



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



January 2016

A Letter from our President

Dear ASCNY Members,

Ski season is finally supposed to be well underway. But I know that some of you have not made it to the mountains yet given the slow start to the season. So in order to prepare, I would suggest the following training for the sport which we love so much:

- If you wear glasses, begin wearing them with glue smeared on the lens
- Throw away a hundred dollar bill - now
- Sporadically drop things
- Buy a new pair of gloves and immediately throw one away
- Find the nearest ice rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.
- Place a small but angular pebble in your shoes, line them with crushed ice, and then tighten a C-Clamp around your toes



As I write this letter on January 23, the lodge is virtually empty. We all try to anticipate the weather and it is a long drive for poor skiing. But I encourage everyone to not overthink the weather and anticipated snow conditions; one also has to be there to get the surprise magical days — the lake effect storms that sneak in and drop more inches than anyone can predict, the anticipated rain that converts to snow just up from the base area, the day where the single is on wind hold but the double is open and becomes your own private mountain, the spring day that starts out as boiler plate but slowly cooks its way to corn and then to pleasant soft mush under a brilliant blue sky. These days cannot be planned; there is no app that will algorithmically guarantee these days. Sometimes you just need to take a leap of faith and head north.

Here is an update on Club progress:

Bylaw Change: At the last board meeting, we shifted the birthday cut off date for club membership categories (junior member, intermediate member and adult member) to July 1 in order to coincide with our billing cycle.

Website: Feedback has been overall positive. But it is still a work in progress, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any feedback. Thank you Hooey for all the work you have put in to getting this done. Please take the time to log in and update all your contact information. It is critical for email blasts and billing.

Water Heaters: This was a very significant and long overdue infrastructure upgrade. Next time you walk past the closet down by the bunk rooms, open the door and peer in. The heater and copper piping is beautiful. Furthermore, the hot water capacity is expanded and the water in the club tastes much improved. Thank you Trey.

Entertainment: Taylor and Adam Ware have stepped in as Entertainment Chairs and are doing an extraordinary job. The cocktail party over MLK was the first MLK party at the club in many years, and the turnout and appetizers were extraordinary. The Fall party also was great fun at our house with a good turnout and lots of laughs. Highlight: Jeff Wilks' homemade beer with each bottle named for a secret woods trail as an award for our trivia parlor game. Boston also had it's own party this year.

Ski Trips: By the time you receive this, the ASCNY women's ski trip to Big Sky will be completed. What happens in Big Sky stays in Big Sky I hear, so we may not ever see a newsletter article.

See you on the hill.

John Nesbett
President of ASCNY

MLK Weekend @ the Lodge

By Ashley Ware

Mother Nature came through, just in the nick of time, delivering a few consecutive shots of snow in the days leading up to the MLK Holiday weekend. It was enough to get the mountain open and skiing quite nicely. A great crew of regulars had gathered at the lodge in anticipation of a full weekend of activities. On the slate were The Grift at the Basebox Saturday night, **Trey Gregory's** famous tacos, Sunday X-C race at Ole's with cocktails to follow back at the bar, and skiing, of course. By all accounts, the weekend was a great success.

A new twist this year was holding the X-C race later in the afternoon on Sunday, giving folks a chance to get some runs in at MRG before heading over to Ole's. Most agreed that a 3:00pm start time was a great idea and there were over 20 participants.

It was an exciting race and for the first time the overall winner was a woman - **Liza Carey**. She was followed close behind by **Doug Walker** and **Richard Gervase**. In the number three spot for the men was Liza's husband, **Andrew**. **Margie Gregory** and **Izzy Nesbett** took 2nd and 3rd for the women. Leading the pack in the Youth Division were **Lindsey Carey**, **Amelia Walker**, and **Hadley Carey**. Great job Carey family!

Once the results were properly tallied, all reconvened back at the Lodge for a convivial gathering organized by Social Committee Co-Chairs, **Taylor** and **Adam Ware**. Drinks were mixed and stories from the day were shared - along with a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres contributed by the group. **Stephen Pettibone**, tireless Race Chairman, ended the evening with a presentation of awards.

