



H I L L E C H O E S

Happy Thanksgiving!

President's Message by Deena Altman

AS the holiday season approaches, Thanksgiving, Christmas /Chanukah, and New Years will soon be here. And, of course, there is the annual WASC Birthday Party to help motivate anyone not already pumped up with the anticipation of hitting the slopes. (Some of our eager members have been lucky enough to venture out early.) But first, we should reflect on the importance of these upcoming holidays.

Thanksgiving: What is there to be thankful for? Each of us has his or her own set of special family and/or life experiences to appreciate, savor, and not take for granted. In addition, there is WASC. The original founders had the

foresight to establish something that would last, providing easier access to the slopes in order to enjoy skiing with friends. We should be thankful for these men and women who loved skiing as much as we do today and put their efforts into establishing WASC. To show our appreciation to them, we should continue their legacy by actively doing our part in keeping the traditions alive.

Christmas/Chanukah: This is the time of year we reflect on the goodness in the human spirit, and show appreciation to those people who are important in our lives. The search for finding the right gifts often causes

much stress and tension. What is supposed to be a peaceful, loving time is often turbulent, obscuring the original purpose of the season. What should be of utmost importance is not the material process of gift giving but the expression of love and peace for family, friends, and all humanity on the planet.

For WASC, "Mother Nature" provides the best of all gifts, the snow we need that enables us to ski. While skiing, we can give each other the gifts of friendship. This gift of snow is uplifting for each one of us personally and for the group as a whole. It allows us to experience our sense of internal peace which allows us to reach out to others. Continued on Page 3

Cheesecake Sale— 278 sold!

By Cathy Nevins

A special **THANKS** to Michele Marron for heading up the Cheesecake sale again this year! With the help and support of 15 people, WASC was able to put together an order for 278 cheesecakes from Cinderella Cheesecakes! They

were delivered the week before Thanksgiving in time for the holiday. The Club profit was well over \$1200.00, and in the words of Michele..."we could have done so much better if every Club member just bought one!" Did you buy a cheesecake...why not??

Thanks to the following people; Paul Y, Nicole & Tom, Carol M, Donna C, Michele M, Ted & Cathy, Bob G, Ralph B, John S, JR, Joan L, Adrienne B, Deena & Lyn J.

Great Job !



Special points of interest:

- Calendar of Events
- Tips from Ernie
- Thoughts on Membership
- Special Olympics -Volunteers needed
- Early Sign Ups & Mammoth, CA

Schedule of Events

- ◆ November 14—Annual Open House
- ◆ November 21—Business Meeting and Cheesecake Delivery
- ◆ November 28—Thanksgiving (no meeting)

December

- ◆ December 5—Birthday/Christmas Party
- ◆ **December 15—Warm Up Sunday Bus Trip, Hunter—Call Cathy Nevins**

November 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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From the Safety Committee....

By Ernie Bieser

Learn to be an Instructor—

Looking for a position teaching at your favorite area? Want to volunteer your time for your Club? Join the Amateur Ski Instructors Association. Take the Alpine or Snowboard Certification at Belleayre, West Point or Montage. For more information, contact the Amateur Ski Instructors Association, 28 Park Drive, Woodstock NY 12498.

Learn to be a Ski Patroller—

Do you know someone who's interested in becoming a patroller? If they're a good skier or rider and have what it takes, the National Ski Patrol invites them to participate in this special event. SKI WITH A PATROLLER DAY at Mountain Creek on January 11th and February 8th, 2003. For more info or to reserve your spot, contact Christ Brodersen at 973-209-2887 or Rob Menzer at 973-827-3900, ext 442.

Tips for Today:

- 1) Get those bindings checked!
- 2) Get in shape; walk, bike, hike, skate, workout 45 min/day, 3 days or more per week.
- 3) Maybe you should check into buying a helmet. It's not for everyone...ask a pro.
- 4) Clean the bottom of your ski boots. Remove the dirt and gravel and your binding will work better.
- 5) Is your car ready for winter?

President's Message....continued!

New Years: The past year is coming to an end and the new year is almost a reality. We reflect about how our actions can be improved in order to be better human beings in all aspects of our lives. And equally important, we think about how we can be in better shape physically and emotionally in order to be better able to confront all of life's demands.

So how can this be achieved? Not by coming up with grandiose but unrealistic pronouncements. Take little steps with which you can succeed. Be alert to both physical and emotional issues. Reach out to help others. By doing so, you'll find the inner peace within yourself.

