



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



May 2009

President's Notes

It was a great President's Weekend up at the Lodge. Having races with 18 children and a like number of adults made for some interesting scenes on the practice hill; especially the sibling and spouse rivalries!! Needless to say, the nighttime festivities for the awards ceremony and dinner were just as entertaining and well attended.

I would like to thank all of those members and their families who were able to make it up to the Amateur and enjoy the season this year. For those of you who couldn't, you will be happy to know that it continues to be that special place we know and love. It was the best year yet in terms of lodge bookings and, most importantly, participation. All of us can be happy with the way the lodge came through this year as THE place to stay and get together during the ski season. Thank you to all who do and have volunteered their time to the Club, and to all our members for exhibiting the camaraderie and respect for others that make the lodge so enjoyable.

So you all know, we have finished the railing and put up the Single Chair on the deck. Additionally, we will be making some upgrades to the interior of the lodge, such as new mattresses in the bunk room (about time, huh??) and some upstairs carpeting. Lastly, we will be upgrading the website (gratis from one of our member's firm) to be in line in functionality and with a level of design that will impress.

Finally, a plug for some important upcoming events that are mentioned in this issue. We have the Spring Gathering/Cookout in Greenwich on June 13th at 1 pm; the Bridgeport Bluefish afternoon game on May 17th (with field privileges beforehand); the Golf Outing in September



New Board Member Chris Warren's guests show their enthusiasm for the new deck at the Lodge.



The Single Chair has taken up position on the deck (right).

(TBA); and the Fall Dinner in New Canaan (new this year) on November 7th. Postcards and emails will be forthcoming. Enjoy your spring and summer; hope to see all of you at one of our events!

All the best,
Patrick Mooney

Calendar of Events

May 17th, 2009

Bridgeport Bluefish Game & Picnic
The Ballpark at Harbor Yard
Bridgeport, CT
Picnic @ 12:45 pm,
Game @ 2:05 pm

June 13th, 2009

Spring Gathering/
Cookout @ 1:00 pm
Greenwich, CT

September 2009

ASCNY Golf Outing – TBA
November 7th, 2009
Fall Dinner
New Canaan, CT

THE FALL LINE

*Brings you Q & A with new Board member
Chris Warren*

When did you start skiing?

3 years old.

Who introduced you to the ASCNY and when?

The Nesbetts when I was 12.

Your best and worst experience at the Lodge?

Best experience is anytime after a great day of powder. Relaxing by the fire and fixing drinks at the bar for my friends and other members. Worst experience would have to be when the friend of another member's child was running around the Lodge swinging an iron by the cord - look out!

Best & worst road trip to MRG?

Best road trip would be when we drove through a blizzard to get to the Lodge. We made it safe and

sound. Worst was when we were on empty and all the gas stations were closed. We barely made it and man was that scary.

Best day at MRG?

There have been so many excellent days; it's hard to choose one. I've been lucky enough to have many choice powder days with plenty of friends to share it with. Lots of good times.



Chris Warren and "friends"

Your favorite trail at MRG?

Antelope

If you weren't skiing at MRG, where would you rather ski?

Well, I go to Mount Sunapee a lot, but if I have a choice I'm gonna say Vail.

Who is your fantasy ski buddy?

Trey Anastasio.

Favorite après ski beverage?

Woodchuck Cider.

Favorite ski outfit and skis?

Wind pants and a shell - nothing fancy. Volk's currently, but I used to be nothing but a Rossignol fan.

Why did you join the Board of Governors?

I've used the Lodge quite a bit and feel it's time to give back.

TALES OF TRAILS

*ASCNYer Newt Merrill takes on the "Run of the Century" at
The Gothics in British Columbia. Thanks to Newt for submitting his
photos and keeping us posted on his adventures!*



Please join us for:

Amateur Ski Club
of New York at the Bridgeport Bluefish
and
2009 BLUEFISH PICNIC

Bridgeport Bluefish vs. Newark Bears
At the Ballpark at Harbor Yard,
Bridgeport, CT

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2009

Picnic Starts: 12:45 PM

Game Time: 2:05 PM

Ticket Pricing:

Adults: \$28 / **Children 10 & Under:** \$21

Highlights:

- Includes food, drink and a Field Box Seat to the game
- Group recognition over the public address system and scoreboard
- Kids can run the bases and meet the team before the game!

