



# The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



September 2006

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## The Amateur Ski Club Of New York's 2007 Ski Trip

### Cortina, Italy, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

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The Club's 2007 annual ski trip is planned for Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Cortina ([www.cortina.com](http://www.cortina.com)) is Italy's most famous and stylish resort, often ranked alongside St. Moritz for its beauty, class and impressive winter sports. The resort, beloved by James Bond and Ernest Hemingway, hosted the 1956 Winter Olympics.

Located in the sunny Ampezzo Valley, Cortina is surrounded by the spectacular Dolomite mountains, and has long been favored by the fun-loving Italians, whose enthusiasm for skiing is equaled only by their passion for wonderful food, elite shopping and glamorous après-ski life.

Cortina has something for everyone: excellent and varied skiing at all levels with picturesque and long groomed runs, steepes, and the famous World Cup Run, equally exciting are the non-ski activities: skating, moonlight sledding runs, 80 km of cross country trails, and for the real sports enthusiasts: bobsledding. Then, there's the delicious Italian food, shopping, and night-life.

#### Our Custom Ski Package:

Former US Olympic skier Penny Pitou, and her ski-specialty travel company have put together a terrific ski week especially for us.

#### Price:

\$ 3,125 per person double occupancy

#### Features include:

Round-trip on Delta Airlines New York-Venice non stop (other

gateways and extended tickets available)

Bus transfers between Venice airport and the hotel

7 nights accommodation at Hotel Ancora (4 star)

Buffet breakfast and dinner daily

Sauna and steam room

Internet service (lobby and room)

Two local ski guides - 5 days

Taxes and service charges

Single supplement: \$275

\*Please note that in order to secure our group rate discount we must confirm a minimum of 12 rooms by October 15, 2007. We encourage you to let us know your interest level by then so we can hold these rooms, and secure more rooms if need be. This trip is open to all ski club members and their guests.

#### Our Hotel:

The Hotel Ancora ([www.hotelancoracortina.com](http://www.hotelancoracortina.com)) is a charming 4-star hotel situated in the center of town, and well known for its delicious food and cozy hospitality. The hotel's sunny terraces look out over the main avenue of town, the "Corso Italia," where everyone promenades. Most rooms have balconies and incredible views of the mountains. The hotel has wireless internet access in the lobby, and internet use in each room is available for a fee.

#### Skiing:

Access to the slopes is by a bus that stops directly across the street from the Ancora Hotel to the lift stations on the edge of town (5 minutes away). There is also a cable car, a 5-minute walk away from the Hotel.

The two main Cortina ski areas are Pocol-Tofana and Cristallo-Faloria. The peak has an altitude of 10,644 feet with a vertical drop of 6,626 feet. There are 76 trails with 25 chair lifts and 5 cable cars.

Cortina has one of the most comprehensive European snow making systems covering 90% of the mountain, so even in a winter where snow is scarce, the majority of the slopes in Cortina d'Ampezzo are virtually guaranteed to be open.

We will have two local ski guides accompanying us for 5 days (Sunday through Thursday) and the cost of this is included in the package price. Our ski lift package price, \$265 for a 6-day ticket, is not included in the tour price.



*The Hotel Ancora, Cortina D'Ampezzo - Italy*

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# Byrne Husband & Wife Team Capture ASCNY Golf Championship

Jim Byrne won his second consecutive Amateur Ski Club of New York's Golf Championship on July 29 with a stellar performance of straight drives and clutch putting. Byrne shot a 76, four shots over par at the long Thomas Carvel Country Club in Pine Plains, New York.

The challenging, hilly course features many doglegs and sweeping views of the Catskill and Berkshire Mountains, while the Carvel Clubhouse serves up the best chili dogs in the Hudson Valley. These factors added up to a successful seventh annual ASCNY Golf Championship on a sun-drenched summer day.

