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President's Message

I WAS THERE, BUT WHERE WERE YOU????

The word **WOW**, doesn't do justice to the show that Killington put on as it hosted the Ladies World Cup race on Thanks- Giving weekend. This is the second year in a row the Big K hosted the World Cup race and the 2nd time I attended. Aside from skiing, IF YOU MISSED THIS ONE, YOU MISSED ONE OF THE BEST EVENTS IN THE NEW ENGLAND SKI-SCENE for the ENTIRE year. A lot of credit goes to the new owners of Killington because they showed Vermont they know how to throw a party.

The area uphill of the K1 base lodge was transformed into "World Cup Village". Not that it was pretty, but it was a neat thing to have at the base that weekend. The "Village" consisted of about two dozen kiosks (canopies/tents) each with a different purpose. Cliff bar was there again serving warm Cliff bars just out of the oven and had barrels of free Cliff bars for all, there was also an ice-sculptor, Bole Goggles, Giro helmets, a ski travel agent, a 'Ship your skis anywhere' service, a warming tent which housed the bar (mixed drinks, wine, beer) and food, several other food tents, a number of other vendors and of course THE STAGE.

The events began Friday evening with introduction of the athletes and awarding of the bibs. A Killington employee served as the host Friday night introducing each of the racers from every country that has a ski-race team. Each racer had a chance to speak and it was nice to meet the girls who are "World-Class" racers. The awarding of the bibs was actually a drawing of sorts conducted by the Killington Ski Club and that itself was entertaining. After the last bib was drawn, the outdoor concert was held. Yes, it was night and yes it was below freezing but no one who attended the concert minded. After-all we are skiers, so we know how to dress for the cold.....right! If you did get a bit chilly all you had to do was zip into the nearby warming tent, grab a 'hot-toddy' and head back out. I don't know what band played Friday night but the concert was 1.5 hours and they were good. As the last chords were struck, a spectacular fireworks display lit up the sky. That was a new feature this year and a great way to open a World-Cup event. It was a superb fire-works display and everyone hooted and hollered. Saturday, the race began at 10am and yes there were a lot of people but again, Killington Management came through and had double the number of buses to shuttle people from the parking lots to the K1 base area and a very important improvement – double the number of Port-A-Potties! As last year, Killington peak and Snowdon mountain were open with skiing from the top of Killington peak to the Snowdon quad chair. As far as the race itself, no ticket was needed unless you wanted to sit in the grand-stands. Saturday night, Warren Millers latest film was shown in the Snowshed base lodge. Soooo, as Bob Liput would say, the price was.....FREE absolutely FREE to take in two concerts, a fireworks display, meet the athletes, watch a world cup race and browse through World-Cup village. On Saturday the awards ceremony followed the race which ended at 1pm. At 2pm the band "Default" hosted a two hour concert that was extremely good and rocked the crowd.....FREE.....absolutely FREE.....so WHERE WERE YOU!?

The club has a number of events this month including the bus trip to NYC, the West Point Concert, and a Christmas get-together at Tiffany's. I know the Lodge will mention it, but we are having a New Years eve party at the Lodge and it I wasn't travelling at that time I would have made my reservation already.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All,
Bob Zega

**Club Meeting every
other Tuesday.**

*All Club meetings begin
at 8:00 p.m., at the Exchange
Restaurant, downstairs room,
160 E. Main St., Rockaway.*

**Executive Committee and
Lodge Committees start at
6:30 pm at the Exchange..**

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**Submission Deadline
for the January Issue is
December 25**

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UPDATE ON YOUR SKI LODGE

By Jim Lent

Happy winter High Lifers! As you read this, your trustees hope you had a great Thanksgiving, have all your equipment ready to go and are looking forward to another winter on the slopes. Have you sharpened edges, checked your car and clothes? Have you ordered tickets that are exclusive to members from the club? Remember not to over order tickets ... they are exclusively for club or council members. Parents of junior members can use tickets & benefits for their juniors. Always have all membership cards available to show if requested.

Now, the fun part. Vermont is up and running. Many mountains have multiple trails covered as of this writing, with much more to come. Your lodge is all spruced up and ready for the 46th season!!

For the benefit of newer members, I'll repeat a few basics. Your lodge is available every day to members & their guests. New this year, we will be monitoring each guest because after two stays, lifetime, they will be asked to join the club. That will be less expensive in the long run for them. The lodge & preferred rooms are for members primarily. Please treat the lodge like it's your own, because it is. There is no live in caretaker ... that's why we all get chores to do. There are 10 trustees sharing the signups. The full schedule is posted on the website with login. If you can't make a meeting, contact the trustee covering the night you want to start your visit. The schedule lists weekends ... each week starts the Wed. before the weekend & ends on the Tues. after. Each trustee will try their best to accommodate you. Please remember not to call at odd hours. Trustees are not on

call 24/7. Trustees serving as house mom may be out of reach after the last night of signups because they may be in transit or on the slopes. Try to use e-mail when you can. Last minute cancellations will be handled on a per/case basis.

