



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."

Spring 2010



President's Notes

I hope everyone was able to enjoy

some of the "interesting" winter weather patterns we had this year. "Interesting" probably isn't always the best adjective to describe ski conditions, but this year it fit! We had a core dump or two, and all reports were that the skiing was classic Mad River Crazy (highs and lows, in quick succession). This great end of the season, along with a strong turnout in our racing and social events (with steady sell-outs in the Reservations Department!) made this year another great one for the Club, underscoring how wonderful it is to have that A-Frame where we can gather, cook and sometimes even sleep.

Despite all the distractions we all have bombarding us in our daily lives, there is nothing like that quiet Zen moment at the top of Paradise (or whatever is your favorite), with snow falling from a tree branch or from above, to put it all in perspective. I'm sure we all agree that it's the little things in life for which we are most thankful, and Mad River and the Amateur Ski Club of New York are surely two of life's little big pleasures.

A gentle reminder that all of us at the ASCNY share something we cherish as the keepers of a long-held tradition of enjoying the great outdoors and our neighbors. Everyone in MRG is there for the same reason, to ski and enjoy nature, so while we enjoy the simple life that is Mad River Glen, let's be gracious neighbors and Lodge dwellers.

As we all look forward to getting together away from the slopes, there are a couple of social events planned for the summer and fall months. The first is a cookout at the home of Tasha and Christian Nagler in Norwalk, CT in July. There will also be a golf outing this fall, depending upon the interest in travel to Bermuda, Fishers Island, Vermont or the Cape.



And, of course, we will host our Annual Fall Dinner. In the works for next year are our traditional races and cocktail parties, as well as an invite for a weekend out West. We will let everyone know by email as we finalize all plans.

Lastly, we have started taking nominations for Board positions which are up this year and every year. The current Board continues to do a great job and has my thanks, but each year Board members do not seek reelection when their rolling 3-yr terms are up. If you are interested in a Board position, or if you know someone who is (or should be), please contact me at phmooney@gmail.com or any of the Board members in the Directory. Remember, the health of any organization depends on keeping energy and ideas flowing!

All the best.....and Happy Spring!!
Patrick Mooney

Calendar of Events

July 31, 2010

Summer Barbeque
Hosted by Christian & Tasha Nagler
Norwalk, CT
Details on page 11

October 2, 2010

Annual ASCNY Golf Outing
Details to follow

Fall 2010

Fall Dinner
Details to follow

It's Been A Great Run!

Our esteemed Race Chairman, John Nesbett, oversaw our successful alpine and cross country racing calendar for his fifth consecutive year, following the fine tenures of prior race chairmen Bob Nichols (1997-2004) and Duncan Gillespie (1989-1996). The ASCNY Board is pleased to announce we have locked up Nesbett with another two-year contract to lead the Race Committee through 2012. Contractual details have not been announced.



Above: Race Chairman John Nesbett

Left: The official bibs – ready to go!

Below: The younger generation



Photos by Betsy Rawlings

This year's races were extraordinary. Highlights included:

- * No spectacular crashes, or timing device or microphone failures! Usually there are at least a handful of dramatic wrecks as skiers barrel over the steep knoll or crash into the finish line, knocking out the timing system. But this year's crop held it together, even on the icy slalom course. Hanna Gregory's second Giant Slalom run, outrageously fast and smooth, had the gallery believing they were watching Olympian Lindsay Vonn on the course. Hanna captured her first Gillespie Mighty Meister award, besting all boys and girls 13 years and under.
- * There is a new Tobin in town. Josh Tobin is our next "real racer." He is Mad River Racing Team-trained and putting up crazy times as a young teenager. His father, John, also crushed it this year. Both father and son love ice. John Tobin won his second consecutive Skimeister Award.
- * Congratulations to the Wilkes family for capturing the Family Award for fastest family on the hill in the giant slalom. Hooley's aggressive turns on the steep clinched her family's 1st place by less than 8 one-hundredths of a second over the Nesbets.



