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## GE SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### General Membership Meetings

Elks Club 1315 Champlin Ave. Utica, NY 13502

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Meeting starts at 7:00PM

GENERAL MEMBER Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from Sept to April



MEETINGS ARE FREE!!!!

Soda, Wine, Beer, free too!

50/50 Raffle

Door Prizes

Bring a friend...

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Often we have guest speakers....

Any member wishing to submit a Newsletter Article must submit content to the President for approval prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If approved, it will be in the next month's newsletter.

Membership FORMS can be found online at <http://www.geskiclub.org/pdfs/memapp.pdf>

Or TRY OUT NEW WEBSITE: <https://geskiclub.wildapricot.org>

Other forms (GORE BUS Form, General Trip form) can be found online at:

<http://www.geskiclub.org/html/forms.html>

Board Officers' meeting is held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the New Hartford Library.

General members wishing to bring anything up to the Board – please contact the President to be placed on the agenda. For general questions email [info@geskiclub.org](mailto:info@geskiclub.org)

GE Ski Club membership has been upgraded. Membership is now hosted by Wild Apricot webpage. If you haven't already received an email invitation from "GeSkiClub@wildapricot.org" and renewed please do so now using the Membership Page link above.

The link is safe & secure.

Some of the benefits will include:

> You may print a membership card or simply access it online.

> The new system will allow you to access the member database.

> App is also available if you'd like to download it. Thank you for your patience during the transition.

# Happy Hours/TGIF Events and Social Hours

Social Hours Start ~ 5:30 PM

Please note that the rules at each establishment may be slightly different. If you are concerned, contact the restaurant. Come socialize with your ski mates.

<b><i>Happy Hours.....TGIF.....Get Togethers</i></b>
5-17-24 3 Bastards Brewing; 5349 NY-5, Vernon
5-31-24 Burrstone Inn Beer House (Beer Garden) at 1777 Burrstone Rd New Hartford
6-7-24 Cavollo's ( <b>We will root on Club members Ride for Missing Children as they pass by this intersection</b> )
6-21-24 Harpoon Eddies (On the patio weather permitting)
7-12-24 Piggy Pat's (On the patio weather permitting)
7-26-24 Seven Hamlets (On the patio weather permitting)

## Current 2023-24 Club Ski Trips

Contact the [trips@geskiclub.org](mailto:trips@geskiclub.org) to find out more info and make a reservation or see flyers.

Trip Details coming soon, Trip Form attached

Dates	Location	Status
		Planning is happening for 2024/2025 season!

*Also check out the Council Websites for additional trips that they are sponsoring:*

New York Capital District Ski Council: <http://www.nycdsc.org>

New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council: <http://www.njssc.org>

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD POSITIONS 2023-2024

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome to our 2024/2025 Season

First, thank you to all the previous Board members and their contributions. This season we have some new members and some are moving to a different position. We welcome you and look forward to a successful year. Your involvement keeps our club alive!

Remember, if you'd like to do an event, it's easy to invite our members. For example, if you are going to do a Bike Ride or Kayak event, or pretty much anything else, and you want to invite the club, just send the details like Date, Time, Location, Expected Duration of event, and any other important info to the President, Jerry Gortner and he will put a NEWSBLAST out a couple days ahead of time. Last minute events can be surprisingly fun! (Jerry's email is on page 2.)

Please put June 8th in your calendar for our golf tournament at Green Lakes.

G.E. Ski Club President  
Jerry Gortner

### **TRIP Insurance Reminder (from Tom Lazzaro):**

When going on a ski trip, it's not a bad idea to get Insurance for the event. Usually it is for longer trips; 4 days or more. Who knows what will happen after you register and leave for the trip 6-10 months later...will you need insurance to recover the cost of the trip? The club has to cover our cost. We cannot just give money back.

Certainly, you need to purchase Trip Insurance by the appropriate deadline. Refer to your Trip Chairperson or your favorite Trip Insurance company.

