

# The EDGE



HUDSON VALLEY  
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

## Member Profile: Frank Van Zanten

by Donna Augustine

A few years ago, I walked into a ski lodge with Frank Van Zanten. While getting our water, a complete stranger came up to him and asked if the 80+ sticker Frank had on his snowboard reflected his age. Nodding affirmatively, the stranger asked if Frank would follow him to his friends' table. Once there, in all of Vanna White style, the stranger presented Frank as "exhibit A" to his friends. The friends had been trying to tell this 40+ stranger that he was too old for snowboarding, he should switch to skiing. Frank was living proof that age has nothing to do with enjoying the sport.

Frank will tell you he hasn't always been a boarder. As a skier, having just turned 70, he was looking down from a chair lift at a group of younger folk cavorting with snowboards. He thought their interactions looked so fun; he describes having an "upper life crisis". He felt he needed to take up the sport! He tried, enjoyed, and the rest is history. Frank is one of our token snowboarders, representing the boarding generations of 20+, 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, and his elite status of 80+!

In the May issue of "The Edge", there was a beautiful picture of Mount Shuksan, located in the state of Washington. Recognizing the location, Frank provided the following memory, thanking Melanie (our newsletter editor) for her work. Quoting him directly allows you also to meet Frank, who is rich in history, culture, and warmth. Frank's words:

*"I was so pleased with your choice of photo for the end-page. Mount Shuksan was an hour and a half drive from the little village (Lynden) in northwest Washington State where our family arrived after immigrating to the US in 1946 and where I spent my high-school years. Mount Shuksan and surrounding area were a frequent destination for hikes and family picnics and blueberry picking along the shore of Mirror Lake (also shown in the photo). During the winter months a few of us guys would travel the same*



*route to nearby Mount Baker where I learned to ski... quite an adventure for a kid who only recently had given up ice skating on the frozen canals of the flat-as-a-lake The Netherlands. My equipment consisted of straight, white painted skis, with bear claw bindings, and boots bought at an Army Surplus store (there were many in those days) for \$25. Mount Baker, known for its record setting seasonal snowfall of some 200 inches, operated in those years with only one lodge, one rope tow, and no grooming. Even with the help of an aluminum rope-gripper it took every ounce of one's strength to hang on to the rope as it made its upward trip during the initial Saturday hours through the very deep snow which had accumulated during the previous 5 days. The lodge and slopes operated only on weekends. We could only go on Saturdays because on Sunday we had to go to church.*

*Three years ago, after a 69-year absence, I revisited the place... this time with a snowboard. Obviously, nothing resembled my experience and memory... all replaced with two lodges, multiple chairlifts and good grooming."*

Frank is an inspiration to all of us, truly living life to the fullest. His passions are varied, based on the season. Coming out of the snowboarding season finds Frank shifting his focus and enthusiasm to gardening. His family made a living ever since the mid 1800's in horticulture, growing many of the Netherland bulbs. Fortunately for the HVSC this translates to an annual garden party in Frank's gardens.

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## Club Information

### Club Officers

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Ski Trips: Jim Gahn

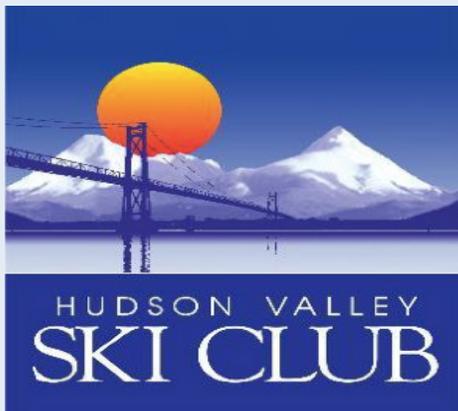
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Contact information is available in the  
Online Membership Directory  
on the club website.

[www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org](http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org)

Or queries may be sent to  
info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org



## President's Message



Greetings to all!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. I've been concentrating on learning to play golf but don't know how much longer I can endure the learning curve.

It was very encouraging to see so many members, 75, attend the summer picnic. It was a combination of a beautiful day and good food and conversation. Many thanks to all who contributed to its success.

