



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



April 2019

A Letter from our President

What a great year for our club and MRG skiing! Below are some fun facts on the past season. (as of April 1st and it's still going!)

- MRG had 240 inches of snow this season, 35 days of fresh snow and the largest snow fall in one storm was 30 inches.
- The General Store sold 4,925 **Ski It If You Can** stickers for a total of roughly \$4,925.
- Sixteen Episodes of Mad River Glen Today TV aired on you tube.
- Preserve Our Paradise Campaign has raised \$4,545,532 in contributions and pledges out of the \$6,500,000.00 needed to maintain the aging buildings at MRG. All donations will be matched until April 30th so please contribute if you can!
- The basebox sold 2,000 breakfast sandwiches, 5,000 burgers, and 7,000 orders of fries. Food and beverage makes up 20% of the revenue at MRG.
- The average yield on a lift ticket was \$56.00.
- Season pass holders made up 60% of skier visits.
- On the busiest days MRG had 1,200-1,400 skiers on the mountain.
- If MRG remains open past April 1st this year, it will break the record for the longest ski season in the history of MRG, which until now was 130 days! The shortest ski season was 38 days 3 years ago. As of the writing of these stats, MRG is still open!
- 712 heads hit a pillow at the lodge.
- 6 new intermediate members booked for the first time at the lodge.
- Trina washed 1,260 pounds of laundry over 14 weeks for the lodge.
- The club used 1,037 gallons of propane this season @ \$2.19 per gallon.
- We paid \$1,100 for snow plowing and shoveling for the season.

Spring skiing is great this year so try to make it to MRG and make a few more turns before you put away your boards. Looking forward to summer, we plan to have a cocktail party at the lodge on the 4th of July. To keep your legs in shape for next years ski season we are checking out two potential club bike ride weekends - the first is the Farm to Fork Fondo, July 21th and the second is a the Kelly Brush ride, September 7th.

Please email me if you are interested in either of these rides at ascnymrg@gmail.com.

Fondly,

Trey Gregory



Trey & Margie lined up early to snag first chair on an epic day.

Race Weekend 2019

Successful Giant Slalom and Slalom Club Championship Races Held at Mad River Glen on Beautiful Presidents' Day Weekend

By Scott Alexander and Hooey Wilks

After multiple years of frigid temperatures or sleet like precipitation, this year we were blessed with beautiful weather for our Club's Race Weekend. We had a great turn out and some familiar old faces came back to participate. Again this year we saw some of the young teen racers throwing down times that forced the adults to amp up their game just to stay on the podium. We also had one of the largest age ranges this year with many participants in the under seven category and **Peter Pettibone** competing in the over 70 category. We even had a giraffe race the course (see page 9).

Victoria Pettibone, brother of **Stephen Pettibone**, handily won the Fairsexmark award with a combined time of 1:07.00, edging out her niece, **Kellogg Pettibone**, and multiple Fairsexmark award winner **Helena Nichols**. The Fairsexmark award is for the fastest woman in the giant Slalom. Of note, **Matilda Nichols** second run was the third fastest second run of the day across all categories.

The women's slalom race was won by 13 year old **Matilda Nichols**, whose combined time was faster than anyone in the male category too. Placing second, third and fourth, respectively, were three members of the **Pettibone** clan: **Kellogg, Victoria and Parker**.

Former ASCNY President, **Stuart Randall**, yet again, was the fastest male ski racer in both races. In the Giant Slalom, **Stuart** won the Sitzmark award as the fastest male with a combined time of 59:00. Fourteen year old **Bradford Alexander** finished ahead of Race Chairman **Stephen Pettibone**, who finished third. **Stuart** won the men's slalom, again ahead of

fourteen year old **Bradford Alexander** and **Bob Nichols**, a frequent winner of the men's slalom and giant slalom races.

Two of the ASCNY's most important races are the Billy Ross Award (10 years old and under) and the Smallfry Mark Award (14 years old and under). In 2019 **Parker Pettibone** captured the Billy Ross award, ahead of **Will Ware** and third place finisher, **Raquel Merrill**. The 2019 Smallfry Mark Award was won by **Bradford Alexander**. Finishing second was **Kellogg Pettibone**.

