



The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH LIFE SKI
AND SNOWBOARD CLUB
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President's Message

President,

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Submitted by Paul Roy,

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Check for
updates
regarding in
person
meetings!

I'm just back from a great ski day at Killington (February 26 see the picture atop Superstar). As the temperature rose the skiing got better. Bittersweet was really sweet, as was Ovation (no moguls for a change), Rime, Cascade (soft moguls) and Chop Chop (soft snow in the trees). Late afternoon the day before there was great snowshoeing at the trail across route 4 from the Inn at Long Trail, alongside Pico ski area. I am sure there will be lots of great skiing and snowboarding in March too!

The Lodge is getting lots of visitors, these days on weekends and during the week. When you make reservations, remember that the Lodge has to charge sales tax. For members it's now \$33 per night and guests it's \$49 per night. I am aware that some members are not online and don't use email, so may not be aware of this. Please pass the word so the Lodge can comply with Vermont state law. Chris Cooney and Jim Ferrone are working hard on implementing this new state requirement and ensuring compliance.

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Membership Renewals and Finances

We are still getting new and renewing members at a very healthy pace, and members are joining from far away states like Florida and Maryland. This is consistent with Killington's position as a premier ski destination in the Northeast. Check the license plates in the parking lot; people are coming from all over. The membership form and pricing are on the Club's website, highlifeskidclub.org.

Your Club is in good shape financially. On February 20 there was \$53,000 in the General Operating Account and \$2,300 in the main trip account.

Meetings and Other Events

Executive Board and Lodge Trustees meetings will end about 7:30. From 7:30 to about 7:45, we'll set aside time for membership registrations and renewals, Lodge reservations, and lift ticket voucher purchases. After that, we'll have the regular membership meeting.

We canceled the February 13 membership meeting due to inclement weather - just as we did January 9. The Executive Board met on Zoom February 6. Election night is April 23. If you are interested in an Executive Board or Lodge Trustee position, please reach out to Ron Smolt.

We had 21 people at the February 20 membership meeting. The President's Race is March 16 at Hunter, and there will be a St. Patrick's Day event at the Lodge that night. There are still NJSSC ski/snowboard appreciation days (discounted rates) at Magic Mountain and other ski areas. Check the NJSSC website for specifics.

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Submission Deadline

for the April
Issue is
March 29

Send items to:

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LODGE REPORT

Though many of us are well into the second half of our winter season, the arrival of March should not tempt anyone to pack their gear away. Killington averages 31 inches of fresh snowfall in March....and longer daylight hours allow for some extra turns. As temperatures begin to moderate, March provides a great way to add some notches to your Ikon, Epic, and season passes and utilize your unused Council vouchers. Your Lodge is waiting for you!! See the Lodge schedule in this copy of the Sitzmark and make your plans now!!

February was a fantastic month at the Lodge. Donna Long threw an amazing Super Bowl party, Dave and Andrie Young hosted a memorable snowshoe event, and Ken Chodkiewicz hosted an outstanding family weekend. These events, combined with some incredible snow conditions, lead to almost sell-out weekends. Thank you to everyone who chose to spend their winter days at the Lodge....and thank you to our awesome house-moms for making these weekends and events happen!!

As we look into March, be sure to join the Lodge for a St. Patrick's Party weekend from the 15-17th and another family weekend from the 22nd-24th. As we peer into April, come cheer your fellow High Lifers (including Lodge Committee member James Yunan) competing in the Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge on April 6th. For those who love to observe unique astronomical events, our Lodge will be within the path of totality during the solar eclipse on April 8th!!

A reminder that as of February 1, 2024, the Lodge Committee will be collecting Vermont Hotel Tax for all Lodge Stays. This change is in response to a recent alteration to Vermont Tax Regulations. This tax will amount to an additional \$3 per-person per night for members and \$4 per-person per night for our guests. While we understand the inconvenience of having to collect this tax, the Lodge Committee is being proactive in response to the changes in regulations. The Lodge Committee will continue to pursue avenues to minimize the impact of these regulations on our members, Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Please read the updated guideline article included in the Sitzmark. This article is designed to help each of us navigate the Lodge reservation process. The guidelines continue to evolve based on feedback from members, Lodge Trustees, and Club Leadership. Please read the article and call me if you have questions. Thank you in advance!!

