



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

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## Up-coming Events

### June 22, 2023 – Pine Grove Furnace SP & AT Museum

Our resident Appalachian Trail expert, Nan Reisinger, will lead this outing. This outing includes the opportunity for indulging in ice cream, so how can you resist?

### July 9, 2023 – Long's Park Music Series

7:00 pm – Join us at Long's Park in Lancaster for "Runa" an Irish folk music group.

### July 13, 2023 – Hike and Paddle Pinchot SP

Nan Reisinger will lead this second outing to a local state park. Come for the hike, stay for the paddle. Or pick one or the other.

### August 3, 2023 – Hike/paddle/bike at Little Buffalo SP

Nan Reisinger will lead this third state park outing. Keep track of the email notices for details to decide whether to join for the hike, paddle or bike outing.

### August 5, 2023 – Nissley Vineyards Summerfest

6:30 pm – Join us at Nissley Vineyards in Bainbridge, PA (140 Vintage Drive), for an evening of music, wine and dancing. Bill and Kay Pickering are hosting this event, so contact Kay at [kaypick@comcast.net](mailto:kaypick@comcast.net) if you have questions.

## October 7, 2023 – Ox Roast

1:00 pm – Dave LeRoy and Nancy Kauhler are hosting the annual Ox Roast at their home in the woods of Perry County. More details to follow at a later date.



## New Slate of Officers

The following officers were elected at the April 4 meeting to lead the club for the next year. Congratulations!

President:	Gary Musser
Vice president:	Fred Burgess
Secretary:	Marilyn Grove
Treasurer:	Dave LeRoy
Extended ski trips:	David Walborn & Jamie Hackman
Day ski trips:	Bill Stine
Programs:	Ed Cook
Membership:	Nancy Kauhler
Newsletter editor/publisher:	Nancy Kauhler



## Time to Renew Your Membership

Your Kick 'n Gliders' membership is based on the club's fiscal year which runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't paid your membership dues in the past 3 months, now is the time for you to renew. Help out our membership chair by completing a membership application (copy enclosed), especially if you have made some changes to your contact information since last year.

# Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

www.kicknogliders.org

## 2023-2024 Membership Application & Release

<p><b>Print form &amp; fill in by hand</b></p> <p><b>Important:</b> Be sure to sign release on second page</p>	<p><b>Dues Year:</b> May 1 to April 30</p> <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Dues:</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Individual</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Family</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>New Member.....</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$5.....</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$7.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><b>Renewal.....</b></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$20.....</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$30</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;"><b>Make Checks Payable to:</b> KICK 'N GLIDERS</p>	<b>Dues:</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>New Member.....</b>	\$5.....	\$7.50	<b>Renewal.....</b>	\$20.....	\$30	<p><b>Mail Application and check to:</b></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 <span style="margin-left: 100px;">State</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Zip</span>	
Phone (     ) <span style="float: right;">(primary)</span>	
(     ) <span style="float: right;">(cell)</span>	
<p><b>Note:</b> 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><b>E-Mail:</b></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**

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

**DATE**

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Signature and Relationship

# Paul Smith's College Considering Changes

## Will changes affect the VIC ski trails?

The ski trails at the VIC at Paul Smith's are favorites of the Kick 'n Gliders when based in Lake Placid. Often, the area around Paul Smith's gets more snow than trail systems closer to Lake Placid. Many years ago, the VIC was operated by New York State, but with budget cuts, they were no longer willing to operate it. Since some of the land was owned by Paul Smith's College, the college took over the operation of the VIC and the accompanying ski trails. Over the years, the college has expanded the trail system and the college ski teams train on the trails.



We have recently learned from Sue Berg that Paul Smith's College is in financial difficulty. It seems that their enrollment has dropped to the point that tuition no longer covers their expenses. Also, they have a \$600,000 loan



that must be repaid soon. Surely, they have assets worth millions, but we don't know whether any of those assets have been used as collateral on other loans. The college has proposed a merger with another organization, but are facing some hurdles in the process of getting approval from the state and federal governments. We are, of course, concerned about the VIC, but we don't know how much of the land on which their ski trails are located belongs to the college. This may be the least of their worries at this point.



Small, independent colleges throughout the country are facing economic challenges and some are making very difficult decisions. Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, NY, closed at the end of this past school year. We hope that Paul Smith's College will find a way to continue (they are a significant employer in the Adirondack Mountain region) and will maintain the VIC ski trails that we love. We will keep our attention on this developing situation.



# Past Event Reports

## June 11<sup>th</sup> Brunch, Bike, and Cookout

Many thanks to Tom Hooper for hosting us at Mount Gretna for a wonderful, full day of activities.

The day started before 9 AM with a superb brunch at “The Porch and Pantry” restaurant, where 15 of us enjoyed an energy fuel-up before departing at 10:30 AM for a ride down the eastern portion of the Mt. Gretna rail trail. It was a bright, sunny morning during which the Quebec forest fire smoke threatened to disturb our plans, but



which, in the end, didn't present any problem to us at all. About 16 of us completed the whole 17-mile round trip. We thought we might be suffering a little bit in the bright sun, but contrary to our collective memories, most of that portion of the trail is pleasantly tree shaded. Only the last quarter of the trail is exposed to direct sunlight, which might present a problem later in the summer when it's sweltering, but Saturday was fine.

Bikers Lin, Dave W., Dave P. and Cheryl, Jim S., Jesse and Karen, Maximum Leader Gary and Diane, Nancy B., Tom, and Ed were joined by a motorized gang, “The Kickin’ Angels”, Bill and Sandy, Dan, and Nan. These rowdies promised to tame their “hogs” for the bikers’ sake and to pedal the route, rather than blow us away in a cloud of trail dust.

Afterward, the hot, hungry pack of bikers and “hoggers” retired to the giant porch of Tom and Judy Hoobers’ Mt. Gretna cottage for refreshments and a cookout. We shared many side dishes and desserts before departing for home in the late afternoon.

Many thanks again to Tom for hosting us at this nearly annual outing. A good time was had by all! ~by Ed Cook





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