



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



May 2017

A Letter from our President

"There must be snow up here some place?"

This quote was written in a thought bubble on a cartoon above a caricature of Roland Palmedo searching for snow on the big island of Hawaii, Mauna Kea. This quote summarizes the optimist and the adventurer that embodies all of us skiers. A normal person would go to Hawaii and be perfectly happy to lounge on the beach. The skier thinks differently. Once the skier learns that there is a possibility of snow anywhere, it must be skied! Sacrifices will be made. Money will be spent. Transportation will be acquired to get on that snow with a pair of skis and leave first tracks. It is this same mentality that brings us back to Mad River Glen every year. We want to leave the first and last tracks on the mountain. We want to tell our ski friends, "well, I went up and it was epic, and I have never seen that much snow at Mad River."

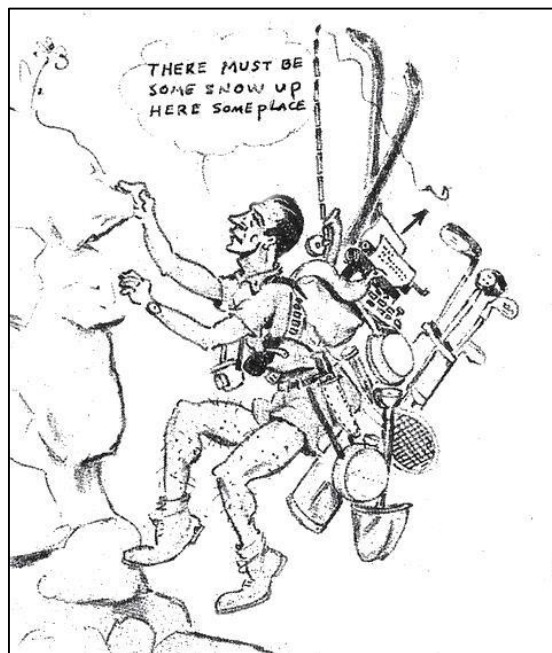
As for the club, our membership is also very faithful to the ASCNY. I am happy to report a great season of room reservations, a healthy crowd in the boot room, record-breaking attendance at parties and ski races, and a diverse age demographic of members. We are fortunate that the club is growing internally. The young members are paying and staying in the rooms. Intermediate members are signing on as full members. Many young families are forming in our ranks with children hypnotically focused on snow reports and consumed with being on the first chair! We even had some of the Palmedo clan enter our club ski races this year!

Let's face it we are addicted to having fun in the snow. Akin to the emperor penguins, our families make the pilgrimage back to MRG and the ASCNY for the winter year after year. The only thing we know instinctively is to head back for more ski races and more social events.

We have had some great parties this winter but why should we wait until next winter for the next one? The ASCNY summer party will be in Vermont this year! We will open the lodge June 30 to July 2 and room reservations can be booked online. Saturday, July 1 we will have a summer cocktail party and a barbeque dinner at the Lodge. More details to follow once we have a head count. Who's in? Clear your calendar and book a room at the Lodge, come up to your ski house, stay at a favorite B&B, lean-to or tent and join us!

Aloha,

Trey Gregory



Amateur - Who is he?

Where did he come from?

What do we know about him?

Answers to these questions & more in the next issue of The Fall Line!

Race Weekend 2017

Giant Slalom (combined times)

Kids

Billy Ross (10& under)

1	Hadley Carey	01:17.62
2	Neily Ware	01:27.31
3	Will Ware	01:36.89

Smallfrymark (14 & under)

1	Will Spehr	01:09.69
2	Lindsay Carey	01:09.94
3	Bradford Alexander	01:13.82

Women

Fairsexmark (Overall)

1	Lindsay Carey	01:09.94
2	Betsy Raftery	01:15.91
3	Hadley Carey	01:17.62

Prattfalline (over 40)

1	Betsy Raftery	01:15.91
2	Liza Carey	01:22.10
3	Margie Gregory	01:30.32

Men

Sitzmark (overall)

1	Josh Tobin	01:04.39
2	Brooks Ware	01:06.53
3	Will Spehr	01:09.69

Prattfall (over 40)

1	Brooks Ware	01:06.53
2	Andrew Carey	01:11.95
3	Douglass Walker	01:12.57



The Pettibones



POASGNY and FLOASGNY



Haley Carey Parker Pettibone



Sean and Jason Raftery



Neily Ware



Will Ware



Andrew and Liza Carey, Tony Richards, Ashley and Taylor Ware

Race Weekend 2017

Slalom (combined times)

