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HUDSON VALLEY
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Meet the Member - Betty Mostachetti

by Donna Augustine

Returning this month is "Meet the Member". The intent of this column is to get to know our members, perhaps in ways that are not always revealed on a mountain while skiing.

There's no greater example of this than with Bet! Many of us have formed an impression of Betty as a fun and skilled skier. One who has befriended us on trips and on the slopes. What you may not know is the depth of knowledge and experiences she possesses on so many subjects. Go for a hike with her and she's describing the type of plants and fungi that you're viewing. Have a beer with her after a day of skiing and the conversation may turn to international affairs, or corporation corruption. Travel with her and she's providing population numbers of areas that I wouldn't even know where to place the decimal. Attend one of her pre-musical events and you'll see her hobby of gardening on full display. You may even sample some of the goods canned from her gardens.

Her insight into all these topics is a result of her inquisitiveness and experiences over a lifetime. Betty grew up in Wingdale, NY with a large immediate and large extended family. If you can picture 19 Mostachetti siblings and cousins all attending the small Wingdale schools, it's hard to imagine the name Mostachetti not conjuring some reaction!

Betty attended the University of Maine, Presque Isle, with a double major in Political Science and French. She studied abroad (France) for an academic year. She then got her graduate degree from SUNY New Paltz, majoring in Education with a concentration in Social Studies. She taught for a couple years. But with teaching jobs not readily available, and needing a reliable retirement, she sought work outside of teaching. Most of her career was with Verizon (20 years). After successfully passing a competitive exam, she was hired as an Installation and Repair Technician, one of few women in the role. She retired from Verizon five years ago.

During our conversations, I learned that Betty is also

multi-lingual. She majored in French, and has traveled to France more than once. She will explain that her Mostachetti family get togethers were laced with Italian. She's got the accent down pat! But the most impressive thing after speaking with her at length, is the language of "Bettyism". Taken out of context, you would never know what the word "mung" meant. But during the conversation, and in context, a comment from Betty of "He was such a mung!", becomes perfectly clear. Lacing a sentence with tone and hand gesture, makes non-words quite clear. Though you may not use them, the words from Betty of "whatchamahoozie" and "thingamajig" seem familiar.

Betty has been passionate about skiing since middle school. With her large family, she always had someone with whom to enjoy skiing. Then life, her daughter, work, and Florida living, interrupted her skiing days. She resumed skiing regularly when an injured HVSC member had to bow out of a trip. Within a couple weeks of the impending trip, she was now about to join a busload of characters whom she had never met. It wasn't until she retired that she became actively involved with the club, and now goes on as many trips as she can. She experiences all that the club has to offer, including golf, a newfound pastime.

For the past few years, Betty has been a key member of the club, serving as Vice President, Acting President, and currently as President. Initially, she had to be somewhat coerced into taking on a board role. She was told she didn't have to attend meetings! She was tempted to have a ghost writer for her "President's Message". But she has successfully grown into her role. She has surrounded herself with a competent board, one in which the elected officers do their specific role and let Betty lead. She has pared the meetings to one per month, has used technology to support the group's mission, has warmly and enthusiastically conveyed past and future events, and now writes her own President's Message, in English!

It is a pleasure to have her as such an integral part of the club, and a pleasure to have gotten to know her many idiosyncrasies! Thank you, Betty, for all that you do! It is truly enjoyed and appreciated!

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Club Information

Club Officers:

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Contact information is available in the
 Online Membership Directory
www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to
secretary@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org



Hi all,

The winter season and skiing continue. Our club ski trips have been great with more to come. We are all so fortunate to have these opportunities and will continue to create more fond memories.

(Remember, March 20th is our rescheduled club meeting. See below regarding the vote on constitution changes, and pizza!).

Thanks,
 Bet



Betty enjoys her time at Stowe Vermont.

Constitution Changes

As described in the February Newsletter, the Constitution Committee has proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Constitution to permit voting via proxy ballot. The proposed changes were discussed at our February meeting and will be voted on at our March meeting so to allow Proxy Voting for our April Elections. Since a quorum is needed to change the Bylaws, we've moved the March meeting to March 20 to avoid conflicts with Telluride or Gore ski trips. **Please plan to attend the March 20 meeting! Pizza will be provided.**

The proposed changes were published in the February Newsletter and are also posted on our website at:

<https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/proxy-voting-for-officers/>.

That webpage also links to the form to request a proxy ballot.





Jean enjoys the spa from a unique angle!



Carl, Gail and Janis also enjoy the spa at day's end!

HVSC Vail Trip, 2024

by Jim Gahn, trip leader

Vail 2024 brought 43 members together to enjoy one overcast and five "blue-sky" days at the Colorado Rockies' premier ski resort. The snow on the trails was terrific in spite of no new snowfall during the ski days. There was no common space at the Vail International Condos for the entire group to assemble but Thursday evening brought most all the group together at Garfinkel's Pub. The tour survived sudden itinerary changes as well as a possible glitch regarding our return flight out of Denver. A storm set in Friday evening potentially jeopardizing our 2:00AM departure for Denver Airport. But all turned out well and we were able to get on the plane for the flight home. All in all, except for a couple of falls and leg issues, everyone had a wonderful ski week and group comradery.



