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## GE SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING PICNIC

OUR SPRING PICNIC IS ON SUNDAY MARCH 23RD AT SNOW RIDGE. COME IN THE MORNING AND SKI ALL DAY. WE'LL SET UP OUR GRILLS AT THE BOTTOM OF NORTH SLOPE AROUND 12:30PM. BRING SOME BARBEQUE OR GRILL ITEMS AND MAYBE A DISH TO PASS. THE COST IS \$4 FOR BEER AND SODA. CALL ED CAMPBELL AT 336-3510 FOR MOR INFO. FOR THE LATEST SKI CONDITIONS AT SNOW RIDGE, CALL 800 962-8419. WITH THE SNOWPACK , THERE SHOULD BE SOME GREAT SKIING !!

## GOURMET DINING

WE'RE DINING AGAIN AT THE HORNED DORSET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH. WE'LL BE SERVED SOME OF THE FINEST CUISINE AROUND. THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE SOUP, SALAD, ENTRÉE, DESERT, AND COFFEE. THE SOUP WILL INCLUDE WILD MUSHROOM BISQUE OR FRENCH ONION. CHOICES FOR ENTREES ARE BEEF TEMDERLOIN, FRESH FISH, CHICKEN BREAST, OR A VEGETARIAN DISH. COCTAILS WILL START AT 6 PM, DINNER WILL BE AT 6:30. THE HORNED DORSET IS ON RTE 8 IN LEONARDSVILLE. THE COST WILL BE \$35 WHICH INCLUDES TAX AND TIP. SIGN UP AT OUR LAST MEETING, BY E MAIL : [info@geskiclub.org](mailto:info@geskiclub.org) OR CALL 732-5926. PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 4TH



### DINNER AT CASA TOO MUCHA

WE'RE DINING AT ONE OF OUR AREA'S GREAT RESTAURANTS, CASA TOO MUCHA ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6:15 PM. COME JOIN US FOR SOME FINE MEXICAN FOOD. WE'LL ORDER OFF OF THE MENU. PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>. CALL MARY AT 738-1495 FOR YOUR RESERVATION



### SPRING BANQUET

OUR SPRING BANQUET IS AT **DIBBLE'S INN IN VERNON ON MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**. The FUN WILL START AT 5:30PM. WE HAVE MUSIC BY OUR FAVORITE D J'S- DON BROWN FROM 8-11PM. LAST YEAR'S PARTY WAS A BIG HIT SO WE ARE RETURNING FOR MORE. KATHY WILL HAVE MORE INFO IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

ELECTION BALLETS & MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

## **BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2002-2003**

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If you have questions about the club or need information about a certain event, you can direct your e-mails to several of our board members. They are listed above in our directory.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 8TH 6:15 PM,  
AT THE **CASA TOO MUCHA**  
13 GENESEE ST.. NEW HARTFORD

### **HAPPY HOURS:**

(Begin after work, although, many arrive after 6)

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Babe's , North Utica  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> – Baha's , Westmoreland ( across  
 From the Nice 'N Easy  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – Myron's , River Rd, Rome  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> – Munstitute Mixer @ Munson  
 Wms-Proctor Inst. Call 797-0000 x2117 for More details  
 MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> –Tuesday Night at Cavallo's –7:30 PM



## **NOTES from the PREZ...**

WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT CROSS-COUNTRY TRIPS, GREAT SKIING AND REALLY GREAT SPREADS OF FOOD AFTERWARDS. THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF MANY GREAT CHEFS IN OUR OWN CLUB. THANKS TO BETTY, BERNIE & MARY, AND TONY & JAN FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. THE SUTTON MT/ JAY PEAK TRIP HAD A LOT OF GOOD SKIING. SUTTON SEEMS TO BE A POPULAR PLACE, MAYBE SINCE WE'VE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT IT. JAY PEAK HAS THAT TRAM THAT WE COULD ONLY DO ONCE. I BET THAT THERE ARE SOME GREAT VIEWS FROM ATOP THAT MOUNTAIN. TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE THEM. MAYBE NEXT TIME!!IT WAS A GREAT TRIP. THE NEW HAMPSHIRE TRIP HAD SKIING ACROSS FROM MT WASHINGTON AT WILDCAT AND SOME NEW POWDER AT ATTITASH. AND THEN THERE WAS THE GREAT LODGE, EAGLE MT HOUSE, WHAT A PLACE == GREAT FOOD!!  
 THANKS TO RON AND BARB.  
 RON GEISKOPF

OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF CLIFF JONES, ONE OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS. CLIFF WAS ALWAYS HELPFUL AT OUR MEETINGS. HE HAD 2 YOUNG SONS. WE'RE TAKING UP A COLLECTION FOR HIS FAMILY AT THE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING. IF YOU WONT' BE THERE, YOU CAN SEND IN A DONATION C / O THE CLUB P O BOX.