Byrne played the four par fives at four under par, capitalizing on his strong mid-iron play. His vintage putter, the Poppa Wheelie, allowed him to save par on several holes while carding only one three-putt.

2001 Champion, Bob Nichols, led the tournament after nine holes with effective use of his golf bag's secret weapon, the seven wood, which Bob affectionately calls the Hugus Ginty. This specialty club got Bob successfully out of deep rough on the long 4th and 6th holes, where he scrambled for pars on each. However, his two-

birdie on the 18th hole was set up with his monster drive, flying over a pond most golfers seldom even attempt to drive past.

Adam Ware won the longest drive competition with booming drive on 5th hole. Brooks Ware won the Closest to the Pin competition on the 175-yard 11th hole; his five iron shot put him only three feet from the pin, which was tucked behind a huge trap. Adam Ware finished fourth behind Raftery, while Brooks Ware's impressive short-game locked up fifth place by three strokes.

Neville McCaghren was the tournament's top guest, shooting a 38 on the back nine, the event's low nine-hole score. His birdie on the 558 yard par-five 16th hole featured a 35-foot putt down a treacherous slope.

The 2007 Golf Tournament will likely be played on gorgeous Fishers Island off the coast of New London, Connecticut. The majestic golf course overlooks both Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Please contact ASCNY President Stuart Randall if you are interested in joining the golf committee to help plan this exciting event.



Bob Nichols



Brooks Ware, Bill Raftery, Neville McCaghren & Adam Ware



Melissa Byrne

stroke lead on Jim Byrne evaporated after the par-five 13th hole, where it took Bob three swings to get out of an enormous green-side trap. After two putts on the hole, Nichols would trail Byrne the rest of the round, though he did make a late run on 17th hole with a 22-foot birdie putt.

Melissa Byrne's well-rounded golf game and athleticism gave her the Women's ASCNY Golf Championship for the first time. Her consistent putting and nearly error-free back nine showed championship discipline. She birdied the 8th and 14th holes with long tee shots and clutch putts.

Bill Raftery finished third overall, only one stroke behind Bob Nichols. Raftery, playing his first ASCNY Golf Championship, consistently was the tournament's long hitter off the tee. Raftery's

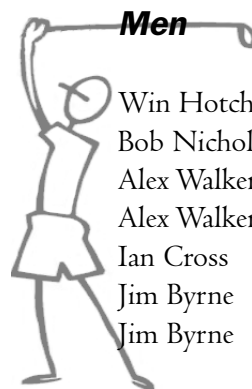
## ASCNY Golf Tournament Past Winners

### Year

### Men

### Women

2000  
2001  
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2006



Win Hotchkiss  
Bob Nichols  
Alex Walker  
Alex Walker  
Ian Cross  
Jim Byrne  
Jim Byrne

Helene Nichols  
Helene Nichols  
Helene Nichols  
Helene Nichols  
Sara Johnson  
Not Awarded  
Melissa Byrne

