



The
Easy Glider
Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events



We are in the midst of an event which will affect our lives forever. Shall we throw in the towel and forget about Kick 'n Glider activities for 2020-2021?!? This newsletter is intended to partially answer this question.

As time goes on, we may find a way to get together somehow. In the meantime, do what you can to avoid spreading the pandemic and stay well!

Stay tuned.

It's Dues Time

Our unconventional financial year runs from May 1 to April 30. This means that it's time to pay your dues. The amount is \$20 per individual and \$30 per family. To stimulate growth of our organization, new members may join at a rate of \$5 per individual and \$7.50 per family. Only members in good standing are eligible to attend ski trips and other club events and receive email notifications and The Easy Glider. Please submit an application and release (enclosed or available electronically on our website).

Welcome to the New Officers for 2020-2021

Thanks ...

... on behalf of our entire membership, to Outgoing President (and new Past President) **Fred Burgess** for his leadership throughout the year and to Outgoing Program Coordinators, **Mike McMullen** and **Tom Hooper** for their service.

Congratulations to our new officers!

President --	Andrea Hospodar
Vice-President/President-Elect --	Jeff Grove
Secretary --	Marilyn Grove
Treasurer --	David LeRoy
Extended Ski Trip Coordinator --	David Walborn and Nancy Class
Day Ski Trips --	Bill Stine
Programs --	Nancy Borremans
Membership --	Nancy Kauh
Newsletter Editor --	Nancy Kauh
Immediate Past President --	Fred Burgess



What about Summer Activities?

By Nancy Borremans

As the new program chair, I've been in contact with Mike McMullen for ideas and guidance in putting together programs for next year. Because of the quarantine, I'm not organizing any activities for June since we're in the red zone. Hopefully we can plan an activity in July or August. (*See below for Ox Roast. ~Ed.*)

If anyone has ideas for an activity, probably social distancing and masks will be needed, I would appreciate your input. Activities I hope to initiate are biking, hiking, or kayaking. I can lead a bike ride at Columbia Crossings. I would appreciate help leading a hiking or kayaking outing. Long Park Concerts have been cancelled for this summer. Other activities we've enjoyed such as Nissley Vineyards may also be cancelled.

Again, your input and help will be appreciated. Please let me know if you have ideas, questions, or concerns. My phone is 717-314-9864. Email is nancyborr43@gmail.com.

Ox Roast

For the first time in our 35-odd year history, we are cancelling the Kick ‘n Glider Ox Roast. Dave LeRoy and Nancy Kauhl have not found any reasonable way to entertain about 50 folks with social distancing. The chance that the coronavirus will disappear or a vaccine will be available by October appears to be less than remote. This is the sad state of affairs.



Ski Trip Planning

We are an organization devoted to providing opportunities for group cross-country skiing to its membership, promoting safe skiing and encouraging general enjoyment of the outdoors.

Given that we are in the midst of a pandemic and not sure when life will get back to some semblance of “normal”, we could cancel the entire 2020-2021 ski season and give up all hope. But no! Trip leaders are making reservations at our usual venues and working with innkeepers to permit us to cancel at the last minute for a small cancellation fee or none at all. The ***Season Schedule and Guide***, with all of the details for each trip, will be published in late June. Then it will be up to you to make deposits on your favorite trips. Predictions about the outcome of the pandemic are all over the lot, so we may find a way to hold ski trips and *we want to be ready!*



Members@kickngliders.org Emails

Several years ago, a couple of unfortunate uses of the general membership email list prompted the club to screen such messages. In particular, we want to avoid messages that are more appropriately sent to a few of our members to which they pertain or messages that promote a select commercial establishment. The former is to avoid bombarding all 100 or so members with messages which apply to only a small number of us. The misuse of the membership email list prompted complaints from people who are already deluged with SPAM-like garbage.

An example of inappropriate use of this list would be by someone who wants to find someone with whom to car-pool on a ski trip. In this case, it is best that they email those on the roster for that trip. On the other hand, if a KNG member wants to sell un-needed ski equipment, this information should go out to all of our members.

The prohibition of promoting commercial establishments is trickier, because we want to be able to spread the word about, say, the closing of the Osceola Ski Touring Center or the opening of a place where cross-country skis are available in our area.

Because the decision about what to circulate in a club-wide message requires some discretion, interpretation and judgement, the club has selected someone who exhibits these qualities to screen them. At this time, the person selected for screening messages for the general membership is Bill Stine.