- * This year saw the return of many regulars. Of particular note was Doug "Padded Racing Pants 1970s Style" Walker. He skied well, winning a medal in the giant slalom. Also back to race was Brooks Ware, former standout giant slalom racer on the Greenwich (Connecticut) High School Ski Team in the 1980s. Brooks nearly won a medal in the slalom after posting a fine second run, complete with taking out six consecutive gates on the face. Special thanks to Brooks for his Lodge Committee work during the race weekend.

Special thanks from the ASCNY Board to Race Chairman Nesbett for a wonderful job overseeing and coordinating the races while delivering yet another ebullient awards presentation.



Top: Jeff and Hooley Wilks

Above left: Anna Albright and Tigger Nesbett

Below left: Betsy Rawlings and Pam Nesbett

Below Hadley Carey



The 2010 Club Championship

The Skimeister Series, launched in 1980, are our club's most prestigious awards. They are given to the top male, female and junior (13 years old and younger), calculated on the combined times of the slalom, giant slalom and cross country races.



**Skimeister
John Tobin**



**Skimeisteren
Tasha Nagler**



**Gillespie Family Mighty Meister
Hanna Gregory**

ASCNY Fun Fact:

The Gillespie Mighty Meister, formally the Mighty Meister, was originated in 1998 by Duncan Gillespie to encourage junior race participation. The scoring rules are the same as the Skimeister started by the late Jack Tobin, ski racer/cross country extraordinaire: boys and girls compete against each other and must race in all three events.



Photos by Betsy Rawlings

2010 Giant Slalom (GS)

**Championship –
February 13, 2010**

Two-Run Combined Scoring

This race has been awarded each year since 1935, when it was presented by our founder and first president, Roland Palmedo.

GS Prattfall – Men's 40 & over

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

GS Sitzmark – Men's overall

- 1) Doug Stowe
- 2) John Tobin
- 3) Doug Walker

GS Fairsexmark – Women's overall

- 1) Tasha Nagler
- 2) Hooey Wilkes
- 3) Kate Nunes

GS Billy Ross – Girls 10 & under

- 1) Tigger Nesbett
- 2) Lucy Wilkes
- 3) Anna Albright

GS Billy Ross – Boys 10 & under

- 1) Paul Rawlings
- 2) Henry Nagler
- 3) Henry Walker

GS Smallfrymark – 14 & under

- 1) Josh Tobin
- 2) Herald Parker
- 3) Paul Rawlings

GS Jr. Boys – 16 & under

- 1) Josh Tobin
- 2) John Parker
- 3) Herald Parker

GS Jr. Girls – 16 & under

- 1) Hanna Gregory
- 2) Phoebe Wilkes
- 3) Lucy Wilkes

GS – 3 & under

- 1) Hadley Carey

GS – 5 & under

- 1) Lindsey Carey
- 2) Bradford Alexander
- 3) Amelia Walker
- 4) Edward Nagler

GS Girls – 8 & under

- 1) Isabella Nesbett
- 2) Lindsey Carey
- 3) Madeline Carey

GS Boys – 8 & under

- 1) Henry Nagler
- 2) Thomas Walker
- 3) Sam Albright
- 4) Hayes Gregory
- 5) Nicolas Ware

GS – Women 50+

- 1) Kate Nunes

GS – Men 50+

- 1) John Tobin

GS – Women 60+

- 1) Stephanie Kies

GS – Men 60+

- 1) Rick Stowe

GS Family

- 1) Wilkes
- 2) Nesbett
- 3) Gregory

GS Mother/Daughter

- 1) Wilkes

GS Father/Son

- 1) Tobin

GS Boyfriend/Girlfriend

- 1) Hanna Gregory/Josh Tobin

GS Husband/Wife

- 1) Nagler
- 2) Stowe
- 3) Wilkes
- 4) Carey

GS Sibling Rivalry

- 1) Parker

GS Mother/Son

- 1) Nagler – Tasha/Henry)