A reminder that all non-member guests at the Lodge are required to sign a waiver before participating in any activity or staying at the Lodge. Waivers are available on the breakfast-nook bulletin board. Waivers can also be signed electronically by talking to your House Mom. The Club thanks you in advance.

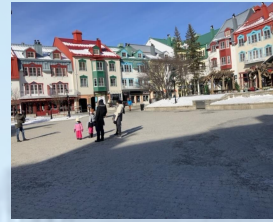
We can't wait to see you at the Lodge!!

-Chris Cooney
Lodge Chairperson



FEBRUARY EVENTS

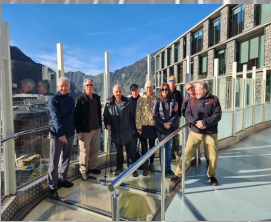
Just returned from Mont Tremblant 1/28-2/2 NJSSC trip. Seventeen High Lifers enjoyed the Quebec ski slopes and village. Five days of adventure included skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, snowshoeing and even dogsledding. No injuries or illnesses reported. Fabulous restaurants, casual happy hours, hot tubbing, shopping and relaxing were enjoyed by all of us. We'll be back next year, make it a point to join us.
Dave Young



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Andorra/Barcelona Review by Ron Smolt

Another great trip for High Life Ski Club to Andorra and Barcelona, Spain. Everyone had a fabulous time skiing with bright blue sky with temperatures in the 40's. A 15 minute bus ride from the hotel to the mountain and a picturesque 15 minute ride on a gondola to the top of the Pyrenees Mt. Range. (approx. 9,000 ft.) This revealed a beautiful mountain covered with snow all around. The mountains span 270 miles (434.5 km) from the Mediterranean Sea in the east and to the Atlantic Ocean in the west. At the eastern end, it is six miles wide and 80 miles wide at the center. Many of its mountains rise to over 9,000 feet (2,743 m). Politically, it is divided into the Spanish and French Pyrenees. Staying in the middle of town was a plus. We had tax free shopping, hiking trails and we explored the history of Andorra. After seven days, we were off to Barcelona for two days. A great time with a four hour guided bus tour and a look inside the Sagrada Cathedral, and a visit to the Picasso/Miro museum. We finished the stay with a Flamenco show with drinks Sunday night. Everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's adventures.



ANDORRA LA VELLA



**Steamboat Springs:
High Life Ski Club Happy Hour at Trappeurs Lodge**



FEBRUARY EVENTS

High Lifers getting some fresh air and loving nature at Greystone Park on Sat. 2/10. Great walk through an Ultimate Frisbee course. We will have to return this spring with discs in hand and give it a try. Melody Wenger



High Lifers enjoying time together at Thatcher McGees in Denville. Be on the look out for more Happy Hours in the near future! Melody Wenger



Superbowl Feb 11 - We had our Annual Superbowl party in the barn. We had 19 attendees. It was a great game as it went into overtime. The food and the company were wonderful! Fun was had by all!
Donna Long

President's Day Week :

Wow, what a great week we had at your lodge; over 50 members and guests passed through our doors. The weather was good. We had, according to Killington, over a foot of fresh throughout the week. Members partook of snowshoeing, cross country skiing, alpine skiing, hiking and snowboarding. The mountains were crowded so you needed to start early to park without inconvenience. Though the lodge was full, everyone pitched in and cooperated, and a good time was had by all, Thanks to the house-moms for their upkeep of supplies and ensuring cleanliness throughout our stay. Looking forward to the next big event, St. Patrick's weekend, hope to see you all again then.

Dave Young





MARCH EVENTS



**March 3 -
March 8**

**New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council trip plan
(see the NJSSC website):
Sunday River**

March 16

**The annual Stanley Sharaga Memorial Race
(the President's Race) at Hunter Mt.**

March 16

St. Patrick's Party weekend

March 23

Family Weekend



LODGE GUIDELINES

Hello High Lifers!

With the increasing demand of Lodge use the Lodge Committee would like to streamline the communication process as it pertains to making Lodge reservations. This document is meant to be dynamic and will be continuously updated as we figure out what works and what doesn't. The Lodge Committee asks all members to take the below guidelines into consideration as you make your Lodge reservations. Remember....the key to an effective reservation is to have clear and comprehensive communication with your House-mom.