Status of Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center

By Dave LeRoy

I talked to Hugh Quinn recently. As reported in previous issues of The Easy Glider, the Osceola Tug Hill XC Ski Center (OTC) closed their trails at the end of the 2020 season. Hugh reports that closing for the sale of several parcels of his property will occur very soon. These parcels include most of the land across the road from his ski shop (i.e., the northern parcels). I am told that the person who is purchasing these parcels intends to use them for cross-country skiing. Dustin Hite, the owner of the new ski center adjacent to OTC, will, under an agreement with the purchaser of Hugh's northern parcels, groom them and have access to them in addition to his cross-country trail system.

Hugh's current plan is to keep his ski shop open next season to sell skis and skiing equipment. Presumably, he will indicate his hours of operation at a later date.

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2020-2021 Membership Application & Release

<p>Print form & fill in by hand</p> <p>Important: Be sure to sign release on second page</p>	<p>Dues Year: May 1 to April 30</p> <p>Dues: Individual Family New Member....\$5.....\$7.50 Renewal.....\$20.....\$30</p> <p>Make Checks Payable to: KICK 'N GLIDERS</p>	<p>Mail Application and check to:</p> <p>Kick 'n Gliders P.O. Box 1353 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055</p>
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Check the box on the right for any information to **not** be published in the club's roster, *People to Ski With*

Name(s)			
(Other family members)			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone ()	(primary)		
()	(cell)		
<p>Note: Please indicate your cell phone number because it may be necessary for the trip leader to contact you when you are traveling to/from a Kick 'n Gliders' trip.</p>			
<p>E-Mail:</p> <p>Please print clearly</p>			

Please print clearly!

Check here if you are willing to forgo the paper copy and receive the *Easy Glider* electronically.

We MUST have a valid email address for you to receive the *Easy Glider* electronically.

Be sure to sign and date the release on the next page.

RELEASE

(Excerpted from the Bylaws of the Kick 'N Gliders Nordic Ski Club)

Article XI. General Rules of the Club

Article XI, Section 1. No member or members of this Club shall obligate or commit the Club to any major endeavor, unusual activity or extraordinary action, unless Executive Committee approval shall have previously been obtained.

Article XI, Section 1A. Every member agrees to abide by the Kick 'N Gliders' Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Rules of Conduct, recognizing the social nature of the group and the authority and discretion granted to the Executive Committee herein.

Article XI, Section 2. Members desire to participate in the various activities of the Club. Each must recognize that all activities are strenuous and involve substantial risks of accident, injury and even death. Such activities, although engaged in as a group, are essentially individual activities/sports for which each individual must be physically and mentally prepared and capable, and in which each individual is essentially responsible for his own safety. The Club is simply an unincorporated association of interested persons which offers a central meeting point for those desiring to engage in the various activities; the Club does not sponsor or operate the activities for its benefit or profit; the leaders, the providers of motor vehicles, and drivers are all volunteers who lead or drive as an accommodation and not for their benefit or profit; the Club, its officers, the trip leaders, the activity leaders, vehicle owners, and vehicle drivers may not have (and in reliance hereon may not purchase) any insurance covering the individual or benefiting him in the event of accident, injury or death. Finally, each individual must recognize that many Club activities are conducted in wilderness or backcountry areas where appropriate medical care may be either totally unavailable, or hours and miles away and therefore inadequate in the event of emergency, but trip leaders and activity participants do not necessarily have any specific rescue, first aid, medical, or leadership skills or training. Each individual must understand that any and all trip leaders, activity leaders, and fellow participants are entitled to, and will rely on, the individual's ability to participate with the others.

I hereby recognize the Kick 'N Gliders as a nonprofit, unincorporated association of persons who have voluntarily organized themselves to participate in and enjoy various activities. I hereby certify that I have read the above section of the Club's Bylaws and understand the responsibilities of being a Club member and release, discharge and waive the Kick 'N Gliders and each and every one of its members from any and all liability for any loss, damage or injury I may suffer or sustain as a result of any of the activities of the Kick 'N Gliders by signing my name below.

I agree to abide by the Kick 'N Gliders Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Rules of Conduct.

I recognize the authority of the Executive Committee to revoke membership for violation of the Kick 'N Gliders' Constitution and Bylaws or the Club Rules of Conduct.

I recognize the authority of each trip leader to determine the composition of the roster for his trip.

