



The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH LIFE SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

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“IF YOU DON’T DO IT THIS YEAR, YOU’LL BE ONE YEAR OLDER WHEN YOU DO”

-WARREN MILLER

**Club Meeting every
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 March Issue is
February 25**

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This week the Ski world and Ski industry bid goodbye to Sir Warren Miller. No, he wasn’t knighted by Queen Elizabeth but he was knighted by us, the Skiing/Boarding public who cherished the self-made and lovable ski film maker. Warren Miller was every bit as deserving of a title as Paul McCartney or Elton John. Warren was up there with the likes of Stein Ericksen, Howard Head (Head Skis), Ernie Blake (Taos), Pete Seibert (Vail) and other ski industry pioneers who helped build or further the sport of skiing in the USA as well as develop Western skiing as we now know it. Warren died peacefully this week at the age of (93) at his home on Orcas Island in the state of Washington.

As the **Keepers of Winter**, those of us who understand snow and appreciate the beauty of Winter followed Warren via his many films and books throughout the years. How could we not, after all he was known for his odd sense of humor – in fact no one, could narrate a film like Warren Miller. His films in a real sense chronicled the history of skiing as Warren himself started on wood skis with simple clip on bindings purchased from a Sears Catalog for \$2. That alone tells you how long ago it was that he began skiing. The ski industry in the USA was in its infancy and Warren Miller was one of the pioneers who initially and unknowingly gave it a much-needed boost. Through the years, Warren wrote a number of books and in one described his first turn on skis as his first taste of ‘unbound freedom’.

I highly recommend that everyone read Warren’s autobiography – I did several years ago and it made me think of my first turn on skis however, that wasn’t my first taste of unbound freedom because I had fallen in love with the outdoor (read REAL) world many years before and knew first hand that feeling. My first time on skis was an extension of the love of Winter I developed as a young boy ice-skating in the woods and marveling at the magnificent beauty of trees covered with new fallen snow. Many of us who ski have had and still get that feeling.....the feeling of unbound freedom each time we step into the bindings. Yes, Warren, that is the world we as skiers and riders know and love and that is the world YOU brought to us each and every year. For millions around the world, WINTER begins when the WARREN MILLER FILM FESTIVAL COMES TO TOWN!

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UPDATE ON YOUR SKI LODGE

By Jim Lent

Wow! We're at mid-winter already. Your lodge is running smoothly and waiting for your visit. Conditions have been up & down but generally, everyone has had good days on the mountains.

At this writing, we're looking forward to Super Bowl weekend where we hang out in the barn, watch the game on the 12 foot screen, eat & drink and not have to drive anywhere. Several of us hope to get in some mid-week time on various mountains that week.

Going forward, we'll have another party on Saint Patrick's weekend in March. Contact Chris Cooney to sign up in early March.

Check the lodge schedule on the website or in this issue for trustees covering your time slot. There are "kids" weekends listed for member's children age 8 & up.

Trustees try hard to accommodate everyone but remember, some of us may be at work or traveling. Use e-mail when possible.

VERY IMPORTANT ... when you are at the lodge, there is no caretaker. Everyone must clean up, do a chore and do something extra. Please put your dishes away and CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN. With the flu bug going around, we need to look out for each other!!

Your lodge is *your* home away from home representing 46 years of dedication. Lets keep it going, and remember ...

Participation is the Heartbeat of High Life



Conquering Camelback

By Bob Liput

High Life goes to Conquer Camelback Mt and they did! 18 members met and charged the slopes on a beautiful day in January. Rick Wicz, Domenic Paravati, Oscar and Linda Viera came all the way from the Jersey shore to join the group, have lunch and stayed for the after skiing food and drink at a local micro brewery. Ted Korth and Doug Otte got off the slopes a little early and went ahead to secure a prime spot at the brewery for the gang. Bob Liput had a nice surprise, went at lunch, his Son Bob and grand son Bobby showed up to ski with him for the afternoon lots of Bobs. Joan Foley kept the group together with Bill Graham while we were waiting for Vic Gomez and Janice Jackman (who got lost getting to the Mt) Cliff Gawel came with a buddy and Ken Chodkiewicz showed us his excellent form on the many runs which were all groomed to a tee. Don McLane and Tom Aguilar were in mid-season form and led the group down many of the runs which we just had to guess at no one had a trail map to top the day off 75% of the group skied for free as we are all old senior skiers.