We will continue to have our member meetings at the Legion on the first Wednesday evening at 7pm for July and August.

The trip committee has finalized the club's western trips to Steamboat and Aspen/Snowmass, though both trips need a single male roommate to complete their rosters. And both trips are now only accepting waitlist persons. They have nearly finished the eastern trip destinations as well. Killington and Sugarbush accept the IKON pass, so if there are those who might be considering one of the western trips and also one of these locations, the IKON pass or the Base Plus pass might make economic sense.

We have had many successful events so far including kayaking at beautiful Chodikeye Lake, hiking, biking and golfing, too! A heartfelt thank you to those members who participated at the Outdoor Expo sponsored by the Catskill Visitors Center in Mount Tremper. The group introduced the HVSC to many potential members. There was an archery team teaching us how to use the compound bow. That was fun. I started at 0 for 5 but stayed at it until I was 10 for 10. I was nowhere near the bullseye but hit the target!

Another fun adventure planned by Jay Brenner was Ride the Rails, in which everyone experienced the magic of the historic Ulster & Delaware Railroad travelling along the Esopus Creek through the Catskill Mountains.

A reminder to save the date for the tailgating party at West Point on September 17th. The Black Knights will play the Villanova Wildcats at Michie Stadium. It should be a good game.

Everyone enjoy a Happy Independence Day weekend.

Best,  
Bet

## Summer Meetings

During the months of July and August the Hudson Valley Ski Club will meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

### Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The next newsletter deadline for the August Edge is **July 20**.

Please send all content, stories & photos to Alan Imhoff @ [alanimhoff@gmail.com](mailto:alanimhoff@gmail.com)

### Social Media Submissions

The HVSC social media coordinator is Melanie Michon. If you have events or announcements you would like posted on the Club's Facebook or Instagram pages, please contact Melanie @ [melaniemichon@yahoo.com](mailto:melaniemichon@yahoo.com)



### Connect on Facebook

Check the [HVSC Facebook page](#) to connect with members on current club events and happenings.

Be sure to check our summer activity schedule on the HVSC Website and also the HVSC Facebook page to connect with members for current club events and happenings.

Planning an outing? Want to hike, bike, or hit the road for a day but need a buddy? Post the details on our Facebook page and find other club members to join you.

Don't go it alone, that's why you joined a club! Post on our Facebook page and invite your HVSC friends.



HVSC at Catskill Expo on June 11.  
(Thanks Pat M for organizing.)



## Join Us For These Upcoming Events

Hello Ski Lovers! I'd like to introduce myself as one of your new Board of Directors for this wonderful Ski Club. My name is Jay Brenner, and this is my 2ND year being a member of your club. I moved to Garrison from Huntington Long Island last year. Now that I am more familiar with the Hudson Valley, I would like to let you know about some of the activities we are undertaking (since there won't be any snow for the next several months).

### 1: Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival: "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play" - July 21st

Yes, the pandemic is over and the wonderful HVSF has moved their tent to Garrison and across from my driveway! I have picked something other than Romeo and Juliet since we all know how that ends.

The picnic can start as early as 5:30PM with the most spectacular views of the Hudson. The show starts at 7:30 PM with an intermission included.

The description of the play:

*"In a not-so-distant future where the grid has failed, society has crumbled, and memories can no longer be stored on hard drives, a group of survivors come together to recreate their vanished world through the life-affirming act of telling stories under the stars. A love letter to live theater, and a hymn of survival and resilience (sung by America's unlikeliest hero, Bart Simpson!), Mr. Burns is an exhilarating exploration of*



*how the pop culture of one era might evolve into the mythology of another."*

Sounds great!!!

We have reserved (20) center seats for a wonderful price of \$65.00 per seat.

I will organize and help with the picnic for all that are not familiar with this event. It is always a most wonderful evening with friends, libations, food and culture!

RSVP by July 10th to Jay@Brennerphoto.com

### 2: Sharon Playhouse "Guys and Dolls" - August 11th

After a 2-year Covid break we are bringing back the wonderful Sharon Playhouse with an entertaining performance of



"Guys and Dolls" on Thursday evening August 11th.

