The Sitzmark

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH LIFE SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

April 2025

Check for updates regarding in person meetings!

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for the May Issue is
April 28

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President's Message - Submitted by Paul Roy, President

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Elections are coming. Election night is Tuesday April 22 at 7:30 pm for all Executive Board positions and five Lodge Trustees. We need 35 to 40 members in attendance to have a valid election. Linda Burns is working with the Exchange chef on a tasty meal for us that night - paid by the Club! On March 11, I appointed the Nominating Committee including Parliamentarian Ron Smolt, Carol Cooney and Linda Burns. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates at the April 8 membership meeting. Nominations that night are welcome too. Contact Ron, Carol or Linda if you are interested in running. There is more information on these positions at the Club's website at the Administration tab, including the HLSC Bylaws and the Bylaws Amendments.

There's still plenty of good skiing at Killington (and elsewhere in Vermont). I just had a great ski day myself with members Jim Rogers and Steve Cimiluca. If you're looking for a spring skiing challenge, there's always Tuckerman Ravine in New Hampshire! (pictures below)





(*President's Message Cont. pg. 12*)

LODGE REPORT

Another phenomenal March at the High Life Ski Lodge!! Temperatures may have warmed a bit in New Jersey, but great ski conditions were still found at Killington and Sugarbush!! The Canyon area of Killington is loaded with snow to provide many additional weeks of winter fun. With upcoming spring favorites like The Mogul Challenge and Pond Skimming, there will be many opportunities for spring fun and soft spring turns.

The Lodge hosted another epic St. Patrick's dinner and party. Pounds of corned beef and trays of Shepard's Pie awaited our skiers and snowboarders after a beautiful, soft spring day. After a great dinner the fun transitioned to our barn for some games and additional revelry. Huge thank you to Carol Cooney, Kerry Klotz, and all who helped create another memorable weekend in Vermont. Look for some pictures in this edition of the Sitzmark.

In late March Donna Long hosted a group of friends from Morris County Ski Club. After a couple of days of great spring skiing, everyone enjoyed a dinner featuring chicken piccata, pulled pork, and mac-and-cheese. When dinner concluded, everyone enjoyed games, music, and some March Madness out in the Barn.

Looking for some spring fun? High Life will be hosting a tailgate at the Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge and a Friday evening Après Ski party. Join Amanda Zega and Chris Cooney for some Après fun on Friday, April 4th in our barn, followed by tailgating fun at the base of Bear Mountain on Saturday April 5th . Check out the Flyer in this edition of the Sitzmark. Jack McDevitt is the house-mom....so make sure you make your Lodge reservations with Jack. Amanda and Chris look forward to seeing everyone in Vermont!

April is Election time at High Life!! There are 5 Lodge Committee positions open. As only 4 current members are running for re-election, there is an open position available. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of the Lodge Committee, please contact any current trustee. If you would like to run, please contact Club Parliamentarian Ron Smolt to initiate the nomination process.

As a quick reminder (we always need one....), the Lodge Committee prohibits smoking and vaping inside the Lodge and Barn, as well as lit candles or incense. In addition, smoking is prohibited on the Lodge fire escapes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Lodge Committee member. The Lodge thanks you for your compliance.

The Lodge Committee has set the first work weekend for May 16-18th . Come out and help keep our Lodge in pristine shape!!

The Lodge Committee thanks everyone for their timely communication with their house-moms. As a reminder, please initiate all communication with the respective house-mom via phone call and/or email. Your house- moms will do their best to respond as quickly as possible.....however...we know some of you (especially during storm-chasing season) love to call your house-mom as you are walking to your car with the engine running....understand that your house-moms may be working, skiing, or unavailable for a few hours at a time. The sooner you reach out to your house-mom, the easier the signup process becomes. Be sure to read the signup guide posted in the Sitzmark so you are familiar with the process when you speak to your house mom.

We can't wait to see you at The Lodge!!