Menu Includes:

- BBQ Ribs
- Hamburgers
- Rolls & Condiments
- Pasta Salad
- Cookies
- Fresh Sliced Watermelon
- Hot Dogs
- Grilled Chicken
- Bluefish Salad
- Potato Salad
- Fountain Soda

To join our group, RSVP by May 11th to Bob Nichols, brational@optonline.net, or 203.256.8022

NOTE: Please do NOT send credit card information via email! Email is not secure.

**Spring Gathering
and Cookout**

Please join us for the ASCNY annual spring outing on

Saturday, June 13th,
at 1pm,
at the Mooney's home,
24 Maher Ave, Greenwich, CT.

There will be good food, drink and ASCNY traditional camaraderie! We'll have BBQ for the adults (\$20/person) and Hamburgers/Hot Dogs for the children (\$10/child). If you can bring a dessert, mini-sodas or chips, please let us know. We'll have beer on hand.

RSVP to Amy and Patrick Mooney at 203.661.2679 or phmooney@gmail.com.

Fall Party

This year's Fall Party will be on

Saturday evening, November 7th,
at the home of Pam and John Nesbett
in New Canaan, CT.

Details will follow as the event gets closer,
but please save the date!

The BIG Day

On a beautiful February 14th, adults and children alike participated in the ASCNY Slalom and Giant Slalom Races. The variety of categories made for some great competition, but mostly great fun!

SLALOM

Men's

- 1) Andrew Carey
- 2) John Tobin
- 3) Doug Stowe
- 4) Scott Alexander
- 5) Christian Nagler
- 6) Brooks Ware
- 7) John Nesbett
- 8) Jeff Wilkes
- 9) John Rawlings
- 10) Richard Gervase

Women's

- 1) Tasha Nagler
- 2) Liza Carey
- 3) Carrie Stowe
- 4) Stephanie Kies
- 5) Margarette Gregory
- 6) Hooley Wilkes
- 7) Pam Nesbett

6 & Under

- 1) Isabella Nesbett

8 & Under

- 1) Paul Rawlings
- 2) Henry Nagler
- 3) Lucy Wilkes
- 4) Hayes Gregory
- 5) Scott Alexander

10 & Under

- 1) Hannah Gregory
- 2) Alexandra (Tigger) Nesbett

14 & Under

- 1) Josh Tobin
- 2) Herald Parker
- 3) John Parker
- 4) Phoebe Wilkes
- 5) Katie Gervase
- 6) Will Gervase



Carey Family

GAINT SLALOM

Sitzmark (fastest male)

- 1) Doug Stowe
- 2) Andrew Carey
- 3) John Tobin

Prattfall (fastest male over 40)

- 1) Andrew Carey
- 2) John Tobin
- 3) Scott Alexander

6 and Under

- 1) Isabella Nesbett
- 2) Lindsay Carey
- 3) Edward Nagler

8 and Under

- 1) Paul Rawlings
- 2) Lucy Wilkes
- 3) Madeline Carey
- 4) Henry Nagler
- 5) Hays Gregory

Billy Ross (10 & under)

- 1) Alexandra (Tigger) Nesbett
- 2) Hanna Gregory
- 3) Bennett Ware
- 4) Scott Alexander

Smallfrymark (14 & under)

- 1) John Parker
- 2) Phoebe Wilkes
- 3) Herald Parker

Gillespie Mighty Meistren

- 1) Alexander (Tigger) Nesbett
- 2) Isabella Nesbett

Skimeister

- 1) John Tobin
- 2) Christina Nagler
- 3) John Nesbett

Skimeisteren

- 1) Eliza Carey
- 2) Pam Nesbett

Family Award

The Wilkes family

Mother/Daughter

Hooley and Phoebe Wilkes

Father/Son

John Parker and John Parker Jr.

