



WASC has a new President!

WATCHUNG BELONGS TO IT'S MEMBERS!

By Deena Altman

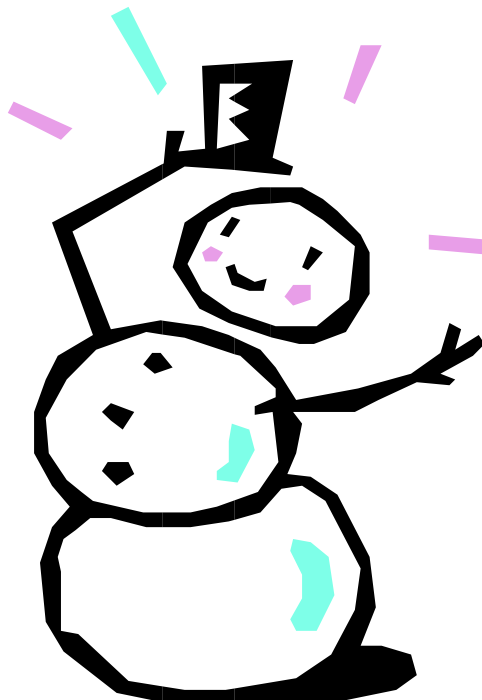
As the summer of 2002 moves on, I would like to reflect on the last ski season and project some thoughts for the new one to come. In spite of a difficult beginning due to all the fears concerning 9/11, Watchung persisted to meet its goals. Looking ahead, many exciting things are in place for the 2002-2003 ski season. The Club succeeded in the face of some problems. Watchung ran many successful trips in 2002 even though there appeared to be little snow. We often for-

get that just because we don't see snow here, there is snow where it counts. Another impediment we faced was the absence of

our President Ted for many of the meetings due to his work obligations. This gave me a chance to try on the role and it gave all of you a chance to realize how important each and every member is to the success of an organization.

The Officers and Council Members have met to plan many trips and activities for the new season. The 2 new officers, VP Anthony "Honey" Mascolo and Secretary Deb Kessler, have great ideas to contribute to a successful season. Along with the help of the old officers and committee members Bob G., Cathy N., Michele M., Kurt F., Ted N., John C, and Frank G., things are in place to start the new season off with a BANG in September.

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Let's make this the best ski season EVER!

Special points of interest:

- *Bobby G turned the BIG 50!!*
- *Congratulations to Karen & Chuck Krumm, married on July 7th, 2002!*
- *Kelly Kirchberg & Eric Brandzel tied the knot on September 1! Congratulations!*
- *Congrats to "soon to be member" Tom Briede (Victory Bike & Ski) and Nicole, who also tied the knot on September 1!*
- *Congrats to Kurt, who starts a new teaching career at Brealey High School!*

THANKS to the best Ski club!

By Ted Nevins

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you! Being President of WASC has been a privilege that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I wish I could have been around more during the past year, but there was a

positive side to it...Deena stepped in and did a wonderful job.

Deena, I know you will be an excellent President. Good luck, and I wish you all the best. I would also like to thank the rest of the Council,

Bob G., Jean Marie K., Chuck K., Michele M., Frank G., John "Ski", Cathy N., Paul & Anna Y., Pete R., Bob Graul and Kurt F., Thanks to all of the trip leaders, and Pura who ran the Banquet. All the best for the 2002-2003 season!

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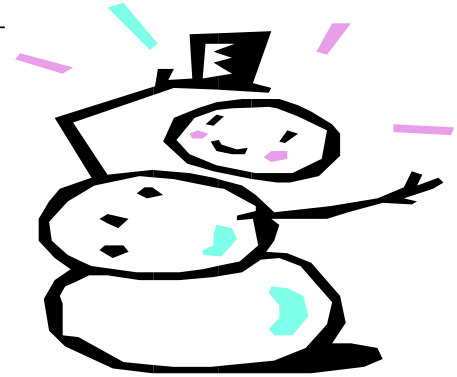
Come out for the first meeting on September 19th to find out the details. Watchung belongs to each and every one of its members. It is important to get the thoughts, feelings, and suggestions from each one of you. As the new President, I need this input from all of you in order to carry out the traditions set in motion over 60 years ago by the original members.

Our purpose, to "promote, foster, and perpetuate the sport of skiing in all its branches and do so with dignity and honor", can be achieved through the friendships developed while helping

each other advance skiing opportunities.

Watchung has a good core of consistent members. I will be calling on each of you to do 3 things as the year goes on; run activities, bring in new members, and help reconnect with older members who have become uninvolved at the present.

With the help of all of you, 2002-2003 will be the best ski season ever!



A note from the Editor

Hi everyone! Hope you've enjoyed the summer...I can't believe it's over! I'm excited about the upcoming ski season, and being the new Editor! I've been asked by many to publish something every month during the season, and I can do that. Of course, YOU will make the newsletter what it is...if you give me articles, we'll have a traditional Hill Echoes. If you don't give me articles,

"You will make the newsletter what it is....give me articles please!"

then you'll get whatever I can get out! It can be a calendar or just a little postcard with a reminder of an event. but please, remember to HOLD ON TO this first newsletter with all of the dates! The Council has scheduled some great trips and they will be confirmed in every mailing. I will be asking many of you personally (especially the Committee members) to give me articles on a regular basis. I

by Cathy Nevins

will also be editing articles, so please don't be offended if your article gets a "trim" or is modified in some fashion. I will ask, if possible, for your article to be in WORD, emailed or on disc. If you can't get to a computer, then a handwritten version given to me at a meeting or mailed to me would be fine.