Chris Cooney Lodge Chairperson



MARCH EVENTS

BORMIO, ITALY/ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND
FEBRUARY 21 -MARCH 1, 2025

HLSC skied Bormio, Santa Caterina and Cima Piazzi. We also had an incredible day trip to St. Moritz, Switzerland located 1 ½ hours away from Bormio. Snow conditions were good, groomed which made skiing quite pleasant. Free ski buses took us to all 3 Italy locations. 3 day ski passes were extremely reasonable at $150.00US (5 day online adult ski passes about $200.00EU). Ski rentals also well priced.
Trip included a visit to a Roman indoor/outdoor spa QC Terme Bagni Vecchi located in and around natural thermal waters in and out of a cave system.

Bormio is hosting 2026 winter Olympics (FEBRUARY 6-22, 2026) for the men's downhill on the famous STELVIO SLOPE.
We got to witness and watch the new Olympic sport called: SKIMO. This is a combination of cross country and mountaineering on a marked course. Takes about 3 minutes to complete the course. Skimo teams even stayed in our Hotel Larice Bianco. Other members participated in cross country skiing, dog sledding and riding the scenic Bernina Express, red train to St Moritz.

We had breakfast and gourmet dinners daily with exceptional happy hours (all included in the ski package)on a daily basis in the hotel fireplace lobby. Rooms had beautiful balconies that showcased mountain views. Kiko, the owner of Larice Bianco, hosted our stay. Kiko was the previous national ski team member in Italy.

Submitted by Nina Tudorowsky
Pictures submitted by trip members



















MARCH EVENTS CONT.

High Lifers celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Lodge hosted by Chris Cooney. Huge thank you to Carol Cooney, Kerry Klotz, and all who helped create another memorable weekend in Vermont.













APRIL EVENTS

MOGUL PARTY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, 4/ 4 APRES SKI PARTY AT THE HLSC BARN

4:30p to 7:30p: Appys, Pizza, Ski Games, Prizes, Music, DJ & Dancing

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, TAILGATE PARTY

9am to 4pm: Come to tailgate and watch the mogul races with the one and only **HIGH LIFE SKI CLUB!**

Paying tailgaters will have access to hot grilled burgers, dogs, italian sausage sandwiches, surprise gifts & more!

Look for the High Life canopy / table set up.



Lodge signups through Jack McDevitt, signup's begin 3/25

RSVP for Party Weekend through Chris Cooney & Amanda Zega

Full Weekend Party Admission $40 pp

Plus Lodge Stay



Spring Skiing Fun Costumes Encouraged for Race Day





APRIL EVENTS CONT.

April 2

Wednesday, April 2nd

Early morning bowling - 11 am

Come and join fellow High Lifers as we cheer each other on for strikes & spares!



$5/game $5 shoe rentals

Boonton Lanes

720 Myrtle Ave. Boonton

Lunch to follow for those interested.

April 4-6

SKIER APPRECIATION DAYS

White Face Mountain: 4/4-6 $54

Present your club card with the NJ Ski & Snowboard Council Sticker and a photo ID to obtain NJSSC discounts. Go to group sales if there are any problems.

Please contact Robert Zega at rjzega@yahoo.com or njssc.org if you need more information.

April 5 — Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge



April 12 — Pond Skimming



April 13 — Superstar Closing Party



April 19 — Daze and Defrosted Concert



April 22 — Earth Day



LODGE GUIDELINES

Hello High Lifers!

With the increasing demand of Lodge use the Lodge Committee would like to streamline the communication process as it pertains to making Lodge reservations. This document is meant to be dynamic and will be continuously updated as we figure out what works and what doesn't. The Lodge Committee asks all members to take the below guidelines into consideration as you make your Lodge reservations. Remember....the key to an effective reservation is to have clear and comprehensive communication with your House-mom. As of November 1st , the Lodge will be collecting Winter rates for Lodge use. Please see the Lodge Rules and Regs for the current rates or ask your House-mom.