The performance starts at 8:00PM. I am not sure about a picnic BYO beforehand. I am looking for volunteers to help organize this so we can have a great afternoon into the evening. The price for the show is \$20.00 for great seats. We have reserved 20 seats, so please email me ASAP if you are interested in this.

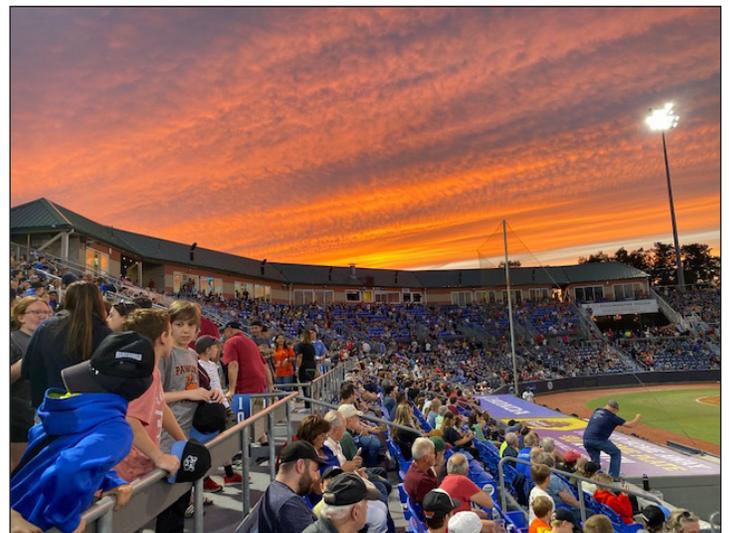
Please email me at Jay@brennerphoto.com.

Well, that's it for now.

I look forward to seeing you all this summer!

~ Jay

## Hudson Valley Renegades game on June 10.



*Save  
The Date*

Summer Garden Party  
at the home of  
Frank Van Zanten

Tentative Date: Saturday, August 6



Hudson Valley Renegades game on June 10.



## HVSC Member Picnic, June 5



Club members enjoying Ride the Rails, June 23.



## Trailsweepers Summer Kayak Schedule

Trips are usually a go if it is sunny, cloudy, or a little bit of rain. They are canceled if weather is not conducive to paddling. Make sure you have the proper equipment to paddle. Life jacket a must.

We would like to shove off at the times shown for each trip so plan on being at each event 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time so you have time to unpack and get ready to rumble!

**For more information or if you have any questions, contact:  
Yvonne @ 845-481-2898 (H) or 845-417-7144 (C) or Kayak John @ 518-719-0490.**

*See you on the water! Paddle On!!*

Date	Time	Meeting place	Description
July 16 Sat.	11 am	Ramshorn Preserve, Catskill	Go up the creek with a paddle!
Aug. 13 Sat	11 am	Rondout Creek, Sleightsburg	Going up a different creek in Kingston
Sept. 12 Mon.	11am	Tivoli Bay, Input at Tivoli	Go to town of Tivoli all the way to rr tracks for input
Oct. 15 Sat.	11 am	Dutchman's Landing, Catskill	Having fun on the Hudson. Go around Rogers Island



**Trailsweepers and HVSC members Kayaking Chodikee Lake on June 4**



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Frank worked in horticulture for a couple years with his father. But following a 2-year stint in the Army, he went to school on the GI bill (University of Washington). After 4 years of enjoying liberal arts, but no real major he was influenced by a group of fun-loving library science majors. He ended his formal education from the University of Michigan with a degree in library science. Frank made the right decision on the date of his commencement, June 17, 1961. Rather than attend his graduation ceremony, he opted to attend his own wedding to Lois. Lois and Frank just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary!



Frank is a reliable volunteer to the community and known and loved by many. He volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and proudly claims to be a compulsive blood donor having given 343 pints of blood or platelets over the years. We were fortunate to have him serve as our club president from 2014-2017.

We are truly glad to have Frank as a continued ski club member and will celebrate with him as he earns his 90+ sticker!!! Thank you for all that you have done for the club Frank, and your continued reminder that age is just a number!



## West Point Football

Army Black Knights

vs.