Women

1	Lindsay Carey	01:25.9
2	Hadley Carey	01:33.5
3	Kellogg Pettibone	01:45.0
4	Neily Ware	01:47.4
5	Heather Spehr	01:53.6
6	Parker Pettibone	01:58.9
7	Liza Carey	02:29.0

Men

1	Andrew Carey	01:24.0
2	Brooks Ware	01:24.2
3	Stephen Pettibone	01:27.2
4	Bradford Alexander	01:27.6
5	Nicholas Ware	01:28.1
6	John Tobin	01:29.0
7	Douglass Walker	01:29.9

Juniors (14 & under)

1	Lindsay Carey	01:25.9
2	Bradford Alexander	01:27.5
3	Hadley Carey	01:33.5



Stephen Pettibone and Betsy Raftery



Will Spehr and Stephen Pettibone



Dean Richards, Amelia Walker, Hanna and Parker Pettibone



Neily Ware, Hadley Carey and Stephen Pettibone



The youngest future ASCNY racer Beck Pettibone with mom Andress

Race Results

X Country

14 and Under

1	Lindsay Carey	19:34.00
2	Bradford Alexander	21:39.00
3	Hadley Carey	22:54.00

Kids - 10 and Under

1	Hadley Carey	02:29.73
2	Kellogg Pettibone	02:40.40
3	Will Ware	02:50.50



Men

1	John Tobin	13:00.00
2	Hayes Gregory	15:56.00
3	Andrew Carey	16:10.00

Women

1	Liza Carey	14:47.00
2	Margie Gregory	16:49.00
3	Lindsay Carey	19:34.00

Overall Awards

Meightmeister

1	Lindsay Carey
2	Bradford Alexander
3	Hadley Carey

Ski Meister

1	John Tobin
2	Andrew Carey
3	Stephen Pettibone

Ski Meisterin

1	Lindsay Carey
2	Hadley Carey
3	Liza Carey



The Carey family crushed it on race weekend!

Boot Room Clean Out!

All personal belongings /gear MUST be removed by 6/15/17

In order to accommodate our members during busy holiday ski week weekends, it is necessary to clean out and organize the boot room from time to time. This summer, we would like to clear the room of all abandoned and unused gear. This should hopefully free up more space for stowing bags, boots, and skis during the season. **Items left behind will be donated or discarded.**

Questions? Contact Ashley Ware - ashleyware@me.com

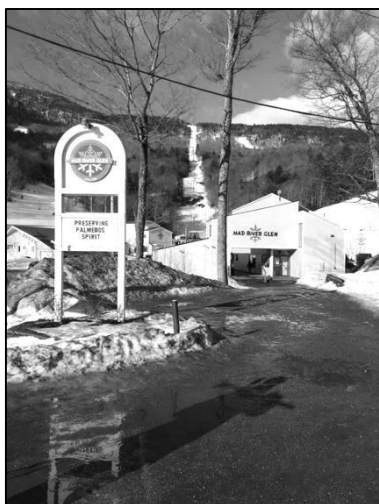
Roland Palmedo Recognized

By Margie Gregory

During President's Weekend 2017, the ASCNY Legacy Committee chose to honor our founder and significant contributor to our club, MRG and the sport of skiing - Roland Palmedo! Roland's interest in skiing developed at Williams College where he founded the Williams College Outing Club. He then went on to contribute as the founding father of Mount Mansfield Corporation (Stowe), Mad River Glen, the National Ski Patrol (holder of the No. 2 badge in the organization) and the Amateur Ski Club of New York!

The membership was treated to a 45-minute talk and slide show by Roland's son, Philip who traveled to Vermont for the weekend accompanied by several family members including two of Roland's great grandsons! Phil shared stories and lots of memorabilia of his father including letters he had written as he explored the Mad River Valley, the artwork depicting the original trail map of MRG and lots of insight as to how and why his father chose Stark Mountain to develop the skiing experience we all continue to enjoy today.

Philip is in the process of writing a book about his father and we eagerly anticipate its completion!



Chris, Phil, Tree and Lawrence Palmedo and Anders Proft



Summer Cocktails and BBQ!

Join us for a summer weekend.

Whatever your pleasure – hiking, biking, golfing, rock climbing, kayaking, visiting a farmers market or waterhole or enjoying the “Frendly Gathering,” set aside time for the

ASCNY Cocktail Party and BBQ **July 1, 2017**

RSVP to ascnymrg@gmail.com

Watch for details and updates on our website
ASCNY.org.