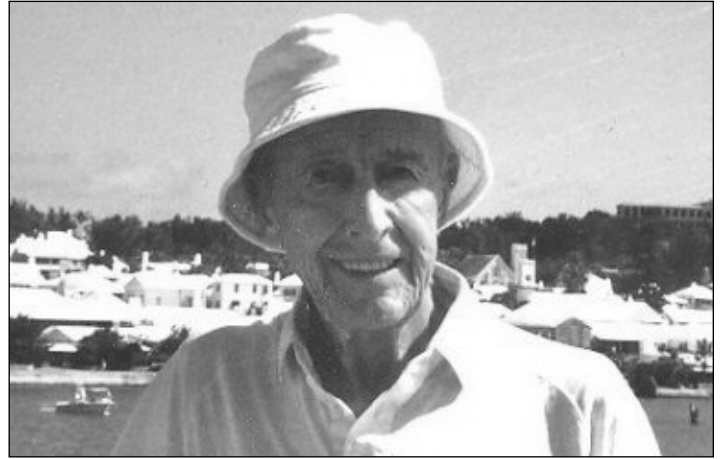
# — Hector Griswold (1920-2006) —

Hector W. Griswold, 85, of Naples, Florida and Fayston, Vermont, formerly of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on June 4, 2006 after a long and brave struggle following open heart surgery. Born and raised in Summit, New Jersey, he graduated from the Phillips Exeter Academy and Princeton University in 1942 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Following graduation, he served in World War II as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre as a commanding officer of both LCI's and LCS's. Hector spent most of his career with the Chicopee Manufacturing Company and Johnson & Johnson and was awarded the prestigious Johnson Medal for Research and Development in 1969 in recognition of his pioneering work in the non-woven textile field. He retired from Johnson & Johnson in 1986, but remained a consultant until 1993.

Hector loved the outdoors and his favorite sports, golf, tennis, skiing and sailing. He was a long-time homeowner at Mad River Glen and early on joined with other homeowners to cut Mad River's legendary Paradise trail and the upper and lower Mountain Folk trails. He was a member of the Amateur Ski Club of New York and a regular at the Sugarbush Golf Club. He was also one of the original founding members of the Mad River Tennis Club, which issued the following tribute to Hector: "Surpassing his athletic prowess were the high standards of sportsmanship, fairness, and kindness that Hector gave to all whom he met, whether on or off the courts, the links, or the slopes." A world traveler, through business and pleasure, his five years spent in Brazil were some of his most rewarding.

Hector is survived by his devoted wife, Anne Barstow Griswold, his son, Hector W Griswold of Hopewell, New Jersey, his daughter, Penelope Parson, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine and Fayston, Vermont and by his grandchildren, Matthew and Katherine Griswold and Nicholas Parson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Stark Mountain Foundation, PO Box 1221, Waitsfield, Vermont 05673, or to a charity of one's choice.



## **Memories of Hector Griswold**

*From: Eileen and John Sherwin*

Just a year ago a wonderful 85th birthday party was given for Hector by his wife, Anne, daughter Penny, and son Hector Jr. It was such a happy evening, with many friends celebrating the life of this quiet, sophisticated man, who treasured his family.

Hector and Anne, a most attractive, devoted couple usually spent their summer vacations at Mad River. They were well known for their love of sports and played tennis or golf every day, weather permitting. Year after year, they either won or were runners-up in the mixed doubles of the Mad River tournament. On the tennis courts their opponents quickly recognized their ability and appreciated their sportsmanship.

After retiring, the Griswolds spent their winters at home in Naples, Florida. This athletic couple regularly returned to their Mad River Condo for a ski vacation. They occasionally skied out west, and joined an ASCNY trip to Sun Valley. Hector frequently raced in the club races and skied MRG as recently as this past February. Then Anne and he returned to Naples, where he underwent heart surgery in March. Although Hector uncomplainingly and courageously waged a long, difficult struggle to recover, he passed away June 4th.

Next winter, while attempting well-carved turns down the mountain, we will think of Hector and the many runs we enjoyed together over the years. For now, all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him are broken hearted.

# Community Spotlight: SAM HILL, WASHINGTON COUNTY, VERMONT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## Department History

The Washington County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) is headed by Sheriff Hill and his team of a captain, lieutenant, two sergeants, a staff of court officers and approximately 31 part time deputies.

WCSD is headquartered in Montpelier. The history of the department goes back to the late 19th century, when Vermont State Legislature authorized the local judge to impose a tax for creation of a jail in Washington County. The barracks was completed in the winter of 1900. The building consisted of two sections: a residence for the Sheriff & his family, and a two story cell block in the rear. By 1980, the jail & residence were decommissioned, and the building re-purposed to house the probate court and the current office for the Sheriff and his staff.