I can Tell you Ride!

By Bob Liput

High Life goes to Telluride and attacks the big slopes 30 big time skiers from High Life skied up and down the slopes of Telluride for one solid week having fun with the great weather that was ordered for the trip. One person had to go home early due to a knee problem, that turned out not to be very serious, but needed to be checked out as she was in pain and limping a great deal. The gang met daily in the hot tub for drinks and talk about the great runs of the day along with the needed warm water. Some of the group went cross country skiing and really got to see the back side of the mountain which was beautiful. In a throw back to the "old High Life style"--the gang partied on the bus to the airport and partied at the airport to the extent that one of the group was not allowed to board the airplane he was toooo high we had to leave him and his lady behind to catch a flight the next day. Alot of us walked as straight as we could through the TSA inspection so we would not get thrown off the plane too. Many of us slept the entire trip home which was easy as the plane was 75% empty so we could lay out across the seats. Yes there is still some PARTY LIFE left in the older members of the club..



(President's Message continued)

You will ski on forever Mr. Miller because we'll keep you in our hearts as we make the first-turn on each glorious winter day that we ski!!!!!!

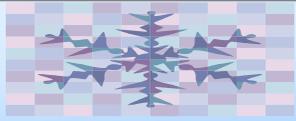
Now back to Earth: Highlife has a trip heading out to Telluride, Colorado departing tomorrow (1/27/18). Writing this month's President's message is my last chore before I leave work and head home to pack. If you were one of the members at our meeting 1 week ago, you were there to view the presentation I did on Telluride which included a bit of history, a bit of summer-fall and of course many winter pics on the big screen at the Exchange. I wanted to know something about Telluride because I've never been there and thought I'd share my new-found knowledge with club members. Hopefully that'll start a trend in HLSC....an informative presentation prior to each trip. If you were not there, maybe you're one of the lucky members who I'll greet tomorrow at Newark airport as we take flight for **To-Hell-You-Ride!!**

Snow Report: Cold weather has been fairly consistent in the East and local resorts have a good base. Vermont received several dumps which combined with recent cold and snowmaking allowed the resorts to continue adding snow. ALL Vermont resorts with maybe the exception of Mad River who doesn't make snow made a good recovery after the 3 inches of rain a week ago and are fully operational.

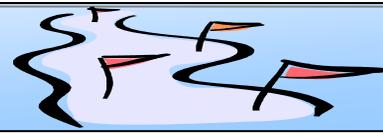
We've gotten a number of new members recently and if you are reading this message, I'd like to personally welcome each of you to High Life Ski Club. Please keep in mind that we operate a DISCOUNT LIFT TICKET PROGRAM in conjunction with NJ Ski Council who offers additional discounted days known as "Skier Appreciation Days. If you are not familiar with either program you owe it to yourself to find out about it. You now have an extended family of hundreds of people who ski, ride, snowshoe, hike, bike, canoe, kayak and enjoy each other's friendship. Don't be bashful, come to our meetings, read this newsletter, check the calendar of events on our website regularly and watch the "What's New" bulletin board. There are many activities you will like and if you don't see something that catches your eye don't be afraid to suggest and run an event of your own. Remember High Life is YOUR club and you CAN make a difference in how it operates. And remember:

IF YOU DON'T DO IT THIS YEAR, YOU'LL BE ONE YEAR OLDER WHEN YOU DO.

Get off your butt and Ski,
Bob Zega



Club Activities



Date	Activity/Event	Event Leader &Phone
Sundays	<p>Snow Shoe Sundays</p> <p>Snow shoe Sundays in Jan, Feb and March--call to register and find out about conditions--1:00 pm for rentals (\$10) 1:30 pm tour starts--\$5 fee--90 minute tour--designed for ages 10 and up</p> <p>Contact: Pyramid Mountain jgodin@morrispark.net (973) 334-3130</p>	<p>Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124</p>
2/9 Fri	<p>Happy Hour at Tiffany's</p> <p>One more time--enjoy the gang and share a drink or two with fellow High Lifers-some finger food will be on the tables--and also available for purchase-Tiffany's Restaurant Rt 46 Montville--happy hour prices 4 to 7 pm--stay later if you wish--enjoy the evening</p>	<p>Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124</p>



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

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

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

Included-Air, Hotel, breakfast and dinner daily.

