

# Ski Scoop



The Newsletter of the Short Hills Ski Club

Summer 2006

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Tom Milner has handed the editorial reins of the Ski Scoop to me and this is my first issue. I would like to give many thanks to Tom for being the editor of the ski scoop for the past few years. He has done a great job of carrying on the tradition of this newsletter and the Ski Scoop will miss him. The Ski Scoop was first issued in November 1954.

Besides serving as Ski Scoop editor, Tom has been involved with the club in many capacities, including General Treasurer, Board member, providing treasury audits and coordinating ski instruction weekends. The club thanks him for his many contributions over the years.

With the increased use of the website, the newsletter will now be published on a quarterly basis and the primary means of distribution will be via the website & email. I will coordinate with our webmaster, Teddy Heide- mann, and have the newsletters posted online, so you can always pull the most recent version, as well as back issues.

The highlights of this newsletter include:

- Spring Banquet Recap
- Letter on Forestry
- Spotlight on the President
- Upcoming Events

I hope you enjoy this issue!

Irene (Stojko) Huhner

## Hey! SHUTTERBUGS!



### SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

The easiest way to do this is to contact our webmaster via our webpage. Or just give him a CD with your digital photos. He will upload the photos to the webpage.

## 2006-2007 ELECTION RESULTS!

We would like to welcome this year's newly elected board members!

Please check the back page to see who is on the board this year.

And remember to thank the Board Members for all their hard work!

## SPRING BANQUET RECAP

This year's spring banquet was held at the Ryland Inn in Whitehouse NJ. Ticket price included passed Hors d'Oeuvres, dinner, dessert, DJ, dancing, awards and more! There was a free shuttle bus to and from the banquet, a complimentary room for pre/post party and a complimentary breakfast. Many thanks to Bill Selvidio for coordinating this effort.



This year's award recipients:

Barney Sarossey: Charlie Screiber\*  
Most Ski Days Male: Dave Kayhart  
Most Ski Days Female: Mariann Mann  
600 Ski Days: Dave Kayhart  
200 Ski Days: John Lambert  
100 Ski Days: Chad Watkins, Jim Weiss, Tom Milner

\* See page 4 for more info on the Barney Sarossey award

Vermont is wonderful in the summer!

The membership had approved hiring a forester and to pay for a forest plan. This is a Forest plan letter from Randy Wilcox and is the first response we have received. No action or follow-up is currently required by the membership. It is reprinted here to keep the members informed of the research.

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May 1, 2006  
Mr. Chad Watkins  
Short Hills Ski Club  
1606 Park Place  
Springfield, NJ 07081

Dear Chad -

I have completed the field review and data collection necessary to enroll the Ski Club land into the Vermont Use Value Appraisal Program (UVA). Some issues/problems have come to light in the course of this review that need to be addressed. Since we have not been able to meet here in Vermont, I will try to explain the concerns in this letter.

A description of 4 different forest stands follows describing their past management history and present condition. A preliminary sketch map of the parcel is enclosed showing the location of these 4 forest stands.

Stand 1 - West side RT. 100 (across from clubhouse) 22 acres. This area is comprised of predominately small spruce timber and poles with scattered White pine and Balsam fir. Past harvest history appears to have been a harvest of scattered larger spruce & fir timber approx. 12-15 years ago. This area does presently have sufficient stocking to warrant a selective harvest,

However, value and economic return will not be great since most of trees to harvest are small diameter and spruce value is not high relative to other species.

Stand 2 - West side R T. 100 (across from clubhouse) 26 acres. This area is comprised of a mix of larger White pine timber with scattered spruce on steeper slopes. Past harvest history appears to have been a harvest of scattered pine timber approx. 12-15 years ago from the more easily accessible areas within this stand. This area does presently have sufficient stocking to warrant a selective harvest however value and economic return will not be great since most of trees to harvest are pine and spruce, and their value is not high relative to other species. Also some sections are not operable due to steep terrain.

Stand 3 - East side Rt. 100, 65 acres east side White River. This stand comprises most of the woodland on the east side of the White River. Presently this stand consists of scattered small diameter hardwood timber and pole size trees along with a lot of lower value, poor quality firewood trees. There was a timber harvest of the larger diameter, more valuable species from this area 12-15 years ago. More recently another harvest of most of the remaining timber size and higher value trees was done over most of this area. These past two harvests appear to have been "logger's choice" harvests during which the higher value and better quality trees were removed while the lower quality/less valuable trees were left behind. Many of the trees left are only pulpwood or firewood quality with little to no potential to improve or grow into valuable timber trees. Quite frankly this was poor forest management and consequently it will be at least

25 years before there will be sufficient volume and value of timber to justify another harvest in this area. Additionally, the logging roads used during this most recent harvest were not properly "water barred" following the harvest to prevent erosion and stabilize these roads for future use. During my field review I only noted a few waterbars just across from the White River crossing.

There has been and continues to be erosion on many sections of the logging roads.

Stand 4- East side Rt. 100, 15 acres east side White River. This stand is situated on the steeper slopes towards the height of the ridge. There are a lot of ledge outcrops and much of this area is not operable. Past harvest history and logging road problems are the same as Stand 3. Given the Ski Club's objective of enrolling the land into the Vermont Use Value Appraisal Program (UVA), in order to reduce annual property taxes, as well as continuing to receive periodic economic

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# Spotlight on the President

Each issue, the *Ski Scoop* highlights one of the club's members.

