

The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF HIGH LIFE SKI
AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

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March 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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for the April Issue is
March 25**

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President's Message

I don't know whether to blame global warming or the bad karma of millions who despise winter but for the most part Winter skipped NJ. We had a few flurries here and there and I used my snow-blower twice to move 4-maybe 6" of slush. Because I was delinquent in clearing leaves from my backyard, I took the lawn tractor out in January! I'm sure my neighbors wondered what the nut driving a lawn tractor back n forth on a frozen lawn was doing in January but I can assure you, it was leaves NOT snow I was moving! Even the sadistic 'StormTracker 4 team' said we haven't seen anything more than 6" and this is the channel that forecasts gloom 72 hours in advance of even one flake falling! Be that as it may, I've been skiing almost every weekend locally or in Vermont. At no time this season did I encounter poor conditions which means Big-time Kudos to the resorts AND their snowmakers! Of course, I chose wisely between monsoon rains, waiting patiently for things to re-freeze.

Tuesday 3/5/19: Two presentations were given at this week's meeting. **Dr. Brett Hodshen** a Chiropractor will give a talk on the benefits of Chiropractic care and answer questions you may have. After Brett is done, I will give a **PowerPoint presentation on Innsbruck, Austria** as a group of High Lifers will board a plane later that week (Friday evening) and head off to ski the Austrian Alps. For those of you going on this trip, I have prepared a separate (6) page handout that I'll email to all so you can bring it with you. The PP presentation is more centered on the ski areas and the written presentation is an inclusive discussion of the ski resorts, getting around Innsbruck and things for non-skiers to see & do. Because I've done a fair amount of research, I can tell you that Innsbruck is a vacationers paradise with dozens of things to see!

Amanda Update: Club Princess, Amanda is on the mend and can walk upright without the aid of crutches. She's not allowed to put full weight on her leg but this week began physical therapy to restore knee joint movement and get the muscles working. She'll miss the remainder of the Northeastern Ski season but did I hear mention of a possible assault on Portillo, Chile late summer?!

There's still time to Ski and plenty of snow up North, enjoy it while you can!

Bob Zega

The Lodge update!

On behalf of the Lodge Committee, we hope everyone's been having a great Winter season. The Lodge has been well-attended thus far. Hoping Mother Nature continues to provide the excellent conditions we've had since November.

Super Bowl weekend brought over 50 people through the Lodge, including the 22 people who attended the Sunday Night Super Bowl Party. In addition to the great food and drink, the Lodge once again held their annual Super Bowl Fundraiser pool. Congratulations to winners Sal Pulitano (1st Quarter), Brian Vogt (Halftime) and Cliff Gawel (3rd Qtr and Final Score).

The Weekend also included the annual NJ State Race at Pico. High Life was well represented at the event, including a 4th place team finish for the HL Men's team. On the individual side, Linda Burns placed 5th overall for the women, and Andy Barnett placed 1st overall for the men. Great job High Life! Celebration was held in the Barn with a DJ dance party!

February 23rd weekend featured DJ Ken MacDonald spinning tunes and karaoke while pool, pong and darts were played in the barn!

Our next Lodge event will be the Saint Patrick's Fundraiser the weekend of March 15-17, 2019. If you plan on staying at the Lodge that weekend, please contact Donna Long as soon as possible to find out about the Fundraiser dinner on Saturday night!!

As always, the Lodge Committee thanks our members who use the Lodge. Historically, Vermont sees some great snowfall in March which will add to the already great conditions. See everyone soon!!

Thank you,
Donna Long, Lodge Chairperson

A Long Time Friend of High Life Passes Away

By Jim Lent

Bob Bearor passed on Feb 21st. Who was Bob Bearor & why is this important to High Life? Bob was the "Godfather of Chittenden". I received this message from our friend Marge Eagan in Vermont. Marge is a former President & Lodge Chair and an all-round great former club member who was there when the lodge was purchased. Bob was a solid supporter of our lodge & helped us over & over with our relationship with the town. Most important & my long range concern, is our water supply that is a quarter mile up in the woods behind Bob's property. That supply is in our deed but depends on a complex route of underground pipes & hoses all the way, through the woods, under streams & under the road to our basement. In the past, when there was a break etc., Bob was able, often, to help us with repairs. *(See obituary on page 6)*