Villanova Wildcats



Saturday, September 17  
Michie Stadium, West Point

**Come join your fellow HVSC members and guests for pre-game tailgating at Buffalo Soldier Field, West Point. Then walk or take a shuttle to Michie Stadium.**

**Carpooling only – every 4 tickets purchased receives a car pass.**

**Meet at McDonald's parking lot at I-84 and Rt 9.**

***Tickets are \$55 each.***

**Contact Betty Mostachetti at 845 264-1012 or [bmostachetti@gmail.com](mailto:bmostachetti@gmail.com) for details.**

## Call Trip Leaders regarding Western trip openings

Even if trip is full, we'll have waiting lists, since there are always cancellations.  
See HVSC [website](#) Ski Trips tab for package prices and registration forms.

### January 28 – February 4, 2023



Great snow and charming Western town.

Double occupancy hotel rooms on bus route to slopes & town.

Trip Leader:

Betty Mostachetti

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845-264-1012

### March 4 -11, 2023



4 areas: Snowmass, Aspen Mtn, Aspen Highlands, & Buttermilk.

Double occupancy hotel rooms 600' from Snowmass slopes.

Trip Leader:

Keith Faucher

[krfauch@optonline.net](mailto:krfauch@optonline.net)

845-282-0387

## Initial thoughts for our 2023 Eastern trips

Many honor IKON Pass. Subject to change – check website as plans evolve.



*Killington*

IKON Pass honored

January 3-6, 2023

Tue-Thu nights, North Star Lodge



IKON Pass resort

January 17-20, 2023

Tue-Thu nights, Sugar Lodge



IKON Pass resort

February 13-18, 2023

Mon-Fri nights, lodging near Lifts



March 20-23, 2023

Mon/Tue-Thu nights, lodging TBD  
*(then continue on to Smugglers' trip)*



March 24-26, 2023

**Brew & Ski weekend!**

Fri-Sat nights, slope side condos

Contact Jim Gahn to buy IKON Pass good for our Western & Eastern trips.

# HVSC's **Iceland** Adventure, October 8-14, 2022

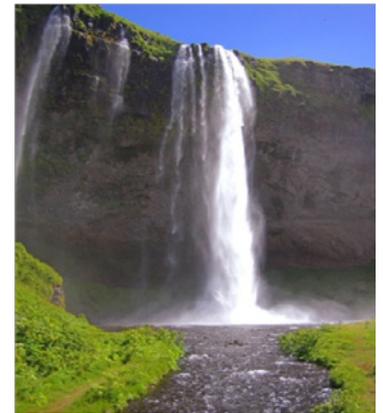
Explore Iceland's natural wonders, including hot springs, glaciers, waterfalls, and the opportunity to see the Northern Lights.

The trip includes transportation to/from Newark Airport, roundtrip flights, hotel, guided sightseeing, and breakfast & dinner.

Sign up online:

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Contact: Nonie Kelley (914) 443-9163 [nkelley902@gmail.com](mailto:nkelley902@gmail.com)



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### Friday Race Training

On Friday evenings, Club members meet at an area restaurant for a couple hours of friendly conversation. We welcome new members and old.

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:  
Susan Kokosa @ 845-229-6786 or  
race\_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

- July 1 Millbrook Vineyards, 26 Wing Rd Millbrook
- July 8 di'Vine Wine Bar, 1 Market St Wappingers Falls
- July 15 Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd Pkpsie
- July 22 Millbrook Vineyards, 26 Wing Rd Millbrook
- July 29 Black Snake Brewing Company,  
148 North Creek Rd Staatsburg

*All event dates are subject to change. Please use the HVSC Website Events Calendar and Facebook page for up-to-date event and meeting information.*

### Calendar of Events

#### July

- 6 Club Meeting @ 7PM American Legion  
55 Overlook Rd, Pkps
- 16 Kayak Ramshorn Preserve, Catskill, 11AM
- 21 Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival:  
"Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play"

#### August

- 3 Club Meeting @ 7PM American Legion  
55 Overlook Rd, Pkps
- 6 Summer Garden Party
- 13 Kayak Rondout Creek, Sleightsburg, 11AM



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