As of November 1st, the Lodge will be collecting Winter rates for Lodge use. Please see the Lodge Rules and Regs for the current rates or ask your House-mom.

All reservations must be confirmed directly with a house mom before a payment is made. ***Failure to do so will result in a mandatory \$5 penalty to be paid into the Lodge Supply Bucket.***

For those who wish to utilize Zelle to pay for their Lodge usage, please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. Members (only) can pay for Lodge stays and events electronically using the Zelle app on their mobile device.
2. **NO ZELLE PAYMENT is allowed until after you've communicated with the house-mom and have a confirmation for your stay. If a payment is made prior to confirmation from the house-mom, a \$5 penalty will be assessed.**
3. Zelle can **ONLY** be used for payments. ***No refunds will be made once a Zelle payment is confirmed.*** If a change to a reservation is made and is compliant with the Lodge rules, a credit will be issued.
4. If a member uses Zelle for payments, the member is responsible for ensuring they know how to correctly use the Zelle application. High Life Ski Lodge, Inc. is not responsible for any user error, application malfunction, or security of the relationship between Zelle and your bank account.

To pay using Zelle, please follow these instructions:

Confirm the recipient information with the House-mom. Input this information per House-mom instructions.

In the comment section, please list dates of your intended overnights (ie. Jan 4,5,6) and the name of the corresponding house-mom. Including this information in the comment section eases tracking for your payments. Once you've completed the payment, please inform the house-mom. Optionally (if your personal banking information is not visible) you could additionally forward a screenshot or confirmation email.

Reservations are taken in person at Club meetings as per the dates on the Lodge schedule, which is posted on the Club Web Page (or you can ask a House-mom to email you the .pdf). After that meeting house moms will accept reservations by email or phone call only!! No initial contact with a House-mom via text-message.

Please call during reasonable hours of the day (hint: if you have to ask yourself if it's a reasonable time, chances are it isn't)...and remember that many of our House-Moms still work and might not be able to respond for several hours. During your initial communication please include the following information.



*****The High Life Lodge Committee loves our storm-chasers as well as those who love to spontaneously journey to Vermont. Please keep in mind that as you try to communicate with the house-mom, they may already be at the Lodge (especially if you are calling from Thursday-Monday). Please be sure to try calling the Lodge (802-773-9742) if you have difficulty communicating with the house-mom for your spontaneous plans.**

1. Your full name

- 2. Number in your group and composition (ie a couple, kids (ages), family, member or guest, etc) and their full names.**
- 3. Date and day of arrival, the number of nights, and the date/day of departure**
- 4. Your intended Payment method (Zelle, mailing a check, payment upon arrival, gift-card, voucher, etc)**

Below are some examples of the type of information that would best-help your communication with your House-mom. These are not intended to be all-inclusive...they're just samples.

Example 1

Hello my name is "John Smith". I would like to arrive at the lodge on Dec 1st and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3rd. I will be alone. If I can get bed XYZ, that would be great but will take what is available. I can give you a check upon arrival or mail to you. Thank you

Example 2

Hello my name is "John Smith" My wife "Jane Smith" and I would like to arrive at the lodge on Dec 1st and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3rd. Jane is also a member and we would like a couple's room if available. I can Zelle the payment and so as you can confirm. Thank you.

Example 3

Hello my name is "John Smith". I would like to make a reservation for myself, my son "Adrian Smith", my brother-in-law "Steve Harris" and his son "George Harris". Steve and George are not members. We would like to arrive at the lodge on December 1st, stay for 2 nights, and depart on the morning of the 3rd. If possible, I would like all of us in one room. I can mail you a check or give you a check upon arrival. Thank You.

Once you have your assigned bed, you are not allowed to change your sleeping location without approval from your House-mom. This includes taking a perceived empty bed in another room or in the attic.

There've been a few occasions when we have had members arrive late at night only to find someone in the bed/room they have been assigned. Mayhem and chaos ensue.

As House Moms we do our best to facilitate your reservation and make your Lodge experience as enjoyable as possible. We take into consideration each scheduled member coming-and-going, changes of plans (extending/shortening their stay), groups that would like to bunk in the same room, short notice requests and overlapping stays that cover two or even three different House Moms. Eighteen hundred bed nights is awesome...but can be a bit to juggle...so please, talk to the House Mom before moving from assigned bed/room.