## **!!! MARK YOUR CALENDER !!!**

**MAY 10 2003:** Spring Banquet @ Dibbles Inn  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> - Kayak Trip on The Otselic River  
 July 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Camping Trip to Cranberry Lake

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**MEMBERSHIP  
 INFORMATION/APPLICATION:**  
 CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:  
 HEATHER (337-2818) or ED (336-3510)

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 FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PICTURES.



## MUNSTITUTE MIXERS

A WAY TO ENJOY THE ARTS AND UNWIND  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

5:30- 8:30 PM

OPEN GALLERIES, LIVE ARTISTS, MUSIC  
CASH BAR, SPECIAL DRINK OF THE MONTH  
LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES BY O'CONNOR'S  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON INN  
CALL 797-0000 X2117

## HIGHWAY CLEAN UP / SAVE THE DATE

WE'RE DOING OUR HIGHWAY CLEAN UP AGAIN ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD. MEET 8:30AM AT ZEBB'S PARKING LOT. WE DO  
RTE 5B FROM ZEBB'S TO STIEVATER'S ON RTE 12B. JOIN US. WE  
USUALLY GO FOR COFFEE AFTERWARDS.  
FOR MORE INFO, CALL PAT AT 853-6728.



## TOUR de CURE

TIRED OF JUST SPINNING? WELL -- RIDE ON THE AMERICAN  
DIABETERS ASSOCIATION 'S TOUR de CURE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.  
HELP 17 MILLION AMERICANS WITH DIABETES ALL IN ONE DAY.  
AFTERWARDS THERE'S GREAT FOOD AND MASSAGES AVAILABLE.  
REGISTRATION IS \$15 UNTIL MAY 25TH. RIDES BEGIN AT THE VERONA  
BEACH STATE PARK. GREAT ROUTES - 15,40, 62.5 OR 100 MILES. FOR  
MORE INFO, CALL 1-888/342-2383 X 3693.



## CLUB SALE DAY

AT THE **EMS**  
STORE IN  
CAROUSEL CTR  
MALL. 20 % OFF  
SALE STARTS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>  
4PM-9 PM AND ALL  
DAY SATURDAY,  
APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. BRING  
YOUR CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP  
CARD.

## OMMEGANG BREWERY TOUR

**THIS IS ONE FINE BREWERY THAT HAS BELGIAN STYLE BREWS JUST  
OUTSIDE OF COOPERSTOWN NY. THEY HAVE A " GREAT BEER DESERVES  
GREAT FOOD" WINTER SERIES WHERE A FEATURED TALENTED LOCAL CHEF  
PREPARES A DISH TO BE SAMPLED ALONG WITH ONE OF THEIR GREAT  
BREWS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE TOUR. COME WITH US ON A TOUR  
ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>. WE'RE MEETING AT 11 AM AT THE NEW HARTFORD  
SHOPPING CTR NEAR FROSTY'S. CALL RUSS AT 725-5555 FOR MORE  
INFO**



**2003 GENERAL  
MEETING SCHEDULE:  
(Whitesboro American  
Legion, corner of Main  
& Mohawk St's., W  
Whitesboro, NY @ 7:30  
PM)**

**Apr. 1 - Mountain Bikes**



## DINNER

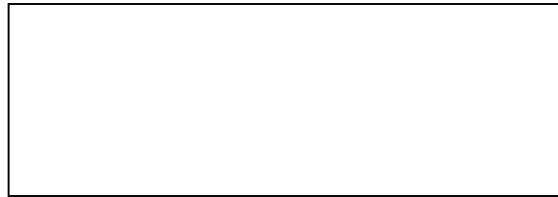
**MAY 22<sup>TH</sup> - DINNER AT THE FRANKLIN HOTEL ON SOUTH  
JAMES ST , ROME. DINNER WILL START AT 6:15 PM. WE'LL ORDER  
OFF OF THEIR FINE MENU. CALL ED CAMPBELL AT 336-3510 FOR  
YOUR RESERVATION BY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>.**



  
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**PO BOX 327**  
**NEW HARTFORD NY 13413**



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*SAVE THE DATE*  
**SATURDAY, MAY 3RD.**