Meet Our Junior Racers

Ski Racing

By Matilda Nichols

My name is Matilda Nichols and I have been a member of the ASCNY since I was born. Both of my parents like to ski so naturally they introduced me to skiing early. I started skiing at Callie's Corner where I liked to nap more than ski.

At age five, I joined a racing program at Mount Southington, CT. The race program teaches really useful fundamental skills and it also teaches you how to ski gates which is sometimes different from regular skiing. I train on Thursday nights and race on the weekends. When I was little, my coaches would joke that they should put rocks in my pocket so that I would go faster. Gravity plays a role. I am still not a big kid at age 11 so I take after my Dad and love "Slalom." I have learned to cross block, but I think about going fast in races more than blocking gates.

I love my ski team; they are like a family to me. I have made so many new friends both on the team and on other mountains. We still hang out when we are not skiing. Often when the races are far away, we will stay at a hotel and my friends and I get to enjoy the indoor pool after racing. We have had fun dinners together like at a crazy Chinese buffet. I missed the ASCNY President's Weekend races this year because I was so lucky to be experiencing skiing out in Colorado with my parents and another family that we have met through this team. My buddy Max and I did a Go Pro GS race at Beaver Creek and that was a ton of fun. Skiing in Colorado was amazing, but I still love the "Rat" and "Fall Line" at Mad River.

One thing that I have learned is that even if you had a bad race, you congratulate the winner and say encouraging words to anyone who did good or bad in the race. Skiing is an individual sport, but you are still a team. My favorite race this year was a Kombi race, which is Slalom, GS, and Jumps combined. It is so different than the other races and after the race there is a thing called Skills Quest where we get to do fundamental skills and win prizes. One-ski skiing, pole jumping, pivot side slips, lane changers and a picket fence are some of the skills tested. I had so much fun.

Ski racing is not always about winning, it is also about having fun. One of my coaches is so goofy, he shows up for the early races in his pajama pants before he puts his game face on. My friends and I participate in a cardboard box sled race that Mount Southington holds which is so much fun.

My race program invited me to a book signing with Lindsay Vonn and she had a something to say that I will continue to think about. "You are only limited to what you push yourself to, you know you can always get better."

I have done many fun things on the race team and I think if you love skiing as much as I do, you should join a race team.

Know your expectations and exceed them frequently!



Meet Our Junior Racers



Bradford at the Mohawk Mountain Giant Slalom in CT with his great uncle, Peter Alexander.

My Experience as a Ski Racer

By Bradford Alexander

I ski on the Thunder Ridge Ski Racing Team based in Patterson, New York. As a member of this racing team I unfortunately don't go to my favorite ski area as much as I would like: Mad River Glen. And I miss staying at the ASCNY Lodge, which I enjoy so much.

I know the ASCNY has a strong racing tradition and I hope my ski race training helps me become a stronger ski racer. My training at Thunder Ridge has helped me become a better mogul woods skier at Mad River Glen.

Although there are many good race weekends with my ski team -- the Giant Slalom at Ski Sundown Mountain is my favorite -- the best race weekend of all is ASCNY's race weekend over President's Day Weekend. I like competing in the giant slalom, slalom, and cross country race each year. I like the slalom the best -- those turns down the the steep face of the Practice Slope are tough to make!

I learned how to ski at Mad River Glen and love the ASCNY. I look forward to race weekend next February.

Stuart Gillespie Sr. Remembered

Sadly we received news of the passing of our oldest member earlier this year. Stuart's son Duncan sent us this notice containing many of Stuart's contributions to the sport of skiing.

Stuart Gillespie Sr., oldest alumna and legendary member of the Amateur Ski Club died peacefully in his sleep on March 16, 2017. Stuart was an avid skier and Ski Patrolman at Mad River for many years. In 1938, he, with several other ASCNY members, founded the National Ski Patrol leaving Stuart the lucky #13 on his parka for many years. Stuart joined the Amateur Ski Club in 1936. He was the creator/builder of several of the trophies presented every year. He and his wife Helen chaired and ran the junior outings at Big Bromley for many decades, as well. Stuart was inducted into the Ski Patrol Hall of Fame at the age of 100 in 2014. Stuart would have turned 104 in May of this year.



