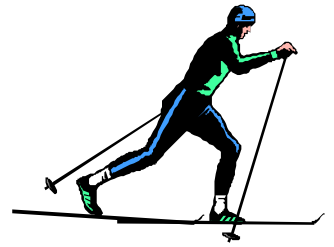




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## Happy Valentine Day



***ED'S BED'S WEEKEND  
February 3,4,and5, 2006***



***QUEBEC CITY SKI WEEKEND  
February 16,17,18,and 19, 2006***

***XC SKIING @ TONY AND JAN BARTOLOTTI'S  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006***

***Details inside***

**Nomination Form for Club Officers is included in this issue. Take the time to think about how you can contribute to making this Club better for next year. Become an Officer yourself or nomination someone you think would be good to be an Officer.**

**Included in this issue is the Club Roster.**

## **BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006**

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## **HAPPY HOURS:**

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

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Tiny's Grill State st. Utica**  
**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, Vineyard Washington Mills Oneida St.**  
**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Snowridge Waxhouse Turin**  
**Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, Smoking Gun Saloon Senca  
Turnpike New Hartford**

**Newsletter Article must be received by  
February 22nd, to be in the Mar. NL**

## **!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!**

**Feb3-5, Ed's Beds Skiing Weekend**  
**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, Gore Mt. Riverside Mall 6:30 AM**  
**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, Tony's & Jan's XC Ski Day**  
**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, Greek Peak Westmoreland Thru 7:30 AM**  
**Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, XC Skiing Diedra's**  
**Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, Skiing Whiteface Mt. Bus Trip**  
**Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, Spring Picnic Royal Mt.**  
**Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, Randy Vitullo's XC Skiing, Holland  
Patent**

## **NOTES FROM THE PREZ:**

**Wow February already. Where has the time gone .I know it is the middle of our ski season but our thoughts must be turned away from having fun on the slopes to deciding who we want to lead us to another great ski, hike, bike, kayak, and in general have fun with other club members year. In this Newsletter you will find a sheet to nominate someone you think would do the tasks of the office you would like to see this person in. Please take some time out of your busy schedule to write in some nominations for office and either bring to the next meeting or send to our post office box.**

**Thank You.  
The Board of Officers**

## **General membership meeting**

**Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month from Oct. to April. Guests are always welcome.**

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:**

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:  
**Donna Pratt ) or  
Roger Pratt—736-1206**  
ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

**CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE**  
UPDATED BY **GUY Y** AT  
[www.geskiclub.org](http://www.geskiclub.org)  
FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES AND PICTURES.

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## 40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION PARTY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS      SAVE THE DATE: **APRIL 22, 2006**

WHERE: **THE BEACHES OF ROME**      TIME: **6-7 COCKTAIL HOUR**

DINNER: BEECHES GRAND BUFFET      MUSIC & DANCING BY DON BROWN 8-11

Tons of surprises-great giveaways-lots of memories Tell All the old timers and new embers

This will be the event of the year. Any **QUESTION** call me Kathy White 853-5946

Deadline for sign up and payment is **April 12, 2006** More information to follow. Check the web site [info@geskiclub.org](mailto:info@geskiclub.org)

## WIN LIFT TICKETS

Relay For Life - This year our club will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life held in June on The JFK Middle School grounds in North Utica. Last year our team raised nearly \$1000 to help fight cancer. This Year we hope to Top that amount. To kick-off our fund raising effort we will be Selling raffle tickets for a chance to win lift tickets for various ski areas, at our next meeting. The Drawing will take place at the Feb 7th meeting. Tickets are \$2 or 3 For \$5. You Do Not Need to be Present to Win. For More Info ,contact Paul Zajac or Ron Geiskopf. Thanks for Your Support



The GE Ski Club will have a table to promote the club at the Utica Zoo's Snowfari on Saturday, February 4, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. inside the Val Bialas Ski Chalet. We could use some people to assist at the table and promote the club. If you are able to help out, call John or Theresa at 736-1893 or just show up and surprise us!



### ATTENTION WOMEN SKIERS



On the weekends of February 10-12, 2006 and the weekend of March 14-16, 2006, there will be a woman's ski clinic given at Holimont in Ellicottville, NY (50 miles south of Buffalo, NY). The clinic consists of boot fitting, demo ski testing, lessons, and video review. It also includes a wine and cheese party. The price is \$199.00. If you are interested, call Theresa at 736-1893 or the Holimont Sports office at (716) 699-8159. This is a great ski clinic!!!