We promise to do our best to help.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a wonderful winter, The Lodge Committee.



HIGH LIFE SKI CLUB APPAREL FOR SALE

Attention all High Life Members – New and Old:

Support the club, show pride in your membership, and advertise the club to new prospective members. Just place an order for High Life Ski Club apparel.

We need 5 more orders to reach the minimum. It will take about two weeks to produce once we reach the minimum order. Let's go High Lifers!

Below is a list of what we will now offer with the High Life logo embroidered on each item:

High Life Apparel Pricing

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Fleece Jacket (Full Zip).	\$37
Fleece Vest	\$32
Denim Shirt – long sleeve.	\$32
Denim Shirt-short sleeve.	\$30
Short Sleeve Tee	\$15
Long Sleeve Tee	\$18
Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$25
Hoodie Sweatshirt	\$30
Moisture Wicking Golf Shirt	\$25
Baseball hat	\$15
Knit Hat	\$15
Embroider your own item.	\$10

Most colors are available with each item. Just let Sal know what color you want, and he will do his best to accommodate you. Merchandise can be picked up at the regular Tuesday night meeting or it can be mailed to you for a small fee. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit card.

In order to place an order, I need at least 9 items ordered in total. With well over 300 members and 54 new members, we shouldn't have a problem getting 9 orders. To place an order, email me at sal@thestratisgroup.net and tell me what item you want, the size, the color and how you'll pay for it as well as how you'd like to receive the order.



LOOKING AHEAD



April 6

Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge
at Killington



April 8

Our Lodge will be within the path
of totality during the solar eclipse



April 13

Pond Skimming
at Killington



April 20

Dazed and defrosted
at Killington



June 14 – June 21. CAPE COD TRIP

**Cape Cod at Spring time: Friday June 14th to 21st.
We are back at Kingfisher Lodging, 177 Main Street, Dennis, MA 02638.**

**Price per room per night is \$105 for club members (\$110 for non club members)
which includes pizza dinner with wine and beer. As always, it's first come first serve
and new this year, please note, club reservations will be cut off May 14 at which point
rooms return to \$220 a night.**

**Your room is reserved when I have your money so mail checks made out to me, Phil
Uhler, to 371 Finch Lane, Bedminster, NJ 07921
Or Zelle me the money.**

**There will be an opportunity for a P'town sand dune tour with wine and other side
trips. Bring your bikes for awesome trails, your fishing pole, golf clubs, kayaks and
other toys. Whale watching, deep sea fishing, train excursions, trips to Nantucket or
Martha's Vineyard- your recreation possibilities are boundless.**

This trip is sure to fill up fast so act accordingly.

**Phil UHLER
908-295-4457**



**SAVE THE DATES: January 4 to 11, 2025, Saturday to Saturday
Aspen Snowmass**

**HLSC has reserved Aspen Snowmass (4 mountains) for next year,
January 4 to 11, 2025, Saturday to Saturday, Top of the Village ski in ski out.
Details for price and initial deposit will follow shortly.**

**For information contact Nina Tudorowsky. Tudorowskynina@gmail.com
973.900.4412**

(President's Message Cont).

Here are the upcoming meeting and event dates at the Rockaway Exchange Restaurant. Check the Club website and your email for the latest schedule.

High Life Ski Club Meetings Schedule

- **Tuesday March 12 at Exchange Restaurant**
 - 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting - **NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED**
 - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting - news update
- **Tuesday March 26 at Exchange Restaurant**
 - 6:30 pm Lodge Trustees Meeting
 - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting - news update
- **Tuesday April 9 at Exchange Restaurant**
 - 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
 - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting - **NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS SLATE OF CANDIDATES**
- **Tuesday April 23 at Exchange**
 - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting - **ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS**