Hail King Christopher & the Queen Mother: Tuesday 2/26/19 saw HLSC host its first (hopefully annual) Snow-Flake Festival. Many thanks to those who turned out for this event. At the beginning of the year we promised to try new things and this dance was one of the suggestions to bring new life to our meetings. Special thanks to Melody for planning the gig, choosing the decorations and getting the 'cake'. Big thanks to Chris for hosting the event and hauling all his DJ equipment to the Exchange. Although I wasn't there earlier in the evening, thanks to Melody, Jeff and anyone else who helped hang lights and decorations from the ceiling. The criteria for King & Queen were a) Display the spirit of HLSC, b) participate in the club in some way and c) 'You had to be in it to win it'. A committee of (4) members huddled before and during the event comparing notes then voted on who should be crowned King & Queen. It was quite unanimous that although newer members, Chris Cooney and his Mom Carol (yes smiling Jack too) have gone out of their way to support HLSC, do everything they can to encourage its growth and never hesitate to dive in when and where needed – WITHOUT asking! Both were crowned, robed and given royal High Life Ski Club Scepters. The King & Queen Mother shall rein for 1 year then turnover the crowns, robes and scepters to their successors at the 2nd Annual Snowflake festival.



Meet Your Corresponding Secretary!

Name: Barbara Capsouras **Hometown:** Randolph, NJ

Career: Director, Alumni Relations at County College of Morris

HL Title: Corresponding Secretary, High Life Ski Club

How long have you served in this title? 3 years

How did you hear about HL? I don't remember...it was the '70s

When did you first join HL? It was way in the beginning when meetings were held in Denville where the Sogo Hibachi place is now across from Gearhart Chevy. All the founding members were a part of the club. I was on the Raft Race Committee and was actually a member of the first all-girl raft that participated. (Oh boy – those were the days!!!)

What prompted you to join? I had started skiing and thought a ski club would be a good way to participate in this sport. I joined the Ski Race Team, the Tennis Team, the Activities group and helped run the Halloween parties and picnics. I was single and realized this was a great social club too! I met my husband, John, at the club and we spent many winter weekends at the Lodge in Vermont. When we had kids in the 80's it was more difficult to be involved and we took a hiatus for a few years, but kept in touch with many friends we had made. After his death seven years ago, and with my kids grown up, I decided to get back involved with the club I had so many great memories and friends from.

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? High Life has so much to offer its members. I like being busy and I appreciate and enjoy all the activities. Biking, hiking, skiing, kayaking, weekends at the Lodge, the picnics, the parties!! I love the new and old friendships I have made over the years. There have been so many diverse activities that members have provided that are always interesting including museums, concerts, movies, mini golf, sailing, ski trips, Cape Cod trips, Cape May trips, and the list goes on and on!!

What do you enjoy most about the lodge? What a wonderful place to escape to! It's like a second home. No matter what season, the beauty of Vermont is always a pleasure. The lodge is comfortable, welcoming and fun. Our barn is the best recreation area and the parties in there are legendary. I love the new theme weekends that have been initiated and will hopefully continue.

What is one piece of advice you'd give to a new Member coming in?! Get involved, participate in all the club has to offer, take advantage of lift ticket discounts, spend time at the lodge! Realize that this is your club and the only way to keep it going is to HELP – at work weekends, run for an officer position, volunteer to run an activity, or assist in any way at an event!



Meet Your Lodge Committee!

Name: Bill Swayze

Hometown: Hopatcong, NJ

Career: I worked for over fifty years in the piping industry with many mechanical contractors, pharmaceutical companies and large corporations. I held many positions and was involved at all levels working at interesting and challenging jobs during my career.

HL Title: High Life Ski Lodge Committee

How long have you served in this title? Since the mid 1980s

How did you hear about HL? From Dover Sport shop in Dover.

When did you first join HL? The early 1980s



What prompted you to join? I became interested in skiing in the late sixties and joined Craigmere Ski Club in Rockaway, NJ. I stopped skiing when I was busy raising children. In the mid-eighties, I returned to skiing when my sons became interested in the sports. I became interested in the work weekends because of the comradery. After a year or two, I was elected to the Lodge Committee and have been on it ever since..

What do you like most about serving in your position? The Comradery and participation at the work weekends.

What do you enjoy most about HL? I absolutely love the lodge offers you affordable accommodations, a safe environment and a friendly atmosphere. The main Lodge has a large kitchen and a dining room with ample seating. The comfortable living room has three couches, three recliners and a beautiful large fireplace. Sleeping accommodations include couples' rooms and dorm rooms. The basement has an area to work on ski's and boards.

The recreation building, which we call the Barn, offers many social activities for people of all ages and interests including a bar, large screen TVs, a pool table, a ping pong table and a fuse ball table. Also available are a dart board, movies and best of all, a great place to party!