# Cross Country Corner



## Ed's Beds

**Fri.-Sun., Feb. 3-5 - Ed's Beds**, departure times optional. This is an old favorite. Both downhill and XC skiers can participate. Ski nearby Gore Mt. or Garnet Hill. Deposits will be taken at the Dec.

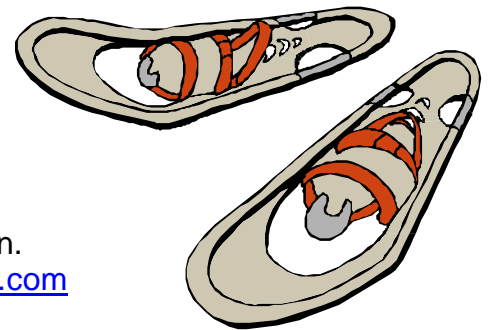
6 meeting, \$30 minimum. Fee for two nights' lodging is \$60, with additional \$5 fee for parking.

## Tony & Jan Bartolotti

**Sat., Feb. 25 - Snowbird Lake Special**, 11 a.m. Short ski hike and house party with Tony & Jan Bartolotti at Snowbird Lake, Forestport. Estimated distance: 1-3 miles.

Please bring a dish to pass. Limited to 25.

## Snow Shoe Day



Date: **March 5th**

Time: 11am

Meeting place: At the Greenbelt ski trails parking lot in Trenton.

Contact: Deidra Rankins 826-3047 or [drankins@dreamscape.com](mailto:drankins@dreamscape.com)

Come check out the greenbelt area woods with us on Snowshoes. Deidra and Ivan will be the leads on this day trip. Bring plenty of water and a snack with you. We will go to Northern Villa for pizza after if people are interested. Hopefully more than just 1 person will join us this year.

## Quebec – Feb. 16-19

This trip is just about full. We can take one more person or possibly three. We expect the trip to take 8-8 1/2 hours, therefore we would like to meet at 3:00 PM and leave promptly at 3:30 PM. If anyone absolutely cannot leave at that time, please notify me right away. Please be advised that everyone **MUST** have two forms of identification to enter Canada. 1., Photo ID driver's license and 2., **ORIGINAL** birth certificate OR passport. We're staying in Old Quebec City at the Manior Victorian Hotel and skiing three great areas - Le Massif, Stoneham and Mont Saint Anne. Trip cost is \$475 including transportation, hotel, lift tickets, and buffet breakfast. Don't delay if you want to go. Call Marci, 737-8936 or Chuck, 797-3069 ASAP!

## Telluride – March 11-18

This trip has only two openings, so if you want to go act fast. We fly out of Rochester to Chicago to Montrose. Bus to Telluride is only an hour away. Two bedroom condos close to a lift, lift tickets, air, and transfers are included in the price of \$1400. Call Marci, 737-8936 or Chuck, 797-3069. Don't delay! They have TONS of snow in Colorado!

### New Hampshire Report

Twenty-Six GE members enjoyed the weekend trip to New Hampshire. The strange weather we've experienced here in Central NY was no different in the White Mountains. We arrived at 11:30 PM on Friday and were greeted with our keys, lift tickets, and meal coupons. On Saturday we skied in 50-degree sunny spring conditions. It was quite enjoyable. Retreated to the pools and hot tubs, had a wonderful dinner and did some dancing to a very nice live band. On Sunday we woke up to snow and 12 degree temps. So on with our toe and hand warmers, ski masks, etc. It was sunny, but you can imagine the ski conditions weren't the best (some snow over hard packed). Our Chris Pepe did some antics on the "ice" that could have been filmed for Warren Miller. About 3:00 PM we experienced lightning, thunder, and sleet. Some of our brave skiers thought it was pretty cool. It only lasted a few minutes. Some of us not so brave skiers enjoyed the lounge for much of the day. We had one unfortunate injury. Our trip leader, Chuck Balsler, somersaulted down the hill on the last run and has a knee injury, which will leave him off the slopes for the rest of the season. All in all, we had a super time.

Marci Green

## Whiteface Day Ski Trip

Saturday March 4, 2006



Come join us for a day of skiing at Whiteface Mountain located near Lake Placid in our beautiful and rugged Adirondack Mountains.

Whiteface Mountain offers a 3430 foot Vertical Drop the greatest in the east, 74 trails with 44% Expert, 38% Intermediate, 18% Novice Terrain and 98 % snowmaking. It is located on 220 acres with a 3.5 mile longest run. It has 10 lifts including an eight-passenger Gondola.