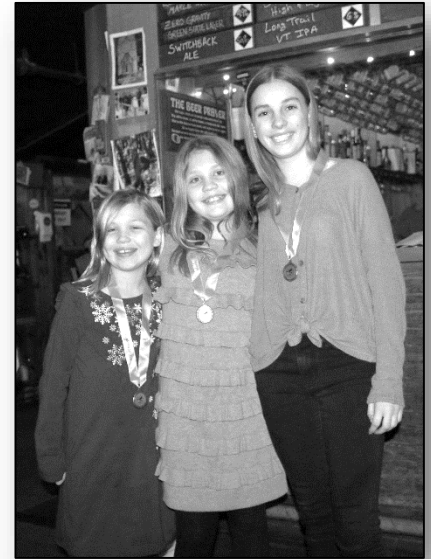
Another important award is the Family Award. It requires that at least three family members participate in the race. It's one of the best awards because it really captures the spirit of this family ski club. This year it was captured by **Victoria Pettibone, Adam Verost** and their daughter **Lily Verost**.

Our many thanks go out to all the club members involved in organizing the races and parties as well as taking pictures. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes like ordering glassware and engraving trophies, untangling bibs, negotiating catering, reading over applications for the Legacy Cup, etc. Thank you to **Stephen and Andres Pettibone, Taylor and Adam Ware, Scott Alexander** and of course **Trey and Margie Gregory**. If you see these folks in your travels, be sure to let them know how much you appreciate all their hard work.

Race Weekend 2019

Slalom

Name	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Girls Slalom				
1 Matilda Nichols	39.20	41.52	01:20.7	
2 Kellogg Pettibone	48.54	52.09	01:40.6	00:19.9
3 Parker Pettibone	51.40	55.52	01:46.9	00:26.2
Boys Slalom				
1 Bradford Alexander	40.90	44.84	01:25.7	
2 Scott Jr Alexander	46.43	48.65	01:35.1	00:09.3
3 Will Ware	52.47	54.20	01:46.7	00:20.9
Women's Slalom				
1 Matilda Nichols	39.20	41.52	01:20.7	
2 Kellogg Pettibone	48.54	52.09	01:40.6	00:19.9
3 Victoria Pettibone	48.21	52.97	01:41.2	00:20.5
Men's Slalom				
1 Stuart Randall	41.24	41.24	01:22.5	
2 Bradford Alexander	40.90	44.84	01:25.7	00:03.3
3 Bob Nichols	43.66	46.77	01:30.4	00:07.9



Parker and Kellogg Pettibone
with Matilda Nichols



Kellogg and Victoria Pettibone with Matilda Nichols



Bradford Alexander, Bob Nichols and Stuart Randall

Race Weekend 2019

Giant Slalom - Youth



Parker Pettibone



*Bridger Rowan, Kellogg Pettibone
and Bradford Alexander*



Will Ware, Scott Jr and Bradford Alexander



*Stephen and Parker Pettibone, Will
Ware and Raquel Merrill*

Name	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Youngest (Age 5)				
1 Ethan Verost	02:12.47	01:52.66	04:05.13	
Under 7				
1 Raquel Merrill	00:44.81	00:46.78	01:31.59	
2 Lily Verost	00:53.13	00:45.57	01:38.70	00:07.11
3 Fritz Merrill	00:49.74	00:58.59	01:48.33	00:16.74
Billy Ross (10 and Under)				
1 Parker Pettibone	00:37.48	00:37.34	01:14.82	
2 Will Ware	00:37.54	00:37.94	01:15.48	00:00.66
3 Raquel Merrill	00:44.81	00:46.78	01:31.59	00:16.77
Smallfry Mark (14 and Under)				
1 Bradford Alexander	00:30.59	00:30.53	01:01.12	
2 Kellogg Pettibone	00:37.02	00:36.29	01:13.31	00:12.19
3 Bridger Rowan	00:37.61	00:36.85	01:14.46	00:13.34
Boys 15-18				
1 Henry Walker	00:33.91	00:34.00	01:07.91	
2 Scott Jr Alexander	00:33.93	00:34.05	01:07.98	00:00.07
Boyfriend - Girlfriend				
1 Will Ware	00:37.54	00:37.94	01:15.48	
Kellogg Pettibone	00:37.02	00:36.29	01:13.31	02:28.79
2 Matilda Nichols	02:34.63	00:31.43	03:06.06	
Bradford Alexander	00:30.59	00:30.53	01:01.12	04:07.18