Stuart Sr. far left, year unknown

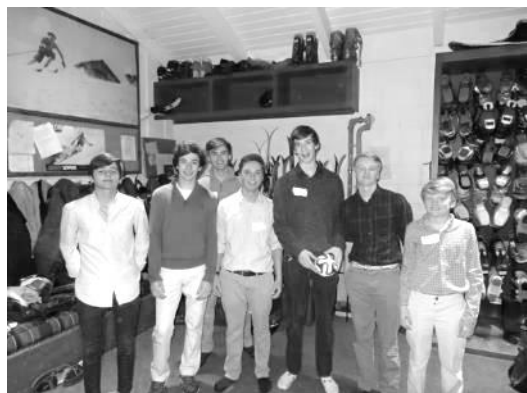
Race Weekend Pre-Awards Cocktail Party



Mary Kerr, Christine McNally, Trey Gregory



Richard, Will, Anna and Maggie Spehr



*Nacho, Nicholas and Bennet Ware, Hayes Gregory
Thomas Walker, Scotty & Bradford Alexander*



Mike Honiball, Jessica Wilde, Kaya Keis



*Hanna Pettibone, Dean Richards,
Will Ware and Amelia Walker*



Emily Richards and Haley



Heather Spehr and Margie Gregory



*Nicole Appleton, Michelle McNally, Alicia
Cleaver, Kelly McNally and Cameron Appleton*



The party organizers Taylor and Adam Ware

Is it The Ski or The Skier?



By Trey Gregory

We first met Mark Wallace at MRG on the Parlor Ski demo day in February. It was an overcast day with classic polished conditions on the legendary terrain. We were not in the market for new skis but thought it would be fun to try something new for the afternoon. It was late in the ski day but I wanted to try the skis and talk to Mark because I knew he held the standing course record for the Thunderbolt ski race. Was this ski the secret weapon? We skied our fastest and best runs ever! These skis are life changing. They hold their edges and confidently arc perfect turns all the way down the MRG “varied terrain” slopes.

Parlor is the largest East Coast manufacturer of custom skis. The ski manufacturer started building their first skis in a former funeral parlor in Cambridge, Mass and they now have a nice shop in East Boston. The Parlor crew manages a heavy, year round event schedule throughout New England and they all clearly take advantage of every ski opportunity that comes their way in the process. Mark has an impressive ski racing background and has done a great job creating a ski and lifestyle brand that fits perfectly with the East Coast skiing community.

“Making a ski is like making lasagna” is what Mark Wallace told us when we went to visit Parlor Skis for shop night (truth be told, Mark had left Boston at 5am

that day to get in an epic spring ski day at Black Mountain in NH. Follow Parlor on Instagram and you’ll get to live vicariously through the many adventures!). A group of ASCNY members met at the Parlor ski den for some pizza, a few beers and to learn the Parlor recipe for the perfect boards.

Here’s the process; it all starts with a base layer of plastic specifically designed for wax absorption on one side and epoxy bonding with a rough texture on the other. The next step was to fit the custom cut pre-manufactured edges. The edges are made from steel and allow your ski to carve a turn. They come pre-made and match the contour of the finished ski. The interior of the edge has “teeth” which act as the main source of attachment to the base via epoxy. Mark brushed on the first layer of the two part thermally activated epoxy. Thin black rubber strips were added to the epoxy to enhance the damping of the ski, and were placed along the edges of the ski. These also absorb vibrations and also reduce the likelihood of ski delamination.

Mark pushed a layer of tri-axel weave fiberglass (face up) into the epoxy and then brushed in a second layer of the 2 part thermally activated epoxy. Next the wood core, the layered plank of pre-laminated aspen and maple wood core is sealed into the epoxy and then coated with more epoxy. Finally, a custom top-sheet material printed polyethylene, P-Tex, or any durable ➔



Q&A with ASCNY/ MRG Ski Patrol

Interviewed by Ashley Ware

The histories of the ASCNY and the National Ski Patrol are indelibly linked. Early member, **C. Minot (Minnie) Dole** founded the NSP in 1938, building upon the success of the Mount Mansfield Ski Patrol at Stowe, which was itself modeled after the Swiss Parsenne Patrol. Founder and adventurer, **Roland Palmedo**, was among those to assist with the formation of the MMSP.

"Amateur Ski Club members have always been active on (the National Ski Patrol), serving faithfully and well." (Fifty Winters, p. 20) Notably, there are at least 6 ASC patrollers, retired and active, (that the writer is aware of) - **Dylan Kavookjian, Nick Parson** (MRG), and **Stephen Pettibone** (Middlebury). Currently working as ski patrollers at Mad River Glen are members **Penny Parson** and husband and wife team, **Gib and Sarah Carey**. They recently took some time out to answer a few questions regarding what it takes to do the job.

How long have you been doing Ski Patrol? Where did you start?

