

The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF HIGH LIFE SKI
AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

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January 2019



**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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President's Message

Happy New Year from Stateline, Nevada (Lake Tahoe). This message comes to HighLifer's from 7,700 feet at the base of Heavenly on the Nevada side. Today it's sunshine with high wind gusts as a storm front is moving in with snow this afternoon. Predictions are for 6 to 15 inches overnight depending upon elevation....go figure it's my last day here! I'm here with sons Jeff and Tom and my grandkids (Alexandra and Nicholas). Most of the lifts are currently on wind hold which is why I am writing this message or I'd be on the slopes skiing. Not wanting to make anyone jealous but the skiing has been great all week. Crazy-man Nicholas has been bombing the slopes and the biggest chore has been to prevent him from launching off the face of the mountain into Carson valley below. Alexandra on the other is not as aggressive and I've been coaching/coaxing her skiing all week. My grandchildren live in Tucson, Arizona and although there's snow in the mountains skiing is not a priority of Mom and Dad. As the President of a ski club and one who has always liked snow, I feel duty bound to instill a love for winter and snow in my grand-children.

Vermont: Just before flying west, Melody, Jeff and I spent 5 days at the Lodge in Vermont arriving December 26th. Our first day of skiing in Vt. was good but it was followed by a soaking rain one day. No one skied and we made the best of it with a side-trip to Woodstock, Vt. and of course the Long Trail Brewery which was rocking that day. Rain on the slopes means the Long Trail will be stoked! Once the rain passed the temp. dropped and we skied Okemo the next day which had good coverage. We had a good group of about 25 people at the Lodge over Christmas with one family of about half a dozen adults and teen-agers. I was glad that the Lodge Committee now allows 'Juniors' the chance to stay at the Lodge through December. as it gives them a chance to experience Vermont skiing. I haven't kept up with the conditions this week but sure that there's plenty of snow to keep most people happy.

As we move into the New Year, keep your eyes on the Club Calendar and What's New on our website for upcoming events.

I'm gong to make this message shorter than normal because the wind has died down and I want to ski as today is our last day in Tahoe. See you all next Tuesday!

Bob Zega

Update on your Ski Lodge!

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year from the High Life Lodge Committee.

I hope you started your New Year right!

You can now make that I am going to ski/board more this year resolution a reality by coming to the Lodge more often this new season. We are open for business.

Our next big event will be the Superbowl party at the Lodge the weekend of February 1th. The party is on Superbowl Sunday Feb 3th. I will be taking early sign ups starting January 8th for any members who are also signing up for the party. \$22.00 per person for the party and the usual lodging fees which are still \$25 per night for members and \$40.00 a night for quests.

So lets all start our New Year right with a lot of exercise and fun with our friends at our great Lodge this season. Enjoy the new decor of our living room. We also want to say we really appreciate our members who help us to keep the place spic and span! We depend on you to do your cores, empty and take out the trash when you leave. This is our home away please treat the place well.

Thank you,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Donna Long

Lodge Chairman

Tiffany's Holiday Happy Hour, a Great Success!

By Bob Liput

High Life had a Holiday Happy Hour at Tiffany's in Pine Brook (Montville) Rt 46-- The food was good, the drinks were fresh and the happy feeling among the gang was at a high level all night long---people came at 4:00 pm and stayed beyond the happy hour limits of 7:00 pm. There was laughter and toasting of different topics--and some serious talk--one topic about hiking was presented to the club as a whole--any one would want to hike during the week--contact Duke Chisholm--dukechisholm@ahoo.com--the hikes are in the western part of Morris County and into Sussex---be on the look out for more Happy Hours and winter hikes

Meet Your Recording Secretary!

Name: Barbara Lent

Hometown: Hopatcong, NJ

Career: Office Manager/Client Services Associate

HL Title: Recording Secretary, High Life Ski Club

How long have you served in this title? 2 years, also Corresponding Secretary back in the '80s

How did you hear about HL? From acquaintances who were members Terri and Lincoln Ferris..

When did you first join HL? My 2 girlfriends and I attended our very first High Life Event which was Racquetball back in January 1979, and I joined the tennis program also which was running full speed.....and the rest is history.

What prompted you to join? My girlfriends and I were the 3 Musketeers that went everywhere together. Never missed a meeting which was in Denville.....even stayed at my girlfriend's house in Fairfield on many a Tuesday night when we partied a little too hardy, and it was just too far to drive home to my favorite little Polish town of Wallington. I participated in a few more events and became a member in April 1979. Attended my first work weekend that Memorial Day with my girlfriends and absolutely fell in love with the Club, the Lodge in Vermont and the camaraderie.....and needless to say my favorite place to swim and kayak down the road from the Lodge, Chittenden Reservoir. I did not even know how to ski when I joined but took my first lesson at Shawnee Mt., PA with friends, and I was hooked.

What do you like most about serving in your position? Working with the Executive Board solving problems. Discussing ways of how to make things better for the future. We have an awesome Club and we need to keep moving forward and make improvements as much as we can. Our E-Board is a fun group, and I simply enjoy working with them.

What do you enjoy most about HL? I absolutely love the friendships that I have developed over the 38 years. They have been the best years of my life! Even though I stay in touch with some high school and college friends, my closest circle of friends have been through High Life. Even though many High Lifers have moved away, the bond that I have formed with them will last forever. If it wasn't for High Life, I never would have met my better half, Jimmy, who has shared these wonderful years and memories together with me...first as friends when we met in 1979 and as a couple for the last 36 years. I am thrilled that he felt the same way I did about the Club and experienced the excitement and happiness that I have. It was great meeting someone that cares as much as I do and has devoted many years to the Club and Lodge. High Life has been our life first and foremost. It's been our family.

