

# The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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## Trip Fair

Tuesday, Nov 5, 7:00

Plan, now, to come to the annual Kick 'n Glider's Trip Fair, the traditional first regular meeting of the season. Trip leaders will talk about the trips they're leading and answer your questions. Photos of past trips will be available for you to have a look at the trails and facilities. It's a great time to help you make up your mind about which trips are for you this year.

Remember, this year we're running more trips than ever ... eleven in all. So there's more than ever to choose from. They range from short weekend trips in nearby locations in Pennsylvania to the more exotic ones including Stowe, VT, and Lake Tahoe, CA.

Hope you can join us at the Wildware Canoe Shed for the first official meeting of the season!



# Wasssup?

## Trip Fair

Nov 5, 7:00, Wildware

Details in the lead article.

## Social

Nov 20, 7:00, Union Deposit Chi Chis

Our monthly, informal social. Eat, gab, do a little informal business, and get to know each other a little better. See you there!

## XC Equipment & Waxing

Dec 3, 7:00, Wildware

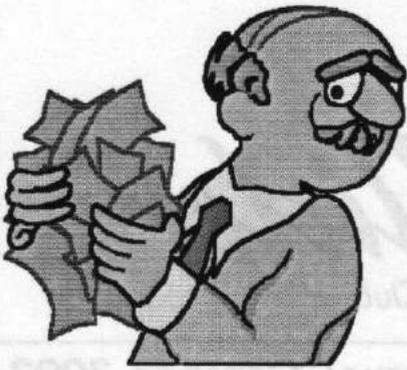
The Wildware staff shows us the latest trends in xc ski gear and clothing. And they will demonstrate the art of waxing "waxable" skis. Waxable skis are wonderful in the right conditions. Learn when wax works best and about the waxing process.

## Christmas Party

Dec 18, 7:00

Dave & Nancy LeRoy's Home

Dave and Nancy will host this annual affair. Celebrate the holiday season with your skiing friends. Enjoy one of those "can't miss" food feasts for which this club is so famous! And, if you're attentive, you'll probably be able to learn the latest scoop on the progress of the LeRoy bridge-engineer-designed-home-abuilding-in-the-woods project.



## Dastardly Dues Due Dudes

Yeah, it's that time, again! We promised, last year, to actually send the notices on time. (Dues are actually payable each Spring!) But, we got into skiing and trip planning and then into biking, canoeing, hiking, marrying, traveling and sailing ... you know how it is!

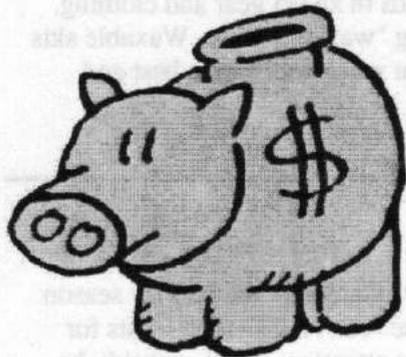
Promises, promises ...

So, if you haven't already paid you dues, look for a separate letter with an invoice and a new membership application and release form. Don't delay! Write a check. Fill out the form. Mail it to the PO Box the day you get it!

Remember, if we don't get it back by the due date, we'll strike you from the list! We're a tough outfit!

Well, maybe not too tough. But, really, do send your dues in on time. It just makes more work for us poor volunteers if you don't.

Thanks!



Anxious skiers line up outside the "Blue Chalet"

## Ox Roast

*Bill Stine*

The rain threatened all day, but it didn't rain on our parade! Nor did it deter about 45 enthusiastic cross-country skiers from making an appearance at Dick and Marty Ruben's gracious, restored home in New Cumberland for our annual Ox Roast. We had a great time, renewing friendships, comparing notes about our summer activities and making plans for the trips we'll attend this year.

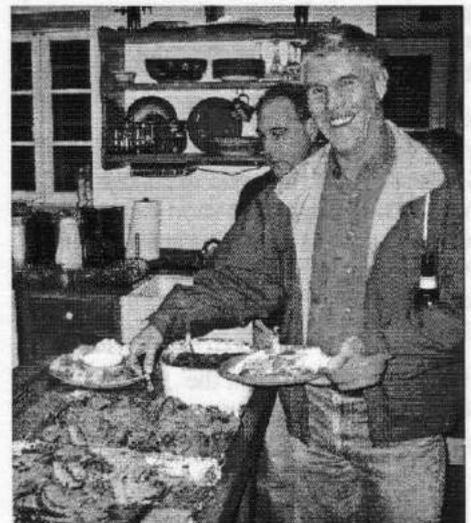
Things have evolved at the Ox Roast over the years. For one, we no longer roast the meat over a spit on an open pit. This year the law enforced that practice with a ban on outdoor fires. So, we got to enjoy Marty's culinary skills with a deliciously seasoned roast of beef as the main course. Not to be outdone, members did their own things with a wonderful assortment of foods for our dining enjoyment. The topper, though, was the outstanding dessert spread! It was tempting to try everything (and I tried), but there were just too many delicious creations to make that possible!

