



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



July 2008

President's Notes

Another ski season has come to a close, and the slopes have turned from snow to mud to green. Now I find myself reflecting upon what a year it has been. All in all, it has been a fantastic ski season, with tremendous amounts of snow accumulation in both the Northeast and the West. As testament to the superb conditions, the ASCNY lodge was full for most weekends. It is encouraging to see such great lodge usage. We are fortunate in having an extremely active and enthusiastic membership. The President's weekend festivities stand out as having been particularly well-attended.

There are many projects planned for the Lodge in the off-season some of which will be more visible than others. **The installation of a new roof is finished** and there will be interior painting facelifts and other upgrades. The Club is in the position of being on solid

financial footing. We do not anticipate having to raise dues in the near future in order to address all of the normal maintenance issues inherent in lodge ownership.

Some of the activities planned for the off-season present an excellent opportunity to reunite with ski friends. Please look for the announcements in both the newsletter and in e-mails. There are many fun activities in Vermont in the summer and off-season as well and members are always encouraged to take advantage of the lodge as a resource.

In closing, I would like to extend my many thanks to the many people who volunteer so much of their personal time to the ASCNY so that it may function smoothly. As a result of the dedication and hard work of the membership, the club continues to thrive, as it has since the 1930s.

Stuart Randall



Calendar of Events

November 7, 2008:
Fall Dinner
will be held at The Yale Club in
New York City.
Invitation to follow.

February 28 - March 7, 2009:
Club Trip to Alta, Utah
August 1: Deadline for signing up for
the Rustler rooms on reserve.

Membership Committee Announcements

Posted for Regular Membership

Daniel and Margaret Gregory
Woodbury, CT
Brian Haklisch
New York, NY

Accepted for One-Year Provisional Membership

Christopher Fanning
Boston, MA

The Amateur Ski Club Of New York's 2009 Ski Trip

Alta, Utah, February 28th - March 7th

This past year's ski trip to Alta was one of the best ski weeks ever, so good, in fact that the group voted to return in 2009!

Read all about that trip in this newsletter.

For those of you who haven't been to Alta lately, the good news is that not much has changed....still the best snow and skiing to be had anywhere, no flashy condos or giant bill boards, and best of all: no snow-boarders.

Our Hotel:

The recently remodeled Rustler Lodge is rated best in the canyon. It's a full service ski-in/ski-out facility, with great food and spa/fitness facilities: outdoor heated pool, steam room, Jacuzzi, spa services, fitness room and early morning stretch class. There is also complimentary wifi and a business center. The Lodge operates on a modified American plan, so the room rate includes a large breakfast buffet and a four-course dinner. For more information visit: www.rustlerlodge.com.

Our Rooms:

All rooms are comfortably furnished with king or twin single beds, TV's/VCR's etc. Some rooms have a balcony and /or mountain views but you need to ask for these. Because we have reserved our rooms early, the hotel has guaranteed us a room price including breakfast and dinner for \$466 double occupancy and \$390 for single occupancy plus a 15% service charge and local taxes.



Skiing/other Activities:

The snow (500 inches a year) is Alta's secret to providing plenty of groomed trails as well as untouched runs for you die-hard powder skiers. A day of heli-skiing and or cat skiing are also available for anyone interested. Want to ski Snowbird? You can easily ski from the top of Alta to Snowbird, or take the free hotel shuttle. In 2008 Alta ski passes were \$54 a day a person, and the Alta/Snowbird pass was \$79.

Getting There:

All the major airlines fly into Salt Lake City. From there, the Rustler will arrange a shuttle to the hotel (please tell them your flight information, in advance) for approximately \$28 a person.

How to sign up:

Please call the Rustler for reservations at 1-888 532-2582 and tell them you are part of the Amateur Ski Club of New York. They will require a \$500 deposit per person (on your credit card) to hold your room and the balance will be due January 1, 2009.

Please book as early as possible. The Rustler is holding a limited number of rooms for us until August 1.

Need More Information? Please free to call or e-mail Rick Stowe or Belinda Shepard. Rick can be reached at 917 710-2047 or rstowe@hepfund.com and Belinda at 203 227-6999 or bjshepard@mindspring.com.

If you didn't come in 2008, don't delay....sign up for 2009!