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GOOD WEATHER WILL BE HERE AND SOME OF YOU WILL BE  
COMING ALONG ON OUR BIKE RIDES. IT IS A GOOD IDEA BEFORE YOU  
RIDE TO HAVE YOUR BIKE TUNED UP AND CHECK YOUR TIRE  
PRESSURE. MOST TIRES ARE UNDERINFLATED. PAMPER YOURSELF AND  
HAVE YOUR BIKE CHECKED OUT NOW



## OFFICIAL GE SKI CLUB ELECTION BALLOT



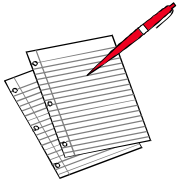
SELECT ONE CHOICE PER OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED..  
WRITE-INS ARE ALLOWED FOR ALL OFFICES. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE IN OUR PO  
BOX BY TUESDAY, APRIL 1st OR BROUGHT TO THE APRIL 1st GENERAL MEETING



PRESIDENT	( ) RON GEISKOPF	( ) _____
VICE PRESIDENT	( ) PAT O'HARA	( ) _____
TREASURER	( ) ED CAMPBELL	( ) _____
SECRETARY	( ) KAREN McBRIDE	( ) _____
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CROSS-COUNTRY	( ) MARY NOVILLO	( ) _____
MEMBERSHIP	( ) HEATHER MARTIN	( ) _____
PUBLICITY	( )	( ) _____
TRIPS (VOTE FOR 2)	( ) RON SQUIRES	( ) _____
	( ) PAUL ZAJAC	( ) _____
SOCIAL (VOTE FOR 3)	( ) KATHY WHITE	( ) _____
	( ) VIRNA THIBAUT	( ) _____
	( ) MIKE HARDIMAN	( ) _____
NEWSLETTER	( ) BILL DUMKA	( ) _____
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	( ) RUSS HUGHES	( ) _____
	( ) MARCI GREEN	( ) _____
SARGEANT-AT- ARMS	( )	( ) _____

**MAIL TO ATTN:                      BALLOTS**  
**PO BOX 327**  
**NEW HARTFORD NY 13413**

**OR BRING TO THE APRIL 1st MEETING**



## QUESTIONNAIRE

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SKI NEXT YEAR?

FOR A WEEK - LONG TRIP? \_\_\_SUN VALLEY IDAHO

\_\_\_BANFF,CANADA \_\_\_ASPEN \_\_\_EUROPE

\_\_\_BRECKENRIDGE CO OR \_\_\_\_\_

FOR WEEKEND TRIPS?

\_\_\_SMUGGLER'S NOTCH \_\_\_STOWE \_\_\_ MT TREMBLANT

\_\_\_CANNON MT / LOON MT N H

\_\_\_LAKE PLACID \_\_\_SUNDAY RIVER \_\_\_ MT SUTTON

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A 3-DAY TRIP? \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TRIPS? \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER TRIP SUGGESTIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ACTVITIY SUGGESTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL MEEITNG SUGGESTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC IDEA FOR MEETINGS OR A CONTACT TO  
GIVE US FOR A NEW PRESENTATION? \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP OUT WITH:

A SOCIAL ACTIVITY?\_\_\_\_\_

WITH A SUMMER ACTIVITY? \_\_\_\_\_

WITH THE NEWSLETTER?\_\_\_\_\_

HELP OUT AT A MEETING?\_\_\_\_\_

LEAD A HIKE OR BIKE TRIP?\_\_\_\_\_

OR, SOMETHING ELSE? \_\_\_\_\_

IF,SO GIVE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER COMMENTS

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**We had a great time on our trip to Vermont and New Hampshire where we visited Pico, Wildcat, and Attitash Mts. Here's a write up by Mike Zugger.**

**Day 1.** Sleepy GE skiers stumbled onto the bus early Friday morning; many took the opportunity to catch a few winks on the way to New England. We arrived at Pico before 10 am, and soon found we almost had the mountain to ourselves. The trails were hard and fast, but it was a beautiful day - sunny and clear. As the lifts closed, we left the mountain a sniveling pile of snow and dirt.

Back on the bus, we continued east to New Hampshire, munching on subs we picked up on the way. As we pulled into the drive, the bus fell quiet as we took in the beautiful Eagle Mountain Lodge. Mike Semi remarked, "this'll do." The inside of the 1915 vintage hotel was just as impressive. The Eagle was the perfect blend of old and new - post and beam, and old time phones in each room along with the modern functional ones.