Another part of the evolution was the "facilities". We took a lesson from last year's event, which overloaded the Ruben's septic system's capacity. Spotlit on the hill behind the house was a bright blue porta-john. We thought the lights were a bit much ... putting each of us on display, as it were. But, when the sun went down and darkness took over, we realized Marty's wisdom as there were no lights inside the little blue house!

Of course, there were the photos of the previous year's trips. And, much too our surprise, Jan Diehl showed up with a new baby. (Don't get too excited ... it was new her grandson!) And we all joined in singing the birthday song for Glenn Pickering.

Some business was conducted, too! Attendees got to browse this year's Season Guide, pay their annual dues and sign-up for trips on the spot. Especially popular were the New Year's trip to Craftsbury with about two-thirds of the thirty spots taken and Lake Tahoe, at the other end of the season, with nearly all of the twenty spots accounted for. There's still room on these trips, but don't take too much time to get your deposit to club treasurer, Dave LeRoy, at the K'nG PO box!

Oh, yeah ... thanks to Beth and Dennis Major for organizing the affair!



Pete Oswald heaps on the ox!



## Season Guide and Trip Status

The Season Guide was distributed to all who attended the Ox Roast on October 19. The rest of our membership will receive their copies in the mail. The Season Guide is your key to what's happening in the club this year, detailing membership meetings and socials, day trips and extended trips.

As for the status of extended trips, there's still lots of room in nearly all of them.

The exceptions are Lake Tahoe (Mar 15-21), which is nearly full, and Craftsbury (Dec 28 - Jan 1), which is filling fast.

- Put the meeting information in your calendar right away!
- Read about the trips!
- Come to the Trip Fair at Wildware on Nov 5!

Make your trip decisions and send in deposits as soon as you can. (It really helps trip leaders to know about attendance so they can make their final arrangements early!)

## Catamount Trail Trip Revisited

You may recall an Easy Glider article last year that appealed to members who were interested in joining member, Bernie Webber, in skiing the full length of Vermont's Catamount Trail. (The trail, designed for cross-country skiing, runs the length of the state.) Bernie was discouraged by the trail's governing association. They cited logistics difficulties because of remote trail-heads and incomplete portions of the trail.

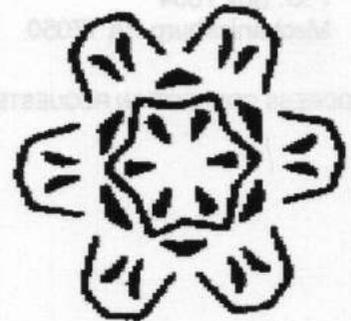
Things have changed. This year the Catamount Trail Association is sponsoring "Tour the Length of Vermont on Skis". The event offers interested parties the opportunity to ski our nation's longest Nordic ski trail (300 miles) in its entirety in a single season. Consisting of 29 individual segments and two rest days, the tour will begin at the Massachusetts border on January 30 and end at the Canadian border on March 1. The event is intended for intermediate level skiers, although some sections cover challenging terrain.

You can participate in as much or as little of the event as you want as an "end-to-end skier", a "multiple day skier" or a "day skier". All levels of participation require pre-registration. Contact Bernie Webber (717-861-7353) for more information. Or, contact the Catamount Trail Association directly:

Phone: 802-864-5794  
E-Mail: [info@catamounttrail.org](mailto:info@catamounttrail.org)

1 Main St, Rm 308-A  
Burlington, VT 05401-5259

In any event, if you're interested, let Bernie know! He'll help you coordinate with other club members interested in the trip.



## Diagonal Ski. Skate Ski. Browse Skil

- Need a little xc-ski fix?
- Misplace your Season guide?

Fire up your computer's web browser and visit the Kick 'n Glider web site! Beth Major has crammed the club's web site at [www.kickngliders.org](http://www.kickngliders.org) with the latest scoop on upcoming club trips as well as links to the best cross country ski links on the web.

See you on the web!





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## In this Issue of Easy Glider

- **Season Guide** - It's in the mail. Look it over and make your reservations NOW!
- **Trip Fair** - Get the scoop up close and personal at our November 5 meeting.
- **Dues Notices** - Coming soon to a mailbox near you!
- **2002 Calendar** - What's happening between now and the first trip?
- **Ox Roast** - We went, we talked, we laughed, we paid, we ate ...
- **Catamount Trail Trip** - Wanna do a long, long xc-ski trip?
- **Web Site** - It's up to date and ready for you to browse!