Young Members' Trip to Alta Alps Chalet

By Chris Leach

Doug Stowe, the ASCNY member who introduced me and many others to the ski club, sent a group of us an email in November. The email read: "young ASCNY members and friends ski trip to Alta for ten nights in January for \$110 per day room & board". At first I thought it improbable that a trip requiring so many people for such an extended vacation would work – and that it could be done so cheaply. But in the end, most involved would agree that it was one of the best ski trips ever: near-perfect conditions and hours of hilarity.

Ten of us arrived the first night, all at different times. Two of our fellow ASCNY members, Simon Gerson and Camilla Bradley had been planning the menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner for over a month ahead of time. Simon and his fiancé Kara Oppenheim, along with Doug Stowe and Carrie Fowler, arrived in Salt Lake early Friday with the daunting task of shopping for ten days worth of food for at least 16 planned guests cycling in and out throughout the week – with 3 surprise guests making it all the more fun. Much of the food was brought up by snowcat during the day, with the rest sitting in another snowcat at the base of the mountain when I arrived later that night.

Another friend and I landed in Salt Lake at 6 in the evening and were

driven up to Alta via shuttle. At the Albion parking lot we were greeted by the son of the owner of Alta Alps Chalet, who took us the rest of the way up the mountain via snowmobile. That final leg of the journey was my first ride on a snowmobile. With all of the new snow, the path up to the chalet was extremely unstable. My friend sat between me and the driver and clutched onto my knees with a vice grip the entire way up as we teetered on the brink of tipping over at each curve going up the mountain. But our driver, with years of experience transporting family and guests on that same route, got us safely and quickly to the chalet without incident.

The amount of snow that had fallen non-stop since the beginning of December created a sight I had never seen before: trees, chalets and snowcats buried under meters of snow. Four others who joined us later that evening were equally dumbfounded by the massive amounts of snow.

The Chalet's location and elevation had its clear advantages and disadvantages. The 10,000 foot elevation of the chalet meant you never really got a good night's sleep. And while the chalet's sleeping arrangements were hardly luxurious, its location meant access to the Supreme chair twenty minutes before anyone else staying in the valley could reach it. This translated into one and sometimes two untracked powder runs before anyone else arrived on "our mountain", depending on how strong Simon had brewed the coffee that morning.

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Fundraising for *Single Chair* Nears Goal!

The campaign to restore Mad River's iconic Single Chair has nearly reached its goal of \$1.65 million, thanks to the support of over 1,000 donors, including more than 80 members of ASCNY. Club President Stuart Randall unveiled a replica of the bronze plaque attached to Tower #7, endowed by the ASCNY membership in memory of Roland Palmedo, at a cocktail party at the Lodge on February 16, 2008.

Although the campaign is nearing its end, and the restored "Old Faithful" has carried riders to the summit throughout this lengthy and snowy winter, donations are still being sought to ensure the future operation and maintenance of the lift. Tax-deductible

donations may be made to the Preservation Trust of Vermont (www.ptvermont.org) or the Stark Mountain Foundation (www.starkmountain.org) or mailed to the Single Chair Campaign, PO Box 2124, Waitsfield, VT 05673. Please contact ASCNY members Betsy Jondro (jondro@madriver.com) or Penny Parson (penparson@aol.com) if you need additional information. All donors will be listed on a plaque in the

Lodge as well as on the All-Donor plaque to be installed at the base of the Single in 2010.

Thanks to the following members of ASCNY who have contributed to the success of the Campaign; we wouldn't be riding the Single without you!



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Brooks, Ashley, Nicholas & Bennett Ware
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TALES OF TRAILS

The Powder of Alta

Members' Trip to Utah

2008 Ski Trip to Alta, Utah – Wow !

The March 2008 Club trip to Alta proved to offer everything we had hoped for and expected: world-class skiing for beginners/intermediates and experts alike, rustic beauty, and the Rustler Lodge with its wonderful facilities, excellent food, and unpretentious spirit.

Our merry group of 17 (Michelle Brewster, Alice and Stuart Goldman, Bernie Gustin, Judy and Jay Inglis, Carole and Dudley Johnson, Wilmot Kidd and his son, Wilmot, Bonnie Nuzum, Penny Parson, Jean and Peter Pettibone, Belinda Shepard, and Natasha and Rick Stowe) convened at The Rustler on Saturday night, after an hour-long drive from Salt Lake



Peter and Jean Pettibone



Christine Gerli and Alice Goldman

City airport through dense snow. Despite the snowstorm, Julie and Charlie Peet joined us for dinner that evening, before driving back down the canyon. The next morning, another 15 inches had refreshed the 500+ inch base, not only were the roads to Alta closed, but the doors to the Rustler itself was chained shut, to keep eager skiers from venturing out before the staff had groomed the runs and surveyed for potential avalanches.

