



The Fall Line

"Read it if you can."



Spring 2021

A Letter from our President

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As a skier, it is unusual for me to want winter to come to an end, but this year was very different. Spring could not come soon enough. I am sure I am not alone in this thinking.

As you are likely aware, the Vermont interstate travel Covid Policy made it difficult for many to ski in Vermont this winter. But faced with this challenge, the ASCNY managed to hold our GS races, a tradition going back to 1935. Creative thinking solved that problem. A number of members jumped into action once we realized that holding the races in Southern CT was a real possibility. It allowed more people to attend as it was a day trip for most. The feedback we received from our members who attended was so positive. Several thought a southern event should be added to our winter events in the future so those who are challenged to make it to our MRG based President's Weekend races can join the fun and connect with fellow members closer to their home base.

I am aware of how difficult this past year has been for so many. We are planning several events in the coming months that will allow us to connect in safe outdoor venues while we get comfortable, as the country opens back up. Hosts are working out details for these events to make up for the quiet winter. They are a great way to meet prospective new members and reconnect with old friends. The hosts have spent lots of time organizing events for all ages in CT, NY, VT and MA. They are putting in a lot of time planning them, so we hope you can join us for a few, or ALL. Watch for emails with details. If you have an idea for an event or wish to help organize one, please connect with the host or Margie Gregory (mhgmhb@gmail.com) to get involved.

Vermont has relaxed its interstate travel and COVID policies, and our lodge has too. We are requiring proof of vaccine or negative PCR test and guests are now welcomed. Check the website landing page for details. Summer is a great time to rent the lodge and enjoy the beautiful Mad River Valley.

Regards,

Hooey Wilks
President

Seeking Newsletter Editor

After almost 10 years, I'm ready to pass this torch to the next person. Please contact me (hooey@optonline.net) if you wish to take over the role. Be the first to know what is happening at the club! **Emily Mooney** has offered to help with the page layouts and taking it to print. We need someone who wants to coordinate and write articles.

Events

Brew-Grass Festival 2021

June 19 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Sugarbush Mountain

This is a not an ASCNY event, but worth noting for anyone itching to start to spread their wings after a winter of COVID. Call some friends, grab some rooms at the lodge and head up to the Mad River Valley. (<https://www.sugarbush.com/event/brew-grass-festival/>)

BBQ and More

Saturday August 14th @ 6:00pm

Location Lake Waccabuc, NY

Save the date for the ASCNY Summer BBQ in a beautiful setting on Lake Waccabuc. More details will follow. Reservations required. More details will follow. Contact **Ann Gervase** (anngervase1@gmail.com) and let her know if you are interested in attending as she will plan activities, food and cost based on interest and age of attendants.

More events are in the works, including Wine Tasting in NYC (**Amy Mooney** – amymooney24@gmail.com), a hike in the Boston Area (**Doug Walker** - douglass@walkers145.com), Annual Fall Party (**Hooey and Jeff Wilks** – hooey@optonline.net) . Contact the organizers if you wish to get involved and help out. Emails with dates and details to follow as they become available.

Intermediates take on the Sip Fest

Sept 10-12, 2021

Location: Mad River Glen

The Sip Fest is planning it's return on Sept 11th return event this year. Join other Intermediate members (ages 21-30ish) for a weekend of beer tasting and ASCNY bonding. Enjoy a hike up Stark Mountain and take the in the Fall foliage, etc. Contact **Emily Mooney** (ejmooney94@gmail.com) for more info.

ASCNY Work Weekend – New This Year

Sept 24-26,

Location: ASCNY Lodge, Waitsfield, VT

Join other club members as we roll up our sleeves and tackle some easy projects to spruce up the lodge as we start to prepare for winter. No special skills required, all are welcome. It won't be all work and no play. There should be time to take a quick hike or ride the lifts and take in the fall colors.

Contact **Ann Gervase** anngervase1@gmail.com or **Dave Clark** dclark@printquest.com to find out how you can help.

Other important News

Summer Minimum Lowered

We have lowered the summer rental minimum from \$250 to \$200. We have some fixed costs associated with opening the lodge during the summer months, so unfortunately, we can not just rent one bunk for one night. But a two-night stay with a full kitchen, great fireplace, grill and steps from the Long Trail for \$200 is less than you will find anywhere in the valley. It is a great space for family and friend to gather.

Boot room reminders and clean out.

This a reminder to please take all skis and boots home after the last trip to MRG. **Anything left in the lodge after June 15th will be donated.** Can't make it back to lodge before then, please contact anngervase1@gmail.com. Also, for those who only ski occasionally, but leave equipment in the boot room for the season, PLEASE do not leave your boots on the drying rack when you will not be returning for a few days. We need those spots. There are plenty of cubbies and shelves for storing boots. Finally, please place skis in back racks or hang if not returning for a few days. We need the easily accessible ski racks and boot dryers for the busy weekend users.