All reservations must be confirmed directly with a house mom before a payment is made. Failure to do so will result in a mandatory $5 penalty to be paid into the Lodge Supply Bucket.

Guidelines for paying for Lodge stays through Zelle

For those who wish to utilize Zelle to pay for their Lodge usage, please be aware of the following guidelines:

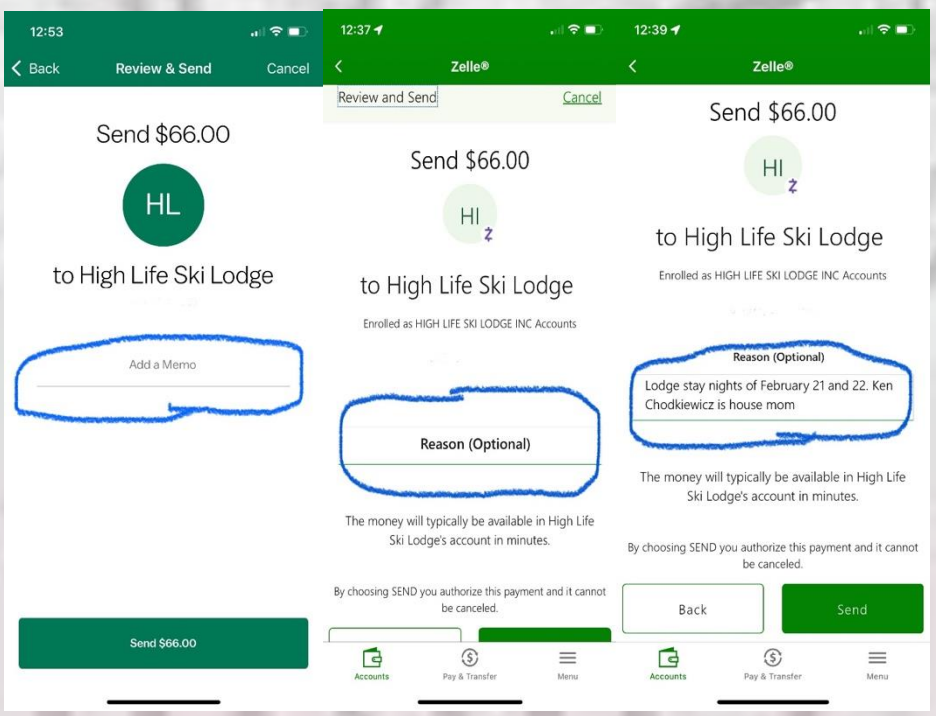
1. Members (only) can pay for Lodge stays and events electronically using the Zelle app on their mobile device.
2. **NO ZELLE PAYMENT is allowed until after you've communicated with the house-mom and have a confirmation for your stay. If a payment is made prior to confirmation from the house-mom, a $5 penalty will be assessed.**
3. Zelle can ONLY be used for payments. **No refunds will be made once a Zelle payment is confirmed.** If a change to a reservation is made and is compliant with the Lodge rules, a credit will be issued.
4. If a member uses Zelle for payments, the member is responsible for ensuring they know how to correctly use the Zelle application. High Life Ski Lodge, Inc. is not responsible for any user error, application malfunction, or security of the relationship between Zelle and your bank account.

To pay using Zelle, please follow these instructions:

- Confirm the Zelle-recipient information with the House-mom. Input this information per House-mom instructions.
- In the comment section (may be listed as "Reason", "Add a Memo" or something similar based on your banking or Zelle app), please list dates of your intended overnights (ie. Jan 4,5,6) and the name of the corresponding house-mom. Including this information in the comment section eases tracking for your payments. Please note: This field is NOT required by Zelle to execute a transaction.....you must consciously input the requested information. See Screenshots below. Failure to include this information will result in a $5 penalty to be paid to the Lodge supply bucket.



LODGE GUIDELINES CONT.