## In the Field

The Sheriff's operation maintains a fleet of 14 vehicles. These vehicles range from all weather SUV's and trucks, to transport vans and cruisers. However, the department is not just limited to patrolling the County's blacktops. During the winter months, they have an active snowmobile task force in the county. It's not uncommon to see this team monitoring the valley's extensive network of snowmobile trails during the riding season. In addition to enforcing road & recreation safety, the department is prepared to serve the County in the event of disaster. Sheriff Hill has at his disposal a trailer complete with lights & generators to be used as a mobile command center in case of emergency.

## Protect & Serve

Vermont County Sheriff's are mandated to transport prisoners and serve civil process. Beyond that, they are open to any law enforcement function. Sheriff Hill provides, on contract, law enforcement services for up to 10 towns within the County. These services include motor vehicle patrol & accident response, traffic management and general public security. The time and scope of services in each community varies, depending on the contract.

## Serving the Mad River Valley

The Sheriff is under agreement with the towns of Waitsfield and Warren for 16 hours and 24 hours respectively, of service. These hours are for Motor Vehicle Patrol. Valley residents and club members will most frequently see the County Sheriff in action on any given weekend during the ski season, safely directing drivers at the busy intersection of Routes 17 and 100 (at the site of the old Gallagher's watering hole). The department also has an arrangement with the Vermont State Police, to act as first response to criminal activity when they are on duty in the valley. Cooperation exists for shared patrol between towns during a given shift.

## Above and Beyond the Call

In our conversation, Sheriff Hill stressed the importance of the department's presence in the Valley beyond first response and patrol: making the department accessible for a variety of public



services. Many of those services revolve around "giving back" to the communities they serve.

The Department interacts with the Waitsfield and Fayston Elementary Schools, providing safety instruction and managing the County's "KidCare ID" program. Last December, Sheriff initiated a holiday "Drive Safe" campaign in Waitsfield, handing out candy canes at two locations in town to discourage drunk driving. Most recently, the Department managed a successful food drive in Washington County. Manning two drop-off locations, the Shaw's in Waitsfield and the Price Chopper in Berlin, the Sheriff and his staff of Deputies netted over 1600 pounds of food in one day! The Department regularly conducts hunter and snowmobile safety education, as well as Driver's Ed instruction in the County's high schools.

## Public Service Professional

Sam Hill, 41, is a born & raised Vermonter. After graduating from Champlain College in 1984 with a degree in law enforcement, Sam was hired by the Barre Police Department.

Officer Hill faithfully served the City of Barre in a number of capacities, spending the last 5 years on the force as the Juvenile Officer. Sam considers work in the juvenile area to be the most important in law enforcement because "that's where we have to start in order to stem crime." He was appointed to the post of Sheriff by Governor James Douglas in July of 2004.

Since becoming a police officer, Sam has received many commendations and awards. In 2003, Sam was recognized by the Vermont State Police for outstanding work in a widely-reported homicide investigation. In 2001, he was selected the Vermont Law Officer of the year. Sam has also won several awards from civic organizations for work in Barre's Drug Awareness Program and has received recognition for the contribution as a DARE instructor.

Again stressing the importance of youth development, Sam has been involved in many juvenile-related programs throughout his career. In 2002 he implemented a community-based program entitled "The Youth Public Safety Academy." The goal of the program was to introduce the county's youth to the many public service

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# Call for ARCHIVES

Sorting through all of the Club's newsletters, directories and board minutes is a fascinating trip back in time. Everyone should make the journey. In an effort to educate and generate interest in the history of the Club among our membership, I will attempt to add new pictures, drawings and information from the archives.

For example, did you know that the very first organizational meeting of the Club was held on April 2, 1931 with thirteen original founders at the home of Earl D. Osborn in New York City. At that meeting, it was decided to call the Club the "Amateur Ski Club of New York", and the purpose of the Club was to "promote skiing by a congenial group of amateurs". Officers were elected including Roland Palmedo as President, and by June 2, two months later, there were ninety-five dues paying members.

