


The  
*Easy Glider*  
Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The annual Kick 'N Gliders Christmas Party  
will be held at the  
beautifully restored farm house of Paul & Barbara Kase on  
December 17, 1997, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Please bring food or a beverage to share.  
Some drinks will be provided.  
(Finger foods work well.)

**Please note:**  
this party is being held in place of  
our regularly scheduled meeting at Wildware!

Details and driving instructions to "Kase Farm" inside.  
(Someone will be at Wildware until about 7:15 to lead a contingent to the party.)

**See you there!**

### Is there a red "X" on the address label of your newsletter?

If the answer is "yes", you have not renewed your membership in the Kick 'N Gliders for the 1997-1998 ski season. If you wish to continue receiving the Easy Glider and keep up with the activities of the Kick 'N Gliders, now is the time to renew your membership!

Please complete the enclosed Membership Application form and send it and your check for dues to our post office box as soon as possible. Only those who have paid their membership dues as of December 28, 1997, will be included in the Membership Directory which will be distributed soon after that date.

## Address Corrections:

Please check the address label on your newsletter. If corrections are needed, please drop a line to the PO Box or call Nancy Kauh. Corrections will be used to publish the member roster next month.

## Meeting Place:

Earlier this year we indicated that we might move 1998 meetings to another location. However, the Board met and we agree that it feels good to be home! Meetings for the rest of the year will continue to be held at Wildware.

## Up for something new?!

12/19: Ski Roundtop and area winter sports dealers offer demo gear for alpine, snowboard, XC telemark and snowshoes. Purchase tickets (\$15) at Wildware, Roundtop and other area winter sports dealers.



# Annual Kick 'N Gliders Christmas Party

Not since the Christmas season of 1997 has there been such excitement about the annual Kick 'N Gliders Christmas party!

Here's why:

- **THE VENUE.** Barbara & Paul Kase open the doors of their beautifully restored farmhouse to Kick 'N Gliders one and all. Don't miss this last chance to see the old homestead before they move to their new home!
- **THE FOOD.** In 1996, the men of the club were thrown a gauntlet: prove that you can cook. WOW! Best food ever. Well, ANYONE could pull it off once. So, gentlemen, start your ovens. The club buys some beverages, but you're welcome to contribute. Disposable table service means...voila! No dirty dishes.

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m. Follow the instructions below or meet at Wildware and travel together to the party.

## Directions to "Kase Farm":

(tel 545-0400)

**From Wildware:** Turn right (east) onto Union Deposit Rd. Continue through 4 traffic lights. At Rutherford Rd. turn left, go to next traffic light at Locust Lane turn right. Go to the end of Locust Lane and turn left onto Nyes Rd. (At that road look for a sign advertising "Treeview Townhouses"). Go up a small hill and turn right at the first driveway on the right. Park behind the white barn.

**From Hershey:** Take 322 west to the light at Chamber's Hill (1<sup>st</sup> light past Hoss's). Bear right at the light. Take the first light at the stop sign. Drive under a RR bridge; go straight through the four-way stop sign. You are on Nyes Rd. The first cross-road is Devonshire Hts Rd. - turn right. Go up a small hill and turn right at the first driveway on the right. Park behind the white barn.

**Coming East on Rt. 81:** Take 81 north. Exit right a Paxitonia Exit 26A (Mountain Rd.). At traffic light go straight to next traffic light; turn left onto Jonestown Rd. Go a little over a mile and turn left onto Devonshire Ht. Rd. (Look for a sign advertising Windmere at that road). Go up a small hill and turn right at the first driveway on the right. Park behind the white barn.

**From Harrisburg and Points West:** Take 83 north. After the exit for 283, 83 exits to the left and 322 is straight ahead - take 322. Pass the light at Wal Mart and Sam's Club. At the next light (Chamber's Hill) turn left - it's a sharp left, more like a hairpin turn. Take the first right at the stop sign. Drive under a RR bridge; go straight through the four-way stop sign. You are on Nyes Rd. The first cross road is Devonshire Hts Rd. - turn right. Go up a small hill and turn right at the first driveway on the right. Park behind the white barn.

# Trip Update

If you are still thinking about the Craftsbury trip, but haven't signed up yet, please note that space is getting tight. The time to act is NOW!

There is still space on most of the trips. In some cases we'll be able to expand the capacity of the trip. Trips that have at least some space remaining or have the potential to be expanded are summarized below. See the annual Season Schedule and Guide for additional details.

## Celebrate New Year's

at Craftsbury Common, Vermont. Burn the Christmas tree at midnight to get rid of the old and get ready for the new. Enjoy bountiful food, an extensive trail system, lessons for all levels. You can also ski over farmlands to adjacent villages. We will be staying at the Craftsbury Nordic Ski Center, located in northern Vermont where we're almost guaranteed to have great snow. Accommodations are in a dormitory with two per room and restrooms/showers down the hall. Meals are served in a dining hall. There is also a sauna, so bring a swimsuit. Bus transportation for the 550 mile journey is included. We depart Tuesday evening, December 30, drive all night and ski the next day. Conditions permitting, we will bus to Stowe one day to ski at the Trapp Family touring center.