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Giant Slalom - Adult

Name	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Sitzmark				
1 Stuart Randall	00:29.63	00:30.19	00:59.82	
2 Bradford Alexander	00:30.59	00:30.53	01:01.12	00:01.30
3 Stephen Pettibone	00:31.32	00:31.66	01:02.98	00:03.16

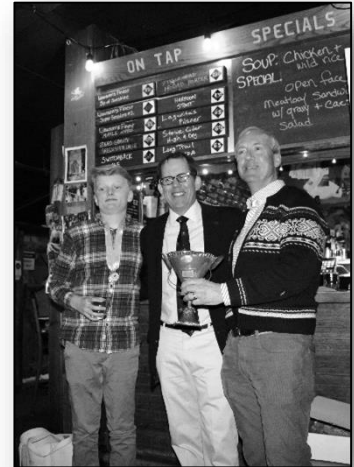
Fairsexmark				
1 Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
2 Kellogg Pettibone	00:37.02	00:36.29	01:13.31	00:05.69
3 Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44	00:05.82

Prattfall – Over 40				
1 Stuart Randall	00:29.63	00:30.19	00:59.82	
2 Stephen Pettibone	00:31.32	00:31.66	01:02.98	00:03.16
3 Douglass Walker	00:31.33	00:31.96	01:03.29	00:03.47

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1 Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
2 Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44	00:05.82
3 Celina Merrill	00:39.57	00:39.17	01:18.74	00:11.12

Fastest Woman Over 50			
1 Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44

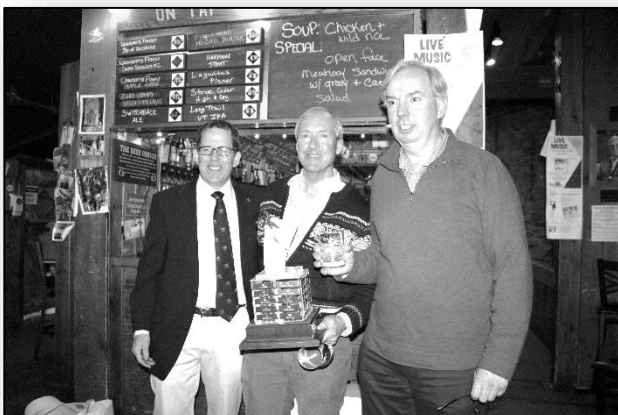
Fastest Man Over 70			
1 Peter Pettibone	00:46.59	00:46.05	01:32.64



Bradford Alexander, Stephen Pettibone and Stuart Randall



Victoria Pettibone with just some of her hardware



Stephen Pettibone, Stuart Randall and Doug Walker



Victoria Pettibone, Helena Nichols and Celina Merrill

Race Weekend 2019

Giant Slalom - Family



Adam Verost, Victoria Pettibone, Lily and Ethan Verost



Kellogg, Stephen and Parker Pettibone with Amelia and Doug Walker

	Name	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Gap
Family					
1	Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
	Adam Verost	00:35.31	00:34.21	01:09.52	
	Lily Verost	00:53.13	00:45.57	01:38.70	03:55.84
2	Alex Merrill	00:33.66	00:33.63	01:07.29	
	Celina Merrill	00:39.57	00:39.17	01:18.74	
	Raquel Merrill	00:44.81	00:46.78	01:31.59	03:57.62
3	Bob Nichols	00:32.46	00:32.18	01:04.64	
	Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44	
	Matilda Nichols	02:34.63	00:31.43	03:06.06	05:24.14
Sibling Rivalry					
1	Bradford Alexander	00:30.59	00:30.53	01:01.12	
	Scott Jr Alexander	00:33.93	00:34.05	01:07.98	02:09.10
2	Stephen Pettibone	00:31.32	00:31.66	01:02.98	
	Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	02:10.60
3	Kellogg Pettibone	00:37.02	00:36.29	01:13.31	
	Parker Pettibone	00:37.48	00:37.34	01:14.82	02:28.13
Father-Daughter					
1	Stephen Pettibone	00:31.32	00:31.66	01:02.98	
	Kellogg Pettibone	00:37.02	00:36.29	01:13.31	02:16.29
2	Stephen Pettibone	00:31.32	00:31.66	01:02.98	
	Parker Pettibone	00:37.48	00:37.34	01:14.82	02:17.80
3	Douglass Walker	00:31.33	00:31.96	01:03.29	
	Amelia Walker	00:37.50	00:37.97	01:15.47	02:18.76