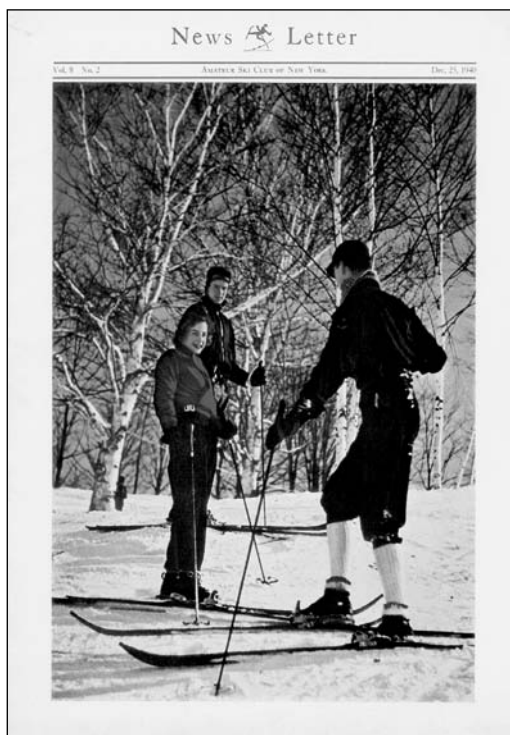
In another example, one of the more beautiful covers to ever grace the newsletter was the one shown. It was the December 25, 1940 issue. It is the only color newsletter that I am aware of, and shows members Art and Patsy Chace being taught by Sealy Newell at Woodstock, VT. Lew Wurzburg was the photographer who had an "inside track" at Conde Nast and had them run off the covers according to the ASCNY President, Roland Palmedo.

Depending on cost and bulk, I would like to copy and bind back editions of the newsletter by decade because a single-bound copy of all past newsletters would be about 24' thick. If that proves too costly and/or cumbersome I would like to scan and publish backcopies on a DVD and possibly the website if space allows.

However, I am missing several newsletter copies. This is an urgent plea to everyone out there: Scour your attics for any Club documents or paraphernalia, particularly newsletters. I am missing several from all decades, even the nineties and two thousands, but particularly the earliest issues from around 1932 to 1938. Please contact me at [ryoungarch@aol.com](mailto:ryoungarch@aol.com) with whatever you have.

Enjoy the archives.

*Rob Young, Membership Committee Chair*



## Calendar of Events

*Saturday, November 4, 2006:*

### **ASCNY Fall Dinner**

The Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue,  
New York, NY.

6:30 pm

Contact Hillary Hotchkiss at 203-966-9238

*Thursday, December 7, 2006:*

### **7th Annual Christmas Party**

Oyster Bar Saloon, Grand Central Terminal,  
New York, N.Y.

4:00 pm until 1:00 am

Contact Bob Nichols at [brational@optonline.net](mailto:brational@optonline.net)

*Saturday, December 30, 2006:*

### **2007 Slalom Race**

MRG Practice Slope 10:00 am race start

Cocktail Party @ ASC Lodge, 6:00 pm

*Saturday, January 13, 2007:*

### **2007 X-Country Race**

Oles Cross Country Center, Warren Airport

10:00 am race start

Cocktail Party @ ASC Lodge, 6:00 pm

*Saturday, February 17, 2007:*

### **Giant Slalom Family Race**

MRG Practice Slope, 10:00 am race start

Cocktail Party @ ASC Lodge, 6:00 pm

Blue & Gold Awards Banquet and Dinner, 7:00 pm

*Friday, March 2, 2007:*

### **ASCNY 2007 Ski Trip to Cortina, Italy**

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[Rstowe@hepfund.com](mailto:Rstowe@hepfund.com)

Belinda Shepard 203-227-6999

[Bjshpard@mindspring.com](mailto:Bjshpard@mindspring.com)