Note: Your bank or Zelle app may look different. These are for example only.

-Once you've completed the payment, please inform the house-mom. Optionally (if your personal banking information is not visible) you could additionally forward a screenshot or confirmation email.

REMINDER: *Making a Zelle payment prior to receiving house-mom confirmation of your reservation or failing to fill in the Reason/Memo section of the Zelle transaction will result in a $5 penalty.*

Reservations are taken in person at Club meetings as per the dates on the Lodge schedule, which is posted on the Club Web Page (or you can ask a House-mom to email you the .pdf). After that meeting house moms will accept reservations by email or phone call only!! No initial contact with a House-mom via text-message.

Please call during reasonable hours of the day (hint: if you have to ask yourself if it's a reasonable time, chances are it isn't)....*and remember that many of our House-Moms still work and might not be able to respond for several hours*. Our House-Moms do their best to acknowledge your communication as quickly as possible, but at times an immediate response is not possible. If you'd like to go to the Lodge, please allow ample time for your House-Mom to get back to you. During your initial communication please include the following information

*****The High Life Lodge Committee loves our storm-chasers as well as those who love to spontaneously journey to Vermont. Please keep in mind that as you try to communicate with the house-mom, they may already be at the Lodge (especially if you are calling from Thursday-Monday). Please be sure to try calling the Lodge (802-773-9742) if you have difficulty communicating with the house-mom for your spontaneous plans.**



LODGE GUIDELINES CONT.

1. **Your full name**
2. **Number in your group and composition (ie a couple, kids (ages), family, member or guest, etc) and their full names.**
3. **Date and day of arrival, the number of nights, and the date/day of departure**
4. **Your intended Payment method (Zelle, mailing a check, payment upon arrival, gift-card, voucher, etc)**

-Below are some examples of the type of information that would best-help your communication with your House-mom. These are not intended to be all inclusive.... they're just samples.

Example 1

Hello my name is "John Smith". I would like to arrive at the lodge on Friday, Dec 1st and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3rd. I will be alone. If I can get bed XYZ, that would be great but will take what is available. I can give you a check upon arrival or mail to you. Thank you

Example 2

Hello my name is "John Smith" My wife "Jane Smith" and I would like to arrive at the lodge on Friday, Dec 1st and stay for 2 nights, leaving the morning of the 3rd. Jane is also a member and we would like a couple's room if available. I can Zelle the payment and so as you can confirm. Thank you.

Example 3

Hello my name is "John Smith". I would like to make a reservation for myself, my son "Adrian Smith", my brother-in-law "Steve Harris" and his son "George Harris". Steve and George are not members. We would like to arrive at the lodge on Friday, December 1st, stay for 2 nights, and depart on the morning of the 3rd. If possible, I would like all of us in one room. I can mail you a check or give you a check upon arrival. Thank You.

Once you have your assigned bed, you are not allowed to change your sleeping location without approval from your House-mom. This includes taking a perceived empty bed in another room or in the attic.

There've been a few occasions when we have had members arrive late at night only to find someone in the bed/room they have been assigned. Mayhem and chaos ensue.

As House Moms we do our best to facilitate your reservation and make your Lodge experience as enjoyable as possible. We take into consideration each scheduled member coming-and-going, changes of plans (extending/shortening their stay), groups that would like to bunk in the same room, short notice requests and overlapping stays that cover two or even three different House Moms. Eighteen hundred bed nights is awesome...but can be a bit to juggle...so please, talk to the House Mom before moving from assigned bed/room. We promise to do our best to help.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a wonderful winter,

The Lodge Committee.



LOOKING AHEAD

May 17

All ABOARD 12 pm… The Winery Train – Saturday May 17th
Tickets Limited… Order yours TODAY!