PP: Since 1981 @ MRG

GC: 6 years; Started at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin

SC: 9 years - also at Wilmot Mountain

What inspired you to join Ski Patrol?

PP: I was a "patrol groupie" in the 60's and skied and occasionally ate lunch with the patrol in the Stark's Nest. The patrol director at the time, Howard Carr, was an occasional hunting companion of my father's and my brother was a patroller in the 70's, so I knew many folks associated with the patrol. When I moved to Vermont from New York in 1980, several friends I skied with regularly encouraged me to join the patrol.

GC: In general I have always admired patrollers and felt like they were making an important contribution to the ski areas they served, but it was watching my wife, Sarah, go through the training and patrol at Wilmot that inspired me to start the training to become a Patroller.

SC: The first inspiration was the winter we shared our Alpine Meadows ski house with a good friend who patrolled at Squaw Valley. He is an incredible skier with a great sense of humor and a big passion for taking care of people. Craig was always encouraging us to join the patrol. Secondly, patrolling was a great way to enjoy the crazy Chicago winters!

What do you enjoy the most about it?

PP: Helping people on the mountain. [Also], the friendship and camaraderie among the patrollers is amazing.

GC: Being on a team, keeping the mountain safe.

SC: The camaraderie of the folks on the patrol is amazing. The caliber of the people is inspiring. I would have to add it is awfully enjoyable opening up trails following a dump [and getting] fresh tracks.

What is your least favorite part?

PP: Shoveling

GC: The long drive home.

SC: The guilt that comes with cutting the Single Chair line (unless it's in front of Andrew and Liza)!

Describe a typical day on the mountain.

GC: A typical day starts with arriving in the patrol room at least 30 minutes before the lift opens, signing in, getting geared up, and getting a quick overview of what to expect for the day from John Ayers, our patrol director. Our first run or two we are helping open the mountain by checking each trail and making sure it is safe. We remove branches that may have fallen overnight and place bamboo where needed to mark obstacles. Once trail checks are complete, we are free to ski wherever we like, but if anyone needs a hand with working on trails or responding to an accident we carry radios and respond as quickly as we can. At the end of the day, we meet at the top of the mountain and each of us is assigned a trail to "sweep". Our primary responsibility at sweep is to make sure that all skiers are safely down and off the mountain for the night, but we also prepare the mountain for any overnight grooming by moving any bamboo out of the way.

Parlor (cont'd)

plastic that will bond well to epoxy. This layer mainly serves as a platform for the graphics and as protection of the ski's epoxy from UV radiation. The top "skin" can be fully customized and yes (!), we are in the process of designing an ASCNY club ski! Finally, the ski is baked in a special bag that is in a vise to form the ski. After the top and bottom layers reach 90 degrees the skis are done.

What is different about Parlor is they are custom designed for each individual skier. Parlor learns where you ski and how you ski and then builds a one-off ski, customized to your needs. If you have the chance, demo a pair of these skis and experience the difference! It will change your skiing life!



More Photos from Winter 2017!



Nicholas Ware, Dave Clarke, Trey Gregory, Matt Holden, Scotty Alexander, Bobby Nichols



Adam, Taylor, Neily & Will Ware ran into Fred and Darcy Morris at Alta this winter.



Ski Patrol Interviews – Cont'd

Recount the most challenging / interesting situation you've faced on the hill.

PP: One beautiful spring day I was riding the double and noticed a group of skiers trying to climb the Birdcage cliff. S-turns and Periwinkle were both closed so I knew they'd ducked a rope. I yelled at them from the lift about the trail closure - when I skied down to investigate I was told that one of them had dropped close to \$1,000 cash off the lift while trying to reach their cell phone. I think they recovered most of the money. We continued to see this whacky group throughout the day - one had a sled ride from Broadway, another had a ride from Lift Line, and a third sprained her ankle on Waterfall and skied down. By the end of the day we were very happy to see their tail lights headed down Rte. 17.

GC: I think the most challenging situations have been in my training, especially when I was working on my senior medical certification. During that training you are given dozens of scenarios in which you either have multiple patients to work on at once or one patient with multiple injuries. There is a lot to think through, and it is a challenge to be thorough and go through the first responder process in an orderly manner. Fortunately, so far the accidents for which I was first on the scene, and therefore taking the lead, have been much less complicated.

SC: At Wilmot, our chairlifts had seen better days and would stop running a couple times a year. When it happened at night, the lack of decent light and colder temperatures made evacuating everyone off the chairs pretty challenging.