One last comment....a big thanks to Jean Marie Krahnert for her hard work last season as Editor of Hill Echoes. Good job JM!

Join us....on the Twin Lights Ride

Do you enjoy bicycling? Then you'll enjoy an organized ride with friends in the lovely Atlantic Highlands. The date is Sunday, September 29th, rain or shine!

Presented by Bike New York and Highlands Business Partnership, you'll enjoy this chance to cycle in beautiful beachfront and country-side settings. Cue sheets will be provided, for either 14, 28, 48 or 62 miles. All roads will be shared with motor traffic.

The start point is Sandy Hook. Up a hill from the town of Highlands is the historic Twin Lights, once the primary seacoast light guiding ships into New York harbor. A trip up the steep hill is well worth the climb to a great view of the whole sweep of the Atlantic, New York Harbor, and the Manhattan skyline on the horizon. For information and pre-registration (\$30.00) click on www.bikenewyork.org, or ask Cathy Nevins.



Twin Lights Ride—September 29



The NEW Calendar!! 2002-2003 Ski Season

Hey Chungers!! Are you ready for a fun filled new season of skiing and socials? Here's a list of just a few things we've put together for you!

- First meeting—September 19th
- Thanksgiving Cheesecake sale starts— September 19th
- NJSC Annual Ski Jamboree—October 18th
- Halloween Party—October 31st
- Open House—November 14th
- Cheesecakes delivered—November 21st
- Club Birthday Party Covered Dish— December 5th
- Bus Trip, Hunter Mountain— December 8th or 15th
- No meeting—December 26th
- First Club Meeting after New Year— January 2
- Vermont Bus Trip—January 10th to January 12th
- Club Social Pasta Night—January 16th
- Bus trip, Ski Windham—January 26th
- Bus Trip, To Be Advised—February 9th
- Western Night at the Elks, February 20th
- Western Trip to Mammoth Mountain, CA, February 22—March 1st
- Club Outing & Race—March 9th
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner—March 13th
- Trip to Mr. St. Anne, Canada—March 19th—23rd
- Spring Open House—April 10th
- Annual Meeting—April 24th
- Annual Banquet—April 26th
- NY Bike Tour—May 3rd

Powerful reasons for tuning your skis!!

by Cathy Nevins

Tuned Skis = more fun!
Tuned Skis = more safety!
Tuned Skis = more control!
Tuned Skis = easier skiing!

**Extend the life of your skis....
TUNE THEM UP!!**

Tuning is an investment in skiing pleasure! It's better than a new pair of skis, because most new skis lack a finished tune when you buy them.

You spend a lot of money on ski equipment, ski clothing, lift tickets, food, housing, etc. Then, unaware, you step into skis with dull, burred edges, gouged bottoms, and unwaxed, oxidized P-Tex bases.

Surprise....! Most brand new skis need to be tuned before you ski on them! Untuned skis sacrifice 40–80% of the skis' performance. Untuned skis are not as

safe. Untuned skis lack control. Untuned skis are not as much fun as tuned skis. Many people get their skis professional tuned once per season. That's okay if you only ski 3 or 4 days per year. More than 4 days, you absolutely need to return.

Do it and prove to yourself that the benefits are significant!

For technical questions about ski tuning, be sure to ask Tom or Chris from Victory. They'd be happy to help!

Paul & Anna's ...Thanks for another great party!!



July 4th, 2002



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The Newsletter of the Watchung
Amateur Ski Club

Save the Date!!October 18, 2002

The NJ Ski Council will be hosting the Ski Jamboree again this year at The Westin in Morristown, NJ. The date is October 18th, and the exhibit hours are from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. A buffet dinner will be served, \$20.00 per person, and there is a cash bar. Something new this year, is a silent auction fundraiser for the Jimmy Heuga Ski Express for MS. General admission is free.

This is a great time and location for us to get out and mingle, not only with other clubs, but more importantly with the representatives from ski resorts. The "dance party" begins at 7 pm until 1 am, and door prizes will be raffled off as well towards the end of the evening. Some of the prizes are

terrific....weekends in VT, new ski equipment, lift tickets, your occasional lunch bag! (right, Tony?!!)

In the past, Watchung has come out and supported this event wholeheartedly...Thank you! As you know, it's a perfect opportunity for us to advertise our Open House and club trips! There will be over 40 ski clubs there this year, so we need to make another great showing! Last year, there were at least 12 of us there, and we were able to visit every mountains' table, and personally invite the reps to our Open House. Whether they can or cannot attend, they usually give us great prizes! Our friends from Okemo and Stowe have attended the last 2 years, and gave away two or



NJSC Jamboree...come out and support the Club!

three sets of lift tickets and other cool stuff. If the reps can't attend, they'll at least send lift tickets for the door prize raffle. So, if you're free that night, and want to share a few good laughs.....come on out, have a beer, and experience what New Jersey ski clubs have to offer. Then, you'll know WASC is the best!!