	Men	Women	Youth
1.	Doug Walker	Liza Carey	Lindsay Carey
2.	Richard Gervase	Margie Gregory	Amelia Walker
3.	Andrew Carey	Izzy Nesbett	Hadley Carey
Overall Winner - Liza Carey			



Overall winner, Liza Carey

Collecting Old Newsletters

Have you been saving all your old ASCNY newsletters for years and years? Are they taking up precious space in your attic or gathering dust in your den? We would love to take them off your hands or, if you cannot part with them, make copies of them and get the originals back to you. Along with the newsletter archive section on the new website, we have started a binder of old newsletters at the lodge and would love to include some of the older ones. Flipping through the ones I have collected so far, it is fun to take a step back in time. It is also a great way to share the ASCNY history with some of our new young members. Please contact Hooey@optonline.net if you have old newsletters to share.

Out with the Old, In with the New!

By Trey Gregory
Vice-President & Lodge Co-Chair

“Out with the old and in with new” is commonly proclaimed on or about New Year’s Eve every year. What does this mean? Well, this year I am happy to report that it means that the time has come to shower with a new friend at the ASCNY Lodge! Yes, that’s right! A hotter and a cleaner friend than you have ever showered with before. This tall drink of water is the newest improvement to our old lodge in an effort to make your stay more enjoyable.

Have I got your attention? Good! Then rush to the new website and book your favorite old rooms because I have a feeling that room reservations will be a hot commodity by the time you finish reading what I have to say.

First, some history on shower buddies at the lodge. We have not had new shower buddies at the lodge since the late 1960’s and early 1970’s when the Presidents **C. Wesley Dunn, Jr., James M. Graves,** and **Charles E. Hemming** presided over the club. In the 60’s & 70’s we had design elements like the passion pit in full use in the living room and the oil embargo had not even happened yet; life was good! Long hot steamy showers were hip and a very necessary part of the ski culture at that time. The club’s old shower buddies were called the W.L Jackson 80-gallon Electric Water Heater purchased in September 1969 and the 100-gallon model by the same name installed in 1973. These old buddies lived at the lodge for 46 years - until December 12, 2015.

Thanks to 5 angels on the ASCNY board, money was raised with bonds to provide the additional funds necessary to allow the new hot water tanks to be installed before this year’s ski season started. Avonda Air Systems from South Burlington, Vermont won the bid to install the new HTP hot water tanks and Clear Water Filtration from Warren installed a new water filter to remove the iron from all the water in the lodge. Both Avonda and Clearwater were extremely professional and they completed the job on schedule and on budget - I would highly recommend them to anyone!

Several improvements were made to the old system. First, we converted the fuel source from electricity to propane. Propane water heaters can cost one-third less to operate and recover water twice as quickly as old electric heaters. The system is sized to provide a full lodge of hot showers all at once and consecutively because hot steamy showers never get old after skiing.



One of the vintage tanks



The new water filtration system



One of the new propane heated water tanks

The other significant new addition is cleaner water from the taps and showerheads. Clearwater Filtration installed an in-line filtration system to remove the elements that stained the tile and tubs. The new filtration equipment has also improved the taste of the water as well.

So book that trip! Drink the water! Try out the old passion pit and shower with your new hot and clean shower buddy. Happy new hot water tanks are waiting for you at the lodge, so drink it up!

ASCNY - Holiday Style

By Ashley Ware

December started off with a bang with **TWO** ASCNY events taking place the very first week. On the 2nd of December, the 2nd Annual Boston Area Holiday Party was held at The King St. Tavern in The Ames Boston Hotel. A great turnout was had with 25-30 members fighting the holiday traffic to make their way into town. In addition to the usual club barflies (**Gregg Stone, Haven Ladd, Ware brothers - Adam and Brooks**), it was great to see some new faces at the event. **Casey** and **Erin Camman** came in from Andover; **Fred** and **Elizabeth Morris** by way of Manchester, MA, with their daughter, Darcy coming by also; **Jeff** and **Ashley Hopkins** left their 3 children in Hamilton for a night out on the town; **Nick Sowles** came up from Hingham and **Diana Olney** of Boston stopped in as well. Stay tuned for next year's event, as **Molly Ladd** has promised a raffle and other fun things!