New this year ... you may schedule an advanced signup with Chris Cooney. This will guarantee that you have a spot on the nights you want way ahead in the season. This will not give you a room, bed assignment or code. You will get that from the house mom covering your stay just before you go. You will not be able to reserve a couple room, or any other room, in advance. Members coming in person the first night of signups will get top priority. Also new ... certain trustees will take credit cards for reservations. There will be a small surcharge for card users. Please note ... during the early phase in period, credit cards will only be accepted in person at a meeting. Please do not call & expect to give your card info over the phone!!

We're trying hard to keep up with everyone's needs ... everyone, you need to try hard to take care of YOUR lodge. Pay attention to closing windows & doors and turning off lights, not needed. In the kitchen, please note that the high burners on the stove may be too hot for your needs. Use a lower setting and be sure to cleanup. WASH, DRY & PUT AWAY EVERYTHING YOU USE! Even at breakfast or late night ... everything you leave in the drainer has to be put away by someone else.

Looking ahead, we have special weekends planned on New Year's, Super Bowl & St. Patty's Day. Don't miss them! Signups for New Year's start 12/5 AT THE MEETING ONLY! Plan on enjoying Vermont ... using your lodge & remember ...

“Participation is the Heartbeat of High Life”

Transit Museum Adventure

By Clifford Gawel

On Saturday, Nov 4 a jovial group of 14 High lifers took the Lakeland bus to Port Authority and the subway to the Transit Museum in Brooklyn for an interesting and informative day at the Transit Museum. It was amazing to see how all of this was accomplished in such a short period of time and how dedicated the immigrant workers were especially with such terrible working conditions. There were many photo ops using their displays. Here's a few of our distinguished highlife gals apply for a job as a ticket agent. Back then whoever had the most cleavage got the job



The Piece De Resistance was our walk over the Brooklyn Bridge. Navigating through very crowded conditions (bikes and people) was well worth it due to the incredible water views of the NYC skyline and the East River.



A Night at the Races

By Bob Liput

High does it again at the races in Newark--American Legion Hall Among the high lights were Amanda Zega celebrating her Freedom from the bonds of Divorce, also her cousin's birthday (which we all shared in the tasteful lit cake) Fletch being a big winner 4 times once he shared with Bob Liput the same number and once he talked Bob out of the winning number Rich Stehlick more than once walked up to the winning window Poor Lois and Robyn never came up with a good number but they enjoyed themselves all night with the food and drink The Vincenti clan did not win many times but I have to say They are winners The night moved very fast and the shouts of joy were heard many times at all the tables The beer was cold and the wine flowed like wine should A big change was NO HOT DOGS after the 5th race but we were all filled with the great buffet that was put out by the Legion we did not miss the dogs we all look forward to the next night at the races as many of us went home with more money then we came with.

High Life goes to West Point

By Bob Liput

High Life goes to West Point for the annual Christmas concert for the 3rd year in a row and it did not disappoint--the orchestra was outstanding in it's presentation and depth of music---the solo voice pieces were of New York Broadway level and the addition of video made the entire event as new as the first time--Of course Santa made his appearance and all the children cheered and shouted with joy.--High

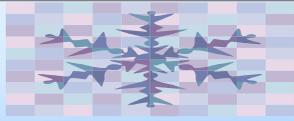
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sat in the 11th row from the stage and had a good view of all the performers.--Parking is always a concern, but High Life people are very

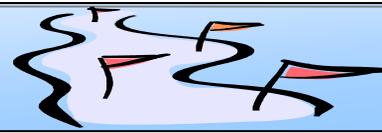
flexible and no one had to walk up hill or a far distance--Even the rain stayed away so the leisure walk around the campus was done with ease and

"take your time style"---After the show, High Life went to the Mahwah Bar and Grill for the annual food and drink which is always a factor with High Life---





Club Activities



Date	Activity/Event	Event Leader &Phone
Fri 12/8	Elvis Christmas Special Friday Night 8:00 pm at the Rhino Studio 237 Wanaque Ave, Pompton Lakes--\$27.25-A great 2 hour show-this was sold out last year--He looks, acts and sings like Elvis	Genny Kowalski genkowalski@yahoo.com
Sun 12/10	Annual NYC Bus Tour! Hop on Hop off bus tour of NYC Holiday trimmings & lights. Cost is \$30 pp for members & \$35 pp for non-members "BYOB" This is a party tour of NYC Bring snacks and drinks of your choice for the bus ride See the splendor and awe of the Holiday lights and the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. Join us in singing Christmas carols in Rockefeller Center!! We will stop at Bryant Park to see the kiosks that adorn the park and to ride the carousel. This is a rain or shine and beer & wine event!!!	Elaine Ryan elaineskis34@yahoo.com Cell: (201) 788-7496
Tue 12/12	Second Chance Party If you didn't get lucky at the fall Kick off party Now is your time for a second chance. There are more prizes to raffle off and this time you could get lucky! Raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets will be sold. Please show up, bring a new unwrapped toy for "Toys For Tots" or some food donations for the food pantry. As if that wasn't enough, the Pocono cards will be ready for pickup too!	
Fri 12/15	High Life Holiday Gathering All are welcome to join a group of High Lifers at Tiffany's on Route 46 in Montville. There will be a private space with half price drinks and appetizers for the High Life partyers. People will be there from 4:00 – 7:00 and beyond! Live music is scheduled to start at 9:00.	Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124