Doreen Cashen has been our club president since 2004. She was recently re-elected to her third term. Prior to becoming our president, she was VP of Membership, Hospitality Chairperson and Spring Banquet Chairperson. She has been a member since 2000. She works as a Scientist and is also interested in travelling, sailing and Texas Hold'em Poker. We thank her for her continued service to the club.



In addition to running all club meetings, the office of president involves the following:

- Be responsible for the well-being and effective operation of the club
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees
- Appoint committees as he/she feels necessary, and appoint chairmen of all committees except those specifically designated as the responsibility of other officers or the Board of Trustees

- Familiarity with the articles of incorporation and bylaws, and all policies including membership, lodge and trip sign-up as well as Robert's Rules of Order.
- Arrange for a club member to perform a financial audit of the general and lodge treasurer's books for the prior year. A written audit report should be provided to the Board upon completion of the audit.
- Ensure that policies for lodge, membership and sign-ups are reviewed at a Board meeting during a summer meeting. Update policies accordingly and distribute with applications. Applications are normally sent out in September/October, so coordinate timing accordingly.
- Ensure that controls are in place to update the database for new members and address changes.
- Coordinate Blue Book updates. Revisions should be completed in the spring so that they can be incorporated into the Blue Books in time for the joint meeting when the books are transferred. The Blue Book is a compilation of club policy.

## September budget review

Once the Board approves the Budget, membership is notified that the Budget is available for the Active members.

Active members should remember to raise any issues with the budget to the board prior to the general meeting, so that they may affectively address all concerns.

Please remember to come out and support this important event.

## Forestry, continued from on page 2

return from future timber harvests there are some decisions to be made and expectations that need to be clarified.

In order to enroll Stands 3 and 4 into UVA it will be necessary to have a bulldozer go back and put waterbars/diversions on the existing roads. The Addison County Forester will not accept these areas into UVA until that work is completed. You can elect not to enroll these areas into UVA and continue to pay regular property taxes on these areas, and no road repair work would be required. In any event it will be 25+ years before there will be any income from these Stands due to past management practices.

Stands 1 and 2 can be enrolled into UVA and a selective harvest implemented probably as soon as this summer or fall, however this will be a thinning and cannot be a logger's choice harvest as has been done in the past. There will be some economic return from this harvest however you will not be able to go back and log this area again for another 15 years + or - in order to maintain proper and sustainable forest management.

The open hayland behind the clubhouse can be enrolled in UVA.

I realize this is a lot of information to process and I expect there will be questions. My preference would be to meet with you and other club members here in Vermont if possible. If you would like to meet or communicate with the Addison County Forester for his thoughts on your woodland and enrollment into UVA, his name is Chris Olson, phone # 802-388-4969 or Email: [chris.olson@state.vt.us](mailto:chris.olson@state.vt.us) ;

Sincerely,

Randy Wilcox



Show your support and purchase SHSC clothing! See Linda Moakler.

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### 2006-2007 Board Members

President	Doreen Cashen
VP Membership	Keith Wilcox
VP Lodge	Chad Watkins
General Treasurer	John Zimnoch
Lodge Treasurer	Dotty Klein
Secretary	Tim Brogran
Elected Trustee	Tom Brogan (2005-2007)
Elected Trustee	Rob Pabst (2006-2008)
Board Chariman	Tom Brogan
Trustee	John Adamson
Trustee	David Kapner
Trustee	Mariann Mann
Trustee	Marie Nardino
Trustee	Jack Walker

### 2006-2007 Other Contacts

Newsletter Editor	Irene (Stojko) Huhner
Webmaster	Ted Heidemann
Competition	TBD
Discount Lift Tickets	TBD
Ski Jamboree	TBD
NJ Ski Council	Susan Donlan
Party	TBD
Spring Banquet	TBD

## Share!

- Have an idea or an article for a future newsletter?
- Have any interesting updates on a former or current member?
- Have a favorite stop while going to/from the lodge?
- Have a favorite skiing website?
- Have a favorite place in Vermont?

Send your ideas to Irene (Stojko) Huhner at [irene0001@yahoo.com](mailto:irene0001@yahoo.com)

All submissions are subject to editing.

## What is the Barney Sorossy Award?

Barney Sorossy was a member of the SHSC in the early/mid 1960s. Barney had been a freedom fighter in his native Hungary, taking part in the unsuccessful 1956 Hungarian Uprising. He came to the USA after escaping from Hungary by swimming across the Danube River. Joining the SHSC, he became a very well liked and admired member for both his cheerful and helpful personality and for his willingness to expend himself in all ways for the good of the club.

At the time of Barney's untimely death from a staph infection, this annual award was established to be given to members whose contributions and services to the club are judged to most closely emulate those of Barney.



## VISIT OUR NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE!

## Upcoming Events

July 1	July 4th Weekend
July 8	Relay Race Weekend @ Lake Dunmore
July 11	Monthly meeting
July 15	Family weekend
August 8	Monthly meeting
August 5	Dedication of Carmen Restine Memorial
August 12	Barbecue Weekend
September 9	Golf Weekend
September 12	Monthly meeting (membership budget approval)
September 30	Work Weekend
October 10	Monthly meeting
October 21	Work Weekend
November 18	Work Weekend

Check out the  
**NEW** website  
calendar for the  
latest events and  
more details!

SHSC meets at 8:00pm at the Elks Club, Maple Street in Summit NJ.



Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month until November!