ASCNY RACE 2021 News

HUGE shout out to **Alex Merrill**, whose brilliant idea was to hold the races in Southern Connecticut so more people could attend and **Scott Alexander** for finding us a venue (MT. Southington) and running the event. Since 1935, not even war has prevented us from holding the races. We were not going to let Covid ruin this tradition. We had over 25 people sign up for the races (and a few extra spectators) and unfortunately the forecast for pouring rain all day led to a few cancelations. But three cheers to those hearty souls who showed up, raced and stuck it out with no indoor lodge to retreat to. In addition to our crew, we had a few potential new member families show up and race in the rain. Thanks to **Hilary Hotchkiss** and **Stephan Pettibone** who coordinated getting the bibs from VT to make it photo perfect. There was no awards ceremony this year, but next year we will double down on the fun and awards!

Fastest Overall	Matilda Nichols		
Fastest female (Adult and Youth)	Matilda Nichols		Fairsexmark Award
Fastest Male (Adult and Youth)	Bradford Alexander		Sitzmark Award
Fastest Female over 40	Vicky Pettibone		Pratfalline Award
Fastest Male over 40	Doug Stowe		Prattfall Award
Fastest Under 14	Brinton Stowe		Small Fry Award
Fastest Mother/Daughter	Helena Nichols	Matilda Nichols	
Fastest Father/Daughter	Bobby Nichols	Matilda Nichols	
Fastest Father/Son	Scott Alexander	Bradford Alexander	
Fastest Husband/Wife	Bobby Nichols	Helena Nichols	
Fastest Family	The Nichols Family		



Adam Verost, Vicky Pettibone, Lilly and Ethan Verost



Bobby Nichols



Madeline Depiano (guest) and Matilda Nichols



Ethan Verost

ASCNY Race Results

Rank	Racer	Times	Age
1	Matilda Nichols	23.18	16
		22.36	
		45.54	
2	Doug Stowe	23.26	44
		22.53	
		45.79	
3	Bradford Alexander	23.39	16
		22.82	
		46.21	
4	Bob Nichols	25.66	56
		25	
		50.66	
5	Scott Alexander	25.83	55
		25.4	
		51.23	
6	Madeline Depiano (Guest of Nichols)	26.14	16
		26.46	
		52.6	
7	Vicky Petibone	27.85	46
		27.19	
		55.04	
8	Helena Nichols	29.45	55
		28.27	
		57.72	
9	Adam Verost	29.66	45
		28.35	
		58.01	
10	Annabel Reid	31.7	10
	New Member applicant	32.75	
		64.45	
11	Catherine Balco	33.47	46
	New Member applicant	33.09	
		66.56	
12	Philippa Reid	36.61	7
	New Member applicant	34.62	
		71.23	
13	Brinton Stowe	39.76	7
		36.82	
		76.58	
14	Broc Grennan	48.69	8
	New member applicant	40.9	
		89.59	
DSQ	Lily Verost	DNF	10
	Pettibone	33.15	
DSQ	Ethan Verost	DNF	7
	Pettibone	36.62	
DSQ	Sara Reid	32.8	49
	New Member applicant		



Scott Alexander and Helena Nichols



Vicky Pettibone and Doug Stowe



Bradford Alexander



Doug Stowe and Bobby Nichols



Adam Verost



Matilda Nichols

Seeking Legacy Cup Nominations

No Legacy Cups were awarded this year, but we are seeking nominations for this coming winter.

Established in 2011, the ASCNY legacy Cup is an annual program designed to honor, recognize and promote the contribution of key ASCNY members, who have created, nurtured or somehow advanced our club through the years. Honorees must be at least sixty years old to be nominated. Awards may be made posthumously if necessary. Please contact Scott Alexander

(familyalexander2000@yahoo.com) by September 15th.

Tell him why the person you are nominating should be honored. This initiative enables us to celebrate our club's esteemed history and will serve as a teaching tool for our next generation of members.



Helena Nichols and Bradford Alexander

New Member Applications

For the first time in many years, we are once again taking new member applications. We are looking to add some new members and families to our skier community. If you have a someone in mind, contact Margie Gregory (mhgmhb@gmail.com) or Gregg Stone (gstone@kestrelvm.com) to get the ball rolling. We are finally comfortable planning some events for this offseason, which is a great way for our membership and Board members to get to know the applicants.



Proposed new members attending the races on the rainy day.



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Mark your calendars.

Many events planned
between now and next
season. Watch your
inbox for more details.

Thank you

Scott Alexander for pulling off
the ASCNY races during a global
pandemic!
(and pouring rain)

Looking for a newsletter editor!

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

Did you move in the
last year?
Make sure we have a
correct address for you.