## Enjoy the spectacular winter mountains

of Garnet Hill in the south central Adirondacks near North River, NY, where we will enjoy fantastic skiing, socializing and fun. We will be staying in the Steckroth House, boasting cathedral ceilings, pine wood interior, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, wood stove, ping pong table, full kitchen, washer & dryer and all the amenities. We will be cooking our own meals, sharing in the kitchen duties. Skiing is at the Garnet Hill Cross-Country Ski Center, with opportunities for all levels, from beginner to expert, on 50 km. of groomed trails and over 100 km. of wilderness and backcountry trails. Rental equipment and lessons are available. This ski resort was rated one of North America's Ten Best Cross Country Ski Resorts by Snow Country Magazine.

## Relax in Laughlin Lodge

at Crystal Lake, PA. Local Nordic skiers who love the convenience and interesting groomed trails of Crystal Lake are often unaware of the charming and rustic hunting lodge that was the original focus of this retreat setting, built high in the Endless Mountains of Sullivan County. This year, Kick 'N Gliders will be able to relax in the Great Room of this Lodge, complete with walk-in fireplace, mounted animal trophies, a library, and a dining room table that can seat all 13 skiers. We will have our own kitchen, plenty of bathrooms, and a sweeping porch that scans the crystal lake. Crystal Lake sits on a high elevation and benefits from ridges that hold lake-effect

snows, so you will often find snow here when the rest of the state (even a few miles away) is dry. Crystal Lake is near Muncy, PA, a little more than two hours from Harrisburg.

## Olympic magic lingers

at this wonderful winter village of Lake Placid. Veterans agree that this Adirondack hideaway boasts some of the best backcountry skiing to be found on the east coast. It also has a character that is unique and is certain to entertain. Gear heads have the chance to drool over the equipment to be found at the many shops. We will be staying in a spacious six bedroom, three bathroom house complete with a fireplace and wood stove. The house is within walking distance of downtown. Skiing for this trip will include backcountry over Klondike Notch, Mt. Van Hovenberg touring center and more.

## Gateway to the Black Forest

is the reputation of Rocky Point Lodge. The name of the Black Forest derives from the dense coniferous trees in the areas we will ski. The 2 1/2 hour drive from Harrisburg makes this one of the shorter drives for a weekend. We will stay at the Rocky Point Lodge near Lock Haven, Friday and Saturday nights. The rooms, upstairs, above the Lodge's restaurant, are spare but comfortable. There are five great trails, totaling at least 32 miles, in the Ski Touring system. They are well maintained and have easy to moderate levels of difficulty. Since it is in the state forest, there is no trail fee.

## Talk about fun!

Progressive dinners at three adjacent condos, sunsets over Fourth Lake and private bedrooms. Oh, yes, the skiing is also great at Inlet, NY, on the eastern edge of the great Lake Ontario snow belt. There are groomed trails at McCauley Mountain, wilderness trails to Big Otter and Cascade Lakes and night skiing at Fern Park. Skiing difficulty ranges from beginner to intermediate. Included are three nights lodging, two dinners and the raw materials for three breakfasts. The condos are deluxe. They have fireplaces, dishwashers, washers and dryers and a pool and hot tub are available for our use.

## All the comforts...

Pioneer Lodge in Turin, NY, was a pioneer in bed and breakfast establishments. Its cozy atmosphere and antique furniture are a welcome sight after a day of skiing on the eastern edge of Tug Hill. We always schedule our final trip of the season at this location because lake-effect snow lasts well into April on the wooded trails on Tug Hill. The ski trails we use at Turin, NY, are usually well groomed by skiers who have used them previously. Most are in the woods, along streams and past scenic glens and are of moderate difficulty. And about the food? Hands down the best of the season!

# The Mysteries of Bena at Crystal Lakes

Roberta Strickler first put her tiny<sup>7</sup> feet into cross country ski boots at Crystal Lakes Camps at the first full moon in 1983. Since then she has skied to the top of Whiteface, across the Continental Divide in Yellowstone, and through Smugglers Notch in Stowe, Vermont. But she returns each year to Crystal Lakes.

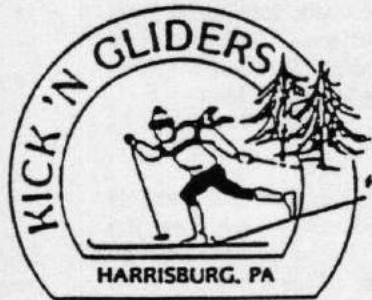
Come and find out why at the meeting Tuesday, January 6, 1998. 6:30 p.m. at Wildware.

There are many Crystal Lakes in America, even in Pennsylvania. But none is so charming to nordic skiers as Crystal Lake Camps in the Endless Mountains of Sullivan County. Here are just a few questions that will be answered during our program on January 6:

1. Where is the best place to find bear tracks in Crystal Lakes Camps?
2. What year, make, and model is the NEW engine for the pomma lift?
3. Why did Mr. Laughlin (who built the camps) live in the big lodge while Mrs. Laughlin lived clear around the corner on Wild Rice Lake in the drafty small log cabin?
4. What do they do in the long building with stained glass windows at Camp Genessee?
5. Where can you find dancing, beer, 24 black bears, and an even more beautiful lake....without leaving the top of the mountain?

All these questions - and many more - will be answered at the January meeting when Roberta Strickler presents the program:

If you are signing up for the Crystal Lakes trip -- weekend of January 23-25, 1998, plan to hang around to finalize a few details after the meeting.



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