Mother/Son

Hooley and Phoebe Wilkes

Husband/Wife

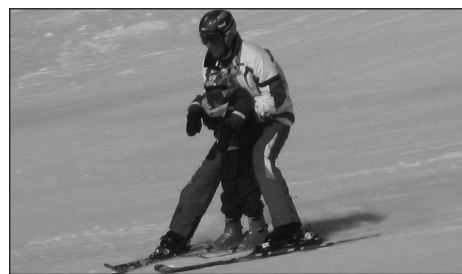
Tasha Nagler and Christian Nagler

Sibling Rivalry

John and Herald Parker

Boyfriend/Girlfriend

Isabella Nesbett and John Rawlings



Christian and Edward Nagler



Race Chairman John Nesbett



Katie Gervase (guest), Tigger and Pam Nesbett



Brooks, Nicholas, and Bennet Ware

The BIG Night

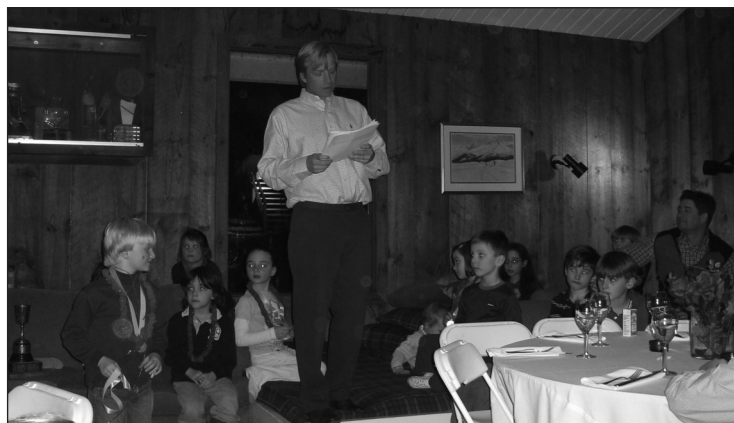
After an entertaining day of both Slalom and GS races on a hard and unforgiving course, over 60 old friends and new faces gathered at the ASCNY lodge on February 14th for an evening of great food and good cheer. In a nod to the great lodge events of the past, white tablecloths, floral centerpieces, and champagne cocktails set the scene for an overflow crowd, young and old.

After a healthy prelude of libations and passed hors d'oeuvres, the members and their guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner courtesy of Wooden Spoon Catering, and then with a clinking of silverware against glasses, President Patrick Mooney took the floor to greet the assemblage. John Nesbett, race chairman and father of two emerging top junior racers, then had the pleasure of announcing the individual winners of the celebrated and eclectic ASCNY race award categories.

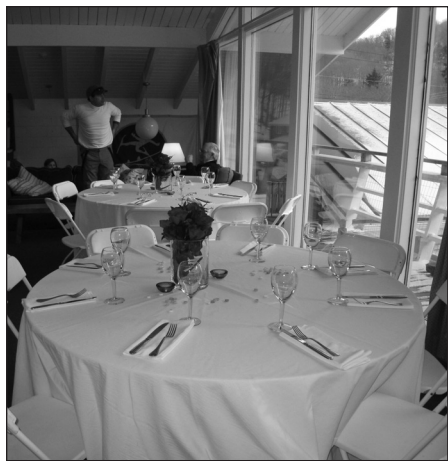
Many new names joined the roster of past winners, and on the men's side it quickly became apparent that

the two-year absence of Bobby Nichols (and the good fortune that Tasha Nagler can't race in the category) was really "opening things up" for all of us. Once medals and trophies were in hand, the kids ran raucous through the boot room while the adults attempted to finish an admitted overabundance of wine. For all of the spouses who may of forgotten, chocolate truffles for dessert served as a romantic reminder for Valentine's Day.

