



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



Fall 2021

A Letter from our President

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and hopeful, as I am, that we will all gather again this winter on a mountain or fireside. Covid has certainly created many challenges for all of us but these past few months our board has worked together to figure out ways we can help our club weather any remaining bumps in the road.

With that in mind, we have begun accepting new applications for membership. If you know a person or family that loves skiing, especially Mad River Glen, and would like to join a social community of skiers at the base of Mad River Glen, start by introducing them to the lodge and some members. We all know the bond this club has brought for many of us as we have shared a beverage fireside and raised the next generations of little rippers. We have some up coming fall events that are a great way for new applicants to start to get to know the membership. If you would like to host an event, please contact me and let's get more on the calendar!

We also held our first work weekend. After our membership, the lodge is our biggest asset. As you'll read in the following pages, several members (and a new applicant) worked tirelessly on a crisp fall weekend to knock off a long laundry list of things needed to be done around the lodge. This was a great way reduce spending after a year of low room revenue.

We owe many thanks to our new web team, Alex Merrill and Jeff Hopkins who had no idea how heavy a lift it was going to be when I casually asked them if they could take over the role and with that, finding a new company to build a new website. Hundreds of hours and thousands of emails later, the website is being built as I write this.

Our bookkeeper, kelli Patterson, had to step down due to family obligations but has left us in good hands with Laura Callahan. Laura's contact info will remain billing@ascny.org, but the mailing address has changed and is posted on the website.

Finally, the lodge has new locks and codes, and our reservations team can provide those to any active members with reservations or needing access to the lodge. As always, please do not give out the code to anyone no staying at the lodge.

I'm currently writing this in the foothills of the Wassatch mountains. I came for some hiking but an early storm dropped 10 inches of snow in Little Cottonwood Canyon making for a change of plans. Old man winter has arrived! Too bad we did not bring our skis!

Regards,

Hooey Wilks
President

New Website

Our old website hosting provider is leaving the business. Unable to simply move our existing website onto a new platform, we are faced with having to build new again. The average life of our websites has been 5 years and this time we managed to eek out 6 years. In order to not run into this problem again, and to reduce the cost of the build, we are having to make some changes.

One new feature will be auto generated messages coming from billing. Currently **Emily Mooney** sends those out and we have, over time, made sure they went to all emails (Primary, Alternative (often a work one) and lastly, the spouse) associated with the account. This worked well as the primary email is not always the bill payer or in charge of the social calendar. Unfortunately, we will not have that luxury with the auto generated messages. It will go to the primary account only. We experience some of the communication break down this year as the assessment notices coming the bookkeeper through Quickbooks were sent only to the primary account.

This is where we need your help! Please change your primary email on your account to the person who pays the bills.

Other changes are in the works. Please be patient as we work out the kinks. Hoping to have it up and running by end of November. All reservations made on old website will transfer over to new website. Somethings might not be as easy as in the past, but this new design will be portable should we need to move hosting sites again.

Boot Room Management

One of the items on the to do list for the work weekend was to clean out the boot room. This past year was a light year for usage, but still we found so many pairs of boots and skis left behind. Some that were sill hung on the boot dryer were looking brand new. I've included a few pictures so the rightful owners can claim them. Otherwise, they will be donated or tossed out. We also cleaned out most of the lost and found and Gear Share boxes for a fresh start.

Reminder: If you are not returning to the lodge within a day, please do not leave your boots on the dryer. Please put them on a high shelf, out of the way and leave the dryers open for the next group entering. Please teach your children to do the same. When we have a full lodge and lots of boot room users, there is not enough space for those who need it if there are unused boots taking up space.

Do any of these look familiar? Contact hooey@optonline.net



Membership Update

New Membership applications being accepted now. Contact Margie Gregory (mhgmhb@gmail.com) or Gregg Stone (gstone@kestrelvm.com) to start the process. We currently have one lapsed legacy members and two new families up for membership. Attend our planned fall events and get to know them.

Honorary Membership Awarded to Betsy Pratt.

The Board voted unanimously to vote long time member and former owner of Mad River Glen as a Honorary members. Betsy is 93 years old and now resides in North Carolina.



Ani and Matt introduce
Anna Victoria
"AnnaVi" Widham
Born July 28, 2021.
6lbs 14oz 19 inches.



Riley Margaret Hayes
Born: April 6, 2021
To Leslie and Sam Hayes



Sam and Kaya Kies are the proud parents to
Vivian Frances Kies
Born 4/18/2021
Vivi and her big brother Teddy can't wait to take on Birdland!



News from Sarah and Gibb Carey that their son
Chris and Katie (Gallo) got married on August 21st
at their home in Gloucester, MA.

