Back in the day, Hooker won scads of ski trophies, including the ASCNY Mother/Son trophy with her son Bill, as well as the Fairsexmark in 1938 (the same year David won the Sitzmark) as well as 1942 and 1953. Hooker only gave up skiing at age 90, and now contented herself with winning bridge games.

The Judsons were both talented journalists and writers. David was editor of *SKI Magazine*. After serving in the 10th Mountain Division in WW II, David casually installed a rope tow for friends to enjoy on the Judson farm in the Berkshires, but it soon became a business – the Otis Ridge ski area. For decades, Hooker ran the Otis Ridge Junior Ski Camp, with dormitories to house 90 rambunctious kids every weekend. She cheerfully managed a whirlwind team of ski instructors, ski patrol, counselors, housekeepers, temperamental cooks, errant bus drivers, nervous nannies, and hovering parents. Young graduates of the ski camp were a common sight at resorts all across New England, where thousands of little skiers proudly sported gold and silver stars, awarded for mastering such feats as the kick turn and the Stem Christie.

In the 1930s, Hooker and David had honeymooned in Chile, becoming the first Americans to ski at Portillo. After their dear friend and fellow whitewater enthusiast, Roland Palmedo, built the first cabin on the mountain at Mad River Glen, the Judsons followed suit, building the second cabin before Schuss Pass Road was even there – and bringing a new intensity to the word “rustic.”

Hooker and David were there at the birth of skiing in the USA and at the birth of the ASCNY. As a pioneer of the ski world (he was among the first to install a rope tow, a Poma lift, and snow-making), David Judson also developed national standards for ski area development, skier safety and risk management. He was elected founding President of the National Ski Areas Association, where he helped establish the legal framework which still protects skiers and resort owners



Hooker is seen here with her son Bill as she contemplates the challenge of gracefully blowing out her candles. Photo by the ASCNY's own Duncan Gillespie, who drove down from Boston to attend the birthday party.

today. In 1997, Hooker accepted her husband's award when David was posthumously inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame.

The 100th birthday bash in Essex, CT, attracted such Mad River Glen diehards as Sharlie Barringer, Marion DuBosque, and John Fry – and even some “graduates” of Otis Ridge Junior Ski Camp.

–Duncan Gillespie

Hunt Ball Honorees

At the October 16th Hunt Ball, held by the Greenwich Riding and Trails Association (GRTA) at the Belle Haven Club in Greenwich, ASCNY member Norma Bartol was honored for her long service to the organization. The GRTA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1914 to preserve, protect, and maintain open space and riding trails, as well as to foster horsemanship, in Greenwich, CT. Also honored were Sis Kelsey and Walter Stratton.

In Memoriam – Helen C. Gillespie

Long-time ASCNY member, Helen Catherine Macpherson Gillespie, 93, of Damariscotta, ME died Tuesday, October 14, 2010 with her family by her side.

She was born in Cambridge, England, January 6, 1917, the daughter of Eleanor Wayne Parker of Orange, NJ and Robert Ian Macpherson of Newtonmore, Scotland. Helen attended the Brearley School in NYC and was a graduate of St. Timothy's School in Baltimore, MD.

On January 18, 1941, she married Stuart P. Gillespie in St. Paul's Church, West Orange, NJ. Helen and Stuart raised 3 children in Canton Center, CT and retired to Pemaquid, ME in 1977.

Family was the most important part of Helen's life. She shared with them sailing, fly fishing, alpine and Nordic skiing, camping, gardening, global travel and nature, especially ornithology. Particularly rewarding to her was her teaching at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, CT.

Helen is survived by her husband of 69 years, Stuart of Damariscotta, ME and 3 children: Stuart of West Bath, ME, Duncan of Charlestown, MA and Margot Iwanchuk of Bedford, MA. She is also survived by four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Helen and Stuart are well known for their many years of chairing the annual ASCNY Junior Outing at Big Bromley. These races were timed the old fashioned way, with a "3-2-1-Go!" starting flag at the top and Helen sporting a stopwatch, clipboard, lighter fluid hand warmer and binoculars at the finish. At the same time, Helen was known for her eagle eye as a gatekeeper. Her spirit and fairness was



the reason she, without prejudice, delivered the news to her son, Duncan, that he lost the Sitzmark by 1/10th second in 1979, after reading her fogged stopwatch, held by frozen fingers. She is also remembered as a veteran two-blanket single-chair rider, taking her to her favorite Birdland trails.