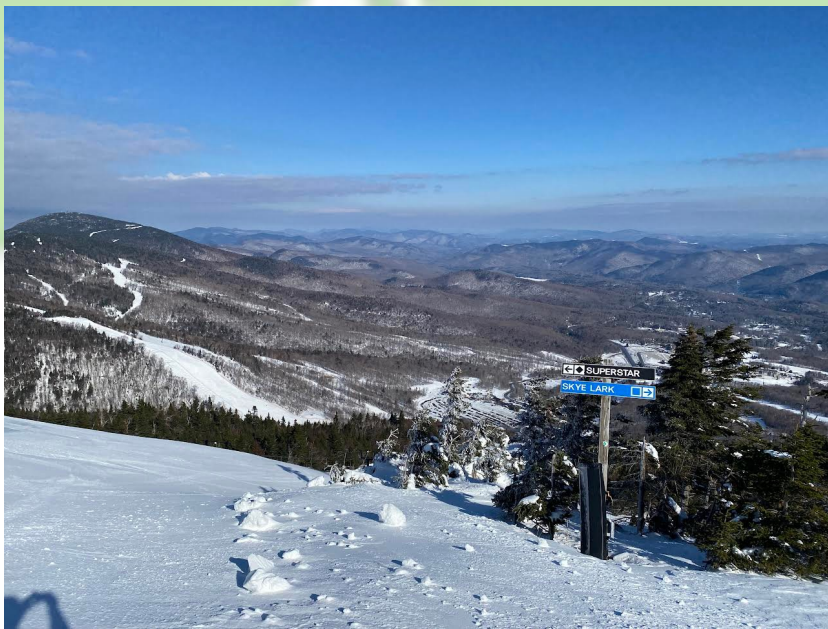
Lift Ticket Voucher Program for Killington and Pico

The lift ticket voucher order form, which contains all the information you need, is :

- on the Club's website **highlifeskiclub.org**
- available by email request to Bob Zega
- can be picked up at Club meetings (with other printed Club information on the table to your left as you enter the Exchange)

Trips and Activities

The Cape Cod trip is June 14-21. Contact Phil Uhler to sign up.



Atop Superstar

By Paul Roy

HLSC Lodge 2023/24 Winter Season

WEEKEND Saturday	Dates	Event	START SIGN UPS Tuesday	Trustee	Notes
18-Nov	11/15-11/21		7-Nov	Donna Long	
25-Nov	11/22-11/28	Thanksgiving	14-Nov	Ken Chodkiewicz	
2-Dec	11/29-12/5		21-Nov	Dave Young	
9-Dec	12/6-12/12		28-Nov	Dave Young	
16-Dec	12/13-12/19		5-Dec	Jim Ferrone	
23-Dec	12/20-12/26	Christmas	12-Dec	Kerry Klotz	
30-Dec	12/27-1/02	New Year's Eve	19-Dec	Mike Burbridge	
6-Jan	01/03-01/09		26-Dec	James Yunan	
13-Jan	1/10-01/16	MLK Weekend	2-Jan	Chris Moser	Snowshoe/Kids
20-Jan	01/17-01/23		9-Jan	Ken Chodkiewicz	Kids
27-Jan	01/24-01/30		16-Jan	Mike Burbridge	
3-Feb	01/31-02/06		23-Jan	Chris Moser	
10-Feb	02/07-02/13	Super Bowl Sunday	23-Jan	Donna Long	
17-Feb	02/14-02/20	President's Weekend	23-Jan	Dave Young	Snowshoe/Kids
24-Feb	02/21-02/27		13-Feb	Ken Chodkiewicz	Kids
2-Mar	02/28-03/05		20-Feb	Chris Moser	
9-Mar	03/06-03/12		27-Feb	James Yunan	
16-Mar	03/13-03/19	St. Patrick's Weekend	5-Mar	Chris Cooney	
23-Mar	03/20-03/26		12-Mar	Bill Goers	Kids
30-Mar	03/27-04/02	Easter Sunday	19-Mar	Kerry Klotz	
6-Apr	04/03-04/09	Bear Mtn. Mogul/Eclipse	26-Mar	Mike Burbridge	
13-Apr	04/10-04/16		2-Apr	James Yunan	
20-Apr	04/17-04/23		9-Apr	James Yunan	
27-Apr	04/24-04/30		16-Apr	Jim Ferrone	
4-May	05/01-05/07		23-Apr	Chris Cooney	
11-May	05/08-05/14		30-Apr	Donna Long	
18-May	05/15-05/21		7-May	Ken Chodkiewicz	
25-May	05/22-05/28		14-May	Chris Moser	
Members: \$30pp/pn					
Non-member guests: \$45pp/pn					
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