Spend the afternoon with fellow High Lifers. First enjoy a beautiful journey along the scenic Delaware River on the Warren County Winery Train. We will travel along the river to the farthest end of the railroad, debarking at the historic Riegelsville train station. Just up the hill from the train station (a shuttle bus will take us up their driveway), we will visit one of New Jersey's most beautiful wineries - Villa Milagro Vineyards. Here we will learn how grapes are grown and made into wine then sample their delicious wines and have an opportunity to purchase them at the source. Feel free to pack lunch to enjoy on the property. Once the shuttle drops us off to board the train again, it will begin its journey back to where we started. At the end of the day we will relax at the picnic tables in Phillipsburg with views of the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers. From your car, you can retrieve appetizers packed to pair with the wine you purchased or bring your own libations.

We will meet at the train station: Delaware River Railroad - 38 Market Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 around 11:30 to ensure we are on the 12:00 train.

The cost is $45 per person, and it includes a day filled with wine and fun! You must purchase your own ticket for May 17th 12:00 Wine Train. Order tickets at https://www.877trainride.com/wineticketoffice.html ASAP as only 22 tickets are left!

Once you purchase your ticket, please email me at melwengerHL@gmail.com with your attendance. Once we have our group, we can share and perhaps set up car-pooling or food planning.
Any questions, my number is 973-632-5090. Cheers! Melody Wenger





LOOKING AHEAD CONT.

June 12 - June 19. The Highlife Ski club's 2025 Spring Cape Cod trip will be once again at the Kingfisher Lodging in Dennis for the week starting Thursday June 12 to Thursday June 19. The price is $105* a night per room for members and $110* for non members.

The possible activities are endless. Ideas include kayaking, whale watching, day trips to Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket which has a great whaling museum, the heritage museum (with wonderful gardens and an awesome display of race cars), fishing trips, golfing, train rides, cape cod beer, cape cod potato chip factory, shark museum, the Marconi museum, light house tours, cranberry bog tours, and so on. Cape Cod has an awesome collection of biking trails with rentals possible at many locations. Music fan? Joe Russo's Almost Dead will be playing Friday June 13th. This is a Grateful Dead tribute band.

We will have several group meals for those that wish to participate, one will be a pizza dinner paid by the club, another will be a lobsterfest for approximately $30 per person. We will not have use of the kitchen but will have use of microwaves and a barbecue grill. A keurig type coffee maker & coffee, a small refrigerator and a microwave oven are in each room. Dogs are allowed.

As always, first come first served*, with money in hand reserving your spot/room. Checks should be made out to Phil Uhler.

To reserve your place, mail your check to
Phil Uhler
371 Finch Ln,
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along with your contact information. For more information contact, Phil Uhler at the address above or call or text him at 908-295-4457.

*Please note, preference will be given to those staying the full week.

June 15

CONCERT– ROSS FARMS IN BASKING RIDGE
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Kick off the summer by joining your fellow High Lifers at an outdoor concert on Ross Farms in Basking Ridge on June 15th, 5-8 pm. Tickets, including fees, are shy of $40. See https://rossfarm.org/event/eilen-jewell-2/

Singer/songwriter, Eilen Jewell is known for her incredible blend of Americana, folk, and roots music. The Boise, Idaho songwriter leads a tight quartet that fuses influences of surf-noir, early blues, classic country, folk, and 1960s-era rock 'n' roll. Eilen's fans have marveled at her warmth and onstage humor alongside her beautiful songs and fiery performances.

Join us for this special early evening concert. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to spread out and enjoy! Concert will be held rain or shine, no refunds. Picnics or snacks are welcome, too, but please carry out what you carry in. Tickets are on sale now—don't miss out!

I have no idea how quickly this artist's tickets will sell out. I'm buying mine today! Once you buy your tickets, send me an email at melwengerHL@gmail.com so we can coordinate the event as the date gets closer.

PS - I have been listening to her music and I love it. Check her out. Eilen Jewell.