Fair weather, spring skiing and corn snow were always reasons for her to order her fellow skiers: "Meet you at the flagpole!" Always the first to volunteer, Helen set the pace, making our club the wonderful association it is and always will be.

A celebration of Helen's life was held on Friday, October 15, 2010, at the 2nd Congregational Church in Newcastle. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a natural history, conservation, or land preservation organization of personal choice.



Stuart, Helen and Duncan Gillespie during a race weekend at MRG

In Memoriam – ASCNY Past President, (1968 – 1970) Charles Wesley Dunn, Jr.

To watch Wes Dunn effortlessly negotiating the upper trails at Mad River Glen, even in spring conditions, was a sight to behold and poetry in motion. This skill and consummate love of the sport was initially nurtured at the North Country School in Lake Placid, then at Putney School in Vermont, and later at Middlebury College, where he was a member of the class of '53 and, naturally, skied competitively.

In 1959 he won the ASCNY Sitzmark prize. In later years, together with Jack Tobin, Rod Aller, Bill Prime and others, he was a member of the ASCNY Interclub team that rarely lost in a season. Many years also saw him looking for new mountains to conquer, not only in New England, but also in Europe and The Rockies. His favorite was helicopter skiing in Canada.

Wes left us in May of 2009, at the age of 78, after a 2-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by Olivia, his wife of 49 years, who also has been active in ASCNY affairs (as editor of this newsletter, for example). He also is survived by two sons, Charles Wesley III and John Endicott, and by his sister, Anne Foster.

After college, Wes worked for a while in shipping until 1960, when he joined Kidder Peabody. There he rose to become a Managing Director. In 1994 he joined Paine Webber as a Senior Vice President of Financial Services. He remained there until the firm was acquired by UBS in 2000.

The Dunns lived in Darien until 1983. There, Wes was on the Board of the Tokeneke Club and president of The Tokeneke Association. Thereafter, they lived in Fairfield, where he was an officer of The Country Club of Fairfield, the Pequot Yacht Club, and the Pequot Library.

Other affiliations included the New York Yacht Club, the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York, and, as noted in The New York Times, "...the proud President of the Amateur Ski Club of New York, the second oldest ski club in America."



Olivia and Wes Dunn, 2008

No small part of the legacy left by Wes's ASCNY 1968-70 Presidency was the physical expansion of our beloved Lodge at Mad River. In a letter to the membership, dated October 10, 1969, he writes upon seeing the work in progress:

"I had no idea the new wings would add so much room. They virtually double the size of the Lodge. The new Lodge will not only provide attractive single accommodations for the younger members...but luxurious twin-bedded rooms with private and semi-private bathrooms at rates considerably below those obtained elsewhere in the valley. It will, of course, continue to offer a congenial atmosphere in which one does not have to plan ahead, but rather can find instant skiing companionship."

True then and true today, over 40 years later. While he did not do it alone, he skillfully led the team of dreamers, builders and, of course, fund-raisers, to make it happen.

And for that not so small effort, as we continue to enjoy the Lodge, we all shall be forever grateful, Wes.

– Dan Nesbett

In Memoriam – Hans Hopf



HANS E. HOPF, 89, of Redding, CT, passed away on September 27, 2010. He was born in Nuremberg, Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1939. He served in the 10th Mountain Division in World War II

and was an Infantry First Lieutenant in the Korean War. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and went on to become an administrator in the Student Union at the University of Minnesota. He later became the Director of Student Affairs at New York University and the financial director of the Low-Heywood-Thomas School in Stamford, CT. He married Joan Talcott Poindexter in 1951 in Madison, WI and they lived in Minneapolis, MN, Larchmont, NY, Old Greenwich, CT, and Waitsfield, VT. Joan predeceased him in 1994 and he has been the loving partner of Anne Berntsen of Rye, NY since 2001.