What do you enjoy most about the lodge? It truly feels like my second home. I had that wonderful feeling the very first day I walked in, and it will always have a special place in my heart. No matter where I go searching for that little piece of paradise, the Lodge and Chittenden Reservoir is still my favorite place to escape to and always will be.

What is one piece of advice you'd give to a new Member coming in?! Get involved. Join in the numerous events that our Club has to offer and think about even running an event or step up to the plate and consider running for a position on the Executive Board or Lodge Committee. Make it a point to go on a work weekend or an event at the Lodge. I soon learned work weekends involve fun, friends and a great feeling of helping out. Over the years, hundreds of people have made the Lodge what it is today. You do not have to be a skier to enjoy the Club or the Lodge.....there is something for everyone in our great organization with many events, trips and our home away from home in Vermont. Continuing volunteerism is the key to the success of the Club and Lodge.



Meet Your Lodge Committee!

Name: James Tobey

Hometown: Monmouth Beach, NJ

Career: Retired Police officer and chef

HL Title: Lodge Trustee

How long have you served in this title? About 12 years

When did you first join HL? 1988

How did you hear about HL? From a friend who was a member

What prompted you to join? I wanted to get better at skiing.

What do you like most about serving in your position? Working for the betterment of the lodge.

What do you enjoy most about HL? The Good friends that I have made over the years.

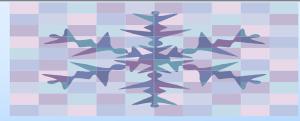
What do you enjoy most about the lodge? The lodge is my home away from home. All members should feel this way.

What is one piece of advice you'd give to a new Member coming in? To all new members; get involved in the club...run an event...run for office... and especially...DO A WORK WEEKEND. You will make many friends, have a great time, lots of laughs, good food and libations and have PRIDE in our home away from home. The house and the ghosts need everyone's help.

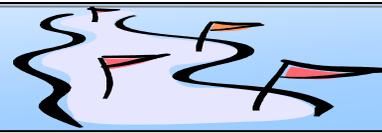


*Happy Holidays to Everyone that
celebrated with Highlife this Season!*





Club Activities



Date	Activity/Event	Event Leader &Phone
Now Through March	NJ Ski Council Awareness Days Check the website for the flyers that list all of the Ski Council Awareness discount days for Jack/Frost Big Boulder, Hunter Mountain, and Attitash/Wildcat mountains. You can find tickets as low as \$17	
1/26 Sat	Dance Night 8:00pm to 12:00am Dance the night with DJ Tom at White Meadow Lake Club House \$10 per person---Cash Bar--bring your own snacks tickets on sale at POA office or online at wmlclub.eventbrite.com	Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124
2/23 Sat	Craft Beer Festival Tickets on sale starting Jan 12-at POA office or online at Eventbrite.WMLCraftBeer.com-\$25 for WML members--\$30 for guests--7:00 pm -11:00 pm--20 + Beers & Ciders (including local NJ Breweries)--Local Bands. Local Food Trucks--	Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124
3/23 Sat	Spring Fling Dinner/Bance White Meadow Lake Club House--7:00 pm--Doo Wop of the 50's and 60's--singing group "Desire"--\$40 per person includes buffet dinner-(cash bar available)	Bob Liput bobski711@optonline.net Phone: (973) 839-9124



HL Lodge 2018-19 Winter

WEEKEND Saturday	EVENT	START SIGN UPS Tuesday	TRUSTEE
24-Nov	Thanksgiving	30-Oct	Kenny Chodkiewicz
1-Dec		20-Nov	Jim Ferrone
8-Dec		27-Nov	Jim Tobey
15-Dec		4-Dec	Bill Swayze
22-Dec		11-Dec	Cliff Gawel
29-Dec	New Years	18-Dec	Chris Cooney
5-Jan		18-Dec	Mike Burbridge
12-Jan		18-Dec	Chris Moser
19-Jan	KIDS / King Weekend	8-Jan	Bill Swayze
26-Jan	Metro Race	15-Jan	Amanda Zega
2-Feb	SuperBowl Mt Bachelor Leaves	22-Jan	Donna Long
9-Feb	Mt Bachelor Returns	29-Jan	Jim Tobey
16-Feb	KIDS / Presidents Weekend	5-Feb	Chris Moser
23-Feb		12-Feb	Chris Cooney
2-Mar		19-Feb	Cliff Gawel
9-Mar	Innsbruck / SnowMass	26-Feb	Bill Swayze
16-Mar	Ski Trips Return St Patrick	5-Mar	Bill Swayze
23-Mar	KIDS Weekend	12-Mar	Kenny Chodkiewicz
30-Mar		19-Mar	Donna Long
6-Apr		26-Mar	Chris Moser
13-Apr		2-Apr	Mike Burbridge
20-Apr		9-Apr	Amanda Zega
27-Apr		16-Apr	Jim Ferrone
4-May		23-Apr	Chris Cooney
11-May		30-Apr	Cliff Gawel
18-May		7-May	Donna Long
25-May		14-May	Mike Burbridge
DONNA LONG	201 317 7830	JIM TOBEY	973 202 7028
BILL SWAYZE	973 479 5055	KEN CHODKIEWICZ	973 919 1962
JIM FERRONE	973 650 7060	AMANDA ZEGA	201 213 3637
CHRIS COONEY	201 400 4021	MIKE BURBRIDGE	973 610 3692
CLIFF GAWEL	201 394 0623	CHRIS MOSER	856 905 7960
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