



# The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH LIFE SKI  
AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

April 2024

Check for  
updates  
regarding in  
person  
meetings!

## President's Message

President, 917-577-3737

Submitted by Paul Roy,

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It's election time. Election night is April 23 for all Executive Board positions and five Lodge Trustees. On March 12, I appointed the Nominating Committee including Parliamentarian Ron Smolt, Carol Cooney and Linda Burns. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates at the April 9 membership meeting. Contact Ron, Carol or Linda if you are interested in running for a position on the Executive Board or Lodge Trustee. There is more information on these positions at the Club's website at the Administration tab, including the HLSC Bylaws and the Bylaws Amendments.

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## Membership Renewals and Finances

We had a lot of new members join this year, and the Club is at a very healthy membership level. Your Club is in good shape financially. On March 26 there was \$52,000 in the General Operating Account and \$1,000 in each of the trip accounts.

## 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 had 22 attend the membership meeting March 12. The Executive Board met that night too. There were 16 people at the March 26 membership meeting. The Lodge Trustees met that night too. With the big snowstorms in late March, the Lodge had lots of happy visitors!

## Submission Deadline

for the May  
Issue is  
April 27

## Send Items to:

youngne1965@gmail.com

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## LODGE REPORT

Spring is here but the winter season isn't over. With Killington receiving over 30 inches of snow in the second half of March, there is no reason to pack your winter gear away. The Lodge is eagerly awaiting our members who want to make some spring turns. Check out the Lodge schedule and make your reservations!!

March was another great month at the Lodge. In addition to the exceptional Spring snowfall, the Lodge once again hosted a stellar St. Patrick's dinner and party. Thirty people enjoyed corned beef & cabbage, a variety of stews, potatoes, Irish soda bread, and a few homemade desserts! No one left hungry....and we had plenty of leftovers! After the dinner, everyone brought their favorite adult-beverages out to the barn for some music, laughter, and fun!! Chris Cooney, Dave & Andrie Young, Bob Zega, Kerry Klotz, Tom Duffy and Charlene Chase contributed their time, effort, and culinary contributions to this incredible weekend!

As we look into April, be sure to join the Lodge for the Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge on April 6<sup>th</sup>....and stay until April 8<sup>th</sup> to catch the total solar eclipse Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, our junior members will be allowed to stay at the Lodge on weekends (in addition to Sunday-Thursdays). Looking into May, the first Lodge Work Weekend will be held May 3-5<sup>th</sup> with a special Cinco de Mayo celebration after the workday on Saturday!!

Club Elections are on the horizon!! Each year 5 members of the Lodge Committee are elected to a two-year term. As we head into this year's election, only 4 of the 5 Lodge Committee members whose term is expiring will seek re-election (our good friend Bill Goers is taking some time off).....so we absolutely need a new infusion! If you'd like more information on the Lodge Committee position, please reach out to me or any committee member!!

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

## MARCH EVENTS

If you were there among the celebrants, you know, if you missed out, you'll know not to do so again. Thirty High Lifers dined, danced, imbibed, regaled in memories and made new ones. Traditional fare of corned beef and cabbage, homemade soda bread, beef and vegetable stews, red potatoes, and a myriad of desserts were enjoyed by all present. The mountains offered spring conditions with a deep base, conditions offered full day skiing in the low 40's, for many enthusiasts this was the best time of year. Thanks to all of the members for pitching in as High Lifers are apt to do, but especial thanks to Chris Cooney for his multi day food prep, Bob Zega, Kerry Klotz, Tom Duffy and Charlene Chase for their culinary delights and to Andrie and Dave Young for decorating the lodge and barn; final shout out to DJ C. Cooney and to all the Merry High Lifers who danced and toasted the night away. Slainte