**SIGNATURE OF
MEMBER(S)**

DATE _____

If member(s) are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign:

DATE _____

Signature and Relationship

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee met (via Zoom) on April 2. President Fred Burgess sent a summary of the results of the meeting to the membership by email on April 11. In case you missed that email, here is a summary of the summary.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROHIBITED -- The board agreed to add the following statement to the Rules of Conduct and Safety Regulations:

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated on club trips or at club functions. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature. It includes unwelcome propositions, flirtations or request for dates; inappropriate comments on body or sexual activities; derogatory, sexually explicit or offensive comments or jokes; sexually oriented gestures; or unwelcome physical contact. A single isolated incident is not considered sexual harassment, unless judged to be extremely serious by the executive board.

TRIP SCHEDULE -- The board opted to support a full schedule of 14 trips, consisting of many of the trips from last season, but replacing Pulaski #2 with Garnet Hill and moving the Maine trip from Bethel to Eustis. The board agreed to seek a “pandemic” addendum to contracts with trip lodging that would give the club the right to cancel without financial penalty up to 30 days prior to the first scheduled day of each trip. The board agreed to hold the trip-planning meeting on April 22 via Zoom.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION OF TRIPS – The board discussed concerns about the potential of cross-country skiers being bumped from oversubscribed trips by people who want to go primarily for downhill skiing.

REFUND CHECKS – The board endorsed Treasurer Dave LeRoy’s request to limit refund checks by writing one check per trip participant at the end of the ski season rather than issuing individual checks for each trip refund. Exceptions will be made upon request in cases where trip leaders or participants have a large amount invested in lodging deposits, food, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS – The board agreed to conduct election of officers via a link on the club website. Members were also sent an email with a link that could be used to cast a ballot.

The board agreed that the club will foot the dinner bill for a guest speaker and one guest at business meetings, whenever the speaker joins club members for the restaurant meal prior to the meeting and provided the speaker is not a member of the Kick ‘n Gliders.



Financial Report

Our treasurer, Dave LeRoy, has completed the finances for the year ending April 30, 2020. The Kick 'n Gliders' books have been submitted to Bill Hoffman, our perennial auditor. The summary of our transactions is presented here. He reports that he wrote 230 checks during this year.

Financial Summary Kick n Gliders 2019-20

Item	Number of Participants	Income	Expense	Profit
Dues		\$1,830.00	\$50.00	\$1,780.00
Misc Income/Expense			\$102.25	-\$102.25
Newsletter			\$1,005.49	-\$1,005.49
Bank Charges			\$87.25	-\$87.25
Ox Roast	51	\$255.00	\$185.00	\$70.00
Banquet	41	\$1,435.00	\$1,491.46	-\$56.46
Bethel	12	\$3,240.00	\$3,213.46	\$26.54
Boonville 1	15	\$4,060.00	\$4,057.22	\$2.78
Boonville 2	12	\$3,720.00	\$3,705.97	\$14.03
Cazenovia	6	\$1,555.00	\$1,555.00	\$0.00
Craftsbury 1	28	\$12,885.00	\$12,863.28	\$21.72
Craftsbury 2	16	\$7,250.00	\$7,235.36	\$14.64
Inlet	10	\$7,834.80	\$7,791.31	\$43.49
Lake Placid	16	\$9,221.00	\$9,144.64	\$76.36
Laurentians 1	15	\$6,248.60	\$6,190.79	\$57.81
Laurentians 2	6	\$2,972.36	\$2,967.52	\$4.84
North Conway 1	21	\$8,914.44	\$8,843.39	\$71.05
North Conway 2	10	\$3,505.00	\$3,489.19	\$15.81
Pulaski 1	10	\$3,400.00	\$3,397.00	\$3.00
Pulaski 2	0	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00	\$0.00
Stowe	21	\$8,500.00	\$8,485.00	\$15.00
TOTAL	198	\$87,966.20	\$87,000.58	\$965.62

*Number of participants total Includes those attending Ski Trips only



Did you know...

... Snowflakes are made of ordinary ice. Yet they are not frozen raindrops, nor do they form from liquid water; snowflakes are created when ice condenses directly from water *vapor* in the air. Although you may have thought snowflakes were white, if you look carefully, you will find that many are transparent, like glass. What you see are the various edges because these scatter the most light. Snowflakes and snowbanks look white because you see light scattered from all the edges.

~from Ken Libbrecht's Field Guide to Snowflakes





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