It continued to snow throughout Sunday, and although the visibility was somewhat limited, we were joined by Julie and Charlie, who expertly lead those who could through the fresh powder, while the rest of us hit the lightly groomed slopes. At the end of the day, a true highlight was The Rustler's splendid hot tub and

Ooh La Lodge.....

Get ready to make your plans for staying in the Lodge next winter! The Board of Governors spurred by the Lodge Committee has continued the overhaul of the entire facility. Here are some of the more recent improvements for 2007-2008 as well as photos of some of the changes:

- New curtains for ALL of the bedrooms and bunkrooms!
- New black smooth top electric ranges in the kitchen!
- Beautiful new faucet in the bar!
- A handsome pair of brown/tan houndstooth club chairs in front of the picture windows!
- Various kitchen essentials including new sauté pans!

The roof has been replaced and the Board has approved funds for painting Bedrooms A to E. We will continue to dream about updating the remaining three bathrooms,

installing new carpeting upstairs, replacing the bunkroom mattresses etc, etc. The list, of course, goes on while, alas, the money does not.

We are truly fortunate to be the stewards of such a storied Club and to be able to continue its traditions and preserve its history. The maintenance of our Mad River Lodge is just as important as it is essential to the vibrancy and



outdoor pool, topped off by a surprise visit by Alex Walker, at dinner visiting with friends.

Monday was a brighter day, and everyone hit the slopes early, several availing themselves of Alta's outstanding instructors. Before dinner, a special treat was a gracious invitation from Christine Gerli to our entire group for a cocktail party at her beautiful condo a few minutes from The Rustler.

On Tuesday Jeanie and Bill Miller had organized a presentation for our group by Dean Cardinale, Snowbird's avalanche forecaster and the President of the Wasatch Mountain Rescue team. Dean has had an amazing life as a mountaineer and guide, and has already completed five of seven "summit climbs," including Mount Everest. He showed breathtaking slides, including those from his Everest Climb, and described his ambitious plans for the next few years. He has



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Belinda Shepard, Alice Goldman, Stuart Goldman, Judy Inglis, Bonnie Nuzum, Penny Parson

expanded his repertoire to include safaris in conjunction with climbs of Mount Kilimanjaro, and cruises in the British Virgin Islands.

For many, the highlight days were Thursday and Friday, which were brilliantly sunny and warm, with little wind. On Thursday, many of the group skied over to Snowbird from Alta, to enjoy the best of both mountains. Later that evening, Christine Gerli, her daughter Kate, and grandson Carrington joined us for drinks and dinner at the Rustler.

Friday was another picture perfect day, with everyone hitting the slopes early for that last precious day of skiing. On Saturday, a new the snowstorm rolled in as we rolled out. It was a fabulous trip!

Planning for next year's trip is well underway, and is scheduled for Saturday, February 28- March 7, 2009. At press time, locations under consideration are Vail and Alta. We will keep you posted!

cohesiveness of The ASCNY.

While initiation fees and dues help, our projects are many and costly. Therefore, contributions - large or small- are ALWAYS welcome. Please contact the Club Treasurer, Bob Nichols (brational@optonline.net or 203 256-8022) if you are interested in supporting Lodge Renovations in any way.

Thank You!

ASCNY Lodge Committee

PS Look for a survey in the near future regarding Lodge Renovations. We want to know what the Membership thinks is important!

More Picture and captions on page 6



LOST IN THE SNOW ON

SLALOM January 2008

Men's

1) John Nesbett	1:34.16
2) John Tobin	1:35.99
3) Christian Nagler	1:42.20
4) George Grogan	1:44.96
5) Roger Shepley	1:45.04
6) John Rawlings	1:45.50
7) Michael Grogan	1:53.00
8) Paul Rawlings	5:04.54

Combined Time

Women's

1) Julie Shepley	1:43.55
2) Ellie Shepley	1:47.33
3) Emily Grogan	1:47.44
4) Tasha Nagler	1:50.78
5) Emily Byrne	1:50.99
6) Lucy Grogan	1:56.76
7) Kate Byrne	1:58.70
8) Pamela Nesbett	2:00.29
9) Hillary Hotchkiss	2:08.81
10) Alexandra Nesbett	2:22.17
11) Isabella Nesbett	7:14.24

Combined Time



John Tobin / Cross-Country winner in January

CROSS COUNTRY January 2008

Men's

1) John Tobin	12:22.00
2) John Nesbett	18:07.07

Women's

1) Pamela Nesbett	18:40.00
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Children

1) Alexandra Nesbett	5:10.00
2) Isabella Nesbett	10:02.00



1: One of the new stoves ~ should have styled it better!!!