Submitted by Melody Wenger

Come to the Lodge and attend Killington's Bear Mountain Mogul Challenge the first weekend in April. There's a Club 60th anniversary celebration in the works for sometime in May or June. You can still buy a Killington voucher - see the Club's website.
Beware of spam email messages from me. The sender will show my name, but if you check you will see a bogus email address instead of mine.

Trips and Activities

The Cape Cod trip is June 12 to 19. Contact Phil Uhler to sign up. The Club's Zermatt Switzerland trip is January 30 to February 7, 2025. Contact Nina Tudorowsky.

Meetings and Other Events

We had 21 attend the membership meeting March 11. The Executive Board met that night too. There were 19 people at the March 26 membership meeting, which followed the Lodge Trustees meeting.
Here are the April meeting dates at the Rockaway Exchange Restaurant. Note the April 1 Zoom meeting for all members. Check the Club website and your email for the latest schedule.

High Life Ski Club Meetings Schedule

- Tuesday April 1 on Zoom
  - 7:00 pm Membership Meeting
- Tuesday April 8 at Exchange Restaurant
  - 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
  - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting (present more nominations and slate)
- Tuesday April 22 at Exchange Restaurant
  - 6:30 pm Lodge Trustees
  - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting (election)
- Tuesday May 13 at Exchange Restaurant
  - 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
  - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting
- Tuesday May 27 at Exchange Restaurant
  - 6:30 pm Lodge Trustees
  - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting
- Tuesday June 10 at Exchange Restaurant
  - 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
  - 7:30 pm Membership Meeting
- Tuesday June 24 Zoom
  - 7:00 pm Lodge Trustees

HLSC Lodge 2024-25 Winter Season

WEEKEND Saturday	Dates	Event	START SIGN UPS Tuesday	Trustee	NOTES
23-Nov	11/20-11/26		12-Nov	Jim Ferrone	
30-Nov	11/27-12/3	**Thanksgiving**	19-Nov	Ken Chodkiewicz	
7-Dec	12/4-12/10		26-Nov	Dave Young	
14-Dec	12/11-12/17		3-Dec	Dave Young	
21-Dec	12/18-12/24		10-Dec	Mike Burbridge	
28-Dec	12/25-01/01	**New Year's**	10-Dec	Dave Young	New Year's Eve Party
4-Jan	01/02-01/07		24-Dec	Chris Moser	
11-Jan	01/08-01/14		31-Dec	Donna Long	
18-Jan	01/15-01/21	**MLK Weekend**	7-Jan	Chris Cooney	Snowshow/Family Week
25-Jan	01/22-01/28		14-Jan	Chris Moser	Family Weekend
1-Feb	01/29-02/04		21-Jan	Kerry Klotz	
8-Feb	02/05-02/11	**Superbowl**	28-Jan	Mike Burbridge	
15-Feb	02/12-02/18	**President's Weekend**	4-Feb	Dave Young	Snowshow/Family Week
22-Feb	02/19-02/25		11-Feb	Ken Chodkiewicz	Family Weekend
1-Mar	02/26-03/04		18-Feb	Kerry Klotz	
8-Mar	03/05-03/11		25-Feb	Dave Young	
15-Mar	03/12-03/18	**St. Patrick's Dinner**	4-Mar	Chris Cooney	
22-Mar	03/19-03/25		11-Mar	Nancy Mathieson	Family Weekend
29-Mar	03/26-04/01		18-Mar	Donna Long	
5-Apr	04/02-04/08		25-Mar	Jack McDevitt	
12-Apr	04/09-04/15		1-Apr	Mike Burbridge	
19-Apr	04/16-04/22		8-Apr	Kerry Klotz	
26-Apr	04/23-04/29		15-Apr	Jim Ferrone	
3-May	04/30-05/06		22-Apr	Chris Cooney	
10-May	05/07-05/13		29-Apr	Dave Young	
17-May	05/14-05/20		6-May	Donna Long	
24-May	05/21-05/27		13-May	Jim Ferrone	
31-May	05/28-06/03		20-May	Chris Moser	

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