Hans was a lifelong skier and was active in the National Ski Association during the 1950's. He loved to ski at Mad River Glen and Alta, Utah and is responsible for instilling a great love of the sport in his children and grandchildren. Hans was passionate about the arts and was a supporter of the American Ballet Theatre, The Metropolitan Opera and many museums and other cultural organizations. He also supported the University of Wisconsin Hoofers and Student Union. He was very active in the Meadow Ridge community in Redding,

CT, where he lived for the last nine years of his life. He was a member of the Community Unitarian Church of White Plains, NY, and the Unitarian Church of Westport, CT.

Hans is survived by his son, Bill Hopf and his wife, Kathy, of Fairfield, and his daughter, Betsy Jondro of Waitsfield, VT. He leaves four grandchildren, Eric and Chris Hopf of Fairfield, CT, Foster Jondro of Boston, MA, Katherine Jondro of Waitsfield, VT, and a stepgrandson, Rob Schuellein of Cos Cob, CT. His stepbrother, Walter Mailaender and his wife, Bobbi of Mt. Kisco, NY, and many beloved nieces and nephews in Haifa, Israel, also survive him. His many friends will miss him for his great spirit, generosity, energy and good humor. His eternal optimism was contagious and helped him throughout his life. As Hans would say "ONWARD!"

A celebration of his life was held on October 16th. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Arts for Youth Fund at the Fairfield County Community Foundation "in memory of Hans Hopf," 383 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 or online at www.fccfoundation.org. Donations may also be made in his name to the Mad River Glen Ski Patrol, PO Box 1089, Waitsfield, VT 05673.

– Published in GreenwichTime, October 3, 2010

Editor's Note: Hans and his family built their home on Schuss Pass, which is still owned by his children, Betsy Jondro and Bill Hopf.

A Word of Thanks From Patrick Mooney

As ASCNY President for the past three years and Treasurer for the past two, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of the Club. We have made our communication efforts more consistent and taken steps to insure that the Club is well-positioned fiscally, both for ongoing Lodge maintenance and our annual operating budgeting process.

Over the past few years, we have communicated and implemented the annual dues structure, streamlined the Lodge Reservations system, prioritized Lodge improvements and maintenance, and improved the newsletter production and general notices (email/regular mail). We have planned for improvements to the website and are ensuring the membership nomination process is more structured going forward. All of these efforts are meant to preserve our time-honored traditions of warm gatherings, friendly competition and all-around camaraderie.

I thank all the ASCNY members and Board members, who serve so faithfully, for the opportunity to serve this Club. It relies on each and every one of us to carry-on our many traditions, making sure we balance those traditions with ongoing improvements that best position the Club for all of us, young and old alike, for the future.



All the best,
Patrick Mooney

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RSVP for Post-Race Cocktails and Parties: contact Betsy Rawlings at betsyduevel@hotmail.com

Young Members Weekend Information: contact Simon Gerson at simongerson@gmail.com

Lodge Reservations: Visit www.ascny.org; Username: ascny; Password: mrg50

2011 ASCNY Honorary Member Nominations: contact Scott Alexander
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CALL FOR 2011 HONORARY MEMBER NOMINATIONS

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FOR SALE Betsy Pratt, current ASCNY member and former owner of MRG, has decided to sell the Mad River Barn. This newsletter is not normally a place for real estate offerings, but The Fall Line figured that this is one we'd like to let our members know about! The Barn has been part of the Valley scene for over 60 years, and Betsy has decided it is time for someone else to carry on the legacy. More information is available at **<http://www.roth-realestate.com>**

The Fall Line is calling

Do you have news, information or photos for publication in The Fall Line? Please send all submissions to Anne Bonacum at **abonacum@fashioncenter.com**.

Whether you have a story about the ASCNY days of yore, or news from the present, we want to share it with our readers! Photos please too!