John Rawlings



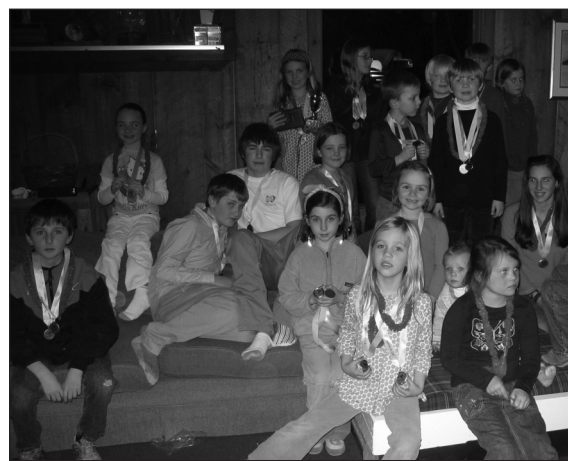
Race Chairman John Nesbett presents the awards



Tables were decked out for Valentines Day



Christian and Tasha Nagler



Kids posing with their medals



Great food & great friends.



The kids seemed to approve of the festivities!



Doug and Carrie Stowe

So, what now?

There may not be any more snow, but there is still plenty to do, and the ASCNY Lodge offers members an affordable, convenient and friendly place to stay while taking advantage of Mad River Valley's many off-season activities. So don't wait to return until the snow falls again – make your plans and book your rooms now for summer and fall get-aways. Remember, reservations may easily be made online at www.ascny.org, Username: ASCNY, Password: MRG50.

The following quick guide to local adventures was prepared for the Fall Line by Mad River marketing guru, Eric Friedman.

Mad About Mad River - Any Time of the Year!

While diehard skiers may not want to believe it, there is so much more to the Mad River Valley than just skiing. When the weather turns warmer, we encourage you to enjoy other opportunities, like soaring over the Valley in a silent glider! Or hiking and biking on our trails, dirt roads and paths. There is so much more than meets the eye. Ask a local person about secret swimming holes, or stop at a yard sale to find a treasure. Bring the children to the library for story time - or visit the historical exhibit at the General Wait House in Waitsfield. Visit the Icelandic Horse Farm and get to know some of the Valley's most interesting denizens.

In the spring, white water enthusiasts take to their canoes and kayaks and head to the Mad River, which, fed by melting mountain snows, lives up to its name. During the summer, paddlers head for Blueberry Lake and Waterbury Reservoir or enjoy guided trips on nearby lake Champlain.

There is so much to do! Here are a few ideas to consider:

Swimming

For people used to swimming pools, a



mountain stream is really something special. On a warm July day, you'll see kids jumping off boulders into the cool green waters of the Mad River. Those less adventurous can take long swims in the still waters of Blueberry Lake. There are also several indoor facilities for year-round swimming.

Fishing

The Mad River and the brooks that feed it are home to rainbow, brook, and brown trout, ready to match wits with both accomplished fly fishermen and kids with worms. The Mill Brook is a kids-only fishing brook for kids aged 14 and under. Those willing to hike in to remote beaver ponds are often rewarded with a catch of native brookies.

Tennis

Thanks to an abundance of indoor and outdoor courts, visitors to the Mad River Valley can enjoy tennis in every season. Both clay and hard-surface courts can be found, and instruction and clinics are offered.

Golf

Looking for a golf adventure? You will want to take on the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones, Sr.-designed Sugarbush golf course with its narrow fairways and breathtaking vistas. Several other public golf courses are within a 60-minute drive, making the Mad River Valley the perfect spot for a spectacular golf vacation. With its rolling hills and natural beauty, Vermont is a golfer's dream. We have some of the most scenic course views in the country. Tranquil surroundings make the Mad River Valley the ideal location for a relaxing golf vacation. With an abundance of mountain courses, why not make Vermont the place for your next golf adventure?!

Biking

Bicyclists will find an extensive network of mountain biking trails as well as miles and miles of well-maintained two-lane black-top. There is guided mountain biking, and

route maps are available from Mad River Riders biking club. Sugarbush offers downhill biking too.

Hiking, Walking

From scenic walks with spectacular mountain vistas to the challenges of the Long Trail and Camel's Hump, the Mad River Valley is one of Vermont's premier hiking destinations. The Long Trail provides hikers and backpackers with the opportunity to summit three of Vermont's 4,000 foot peaks, and the Mad River Recreation Path trail system offers walkers and runners the combination of great exercise and beautiful views. Our gravel roads provide yet more opportunities for getting out for a quiet country walk. Guided nature hikes and walks are also conducted throughout the year.