**ADVICE** from a member who had insurance and had to cancel a trip last year:

There are 2 things at minimum you must do:

- 1) If you are canceling due to illness, call your Trip Insurance company **before** you go to the doctor to find out exactly what documentation you will need from the doctor.
- 2) You may need the CLUB cancellation policy for the trip. That is on the GE Ski Club trip application that you signed when registering for the trip. Most likely, you'll have to ask the Trip Chair for a copy if your Insurance company wants to see your **signed** copy. If not, you can download it off our website. Good luck to all!

# NOTICE

As the G E Ski Club Inc is a member of the N Y Capitol District Ski council as well as the New Jersey Ski and Snowboard council, this means we can go on their trips or any of their clubs trips.

We also can partake of the councils or ski areas "appreciation days", lift ticket discounts offered. Some ski areas want to see a council sticker attached to the back of your membership card. With our new electronic card you may have to print out a card and attach the sticker to it, or maybe just have the sticker with you to show. If you need a sticker, get one from Jeff at the door when you come to the meeting, or just let Fran(membership) know, and she should be able to get you one.

Andy

# Club News



## CLUB NEWS:

Well elections are over and we want to congratulate the new board members, listed elsewhere in newsletter..

We also want to thank Hannah for the great job as president she did for the past couple of years. It was a pleasure.

We have now two regular trip chairs who will be taking over from Dick, who we thank for the nice job he has done for the club. We (I think) will be looking at a week G E trip for the 26 season as it is too late to get one off the ground for 25. It could possibly be a trip to Europe, Canada, or western U.S. The trip chairs are going to an East coast trip symposium in May to New Jersey to get info from ski areas, lodges, and tour operators.

For those interested, club member Maureen Kline has a group called “skiing friends” on face book. You can go to her page and see what she has planned. Several club members have gone with her trips in the past and they are great.

As the board is changing hands right now, more summer events will be planned, so watch the news letter or news blasts for info. But don't forget the Spring Banquet on May 11. Sign up on wild apricot; <https://geskiclub.wildapricot.org/> or you can get to it through [www.geskiclub.org](http://www.geskiclub.org).

We have several TGIF's planned and there is an interclub camping trip starting on July 15.

The ski club is no longer doing the Boilermaker water station on Whitesboro St. If you would still like to pass out water there you can sign to volunteer at WS Oneida county. If you would like to pour beer you can volunteer under the beer pouring job section.

Many of the club members who still want to Volunteer have moved to the Varick St finish area to pass out water bottles, goodie bags, freezer pops and other items. It is headed up by Andy Reath. If you would like to volunteer there, go to boilermaker web site, click on volunteer. When you get to list of jobs, click on Varick St (Hamilton to Columbia). Make sure you fill in all info asked for and be sure to sign the waiver. Do this soon, as volunteer T shirts are being ordered in early May .

As a perk you get to go to the postrace party at the brewery (free beer), and the volunteer part at the Aud (free food and beer).

Hope to see you at some of our Summer events or a TGIF.

Your past & future Alpine chair  
Andy



# G E SKI CLUB EVENTS 2024

as of 4/21/24

updated (almost) monthly [www.geskiclub.org](http://www.geskiclub.org)

\*For all G E Ski club trips, you must be a member, and a trip form must be completed for each event.

### Ski area club discounts\*\*\*

**Ski club lift ticket prices 2024--Snow Ridge -\$35 any day; Greek Peak-\$68 any day, RFID card-\$5;**

**Royal Mt- \$10 off; Oak.-N/A,[on line tickets only]\$47; McCauley-N/A**

**Butternut- \$40, M-F (NH), on line only, &\$5 RFID card, 1<sup>st</sup> time or replacement [NH=non holiday]**

\*\*\* Must show current ski club membership card, council sticker& (possibly) photo I D.