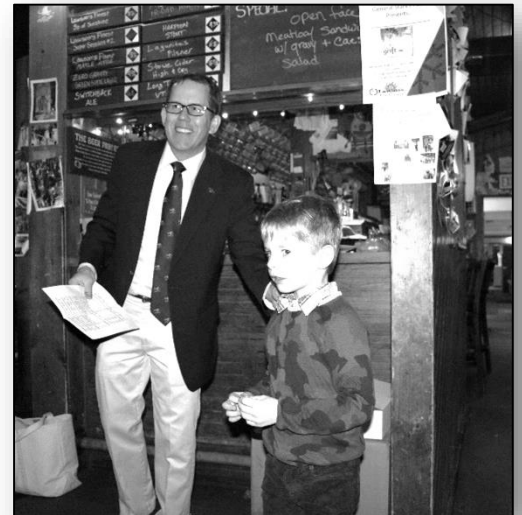
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Giant Slalom - Family

Name	Run 1	Run 2	Combined	Total
Father - Son				
1 Scott Alexander	00:34.74	00:32.61	01:07.35	
Bradford Alexander	00:30.59	00:30.53	01:01.12	02:08.47
2 Douglass Walker	00:31.33	00:31.96	01:03.29	
Henry Walker	00:33.91	00:34.00	01:07.91	02:11.20
3 Adam Verost	00:35.31	00:34.21	01:09.52	
Ethan Verost	02:12.47	01:52.66	04:05.13	05:14.65
Mother - Daughter				
1 Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
Lily Verost	00:53.13	00:45.57	01:38.70	02:46.32
2 Celina Merrill	00:39.57	00:39.17	01:18.74	
Raquel Merrill	00:44.81	00:46.78	01:31.59	02:50.33
3 Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44	
Matilda Nichols	02:34.63	00:31.43	03:06.06	04:19.50
Mother - Son				
1 Celina Merrill	00:39.57	00:39.17	01:18.74	
Fritz Merrill	00:49.74	00:58.59	01:48.33	03:07.07
2 Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
Ethan Verost	02:12.47	01:52.66	04:05.13	05:12.75
Husband - Wife				
1 Victoria Pettibone	00:33.36	00:34.26	01:07.62	
Adam Verost	00:35.31	00:34.21	01:09.52	02:17.14
2 Bob Nichols	00:32.46	00:32.18	01:04.64	
Helena Nichols	00:36.75	00:36.69	01:13.44	02:18.08
3 Alex Merrill	00:33.66	00:33.63	01:07.29	
Celina Merrill	00:39.57	00:39.17	01:18.74	02:26.03



Alex Merrill and Raquel Merrill



Stephen Pettibone and Fritz Merrill

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Overall Awards

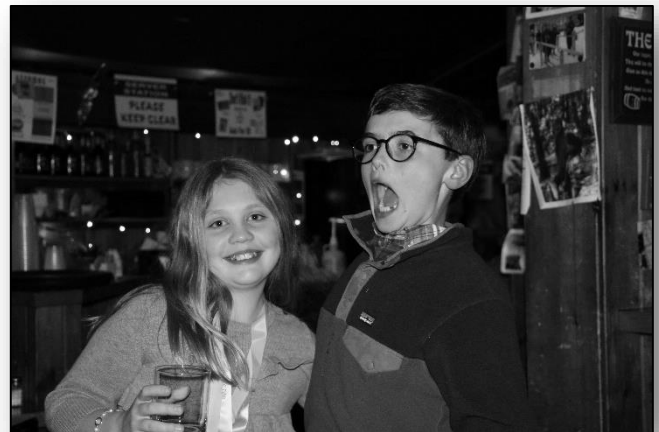
Wondering who won the Meister Awards? Unfortunately there was not enough participation in all three legs this year. If you recall from last newsletter, the x-country race was held MLK weekend. It was brutally cold with intense winds and a huge powder day, so if you were going to be outside braving the elements, it was likely going to be skiing the powder. That day started out cold and by the time the races were set to begin, the temps had dropped another 20 degrees or so and were unbearable. Hopefully next year Mother Nature will be on our side and we will get a huge turn out again.