This brings us back to the WASC Birthday Party. This December, WASC will be 64 years old. We will all mark the event by meeting to begin the new ski season with all the excitement of what the ski season will bring. We must be thankful for WASC and not take it for granted. But we must all celebrate each other. We are WASC and our efforts will keep the club healthy. This season has started off well due to the efforts of many individuals who should not be taken for granted either.

Those people who have given their time and efforts to run events deserve a special thanks. The Oktoberfest, Jamboree, Open House, and cheese cake sale went over well because of the ef-

forts of dedicated members. The Birthday Party, dinners, and trips are in good hands also. Now the task is to support the club by signing up for trips and events in a timely fashion so we can make 2002-2003 another great year. After seeing how well the earlier events went, I'm sure the rest will follow suit.

Now we need to put our efforts into the business at hand: SKIING!



Winter Games Volunteers Needed

By Tom Hassard

For many years, WASC has provided volunteer skiers for the NJ Special Olympics Winter Games. Volunteers are always needed for various positions at the Winter games. NJ Special Olympics provides sports training and competition for people with mental retardation in a variety of sports. At the Winter Games, Alpine Skiing is one of the sports. The events are Downhill, Slalom, and Giant Slalom competition at three levels of S.O. skiers ability; novice, intermediate

and advanced. This winter 2003, Alpine Skiing Time Trials are scheduled on Tuesday, 1/7 and Wednesday, 1/8 at Mountain Creek Ski Area. The Winter Games for Alpine Skiing are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, 2/3 and 2/4, also at Mountain Creek. Volunteer skiers are needed as "escorts" for groups and individuals at the Intermediate and Advanced levels of competition. Also some volunteer skiers are assigned to ski with S.O. skiers during the day as well as providing support when the

S.O. skier competes in their competition events. To volunteer for the Alpine Skiing events, you must complete the registration form, and indicate your area of interest. Eight -10 weeks later, you will receive an ID card, and a seasonal volunteer form to complete and send back. Volunteer registration forms are available at the meetings. Or, you can visit www.sonj.org for further info about volunteering. Let's have good representation from WASC this year at the Games!

On Membership...

By Frank Garcia

In the W.A.S.C, I am the one known as the "Membership Person", a function I am more than happy to perform. In reality we are all potential membership people.

Now that the leaves have changed color and the mornings chillier, conversations turn to hitting the slopes

again and all about past ski excursions. We are sooooo ready! Let's hope we have a great winter, and pick up some new prospective members! Isn't there someone YOU know at work,

"Come out to a meeting, and don't forget to sign the book!"

friends and/or family that might make a good candidate? Why not give it a try and become a membership person too?!

Early "thanks" for any attempts you make.

The Importance of Early Sign Ups ...And a little about Mammoth

By John "Ski"

Many people don't realize the procedures involved in arranging trips for large groups, particularly those trips that include air travel. In order to secure 30-40 airline seats, **a reservation must be made nine months in advance.** Yes, we start working on next seasons trip soon after the previous season ends. This reservation must be accompanied with a large initial deposit, which increases from year to year. The final payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. (Lodging properties are also requesting earlier payments too!) At that time, a passenger list of names must be sent to the airline. Those persons not signed up and paid will not be on that list. At the discretion of the airline, anyone signing up late will be subject to seat availability and possibly a higher ticket price. Therefore, to sum it all up, the 60 day payment date for **Mammoth** is **December 20th, 2002.** The 60 day payment

date for **Quebec City** is **January 17, 2003.** So please....sign up and get your payment in on time if you intend to go on these trips! Thank you!



A little about Mammoth...

Mammoth Mountain's massive size and endless variety of terrain has long made it the preferred winter playground for California Skiers. Mammoth has it all; average snow fall of over 32 feet, a 3100 foot vertical, 3500 skiable acres and stunning views of the Sierra Mountains from the panoramic summit. The mountain is huge, with plenty of terrain to satisfy every type of skier. The upper mountain range is all above tree line and is said to be as close as you can get to European skiing. With 27 lifts including 2 gondolas, one 6-pack and 8 high speed quads, lift lines are rare except on the weekend when thousands of Californians invade the resort. One word of caution—expect to meet up with some weird people!

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Mary Frances Smith, Vincent Carcchidi, Art McConville, Rod Specht, Jerry Krahnert and Lydia Hoffert enjoying themselves at Alice Luthmans 80th birthday party.