A few short nights later, on Saturday the 5th, **President John Nesbett** and his wife, **Pam**, hosted the annual Club party at their lovely home in New Canaan, CT. It was a terrific event, with folks coming from many neighboring towns to catch up after a long hiatus. A fiercely competitive game of MRG Scategories was played, with the team of **Jeff Wilks, Tasha Nagler**, and **Patrick Mooney** barely squeaking out a win. (Let it be known that **Christian Nagler** is filing a lawsuit contesting the results.) Prizes were of the local variety and included special **Kavookjian** home-made maple syrup and MRG Underground craft beer made by Jeff Wilks.

Included in the great turnout of almost 30 members were 3 past presidents - **Bill Miller, Hilary Hotchkiss**, and **Patrick Mooney**. **Stephen** and **Andress Pettibone** were also in attendance, along with their just-about-to-be-born son. All were thankful that he did not chose that evening to make his appearance into the world! The few hearty souls that stayed late and ventured out to the fire pit (made into a raging inferno by **Izzy Nesbett** and **Nick Ware**), were rewarded with the uproarious anecdotes of **Doug Stowe**. Bravo, Doug - we look forward to hearing more of your stories soon!

Three cheers to **Taylor** and **Adam Ware** and the Nesbetts for orchestrating these events!

Boston Party Pics...



Fred Morris, Haven and Molly Ladd, Gregg Stone, Ashley Ware

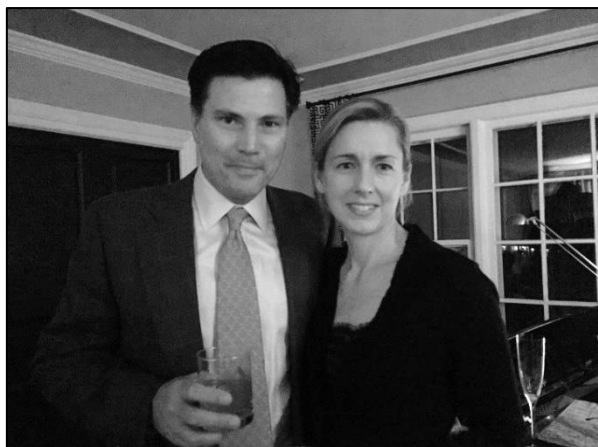


Taylor Ware, Darcy Morris (Guest) Tom & Whitney Sowles, Nick Sowles



Erin and Casey Camman

New Canaan Party Pics...



Brooks and Ashley Ware



Pam Nesbett modeling a new ASCNY hat



*President and Vice President
John Nesbett and Trey Gregory*



*Four ASCNY Presidents of past and present:
Bill Miller, Patrick Mooney, Hilary Hotchkiss, and John
Nesbett*



Tasha Nagler, Patrick Mooney, Pam Nesbett



MRG Underground— Find it if you can!

ASCNY Presidents Weekend Events are Fast Approaching!

Save the Date:

Sunday, February 14th

ASCNY Giant Slalom and Slalom Races

(Sign up at the lodge race morning)

Cocktail Party at the Lodge beginning at 6pm

Awards Dinner at the Basebox at 7:30 pm

Adults: \$45 / Children 12 and under: \$25

Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 8th to Taylor Ware (taylor.ware@gmail.com)

(Bring your checks, made payable to ASCNY, with you to the party)

Log In and Update!

The new ASCNY website is now live for reservations. There are a few kinks we are still working out, but so far the feedback has been positive. Unfortunately we were unable to recoup all of our old data from our old database before it died, so we need everyone's help getting your information current. While we move toward a more digital form of communication, we want to make sure all family members are informed of all club information, so include both adult emails. Also, future billing will be done online, so it's critical that whoever pays the bills gets the email reminders. Finally, it is best to not include work or college email addresses as those tend to change making it hard for us to communicate with you in the future.

Each member has a unique ID and password making it a more secure site for payments and member information. If you are having trouble logging in, it might be that we have an old email address on file for you. Contact Hooey Wilks at hooey@optonline.net for assistance.

Meet the New Board Member – Rich Gervase

When did you start skiing? Where? I started skiing at Camelback in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania when I was a freshman in high school.

Who introduced you to the ASCNY and when? John Nesbett introduced me to ASCNY in 2007. John was my paddle tennis partner, and we always talked about MRG. It made me think back to the days I'd first skied MRG during college and in my twenties and I remembered how much I'd always loved skiing here. Ann and I and the kids had been skiing southern Vermont up until then. We came up that first New Year's weekend in 2007 and have been coming here ever since. No other place I would rather be – especially on a Powder Day!