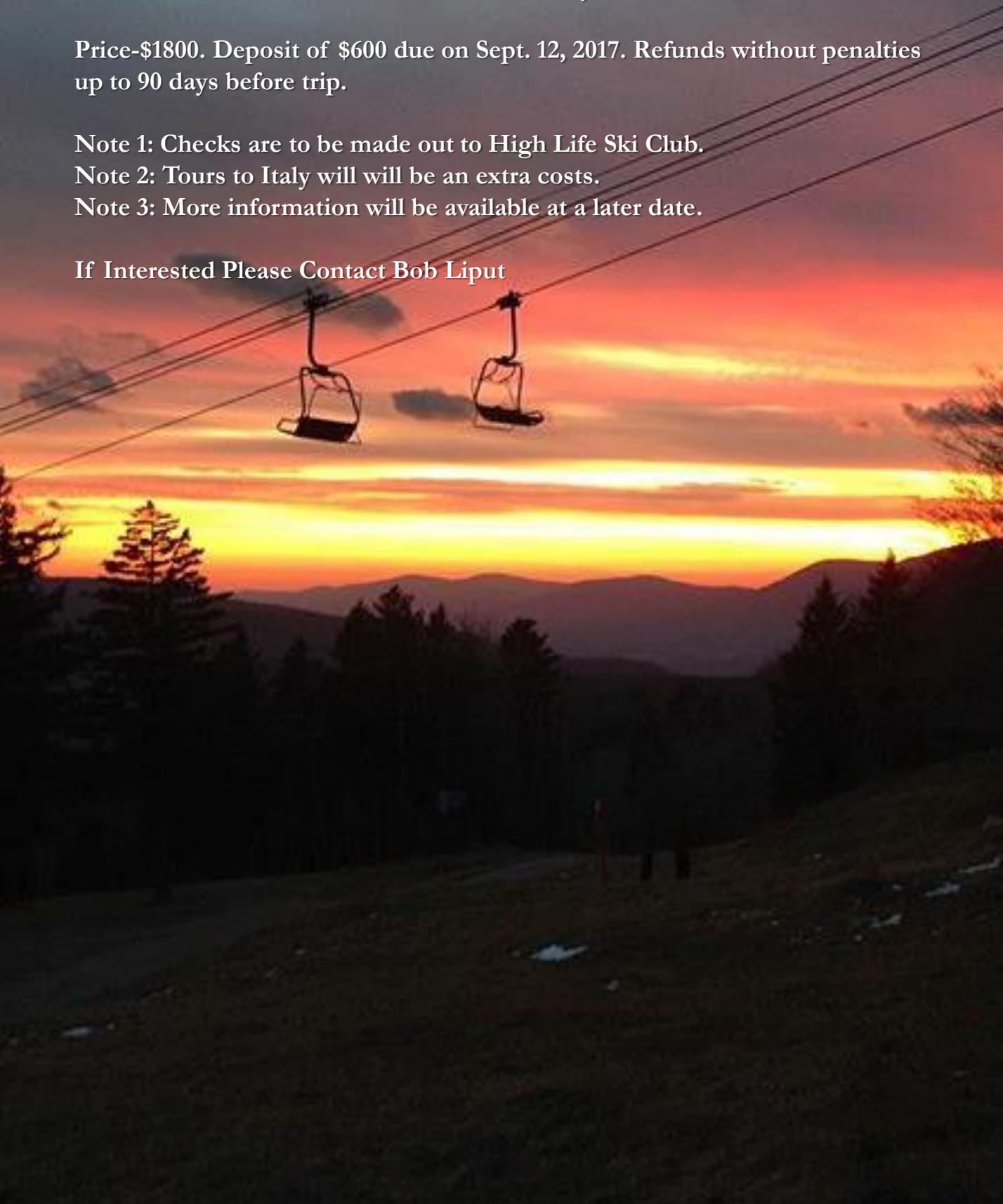
Price-\$1800. Deposit of \$600 due on Sept. 12, 2017. Refunds without penalties up to 90 days before trip.

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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