GS Father/Daughter

- 1) Wilkes – Jeff/Phoebe

Slalom Championship – February 13, 2010 Two-run Combined Scoring

Men's Slalom

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

Women's Slalom

- 1) Tasha Nagler
- 2) Kate Nunes
- 3) Amanda Walker

Slalom 5 & under

- 1) Bradford Alexander
- 2) Amelia Walker

Slalom 8 & under

- 1) Henry Nagler
- 2) Paul Rawlings
- 3) Isabella Nesbett
- 4) Thomas Walker
- 5) Hayes Gregory

Slalom 10 & under

- 1) Tigger Nesbett
- 2) Anna B Albright
- 3) Thomas Walker
- 4) Lucy Wilkes
- 5) Scott Alexander
- 6) Henry Walker

Slalom 12 & under

- 1) Josh Tobin
- 2) Hanna Gregory

Slalom 15 & under

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

ASCNY Awards.... The Next Generation.....



The 2010 ASCNY race awards dinner on February 13 was attended by more children than adults – are we sensing a trend here?

Once the day of racing was over and nightfall had settled into the valley, over 65 members young and old gathered at the Lodge to celebrate the winning times, valiant efforts, and stories of icy spills on the hard-packed course.

Norma Bartol was the vigilant gatekeeper to cocktail hour, assuring that the party met budgetary parameters prescribed from somewhere in Bermuda (the new presidential residence of the Mooneys). There was a brisk turnover of various mountain elixirs at the bar, delicious hors d'oeuvres appeared in abundance, and downstairs the younger partygoers ran their own brand of fun, resulting in only a few minor injuries.

After pizza was consumed by the kids, John Nesbett brought out the hardware. Awards went to mostly usual surnames, but many of the first names were new (Josh, Henry, Tigger, Phoebe, etc.), continuing the now evident club youth movement.



Top left: Festive table settings set the mood

Above: John Rawlings

Above left: Rick Stowe and Mary Kerr

Left: Norma Bartol

Photos by Betsy Rawlings



Top left: Jeff, Hooey and Phoebe Wilkes

Left: Izzy Nesbett and Henry Nagler

Above: Entertainment Chair Betsy Rawlings with Sarah Albright

Below: Paul Rawlings

Bottom: The two Dougs: Stowe and Walker



The ceremonies concluded and candlelit tables were set for eight, overflowing with plates of stuffed steak & fixings, gourmet mac & cheese, and wines of both persuasions, while a crackling fire lulled all into a pleasant repast.

As the evening wound down, the remaining late-night crowd was treated to impromptu music as Doug Stowe managed to bridge the gap between analog and digital by hooking up his smartphone to the club's ancient clock radio – a fitting punctuation to the day's theme of generational transition.

–John Rawlings

Special thanks
from the ASCNY
Board to Betsy and
John Rawlings for
planning and hosting
their second
consecutive Race
Awards Dinner. It
was a tremendously
successful event!



Go West Young Members

A brave and bold group

of Amateur Ski Club members and their guests took over the Alta Alps Chalet for a week of winter fun from January 29 to February 7. Nestled at 10,000 feet in the shadow of Devil's Castle, halfway up the Supreme chair, the chalet's beauty lies in its isolation. Several sprinklings of powder, a flock of bluebirds and the staged opening of Alta/Snowbird's legendary avalanche terrain only added to this epic adventure.

A far cry from basebox pitchers and wings, the crew enjoyed superb food courtesy of cook (and captain bold), Simon Gerson, who had taken the helm in planning the voyage. Evening activities were brought to new heights of entertainment thanks to our cruise directors, Chris Leach and Camilla Bradley. Salad bowl, Prom Night, Ski Boogie and post-lift-close skiing in bikinis were a few of the highlights.



But the après activities were just icing on the cake after the long days on the mountain. While those who ventured over to Snowbird were greeted with ropes dropping on the Bookends in Mineral Basin, others were treated to untracked lines down the Backside and Devil's Castle at Alta. Playful rivalry developed over the course of the week as to which resort offered better terrain. Something upon which we all could agree was that we could not think of a better location for a group of 19 hearty skiers than Little Cottonwood Canyon. So which do you think is better: Alta or Snowbird?