Fall Events

Annual Party

Kick off the ski season at

Big Snow American Dream

<https://www.bigsnowamericandream.com/>

Date: Nov 13th

Time: Ski 10-12, Lunch 12:30 -

Where: East Rutherford, NJ



Gather with old friends, make new friends, crank out some big turns, and get out the ski kinks before hitting the big slopes. This place is a total hoot! Great for all ages. No need to go to Dubai to cross indoor skiing off your bucket list. After, we will gather for a casual lunch across the street at Redd's.

RSVP to Hooey@optonline.net ASAP for possible group rate pricing if we get 30 people.

New York City Gathering

Come get your Oktoberfest on at the **Hofbrau Bierhaus**.

Date: Oct 28th

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Where: [712 3rd Avenue](#), between 44th and 45th



A special happy hour for newly minted intermediate members, members who might not have used the club in a while, prospective members, and members who really want a good beer and a pretzel. We have two large tables reserved in the greatest German beerhall this side of the Rhine. Easy access to Grand Central. A suggested donation of \$25 covers all the beer, wine, and pretzels you can consume; spaetzle, schnitzel, wurst, and more can be ordered a la carte.

Per New York regulation, you must show your vaccination card and matching photo id to gain entry.

RSVP to Alex@merrillemail

Boston Gathering????

Who wants to organize a Boston Gathering. Pick a spot and time and rally the troops! Contact Emily Mooney (ejmooney94@gmail.com) to help you send out the invites.

Work Weekend

This past September we had our first work weekend at the Lodge. There have been times over the years when a few members would gather to paint the boot room or a bedroom, but this was the first multitask, all hands on deck undertaking that I recall. Thank you to **Dave Clark** for organizing the event. Between **Dave Clark's** and **Jeff Hopkins'** packed van and truck, every single tool possibly needed was available and then used. Five adult members and a guest participated and all who attended said it really was fun and they would definitely do it again. Participants included: **Hooey and Jeffrey Wilks, Dave Clark, Jeff Hopkins, Alex Merrill**, Colton Brown, (guest of Alex's and new member applicant), Alex's son Fritz and Colton's son, John.

The list of items was long, but we prioritized anything having to do with water drainage away from the lodge, and opening up the space around the lodge to let more light in to dry up the land and reduce clogged gutters. Ditches were dug. Swales were built. Trees were felled and gutters were fixed. We worked all day Saturday followed by a great dinner at the General Starks. Sunday, we finished up by noon. Special shout to the two young boys who 100% entertained themselves the entire weekend so the adults could maximize their time. Per the kids' request, their fathers did join them for a hike up to Slalom Hill to see the sunrise on Sunday Morning. Below is the unbelievable number of tasks completed. There were a few items that we did not get to, so there watch out for another work weekend end next year and join the fun. Next time you see one of the people who attended the weekend, thank them for their time.

Outside

100 yard swale/ trench surrounding the back and sides of lodge to divert water away from building.

Cleaned out all gutters

Replaced missing downspout on Rt 17 side, buried run out

Gutter added to dog houses.

Trees encroaching on the lodge felled and others trimmed

Outdoor steps back filled with gravel, recemented, pointed

Weed whacked around building

New kindling bucket purchased and filled with tree debris

Broken fan vent screens replaced and caulked to keep rodents out

Weed whacked around building

Screens over fan vents to keep rodents out.

Boot room

Outdoor railing hung by boot room door

Boot room door kick plate replaced and painted

Changed lock code

Lost and found and gear share cleaned out.

Boots and skis left behind were moved to top shelves

Shelves and cubbies cleaned out.