Vermont Attractions

While there's lots to do in our Valley, our location in the heart of Vermont makes us the perfect base from which to discover Vermont's other attractions. Here are some suggestions:

Ben & Jerry's, Cabot Cheese, Cold Hollow Cider Mill
Green Mountain Coffee, Lake Champlain,
Rock of Ages Quarries, Shelburne Museum,
Vermont State House

For more information on all that Mad River has to offer, as well as event listings, visit www.madrivervalley.com. It's all waiting for you!

A Reminder of Vermont's Skiing Past

Vermont Native *Andrea Mead Lawrence* Dies of Cancer at the Age of 76

Many in our club will remember TIME magazine of January 21, 1952 which amazingly enough featured a skier on its cover. Oslo Olympic expectations were high for Andrea Mead Lawrence of Rutland, Vermont, who had won most of the ski races she entered in 1951 including the prestigious Arlberg-Kandahar downhill. Andy, as she was called, had attracted attention when she skied at the age of 15 in the 1948 Olympics at St. Moritz. Flying down the hills at 60 miles per hour with her pigtailed flying behind her, she had little interest in boys - other than their expertise in skiing. Although by 1952, she had married a former United States giant slalom champion, David Lawrence. She and Lawrence divorced in 1967.

In Oslo, Lawrence won the gold medal in the giant slalom. Having fallen in the first run of the slalom, she was in fourth place. Her second run earned her the gold medal. In an interview with the San Jose Mercury News in 2002, she said "In a way, the second run was a perfect run. There are few times in our lives where we become the thing we're doing." The New York Herald Tribune said that her two gold medals, "epitomizes the United States coming of age in international skiing competition." Lawrence remains the only woman to win two gold medals in an Olympic Games.

Andrea Mead's parents founded the Pico ski area where many ASCNYers experienced the perilously steep T-Bar (now replaced with a chair) which tried and often

succeeded in throwing its riders. Janet and Bradford Mead were free spirits who gave Andy and her brother a lot of freedom. They adhered to the principle that if it snowed you skied. On other days you went to school.



Andrea Meade Lawrence



Andrea Meade Lawrence on the January 21, 1952 cover of TIME.

Penny Pitou, who won two silver medals in Squaw Valley, recently told me that Andy was an inspiration for her. When Penny tried out for the 1956 Olympic Team in North Conway, she watched Andy. "I saw how she behaved at the starting gate, how she talked to the other competitors and handled the press. I learned early on from her that a lot of success in sports is mental." As Andy's teammate in Cortina, Penny followed her down every slope. Penny was only 17 and crashed in the downhill, which was her specialty. She told Andy she had done terribly and was going home. Penny says Andy looked at her and said, "You might like to know, you had the fourth fastest time before you fell. I'd stick with it if I were you." In Penny's comments for Andy's Memorial service on April 19th, she said, "Andy's words in Cortina changed the course of my life."

Although Andrea Mead Lawrence is best remembered for her skiing prowess, her work as an environmental activist and the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers form the legacy of which she was most proud. She died at home in Mammoth Lakes, California, surrounded by her five children, on March 31st.

Sally Pinkham



Amateur Ski Club
of New York

165 W End Ave, #22K
New York, NY 10023

ASCNY Annual Spring Gathering on June 13th

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cookout at 1:00 pm on June 13th in Greenwich, CT.

\$20/adult; \$10/child.

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More details may be found inside
this addition of the Fall Line.

Bluefish Game & Picnic on May 17th

Don't miss this ASCNY family event at the
Ballpark at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport, CT!
Join our group for pre-game barbeque at 12:45 pm,
followed by field seat viewing for the game at 2:05.

\$28/adults; \$21/kids 10 and under.

Includes all-you-can-eat picnic lunch, field privileges
and ticket to the game.

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*Stories and photos from stays at
old lodges, like the Rustler, are needed!*

We're Still Here!

Remember, the Lodge is available all
year round! Reserve rooms for your
summer and fall adventures at
www.ascny.org.

Username: ASCNY & Password: MRG50