Trip cost is ONLY \$70 and includes: Bus from the NH Shopping Center to Whiteface Ski Area. Day Lift Ticket

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Sign up now and pay \$40 deposit by Feb. 7 \$30 balance by Feb 24

Meet at rear of New Hartford Shopping Center near Daniel R. Cook Drycleaners at 5:00 AM. Bus Leaves promptly at 5:30 AM.

For further info and/or questions, feel free to call Chuck Balsler, 797-3069 or Marci Green, 737-8936.

# *Alpine Skiing Day Trips*

**Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, Ski at Gore Mtn.**

**Car pool Trip:** Meeting Riverside Ctr Near B J's Gas at 6:30am. This is a NYCD Ski Council Awareness Day with a Lower rate for Members.

**Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Carpool Trip to Greek Peak.**

**Carpool Trip:** Meet 7:30am in Clinton near the Alexander Hamilton Inn. For Mountain info, go to [www.greekpeak.net](http://www.greekpeak.net)

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ski Happy Hour at Snow Ridge.**

Ski from 5-9pm or come and hang out at the Candlelight Inn. Go to [www.snowridge.com](http://www.snowridge.com) for mountain info

**Royal Mt. Ski Trip Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Also Spring Picnic**

We have made arrangements with NYCD ski Council to make this event a council awareness day. Hopefully we will get a good turnout and have lots of food, fun, and frolicking in the snow.

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Skiing At Snow Ridge.**

We'll hope for a long season and finish off the Month at "The Ridge".



## **Telemark Ski Clinics**

**Sign up for The Telemark Ski Clinics** Given by Mountainman Outdoor Sports of Old Forge. Classes are offered on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Certified telemark Class is a 6 hour course for all levels of Skiing. Go to [www.mountainmanoutdoors.com](http://www.mountainmanoutdoors.com) or call 315/369-6672 or 877 / CANOE NY for more info.

**Membership discounts Available for Club Members**

**\$5 off Lift Tickets at Labrador Mtn**

**\$5 off at Snow Ridge**

**2 for one Lift tickets at Royal Mtn**

## **For Sale**

**I have one (1) extra Price Chopper Family Mt. Passbook for sale. \$ 99.**

**If interested call: Mike Agen @ 7251601**

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ed's beds	<b>4</b> Weekend
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> NYSCD JIMINY PEAK \$15	<b>7</b> General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Am Legion Post 1113, Whitesboro	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Social Hour Tiny's Grill, Utica  Stratton NYSCD \$28	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Gore Mt. NYSCD meet @ Riverside 6:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 3 PM QUEBEC	<b>17</b> CITY SKI	<b>18</b> WEEKEND
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Social Hour @ The Vineyard, Washington Mills	<b>25</b> XC skiing Tony & Jan's
<b>26</b> Skiing Greek Peak Meet @ Westmoreland	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Board Meeting Gander Mt.				

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# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> NYSCD Bromley \$ 23.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Social Hour Snow ridge Waxhouse Turin	<b>4</b> XC Skiing or Snowshoing@ DIEDRA'S
<b>5</b> Ski Bus Trip Whiteface Mt.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> General Membership Meeting @ Am Legion 1113 Whitesboro 7:30 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NYSCD Belleayre \$ 15.00 Stratton \$ 28.00	<b>11</b> Western Trip  TELLURIDE
<b>12</b> NYSCD Mt. Snow \$ 25.00	<b>13</b> NYSCD Jiminy Peak \$ 17.00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Spring Picnic @ ROYAL Mt.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> General Membership Meeting nominations Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Social Hour Smoking Gun Saloon Rt. 5 Senaca Turnpike	<b>25</b> XC skiing Randy's Across from Holland Patent High School Weather permitting
<b>26</b> Skiing Snow ridge Meet @ waxhouse 9:30 AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Board Meeting Gander Mt.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NYSCD Killington \$ 25.00	

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FEBRUARY ISSUE



### **Speakers for our up coming meetings**

**February 7, 2006 the speaker for the meeting will be Brad Vrooman, the owner of Northern Outfitters in Whitesboro and writes for the Go section in the O.D. He wrote an article on Telemark Skiing that appeared in the January 20, 2006 Go section of OD. He will be speaking about Telemark skiing, other skiing tips, and what Northern Outfitters is carrying for skiers this year. Brad offers free Telemark lessons at Snow Ridge each Sunday. Anyone interested can contact him at 768-1568**

**February 21, 2006 the speaker for the meeting will be Bob Pickles, MD, a general surgeon and avid skier. He will be speaking about skiing at high altitudes and common ski injuries.**

Theresa Zehe