*Saturday, March 3, 2007:*

### **Mad River Glen Interclub / Family Race**

MRG Practice Slope, 10:00 am

"Interclub" Potluck, ASC Lodge 6:00 pm

# ***Nominating Committee Report***

The 2006 Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers consisting of Chairman Robert Young, Matt Holden and Rick Moulton is pleased to announce the new Officers of the Club:

**Stuart Randall – President    Harry Fisher – Treasurer**  
**Bob Nichols – Vice President    Delphine Brown – Secretary**

Officers are elected on a yearly basis by the Board of Governors. The Officers were voted in by the Board at their meeting in July, 2006. Outgoing Officers are Hilary Hotchkiss and John Nesbett. The 2006 Nominating Committee for the Election of Governors consisting of Chairman Robert Young, Bob Nichols and John Tobin is pleased to announce the new class of 2009 Board of Governors:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Scott Alexander</b> | <b>John Nesbett</b>    |
| <b>Harry Fisher</b>    | <b>Belinda Shepard</b> |
| <b>Sam Gaudet</b>      | <b>Rick Stowe</b>      |
| <b>Patrick Mooney</b>  |                        |

The Board of Governors consists of twenty-one Governors divided into three equal classes of seven members. Each class serves a three-year term. Every year, a class “graduates” and elections take place. The class of 2009 was voted in by the general membership at the Annual Meeting of the Club held in July, 2006. Outgoing Governors are Stephen Pettibone, Pam Nesbett and Ned Nunes.

## ***Membership Committee Announcements***

### **Posted for Membership**

Jeffrey & Ashley Hopkins - Magnolia, MA

### **New Full Members**

Olivia Pirovano - New York, NY  
Kirsten Scannell - New York, NY  
Camilla Bradley - New York, NY  
Christopher Leach - New York, NY  
Pandya Ralli - New York, NY  
Simon Gerson - New York, NY  
Andrew Klein - New York, NY  
William & Noel Boland - Chester, CT  
Casey & Erin Cammann - Andover, MA  
Cortland & Catherine Cammann -  
Ann Arbor, MI

### **Resignations**

David Pettibone - Norwalk, CT

## **ASCNY Billing**

Please do not worry if you have not seen your dues bill. These will be sent out to members shortly.

- ASCNY Board

## **ASCNY Store**

*will be open for online business soon!*

The ASCNY online store is being revamped, and should be on-line in the near future. The ASCNY is happy to partner with Lands End, which will deliver our prestigious ASCNY logo on thousands of Lands End catalog items. Hats, shirts, sweatshirts, beach tots to name a few. Check it out at [www.ascny.org](http://www.ascny.org)

## Member Profile

# MEG HUFFMAN

### Most memorable day at MRG.

The days each of my 3 kids skied for the first time.

### Favorite Trail at MRG.

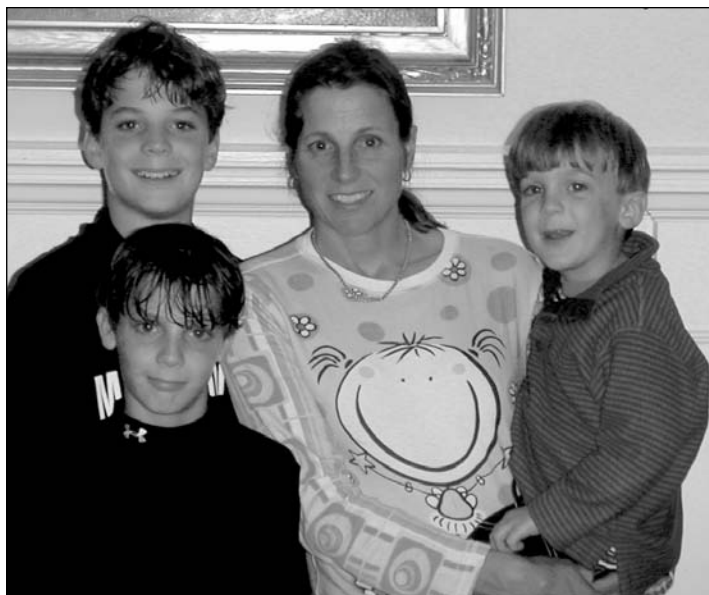
Slalom Hill

### Favorite beverage after you pull off your ski boots.

Water, then something with rye and orange juice...