What do you enjoy most about the lodge? What I enjoy most about the Lodge is the relaxation after skiing and the comradery of it all.

What is one piece of advice you'd give to a new Member coming in?! What I would recommend for new people joining the Club is to participate in the activities and do work weekends at the Lodge.

High Life Ski Club mourns the loss of a Vermont Native and long time friend of the club. *(obituary courtesy of the Rutland Herald)*



Robert E. Bearor — Robert Elick “Bob” Bearor, 82, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 21, 2019, surrounded by his family. Bob was born in Panton, the sixth of the eight children of the late Agnes (Widner) and Nathaniel Edward Bearor. He attended Middlebury High School through the 10th grade and worked for Middlebury College and the F.O. Dutton Lumber Co. before founding his own enterprise at age 18. The Overland Mail Stage ran mail and a myriad of commodities throughout Vermont and New York for 61 years. In 2004, the U.S. Postal Service honored Bob with its Iron Man Award in recognition of his 50 years of three trips daily hauling the mail without missing a single run. In 1962, Bob married Christine Carol “Teenie” Crosby and six years later, they moved into barely more than a barn in Teenie’s hometown of Chittenden. The barn soon became a warm and welcoming residence where Bob & Teenie raised their two children. It also became the focal point of a 15-acre farm.

Teenie’s desire to do something at home when the kids were small led to the establishment of Teenie’s Tiny Poultry Farm in 1971, where the Bearors raised chickens, ducks and turkeys. Bob got a kick out of his “REB” initials, in his younger days living up to being a bit of a rebel – often making his mother’s heart skip a beat. One night on a dare, he rode his Harley into the Cove Point Dance Hall in Leicester, revved the bike in a circle around the dance floor – and left a mark that was still there when the building burned down several years later. Aside from his family, Bob took great pleasure in hunting, fishing, classic cars and motorcycles. His father was an avid fisherman and being in a wheelchair did nothing to dull his love of the sport. Determined to find an easy way for others like his father to angle at leisure, the Bearors built a sizeable pond. Nathaniel didn’t live to see it but in 1982, Bob and Teenie began opening the pond to handicapped and seniors for an annual fishing derby. Participation has grown from about 30 that first year to 300 or more in recent years. Bob was also very much a man of his town. Often referred to as the unofficial “Mayor of Chittenden,” his 45 years as a selectman are thought to be the longest anyone has served in that capacity. He often filled in as road commissioner, as well. He was the service unit representative of the local chapter of the Salvation Army and served for many years on the Board of the Rutland County Agricultural Society, the entity that manages the Vermont State Fair. Through the Chittenden Fund for the Less Fortunate, he quietly helped numerous local residents over the years yet was always quick to thank his friends and the people of Chittenden for helping him to accomplish what he did. Last Spring, a room at the Chittenden Town Office was renamed the Robert E. Bearor Meeting Room, dedicated to him for his many years of service. The dedication was accompanied by a House Concurrent Resolution signed by the speaker of the Vermont House and the president of the Senate citing Bob’s “exemplary civic service ... (which has been) ... broad in scope and greatly benefited the Town of Chittenden.” In addition to Teenie, Bob is survived by their two children and their families: by son, Dr. Robert Nathan Bearor and wife Beth and grandsons Brogan and Cannon, of Georgia; and by daughter, Christine Dewyea and husband Kevin, of Barre, grandson Nathan Coolidge and granddaughter Erin Dewyea and husband Dustin Brown and great-grandson Henry “Frankie” Brown. Other survivors include brother-in-law John Crosby, of Chittenden; sister Margaret Reed, of Addison; sister-in-law Betty Bearor, of Leicester, sister-in-law Sharon Crosby, of Rutland, and sister-in-law Sheila Carter, of Rutland. Bob was predeceased by sisters Alice Paige, Elizabeth Cyr and June Dwyer; and by brothers Paul, Francis and Nathaniel Jr. He was also predeceased by grandson Brady James Bearor and by brother-in-law Ronald “Fritz” Crosby. His favorite four-legged companion, English bulldog Boss Hogg, died in 2009. Bob’s ashes, with those of Boss Hogg, will be laid to rest in a small mausoleum on the farm. Well-known for his handlebar moustache and speaking his mind, Bob was a legend in his own time who touched many lives. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chittenden Fund for the Less Fortunate, c/o CCA, P.O. Box 36, Chittenden, VT 05737. Arrangements are with the Clifford Funeral Home. There will be no calling hours. A Celebration of Bob’s Life will be held at the farm this Spring.

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
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