Boot room exterior windows sanded Bondo-ed, reglazed, primed and painted

Outdoor steps back filled with gravel, recemented, pointed

Inside Lodge

New base mounding purchased, cut, nailed and caulked in rms c, d and e

Folding doors in bedroom d washed and reattached to closet

Ladies and men's room fans replaced

Bulb in second men's room shower fixed

Caulked hole in bathroom sink

Mosh pit lights purchased and hung

Maintenance room cleaned out

Maintenance room old plumbing holes filled in

Old ice maker removed

Wiped down exterior of metal chimney of fireplace to the very top



Alex Merrill, Dave Clark, Jeff Hopkins, Colton Brown



Jeff Hopkins



The man with many tools, Dave Clark

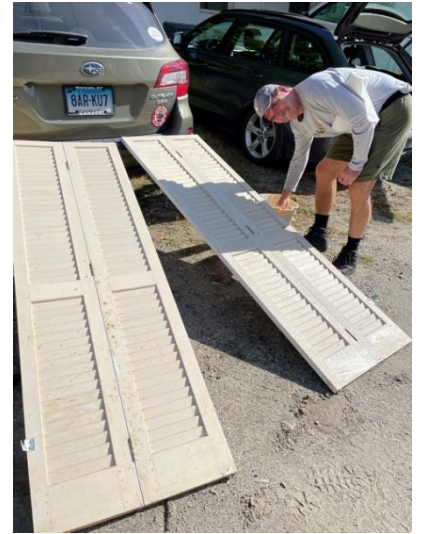


Jeff Wilks repairing deteriorated steps



Alex Merrill and Colton Mcguivering the ladies room fan

W O R K W E E K E N D



Jeff Wilks washing down the closet doors



Enjoying Burritos and the new deck chairs



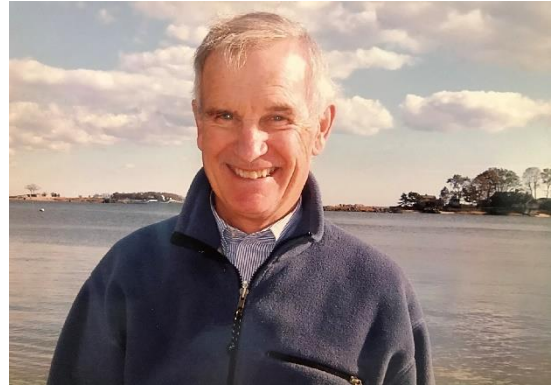
Alex and Friz Merrill watching the sunrise from the Slalom Hill



The 100 yard swale.

Remembering long
time member and
active board member

William H. Miller, Jr.



William Harlowe Miller, Jr. of Norwalk, Connecticut passed away peacefully at Stamford Hospital on August 30, 2021, after a long bout with dementia. He was born on April 22, 1939 in Mineola, NY to William Harlowe Miller and Martha Clarke Miller of Lloyd Harbor, New York. Bill attended Phillips Exeter Academy (class of 1957) where he played on the varsity soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse teams. He then attended Princeton University, where he played on the varsity ice hockey team and was a member of the Ivy Club. After graduating from Princeton in 1961, Bill served in the U.S. Navy, during which time he sailed on a destroyer, the USS Strong, and achieved the rank of Lieutenant. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1963, Bill earned his JD from Syracuse University College of Law in 1966. He also married Jean Piersol of Philadelphia in 1966. After living in New York City for a few years, Bill and Jeanie settled in their current house in Wilson Point, Connecticut.

Bill was a trusts and estates attorney, initially with Humes, Botzow, Wagner, and Miller, and finished his distinguished career as a partner at Davidson Dawson & Clark, LLP of New York and New Canaan. He retired in 2014. Always generous with his time, Bill leaves a legacy of volunteering and service to the activities and cultures that provided him with so much joy throughout his life. He coached his sons' hockey teams in the Darien Youth Hockey Association, served on the Board of Trustees of Greens Farms Academy, the Board of Directors of the Amateur Ski Club of New York (ASCNY), and the Board of Directors of the Wilson Point Property Owners Association, for which he served as Secretary for 30 years.

In addition to ice hockey and skiing in Vermont and Utah, one of Bill's primary passions was sailing. He grew up racing Atlantics and other one-design boats on Long Island Sound at the Cold Spring Harbor Beach Club. He went on to race in numerous Newport-Bermuda Races, Block Island Races, Vineyard Races, and Halifax Races. He also loved cruising the waters of the northeast with his family. He was a member of the Norwalk Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club, the Corinthians, and the North American Station of Royal Scandinavian Yacht Clubs. In addition to his accomplishments on the water, and in keeping with his spirit of giving, Bill served as a board member and Chairman of the Junior Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound in the 1980s. He was also a board member of the Norwalk Yacht Club and its Junior Sailing Program, for which he served as Chairman from 1981 through 1984.

Bill was a modest, unassuming soul who was loved and respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Jeanie, his two sons, William H. Miller, III (Rachael) of Crested Butte, Colorado and Thomas P. Miller (Sara) of Sammamish, Washington, and four grandchildren, Paige, Ellie, Brooks, and Skyler, who were the little lights of his life. He is also survived by his sister, Martha Miller Massey and his brother, Ludlow Miller, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. A memorial service was held on October 9, 2021 at Saint Luke's Parish in Darien. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Norwalk Maritime Center, 10 North Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854 - <https://www.maritimeaquarium.org/donate>. Smooth sailing, Granddad.



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**Thanksgiving is a great
time to rent out the
whole lodge and host
Thanksgiving. 3 Fridges
and neutral territory!**



Thank you all those who
crushed it on our first work
weekend!

**Looking for a
newsletter editor!**

**Do you like to write?
Want to help out the club?
Contact Hooey@optonline.net**

**Two fall events
coming up.**

RSVP and join the fun!

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