### Favorite ski area besides MRG.

Telluride. Besides being the best skiing anywhere, it's where my husband and I got engaged.



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### How to sign up:

Please call Jane Chauvin at Penny Pitou Travel 800-510-1906 for trip details and payment requirements. Package prices are based on currency exchange rates and airline tariffs in effect as of 8/06 and may be subject to modest change.

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channels: Fire, EMS, Vermont Fish & Game, as well as the state court system and National Guard.

In addition to his many accomplishments, law enforcement seems to be a family tradition. Two of his uncles had long and distinguished careers in law enforcement with the Green Mountain State Police. One of them retired as a Major from the Vermont State Police, and the other was Washington County's Sheriff in the 1960's.

Sam and his wife, Shannon, are long-time residents of Montpelier. They have three children, Tyler, Breanna and Stephen, who keep the Hill's very active in the community.

If you worked at MRG, what would you do.

Mad River Ski Club coach.

### Straight or shaped skis.

Shaped, definitely shaped...If you're old, they're the only way to go. Rob a bank, if you need to...buy a pair!!!

### Where should the ASCNY plan a ski trip and why.

MRG...I've got 3 little kids and ski trips anywhere else are not in the budget.

### Worst Friday Night Drive.

We drive 45 minutes from Burlington. There are no conditions that qualify as "worst". There were some pretty tense moments late one Friday night when "someone" left the keys to our condo in Burlington.

### Funniest ASC Lodge Story.

Yet to be determined.

### Something about yourself that most members don't know.

When I was really young, my folks used to leave me alone in the basebox while they skied, and I regularly made friends with the bus drivers.

### An ASC tradition you'd like to revive.

How about a new tradition of annually showing great old ski films. I'll supply popcorn.

### Where do you see the club in 20 years.

I hope our club continues to attract fun people who cherish skiing at Mad River.

**Need more information or have questions?** Please call or e-mail Belinda Shepard or Rick Stowe, trip coordinators.

*Belinda:* 203-227-6999 or [bjshepard@mindspring.com](mailto:bjshepard@mindspring.com).

*Rick:* 917-710-2047 or [rstowe@hepfund.com](mailto:rstowe@hepfund.com).

**Don't miss out on this tremendous trip...Book today!**

### Funniest on the Job Story

"While on patrol one evening, I rounded a curve to find a vehicle that had left the roadway and hit a snow bank. The driver, still inside, had both hands on the steering wheel with the engine running and the rear tires spinning in place.

I turned on my lights and stopped. After he rolled down his window, I asked what he was doing and he replied in a matter of fact way that he was 'driving to Montpelier.' We talked for a few minutes, as he drove towards Montpelier, keeping his hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. I finally asked him if he was curious how I could talk to him, through the window, as he was on route to Montpelier. He stopped 'driving,' looked at me and admitted that it seemed a little odd. I then arrested him for DUI."



Amateur Ski Club  
of New York

Delphine Brown  
150 Holmes Avenue  
Darien, CT 06820



## *ASCNY's 75th Annual Gala*

Dancing, cocktails, dinner, great stories  
and plenty of crazy ASCNY members

*Saturday, November 4, 2006*

### **Yale Club**

50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, N.Y.

6:30 pm: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

7:30 pm: Dinner and dancing

***OPEN BAR ALL NIGHT LONG***

Silent auction, prizes and more!

For more information, *contact* Alison Walker  
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