SKI TRIP
SUN VALLEY
MARCH 3RD - 10TH, 2018
COST \$1,760.

Includes:

Airfare: United Airlines from Newark to Sun Valley (back)

**Lodging: Lodge Deluxe Apartments 2 bedroom condos
(4 people per condo)**

Lift Tickets: 5 out of 6 day ticket

Ground transportation is included

Parties included

Travel insurance is extra - \$100.00

Payment Schedule: August 22 (\$560)

October 10 (\$600)

November 14 (\$600)

Contact: Ken Chodkiewicz (973) 919-1962

kchod27@gmail.com

2017-2018 Ski Trips

Telluride, Colorado (1/27-2/3)

Lodging-Bear Creek Lodge. 3 bedroom/3 bath-ski in/ski out. Baggage handling is included and mandatory.

Lift tickets- 5 out of 6 day lift tickets.

Trip price- \$1800.00..\$900 in Sept. for the first payment final payment of \$900 on Nov. 14th.

WHAT YOU GET ON THE TRIP-You will get a welcome meal on arrival, one group meal in a local restaurant during the week and an ice cream party.

Trip insurance- Would cost 6% of the cost of the trip. For details visit www.trippreserver.com. This you would purchase on your own.

Note: your condo has an outdoor heated pool and indoor/outdoor hot tubs. You also have your own shuttle service to town.

If Interested Please contact Bob Liput

Chamonix, France (3/3-3/11)

No lift tickets included. Tickets go for approx. \$50 a day.

Included-Air, Hotel, breakfast and dinner daily.

Price-\$1800. Deposit of \$600 due on Sept. 12, 2017. Refunds without penalties up to 90 days before trip.

Note 1: Checks are to be made out to High Life Ski Club.

Note 2: Tours to Italy will be an extra costs.

Note 3: More information will be available at a later date.

If Interested Please Contact Bob Liput

HIFELIFE Lodge SCHEDULE 2017 Winter FINAL

WEEKEND Saturday	EVENT	START SIGN UPS Tuesday	TRUSTEE	COMBO
4-Nov		24-Oct	Cliff Gawel	
11-Nov	Work WeekEnd	31-Oct	Chris Cooney	
18-Nov		7-Nov	Donna Long	
25-Nov	Thanks/WorldCup	7-Nov	Kenny Chodkiewicz	
2-Dec		21-Nov	Jim Ferrone	
9-Dec		28-Nov	Mike Burbridge	
16-Dec		5-Dec	Chris Cooney	
23-Dec		12-Dec	Jim Lent	
30-Dec	New Years Party - Dec31	Dec 5 Party Goers/ Dec 19 Others	Cliff Gawel	
6-Jan		26-Dec	Bill Swayze	
13-Jan	Kid	2-Jan	Chris Cooney	
20-Jan		9-Jan	Mike Burbridge	
27-Jan		16-Jan	Jim Tobey	
3-Feb	SuperBowl	Jan 09 Party Goers/ Jan 23 others	Donna Long	
10-Feb		30-Jan	Mike Burbridge	
17-Feb	Kid	6-Feb	Kenny Chodkiewicz	
24-Feb		13-Feb	Cliff Gawel	
3-Mar	Trips Week	20-Feb	Jim Lent	
10-Mar		27-Feb	Bill Swayze	
17-Mar	St Patricks	6-Mar	Chris Cooney	
24-Mar	Kid	13-Mar	Kenny Chodkiewicz	
31-Mar		20-Mar	Chris Cooney	
7-Apr		27-Mar	Mike Burbridge	
14-Apr		3-Apr	Donna Long	
21-Apr		10-Apr	Amanda Zega	
28-Apr		17-Apr	Jim Ferrone	
5-May	Summer Season	24-Apr	TBD	
12-May		1-May	TBD	
DONNA LONG	201 317 7830	JIM TOBEY	973 202 7028	
BILL SWAYZE	973 479 5055	KEN CHODKIEWITZ	973 919 1962	
JIM FERRONE	973 650 7060	JIM LENT	973 670 8827	
CHRIS COONEY	201 400 4021	AMANDA ZEGA	201 213 3637	
CLIFF GAWEL	201 394 0623	MIKE BURBRIDGE	973 610 3692	
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