



The *Easy Glider*

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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President's Message 12/21/06

During this holiday season I want to express my appreciation to all those who make this club such a vibrant and fun organization. The efforts put forth by so many continue to make this club so worthwhile. In particular, I want to mention a few folks who have made recent significant contributions.

First, for those of you, and there were many, who attended the holiday party on December 20th at the home of Bill & Sandy Stine, you know what a fine affair that was. The Stines were so kind to open their beautiful home to us for the event. It got us in the holiday spirit. It was especially nice to meet some new members of Kick 'N Gliders. To top it off, Stines have already said they will look forward to hosting the party again next year. Bill & Sandy are gluttons for punishment.

While at the party you must have seen the beautiful sign that will be mounted on the shelter that Kick 'N Gliders designed, fabricated and

installed at the Crystal Lake Nordic Ski Center. While numerous club members assisted, Dave LeRoy & Nancy Kauhle were the instrumental ones in implementing, designing, and organizing the fabrication and installation of the shelter. There is a plan to mount the sign on the shelter and to have a dedication ceremony during the K 'n G trip to Crystal Lake in January. Thanks again to Dave & Nancy.

The local downhill ski club, Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club has asked that we do a presentation at their January meeting. Since many of K 'n G members will be at Craftsbury Bill Pickering stepped forward to do the presentation. Don't expect a flood of downhill skiers to join our club. This is not a reflection on Bill's presentation. Many downhill skiers I have talked to in the past told me that "Nordic skiing is just **too** hard". They don't know what they are missing. Thanks anyway, Bill, for your efforts.

As some of you know, there have been glitches in some

members receiving e-mail messages. Of course, if you never received the messages you didn't realize there was a problem. I have been having discussions with Jesse Jepsen and Mike McMullen about the best way to remedy our situation. I have asked Jesse and Mike to review several options and to make a recommendation as to best resolve our problem. Hopefully, thanks to Jesse and Mike, we can get back on track with dependable electronic communications sometime early next year.

Be sure to put January 9, 2007 on your calendar. This will be our next membership meeting followed by a presentation by Dave LeRoy & Nancy Kauhle of their six week Alaska trip. You know it will be entertaining. You also qualify to win a \$25 gift certificate to Wildware Backcountry. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Dave Powell

**Openings are still
available on the
Colorado trip!**

FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Past Meeting Report:

The Community Room at Wildware was again full on December 5 for a presentation by Sante DeMichiel and Amy Weigher. Sante and Amy talked about personal fitness and exercises to warm us up for, and cool us down from, exercise and skiing. Sante shared the first-aid supplies (wraps, pills, splints, and ointments) that he carries in his backpack. A lively discussion followed the presentation.

On December 20, the Kick 'n Gliders descended on Bill and Sandy Stine's home for our annual Christmas Party. It was a full house with lots of talking, eating, drinking, and cheerful greetings. Just a typical Kick 'n Glider gathering. A good time was had by all and we all appreciate the Stine's hospitality.

Coming Events:

Tuesday, January 9, 2007.
7:00 PM, Wildware
Backcountry Community
Room.

Dave LeRoy and Nancy Kauh took time away from building their new home for a six week driving trip to Alaska this past summer. They will share their experiences and photos of their journey across the country, up the Al-Can Highway to

Alaska, and on to the Arctic Circle. Come early to get a seat for this presentation.

A brief business meeting will be held before the program.

Wednesday, January 24. 7:00 PM, Warwick Hotel, 12 W. Main Street, Hummelstown.

This meeting will be just social. Come and have dinner with your fellow skiers. The Warwick Hotel is a new place for us to gather, but is easily found. Come hear stories of the skiing (?) at Craftsbury, and make plans for future trips.

Tuesday, February 6. 7:00 PM, Wildware Backcountry Community Room.

Last summer, Dennis and Beth Major joined Ed and Carole Rockland for a bicycle tour in Eastern Europe. Dennis and Beth will share their experiences and slides of their trip. This was a trip with its high points and low points. Come and find out why.

There will be a brief business meeting before the presentation.

Wednesday, February 21.
7:00 PM, Bangkok Wok,
Mechanicsburg.

This is just a dinner social meeting. Come and join your Kick 'n Glider friends for a nice dinner and good conversation.

**Openings are still
available on the Turin
trip!**

Craftsbury, VT

Dec 29, 2006 - Jan 2, 2007

Gloomy snow reports the week prior led many to consider packing hiking boots. On Christmas the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (COC) website indicated 0" of snow. But looking on the bright side the website indicated that instead of 43km of Nordic Skiing Trails being open there would be 43km of Nordic Hiking available.

However, most of the diehard skiers still showed up and were treated to about a three-inch base with more on the way. The conditions were pretty good for Saturday and Sunday. Some of the group skied in good conditions from Highland Lodge back to COC. Some classic skiers took **free** skate skiing lessons and applied their new "skill" to skate skiing around Little Hosmer Lake.

The New Year's Eve bonfire was bright and cheery and much champagne was offered to the snow god. She must not have been appeased though because freezing rain arrived a couple of hours later.

Most of the others guests and some of the K'nG diehards departed on New Year's Day while the hardy souls stayed another day to watch the snow conditions worsen and dream of another meal. After all, there was still food to be eaten!

**Openings are still
available on Crystal
Lake this weekend!**

The Shelter at Crystal Lake

December 8, 2006

With Kick 'n Glider Board's approval behind them, club members set to work designing, fabricating, and erecting a shelter to donate to Crystal Lake Camp – see photo. The design is a copy of a shelter that we have enjoyed in the heart of the Barnes Corner ski trails in New York State. On Saturday, December 2, Nancy Kauh, David LeRoy, Bill Pickering and David Powell met at Lowes and bought the necessary materials. After being fortified with coffee and doughnuts, they proceeded to Black Birch Hollow, the Perry County estate of the Kauh-LeRoy's. There they were joined by Mick Marhevka and Chris Champion (whose household now includes 3 Champions).

After distributing a generous helping of sawdust and shavings around the Hollow and making several small

boards out of several big boards, the group loaded them onto two vehicles and devoured two pizzas. Taking advantage of the situation, Dave LeRoy asked those remaining to help unload a truckload of White Cedar, which was delivered to BBH by Mick.

The following day, with hunters prohibited by law from entering the woods, Daves Powell and LeRoy met at Crystal Lake Camp. They were met by John Manifold, Ski Trail Designer and Ski Instructor extraordinaire, of Crystal Lake Camp and four members of the Crystal Lake Ski Club. Materials were quickly loaded onto a trailer and taken to the trail junction above S-Curve where the shelter was to be built. The holes for the 4 supports had already been dug so the posts were placed inside and erection began. Soon, it was time for lunch and Anna Alford provided homemade soup, beef barbecue and warm

cookies for us all. Work proceeded and the structure steadily arose. It was completely erected and ready for use in about four hours. At sunset, proud workmen posed for photos and limped home. Kick 'n Gliders owe a big thank you to the volunteers who were responsible for this very successful project.



Since that day, a large sign indicating that the shelter is a gift of the Kick 'N Gliders has been made and will be installed at the official dedication of the shelter during our clubs' weekend at Crystal Lake (January 5-7, 2007).

Win a \$ 25 Gift Card for Wildware Backcountry

How?? Just come to the regular KnG business meeting. The board has decided to give a Gift Card at each of the 5 business meetings. You just have to be present to win. A drawing will award the card. So come and enjoy the great line-up of meetings, greet your friends, talk about snow, and how you will spend your \$25 winnings.

Dave Powell was the winner of the December drawing.

Congratulations Dave!



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