Capitol District council – <https://www.nycdsc.org/> New Jersey Council – [www.njssc.org](http://www.njssc.org)

**Ski club events** **council- discount ski days\*\*\*** Check for restrictions

	<u>Council Days- lift ticket discounts</u>
<b>5/11, spring banquet, Harts Hill Inn 5:30</b> Event on Wild Appocott to sign up	
<b>5/17 TGIF, 3 Bastards(cor Rt.5&amp; 31, Vernon)</b>	
<b>5/31 TGIF, Burstone Hotel Beer Hause</b>	
<b>6/7-TGIF Cavallo's [ride for missing children]</b>	
<b>6/8, Jay's inter club golf tournament,</b> Green Lakes	
<b>6/21 TGIF Harpoon Eddie's</b>	
<b>6/23 club golf DOUG O'HARA MEMORIAL GOLF, Heron Creek</b>	
<b>7/12 TGIF Piggy Pats</b>	
<b>7/14- Boilermaker</b> (you can volunteer at <a href="http://www.boilermaker.com">www.boilermaker.com</a> , Varick st. -Hamilton to Columbia St) pass out water bottles, goodie bags, snacks, etc. NO waterstop this year.	
<b>7/15-7/21 Inter club Camping trip</b>	
<b>7/26 TGIF Seven Hamlets</b>	

**GET YOUR GE SKI CLUB T-SHIRT! or Vest or Jackets or Hoody**

THERE IS STILL TIME TO WEAR YOUR  
GE SKI CLUB WICKING T-SHIRT!!

*Wicking golf style polo shirts available also.*

**\$10** WITH CONTACT FREE DELIVERY IN THE UTICA AREA  
**\$15** INCLUDES SHIPPING OUTSIDE OF UTICA AREA



**SIZES: Small- 2XI**

Available in round neck or V-neck for women and we can make arrangements for delivery and payment!

**COLORS** ..... **BLUE AND WHITE** ..... **GRAY, BLACK, RED**



LONG SLEEVE WICKING MAY BE ORDERED BUT ORDER CAN NOT BE PLACED WITHOUT A MINIMUM OF 6 TO ORDER

To order: Call or text Colleen at 315 725-2857 or email [ryleemon@aol.com](mailto:ryleemon@aol.com)

## SOCIAL MEDIA



LIKE GE SKI CLUB ON FACEBOOK AND VISIT FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION & PHOTOS.

If you have any pictures of club events, post them.

If you are at or participate in an event, smile because your picture may appear on Facebook.

### **NOT ON FACEBOOK? YOU CAN STILL VIEW PHOTOS!**

Go to [www.geskiclub.org](http://www.geskiclub.org) and click on photo album and you will be taken to the photo albums section of the web page where there is a link to click to see the photos posted on Facebook. To see an album, click on album name to open it. To enlarge and see the description of a photo, click on it and use the arrows to scroll. If you are at or participate in an event, smile because your picture may appear on Facebook and Website.

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**IDEAS? WANT TO HELP? Email [president@geskiclub.org](mailto:president@geskiclub.org)**

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*Note: to view pictures of club events go to the GE Ski Club Facebook page and click on photos then click on the album that you would like to view.*

*If not on Facebook, go to the [www.geskiclub.org](http://www.geskiclub.org) website. Go to the photos page and click on the link at top to be taken to the GE Ski Club Facebook Albums page.*

**Save the Date !!**

**GE SKI CLUB  
SPRING BANQUET**



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**Join us for a buffet dinner, music and dancing, door prizes,  
50/50 raffle**