2: New Club Chairs (also new throw pillows on blue couch)

3: Bedroom 1 ~ note new curtains this year & new pillows, bedding, lamps, & mattress w/in last 2-3 years

4: Boot Driers in Boot Room ~ these are so great!

5: Ski Racks in Boot Room

THE PRACTICE SLOPE

GIANT SLALOM February 2008

Billy Ross Girls

10 and under

- 1) Alexandra Nesbett
- 2) Isabel Taylor
- 3) Sophie Parker

Billy Ross Boys

10 and under

- 1) Bennett Ware
- 2) Paul Rawlings
- 3) Nicholas Ware
- 4) Henry Nagler

Junior Girls

14 and under

- 1) Alexandra Nesbett
- 2) Isabella Nesbett

Junior Boys

14 and under

- 1) John Parker
- 2) Harold Parker

Sitzmark (Men's Overall)

- 1) Stuart Randall
- 2) John Nesbett
- 3) Brooks Ware

Men's

70 and older

- 1) John Sherwin
- 2) Paul Duevel (Guest)

Ski Meister

- 1) John Tobin
- 2) John Nesbett

Ski Meistren

- 1) Pam Nesbett

Father and Son

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| 1) John and John Parker | 3) John and Paul Rawlings |
| 2) Brooks and Bennett Ware | 4) Christian and Henry Nagler |

Husband and Wife

- 1) Christian and Tasha Nagler
- 2) Pam and John Nesbett

Sibling Rivalry

- 1) John and Harold Parker
- 2) Alexandra and Isabella Nesbett
- 3) Bennett and Nicholas Ware

Mother and Son

- 1) Tasha and Henry Nagler

Father and Daughter

- 1) Stuart and Kate Randall
- 2) John and Alexandra Nesbett

Boyfriend and Girlfrien

- 1) Tyler Merrill and Kate Randall

Family

- 1) Nesbett family
- 2) Nagler family

Young Member's Trip *Continued from page 2*

The conditions were the most consistently good I had ever experienced in a week-long trip. Snow did not come in massive amounts, but instead refreshed the mountain every day with 5" plus. The snow ranged from nearly see-through 2%-water-content fluff to wind-raked "blower" snow. There wasn't a day we didn't have untracked lines and the only true bluebird day we had enabled the ski patrol to open areas like the Backside and Baldy Shoulder, none of which had not been open for days. After skiing run after untracked run in those two areas, we headed back to the chalet where we grilled outdoors, basked in the sun and built a jump that provided entertainment for skier and onlooker alike. Two of the best days were spent at Snowbird - skiing there mid-week meant we could lap the tram without waiting in line.

The chalet's isolation didn't give us access to restaurants or night-life, but with the likes of Camilla Bradley, Kara Oppenheim and Carrie Fowler on the trip, there was never a dull moment. Charade-like games

and other evening activities kept us entertained in the cabin, while the outdoor hot tub, sledding races and moonlit skinning to the top of Supreme kept us busy out of doors.

I would not recommend the Alta Alps chalet to those looking for a luxurious ski getaway, but for those seeking a trip that is purely about skiing and spending quality time in the company of friends - the chalet, combined with its Supreme backyard, provides a near-perfect holiday. The weekend after we returned to New York was Doug Stowe's big young ASCNY members' weekend up at the club. We were watching the weather all week, nervous that the warm-spell had wiped out MRG skiing for that weekend. But snowstorms in the east gradually covered the hardpack, providing quite a good skiing surface and giving us a weekend that was nearly as fun as our trip out west - and with many members who had recently joined combined with a number of potential new members in the fray, a captured audience grinned as we told our stories from the classic Alta powder we had been fortunate enough to experience.



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Hutchinson DuBosque

Past President and Governor
of the ASCNY died on May 25, 2008

A full article will appear in the next newsletter.

Save the Date

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