By Dave Young

### *Prep Time*



# MARCH EVENTS CONT.

## Dinner Time



## Party Time



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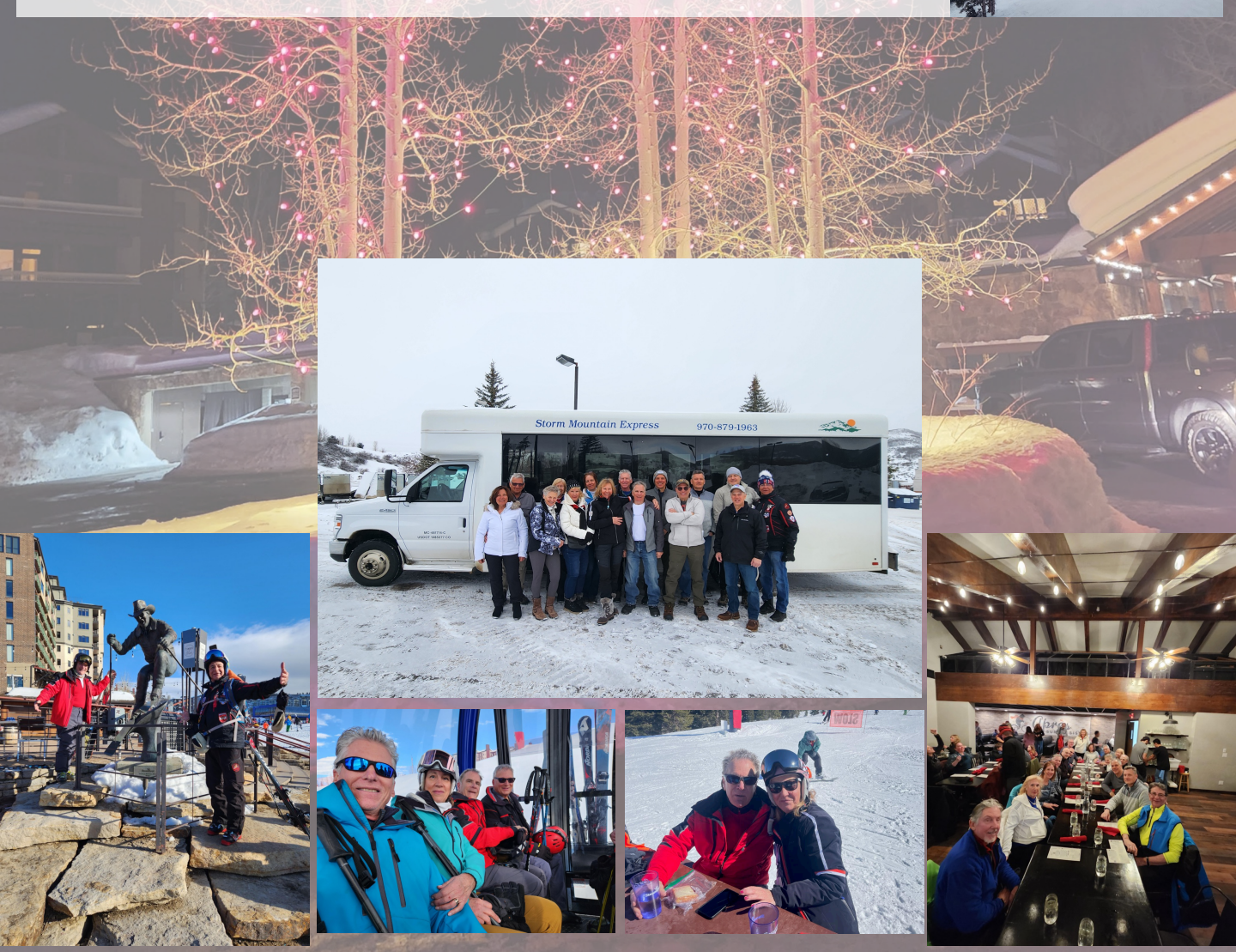
### Steamboat, Colorado Trip

HLSC domestic trip this year was to Steamboat, Colorado. The group stayed at TRAPPEURS LODGE CONDOS. This was a great location, 5 minutes to the base gondolas by ski shuttle. The ski shuttle continued every 15 minutes to and from Steamboat base. During the week, we had a happy hour with drinks, sandwiches, fondue etc... compliments of Trappeurs Lodge. Our group dinner was walking distance to Storm Peak Brewery and Apres Burger Bistro. Condo ski parties continued throughout the week with visitors from Colorado and HLSC members.

Skiing was fabulous, with the whole mountain open with 10 to 12 inches of fresh snow Monday into Tuesday. The rest of the week had blue skies, with temperatures in the 20's and 30's. The Wild Blue Gondola, took us to the top of the mountain with a unique right hand turn at mid-station, then continued to the top. It is the longest, fastest and ten-person gondola in the United States. Once you have reached the top, you could choose many areas to ski from beginner to expert. A great mountain and a great trip. Thanks to everyone that attended our trip. Hope to see you next year for our Aspen/Snowmass trip and hopefully Kitzbuhel, Austria.



Submitted by Ron Smolt



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.** Our House-Moms do their best to acknowledge your communication as quickly as possible, but at times an immediate response is not possible. If you'd like to go to the Lodge, please allow ample time for your House-Mom to get back to you. During your initial communication please include the following information

## LODGE GUIDELINES CONT.

**\*\*\*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 1<sup>st</sup> and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, stay for 2 nights, and depart on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.**

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**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.**

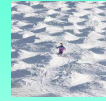


# APRIL EVENTS



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



## Special NJ Ski Council Announcement

We received news from NJ Ski Council that it's likely Killington will accept all unused vouchers for return this year. IF that is the case, it's a departure from previous years where only a percentage of unused vouchers were allowed to be returned. We don't have a date yet, BUT, if you have unused vouchers, try to use them by the end of April or return to me. Typically, unused vouchers **MUST** be returned to NJ Ski Council in May which means I need them back by the end of April. Therefore, if you have paper vouchers you won't use, please let me know ([rjzega@yahoo.com](mailto:rjzega@yahoo.com)). As you may know, the NJ State race was not held this year. Pico's own ski club/race foundation is the body that actually hosts races, and for whatever reason, chose not to host the NJ State race (although other races were held at Pico). The annual President's race at Hunter was cancelled due to a lack of snow on the race trail. Several positions (including President and 2 Council-persons) on the Board of NJ SKi Council are up for election, so if you wouldn't mind a seat on the Council, let me know.

Regards, Bob Zega





**May 4**

**Work Weekend**

**June 14 – June 21. CAPE COD TRIP**

Cape Cod at Springtime: 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](mailto:Tudorowskynina@gmail.com)**

**973.900.4412**

(President's Message Cont.)

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

### High Life Ski Club Meetings Schedule

- **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**

6:30 pm Lodge Trustees

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](http://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.

The Club's Aspen Snowmass trip is January 4 to 11, 2025. Contact Nina Tudorowsky.

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	Work Weekend	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	
1-Jun	05/29-06/04	Vermont Hike	21-May	Dave Young	
Members: \$30pp/pn					
Non-member guests: \$45pp/pn					
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