Margie Gregory



*Hanna Pettibone, Bridger Rowan, Kellogg Pettibone,
Scott Jr and Bradford Alexander, Will Ware, Matilda
Nichols and Amelia Walker*



Kellogg Pettibone and Will Ware

Race Weekend 2019

More Pics from Race Weekend!



Ethan Verost



Raquel Merrill



Lily Verost



Kellogg Pettibone and a giraffe (Will Ware)



Alex and Celina Merrill



Victoria and Kellogg Pettibone and Helena Nichols

Thank you to Stephen Pettibone for organizing the races and being the emcee for the big awards dinner!

Race Weekend Cocktail Party

It wouldn't be race weekend without a cocktail party!



Adam Ware and Tim Albright



Victoria and Andres Pettibone with Pam Nesbett



Rug rats



*Margie Gregory, John Nesbett, Trey Gregory and
Stuart Randall*



Stephen and Phil Palmedo



Jean and Peter Pettibone with Penny Parsons



John McNally, Doug Walker, Celina and Alex Merrill

Daniel Nesbett, Legacy Cup Honoree



The Nesbett family, John, Pam and Izzy with the Legacy Cup

By Margie Gregory

The ASCNY Legacy Award is given annually to an ASCNY member living or deceased in recognition of his or her significant and lasting contributions to the club. As you know, our club operates with a small army of volunteers and we are fortunate to have members who have generously donated time and energy to our club in many different capacities.

This year we honored a very special member, Daniel Nesbett.

Quoting from our club's history book, *Fifty Winters* the editor, John C. Tobin wrote:

"It has been a real pleasure to be the over-all editor of Fifty Winters, the book commemorating the 50th anniversary of the club. The ASC was started on an unrecorded date in January, 1931 by a group of stalwarts who were skiing in Hillsdale, NY. When I first came to grips with this project and had read through all available newsletters, I was astounded to find such a wealth of recorded memories. Such success as this modest volume

may attain can be largely credited to past editors of the newsletter. The club has been faithfully served by a newsletter which has been spirited, informative, highly readable, and not lacking in literary quality."

Daniel Nesbett served as editor of our newsletter for many years in the 1970's. We celebrated his contributions this year because he has helped preserve our history through his writings and because he was an active and passionate member who sponsored a lot of new families to join.

Dan was an avid skier, who found time (generally early in the morning) to write travel and humor articles for Skiing magazine, which included reviewing little known East Coast ski mountains. His favorite was Mad River Glen.

Daniel Nesbett exemplified the spirit of our club through his tireless writing contributions, his new membership recruiting efforts and through his natural passion for skiing and Mad River Glen.

Call for Content! **Looking to hear from you, our members!**

The newsletter is all about you. The more wide spread the contributors, the more interesting the newsletter. Share a photo, recall a ski trip, dig up some history, do an interview or draw a cartoon! All submissions welcome!

From the Archives

By Rob Young

I ran across an interesting article, barely decipherable, from a 1939 ASCNY newsletter called "Musty Files". (I love how ASC'ers come up with catchy phrases through the ages!) The reason I believe it was called "Musty" was because someone previously to me must have found it in their heart to preserve this damp, faded and nearly decimated document by the time I found it again. My guess, it was Alice Powers. Below is a legible cleaned up copy of that letter.

January 4, 1939

Mr. J.V. Mulholland
Direction of Recreation
New York City Dept. of Parks
Arsenal Building
84th Street & Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a list of members of the Amateur Ski Club of New York all of whom would be willing to devote evenings during the week to the instruction of others in Central Park. Their list was submitted on the condition that the hills will be fully lighted.

Roland Palmedo
Livingston Longfello
Charles Noyes
Hazard Gillespie
Prudence Dawes

All of these people may be reached through the Club's corresponding Secretary, Miss Cynthia Banks c/o Alex Taylor, 22 East 42nd Street, Vanderbilt 6-5483.