Most of the crew either hit the bar or the pool table (or both) that night. Ron "Utica Slim" Geiskopf gave a billiards demonstration to Bob Davis, Mike Semi, and Mike Zugger. Most everyone turned in early. Ed and Mary, Traci and Russ, and Randy and Maureen were in section M, the honeymoon wing. All was well until the toilet backed up: Russ soon discovered that part of his husbandly job description was clearing the plumbing. Luckily, many years of dealing with management prepared him for this kind of problem, and he soon had everything running smoothly.

**Day 2.** After an outstanding brunch of scrambled eggs with cheese, French toast, pancakes, oatmeal, fruit, and anything else you'd want, we headed for Wildcat mountain.

The snow conditions were very hard packed, but from the first run skiers were treated to spectacular views of the 6288 foot Mount Washington, the highest mountain east of the Rockies, so high that it held a small cloud in an otherwise nearly cloudless sky. Wildcat was packed with fun trails, but comparing runs at the end of the day can be confusing when every trail on the mountain has the word "cat" in it. Ed noted that the one trail that seemed to be missing was Hairball.

Sharon Persbacker, Bob Davis, Marci Green and Maureen Williams had an "incident" while attempting to get on the lift. Sharon went left into the wall, Maureen caught her leg under the chair, Bob and Marci fell off and the three ended up locked in a game of chairlift twister.

Verna demonstrated forward and backward skiing, as well as an impressive face plant. Chris, the New Guy, was easy to spot in all red ski duds (which those of us with amber goggles thought were blaze orange until later).

Late in the day Doreen, Conrad, Marcie, and Mike stopped in to the bar to catch the end of the Syracuse game. Naturally, SU went to overtime, but the Boys pulled out a victory, and Conrad and Doreen managed to get in two more runs after the buzzer.

Back at the Eagle, most of the crew took advantage of the comfy hot tub. At first, the tub was filled with linoleum lizards and their chaperones. Ron Squires bided his time in a nearby chair, not entering the water until the kids were gone and the tub was filled with ski club ladies discussing (what else?) sex.

Dinner at the Eagle was excellent, although the service was a little slow, especially at Maureen William's table - possibly because for once, she didn't know the manager or the owner.

**Day 3.** Another excellent brunch, and we headed for Attitash/Bear Mountain. With the temperature hovering in the thirties, and the altitude at the Attitash base only about 600 feet, the stuff falling out of the sky wasn't really rain, but it wasn't really snow. Things were looking grim. We experienced rain, sleet, wind, and fog, and that was on the first chairlift ride. Most of the bus ended up over at the Bear Mountain ski shop looking for something to keep the fog and sleet off of our goggles. Ski Gees sold out in minutes.

Intrepid skiers who ventured into the glades found mostly dirt and pine needles. Many skiers called it quits after an hour or two of fighting the poor visibility and dampness. Back in the ski shop, shoppers found end of the season sale prices, and no sales tax!

Meanwhile, those who were still on the mountain saw the sleet turn to snow, and as 6-8" piled up we were skiing piles of heavy New Hampshire powder. Randy Brooke, Maureen Bruce, Chris Pepe, and other powder hounds stayed and played in it until 3:30 when the bus was to leave. Doreen built a snow woman (who had a single breast due to time limitations) next to the bus, and our driver added some stick hands so she could wave goodbye as we headed home.

All in all, an outstanding, memorable trip. Many thanks to Ron Squires and Barb Jakubowski for putting it together, with help from Ron Geiskopf.

- Mike Zugger



## APRIL 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Meeting @ Whitesboro American Legion 7:30PM	2	3	4 HAPPY HOUR at Baha's Sports Bar, Westmoreland	5
6	7	8 New & Old Board Meeting @ Casa Too Mucha 6:15pm	8	10 Dinner @ the HORNED DORSET Leonardsville6 PM	11 Happy Hour at Myron's River Rd Rome	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 Munstitute Mixer at MWPI	26 Ommegang Brewery Tour in Cooperstown Club Day @ EMS sports in Carousel Ctr
27	28	29	30 Dinner @ CASA TOO MUCHA 6:15pm			

## MAY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Happy Hour @ Legends Erie Blvd in ROME	3 Highway Clean up @ Zebb's 8:30AM
4 Kayak Trip on West Canada	5	6 Happy Hour @ Cavallo's 7:30PM	7	8	9 Paddlefest in Inlet Friday- Sunday	10 Spring Banquet @ Dibble's Inn
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Board Meeting @ 6:15PM	14 BIKE RIDE – ERIE CANAL TRAILS	15	16 Happy Hour @ Mr McGills	17 Kayak trip On Otselic River
18	19	20	21	22 Dinner @ the Franklin Hotel Rome	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30 Happy Hour @ WATERFRONT in Herkimer	31