Your best and/or worst experience at the Lodge? Any time spent up at the Lodge is a great experience because the people are so great!

Tell us about your best road trip to MRG? My best road trip was when my son Will and I took a "sick day" on Friday after a major storm and came up for three days of MRG powder skiing. We listened to The Who the whole way up (which in my family can definitely only happen on a guys-only road trip) and skied our faces off all weekend long!!

Your worst? Once Will brought one of his friends up for a boys weekend. That friend got car sick and puked in my car just 40 minutes into the drive on the way up. Fortunately, he managed to do so perfectly into a chocolate chip cookie jar that the boys were in the process of emptying. That was also the trip when I tore my ACL. Notwithstanding those two painful experiences, we still had an awesome time!!

Best day at MRG? Any day I can get first tracks on powder. Also the first time Will and Katie ever skied Paradise when they were still pretty little.

What is your favorite trail at MRG? The one not on the map that I am doing for the very first time.

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

Who is your fantasy ski buddy? It would have been great to ski with Shane McConkey. He really knew how to enjoy life!

Favorite après ski beverage? Lawsons. Or one of Trey Gregory's amazing margaritas.

Favorite ski outfit and skis? My Line Sick Day 95s and my bright red thirty year old Norrona ski pants I purchased on Ebay for \$30.

Why did you join the Board of Governors? I joined the Board because I'd like to make a contribution to ASCNY and the community of skiers that have been such a big part of my family's life over the past decade and a feature of some of our happiest experiences together.



Richard Gervase

The Resurgence of ASCNY Spiritware

The famed "Amateur" logo has been making a comeback this year onto everything from car magnets to hats. This year's offerings included t-shirts in the last newsletter and Pam Nesbett was taking orders at the annual party for sweatpants, magnets and hats. While the t-shirt and sweatpants ordering window has come and gone, there are plenty of car magnets and hats available and even a few retro ties from years past. There are limited quantities of these items, so act fast before they are all gone!



Retro Ties \$30
Contact Pam Nesbett
rivernez@aol.com



Car Magnets \$5
Contact Pam Nesbett
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Navy Blue & Gold Hats \$45
Contact Camilla Bradley
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Discount Tickets

By Chris Warren

The Metropolitan Ski Council of New York has offered us discount tickets for the past 6 or 7 years. There was somewhat of a formal routine that we had to abide by to obtain these tickets. Orders needed to be received before Thanksgiving to be fulfilled by Christmas (even though we would never get the list of discount prices until about two weeks prior to Thanksgiving). That was basically the only ordering window we were given for the entire season - there were some scenarios where we could obtain tickets late in the season if there was overhead, but it was never anything we could depend on. As of last year, they also started charging us \$15 shipping for each order we made - whether it be one ticket or 20. Lots of pre-planning and commitment needed to get these slightly discounted tickets.

Within the last few years other means of purchasing cheaper tickets have surfaced through the internet. Liftopia.com lets you browse through any

mountain in the United States or Canada to see what deals are currently available. Even better, you can go to specific mountains websites and purchase discount tickets ahead of time. The caveat is you need to purchase tickets for a specific date. So yes, pre-planning is needed once again, but the discounts are far superior to what the Metropolitan Ski Council has been offering us. Outside of these alternate means of purchasing discount tickets, check out the weekly deals at any of these mountains - Tuesday Ladies Ski for 50% Off or Buy One Get One Free Wednesdays. Even the gas stations in Vermont and New Hampshire sometimes have discount deals. Last year Irving had a deal where if you bought 10 gallons of gas or more three times you got a voucher for a free weekday lift ticket to Okemo, Mad River Glen, Jay Peak, Smuggler's Notch or Saddleback. The deals are there - you just have to look for them!



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**Mark your calendars for
February 14th**



**Downhill & Slalom Races
followed by the
Awards Banquet**

Got Newsletter Ideas?

**Email your idea, article or
pictures to**
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or
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**Log in to the new website and
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**Interested in helping plan next year's
ASCNY 85th Anniversary party?**

**To join the planning committee
Contact Taylor and Adam Ware**



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