We feel a bit pleased with the receipt of this list as Mr. Palmedo is a very famous international figure in the skiing world, (Chairman of the International Competition Committee, author of "International Skiing," and President of his Club for many years). Mr. Longfellow is Chief of the New York City section of the National Ski Patrol now being trained by the Red Cross. Miss Prudence Dawes is the first lady to volunteer.

The following members of the Central Haven Ski Club have also volunteered to give instructions on Monday to Thursday evenings both inclusive at Central Park:

Mr. Leo Loeb – 20 West 72nd Street, NY.
Mr. Percy Scherr – c/o Hohn Scherr & Co. 100 Madison Avenue, NY.
Mr. Fred Seiferheld – c/o Erlanger Blumgrat Company – 354th Ave. , NY.
Mr. Robert Ernst – 315 West 86th St., NY, (President of this Club).
Mr. Herman Krebs – 23 West 85th ST., NY.
Mr. William Schloessinger – 115 Central Park West, NY.
Mr. George Friedman – 1168 East 42nd St, Brooklyn, NY.

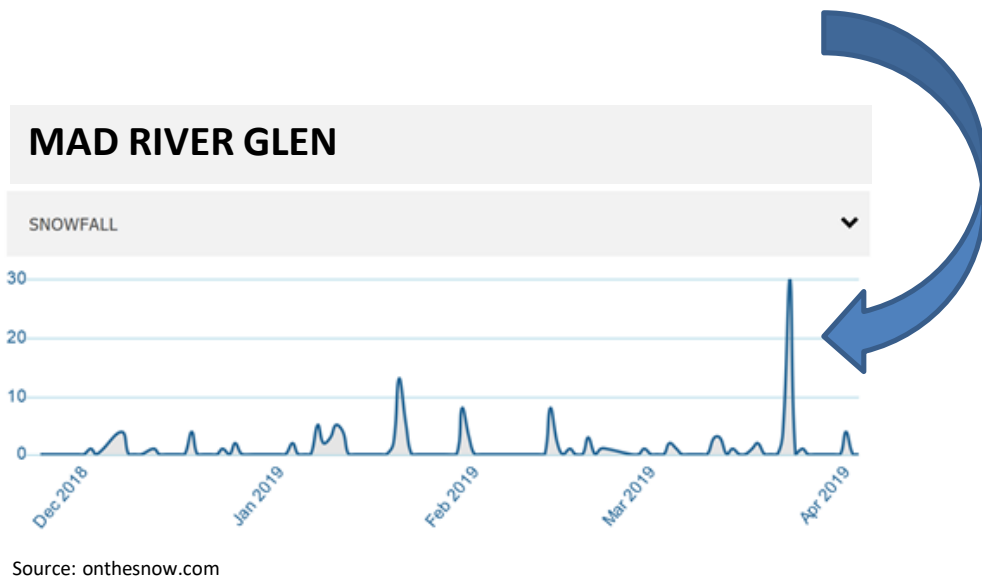
Late Season Snow Bomb

By Hooey Wilks

Where were you when the big one hit? The late season 30 inch snow bomb surprised many of us, myself included. Thanks to Jim's email blast alerting us that the storm was coming and there were rooms available, we were able to do a quick pivot. Last year, I removed my snow tires one weekend too early and slid my way up to the lodge for the last storm of the season. This year, I was wiser and still had them fixed to the Outback. It was a good thing because the last 3 miles up the to the lodge at midnight were basically unplowed. The mountain skied as good as I've ever skied it. It's been maybe 10 years since I've been comfortable doing laps on Fall Line and Paradise. They were perfect. No ice, no rocks, no tree stumps, no water falls. I realized how much I've missed the views from those runs.

Most impressive were the Gregory's hopping in their car Saturday to get the tail end of the weekend. They can be seen on the front page of this newsletter catching first chair on a big day. That's dedication.

So next year as you are thinking about packing away your ski gear and lining up some pre-season tennis matches, think again. Keep it loose. There could be one more big one coming!



*Jeff Wilks, Trey and Margie Gregory
enjoying the day after the snow bomb.*

Summer Events!