—Chris Leach, Kara and Simon Gerson



Above: Our front yard

Left: Simon Gerson

Below left: Shep Halsey likes what he sees

Right: First tracks in the Bookends. Patrol dropped the rope right in front of our eyes!



Photos by Chris Leach



Above left: Shep Halsey and Chris Leach

Above: Carrie Stowe, Camilla Bradley and Kara Gerson (a.k.a. candidates for the next Bond movie ski women)

Above right: Chris Leach

Left: Crossing through tunnel at Snowbird over to Mineral Basin

Right: Doug Stowe



Right: Ahh....what a view!

Below: L to R: Kara Gerson, Simon Gerson, Elizabeth Woodcock, Jack Woodcock, Ed Pierce, Ann Pierce, Chris Leach, Shep Halsey



ALTA 2011!

ASCNY will have a block of rooms at the Snowpine Lodge during a long weekend in January/February 2011

Details to Follow

Email Simon Gerson (simongerson@gmail.com) with interest or questions.

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ASCNY Trip Committee

We Asked and You Answered

The Fall Line is delighted that members are responding to its call for submissions. We love to hear about your latest adventures, so keep 'em coming!

(Right) David Walker shared this photo from a January trip with Parker Cook to Denver, CO. He writes: "After many years of reservations under Alex Walker and Steve Cook, Parker and I are now in our second season as members ourselves, and love it. Parker is on the Wesleyan crew team and I am on the Yale crew team, so sadly we can't make it up to MRG all that often, but we did get in a weekend last winter and made it out to Denver this winter to ski the big mountains."

The attached is a photo of us from the Arapahoe Basin, one of the 'Mad Rivers' of the west, where we were treated like locals right away after bringing up that we were from MRG. All in all a great weekend of skiing that left us hungry for some Mad River roots, rocks and trees!"



(Left) Sue and Joe Hine write: "Herewith a photo of 8 ASCNY skiers in Vail, CO on Sunday, March 14th. We enjoyed excellent skiing and the unparalleled hospitality of Judy and Jay Inglis." (Left to right: Stuart Goldman, Jean Pettibone, Peter Pettibone, Alice Goldman, Sue Hine, Jay Inglis, Judy Inglis, Joe Hine, Charlie Peet, Julie Peet)

In Memoriam – Theora Morrison

Theora Morrison of Boston's Alden Galleries passed away at the age of 87 on February 1, the result of a severe head injury she sustained during a fall in 2008. Though not a member of the ASCNY, her work is well-known to all its members, as Alden Galleries has produced the ASCNY race trophies and ribbons for many years – with nary a mistake. For those who may not know, Theora started Alden in 1955 and was one of the first women to join the

Boston Chamber of Commerce. She is remembered not only for her business acumen, but also for her volunteer work and her devotion to family, friends and community. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Tonner, Jr. of Boston, and her nieces Patti Morrison of Wellsville, NY and Sheri Shaw of Clayton, NY. The ASCNY was among Theora's favorite customers and she will surely be missed by its members.

Summer Gathering and Cookout



Save the date for the
ASCNY Annual Summer Outing



Saturday, July 31st
2:00 pm

Hosted by Tasha & Christian Nagler
7 Point Road
Norwalk, CT 06854



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). Look for an evite with more details and RSVP info as the date gets closer.



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RESERVE LODGE ROOMS

Ski season may be over but MRG still has a lot to offer from hiking and golf to swimming, canoeing, antiquing and more. Plan your spring, summer or fall get-away now. Reserve Lodge rooms online at **www.ascny.org**.

Username: **ascny**

Password: **mrg50**

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IMPORTANT Parking Reminder!

Please remember that the ASCNY only has use of 6 parking spaces (or less if a snow pile is in the way) in front of the Lodge. On weekends and holidays, only those staying at the Lodge can park in front of the Lodge, AND, even if you are staying at the Lodge, if those parking spaces are full, you must park across the street. PLEASE let's be good neighbors! Thank you for your consideration.