Jean, Sol, Jay, Keith, and Laurie pose for a shot on a beautiful day!



Our bathing beauty, Keith!



Ryan Augustine and (especially) Chris Eschbach assist the bus driver in getting out of our condominium driveway, somehow making it to our Denver flight in the nick of time! That's Chris giving the bus driver guidance after assisting to put on the chains!



Dave enjoys his ski mate!

Stowe Vermont Trip

by Lisa McDonald, trip leader

Since 1937, from the first lift-served runs on Mount Mansfield to the birthplace of the 10th Mountain Division and Alpine skiing, Stowe Vermont has been a premier skiing resort. Established in 1833 nestled within the quaint village of Stowe, The Green Mountain Inn was to be HVSC's perfect home away from home destination.

On Sunday and Monday members arrived and were

welcomed at the well-appointed Inn. Our members were delighted with the historic village where they could walk to restaurants and quaint shops from the conveniently located Inn.

Each morning the Inn offered a variety of delicious full Vermont breakfasts and was served by staff within the fire-place dining room. The grilled cheese sandwich was to become a club favorite.

Our fellow skiers enjoyed the Inn's afternoon tea & cookies supplemented with personal libations. At our first gathering, with Jay's guidance complimented with colorful questions, such as, "Why do you like to ski and tell us a little bit about yourself?" was an ice breaker and introduced our members to each other. We shared information of restaurants, shuttle to mountain, spas, pool and hot tubs were for all to enjoy. Our members then gathered at the Whip Bar & Grill (Inn's bar/restaurant) for more "conversation".

On the second evening, we gathered around the Inn's main fireplace. Complimented with homemade wine and snacks we discussed our day's adventures. Members offered unique tips on how to create a makeshift table out of an ironing board to serve hors d'oeuvres.

Skiing was challenging on the first few days but thanks to mother nature, who provided ample fresh powder for all to enjoy. In conclusion, members enjoyed our Stowe adventure which our team leader believes will become a future club favorite.



Jean, Lisa, Will, Bob, Bet, Shannon, Bob and Larry enjoy the wine room. It appears it's past Jean's bedtime!



Beautiful bluebird days at Stowe!



March 12-15, 2024

Jay Brenner, contact and trip leader



Jay Brenner, contact



Collette Tours & HVSC will be exploring Spain & Portugal October 12-26, 2024.

Nonie Kelley, HVSC contact
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Discounted rate til mid-April

[Sign up here](#)

Highlights: Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia, Valencia, Paella Experience, Granada, The Alhambra, Seville, Choice on Tour: Seville Walking Tour or Guadalquivir River Boat Ride, Flamenco Show, Cordoba, Madrid, The Prado Museum, Toledo, Elvas, Lisbon, Belém, Obidos

See <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1209840> for details.

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

Mar 1 la Catrina, Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park

Mar 8 Cinco de Maya, 404 Manchester Rd Pok

Mar 15 Cafe Maya, 2776 W. Main St Wappingers Falls

Mar 22 di'Vine Wine Bar, 1 Market St Wappingers Falls

Mar 29 Ship Lantern Inn, 1725 Route 9W Milton

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.

March

Mar 2-9* Telluride Ski trip, leader Charlie Shanes

Mar 5 Catamount NJSSC Appreciation Program 40\$ (show sticker on back of your HVSC membership card)

Mar 10 Catamount NJSSC Appreciation Program 56\$ (show sticker on back of your HVSC membership card)

Mar 12-15* Gore Trip, leader Jay Brenner

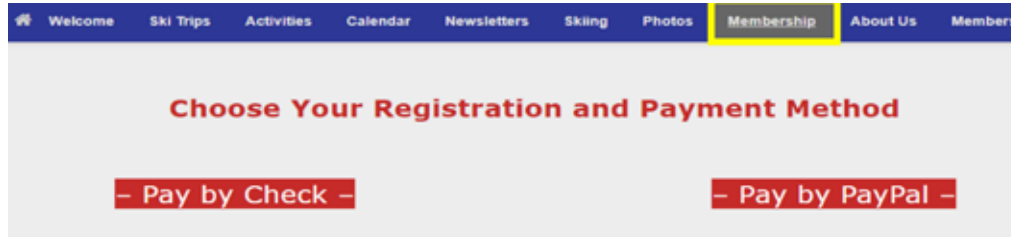
Mar 20* Not the normal date!!! Quorum needed! Club Meeting @ 7:30pm, American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Pok

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*details within newsletter

Reminder! Membership Renewal!

<https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/membership/>



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- Print out completed pdf
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John Ergan
Christopher Gahn
John Merlino



More of the beautiful Stowe trip!

Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The April newsletter deadline is March 15th. Please send all content, stories & photos to:
Alan Imhoff at alanimhoff@gmail.com

Membership Directories

The 2023-2024 Membership Directories are now available and may be picked up and any meeting.

I can also mail them out if you send me a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. The envelope should be a minimum of 6.5" x 9.5".

Postage is \$1.59 for one directory (single memberships) and \$1.83 for two directories (couple memberships).

Pete Gray
Membership

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