By Trey Gregory

Look into these two fun Vermont biking events and join us for some off the slopes fun and competition while keeping your legs in shape for next season. Contact me at ascnymrg@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Fork to Farm Fondo

<http://www.farmforkfondo.com/champlain-islands>

The Farm to Fork Fondo is in Vermont's Champlain Islands on July 21. This is an organized family-friendly event where you choose the distance best for you and stop for chef prepared bites at farms along the way. Ride distances range from 7, 29, 55, and 93 mile routes. There is a Farm to Fork post ride barbeque from 11-6 pm.

Kelly Bush Foundation Race

<https://kellybrushfoundation.org/kellybrushride/>

The Kelly Brush Ride has become one of New England's iconic and favorite charity rides. The family-friendly event includes 10, 20, 50, and 100 mile routes through Vermont's stunning Champlain Valley. The 2018 Kelly Brush Ride welcomed more than 900 riders and 80 volunteers to Middlebury, VT and raised over \$600,000 for the Kelly Brush Foundation.

Kelly's friends and teammates on the Middlebury College Alpine Ski Team started it in 2006 after she sustained a spinal cord injury racing for the team. The team spent the summer fundraising to help her purchase a monoski and handcycle then gathered the first weekend back in September to ride with (and for) her. The ride still starts and ends at Middlebury and is on the same weekend.

In 2019 we will be hosting the 14th Annual Kelly Brush Ride powered by VBT Bicycling and Walking Vacations on September 7, 2019.



Summer Cocktails on the 4th



**The 4th of July falls on a Thursday this year,
making it perfect for a 4 day weekend in Vermont.**

Join us at the Warren Parade and
later that day for a cocktail party at the lodge.

RSVP to ascnymrg@gmail.com
Watch for details and updates.



This and That

Thank you to the Wares for their help with party planning these past few years.
A shout out to Doug Walker who has offered to fill that role next!
Thanks Taylor, Adam and Doug!



Boot Room Clean Out

All personal belongings and gear MUST be removed by 6/15/19

In order to accommodate our members during busy holiday ski week weekends, it is necessary to clean out and organize the boot room at the end of every season. **Items left behind will be donated or discarded.**

Not receiving our emails?

We communicate all dues billing as well as invitations and important announcements throughout the year via email. Don't miss out, especially when there is a powder alert and empty bedrooms! There is space for three emails per account. We recommend NOT using college or work emails unless you are diligent about keeping them current as life changes occur. You can add or edit your email on your personal profile on the ASCNY website yourself, or contact Kelli at billing@ascny.org.



Kids Corner

Newsletter Scavenger Hunt –

See how many answers you can find in this newsletter?

1. Who was the youngest racer at the President's Weekend races?_____ How old?_____
2. How many french fries sold at the Base Box this year?_____
3. It was a big year for the Pettibone family! How many times can you find their last name throughout this publication? _____
4. Can you find a picture of a giraffe? How about a graph?_____
5. What was the largest snowfall amount for one storm this ski season?_____



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-Summer Party- Cocktails at the LODGE!!!

July 4, 2019

RSVP to Trey Gregory
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**Thank you Andres
Pettibone, Taylor Ware and
Margie Gregory for taking
pictures on race weekend!**

***More photos in the archives of our
website***

<https://ascny.org/gallery/events/>

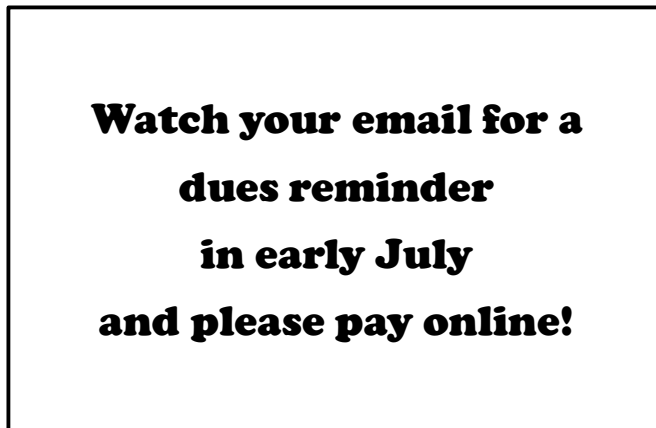


Boot Room clean out!

Please remove all
belongings by
June 15th.



**Watch your email for a
dues reminder
in early July
and please pay online!**



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