**Cash Bar**

**Tickets \$40.00 Per Person**

**Saturday May 11, 2024, Cocktails at 5:30**

**Dinner at 6:30**

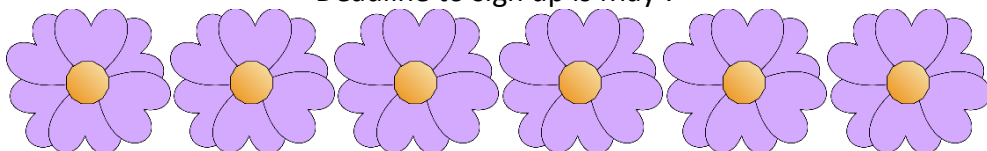
**Harts Hill Banquet Hall**

**Music by- *Majestic DJ Services – Carl Militello***

**Sign up at: [geskiclub.wildapricot.org](https://geskiclub.wildapricot.org) (events)**

Or see Leslie Taylor at the monthly meetings

Deadline to sign up is May 7<sup>th</sup>







## **July Camping Trip at Putnam Pond State Campgrounds**

We are camping this July at Putnam Pond State Park (not far from Ticonderoga, NY) in the Eastern Adirondacks from Monday, July 15 until Monday July 22.

We will be joined by members of Albany & Syracuse area ski clubs as well as some members of Go with The Flo Paddlers. We have campsites in a group camping area and we do have one site available for more campers.

We plan to paddle on Putnam Pond as well as Eagle Lake, Paradox Lake and possibly Schroon River/lake.

Contact Ron Geiskopf ( [maharonie@aol.com](mailto:maharonie@aol.com) )

or

Maureen Kline ( [skiingmaureen@gmail.com](mailto:skiingmaureen@gmail.com) ) for more information.





## **DOUG O'HARA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**

The 18th "D.O'H Golf Outing" will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd** at HERON CREEK GOLF COURSE, Kirkland Ave. Clinton.

We will tee off at 2pm so please arrive at 1:30 to pay, get your cart etc....

The cost this year will be \$55 which includes 9 holes, cart, picnic food after golfing, and a donation to The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. (Heron raised their prices; new owners. Make checks out to: GE Ski Club, or bring cash on the 23rd..)

Cash bar will be available before and after playing but don't forget to take along something for the cart.

We have a 6 teams signed up already but plenty of room for more. So grab a friend or two or more.

Individuals can sign up also and remember you don't have to be a great golfer.

CONTACT me, PATTI O'HARA at 315-525-7288 by **JUNE 15th** to join in the fun.



**Please join me in supporting**

**THE RIDE**  
FOR MISSING CHILDREN



# **The Ride for Missing Children Mohawk Valley 2024**

## **Ride History 1997-2024**

**28 Years**

The beginning - August 18, 1993, a little girl went missing while riding her bike. In searching for her, the family realized she would not be found and they directed their energy to search for all missing children.

In 1995, 7 men road their bicycles from Washington Mills to Washington DC, arriving at the capitol on May 25 National Missing Childrens Day.

After this event, it grew into what it is today "The Ride for Missing Children."

This event is more than just a bike ride. Our Ride raises awareness to help keep children safe. Further, it supports the Cyber Tipline, a national mechanism for the public & electronic services providers to report instances of suspected child sexual exploitation. Since its inception in 1998, the Cyber Tipline has received more than 144 million reports. In 2022, the tip line received 32,059,029.

For a more comprehensive look, visit the [Cybertipline2022Reports](https://www.cybertipline.com/reports).

The information is unbelievable. How can this happen? The sad thing, it does.

2024 marks the 28<sup>th</sup> year for the "Ride" and my 23<sup>rd</sup> Ride. Please help me to continue the mission. My commitment is still strong and our mission is still as important, if not more than it was in 1997. I am asking for your support by making a generous contribution by going to my fund raising page

**<https://givebutter.com/RFMC-MV/kathywhite3>**

or by writing a check to **RFMC-MV** and mailing it to  
**Kathy White, 166 St. Mary's Avenue, Clinton NY 13323**

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

**"MAKING OUR CHILDREN SAFER ... ONE CHILD AT A TIME"**

Many Thanks  
**Kathy White**  
315-723-7741



**CALLING ALL CLUBS OF THE NJSSC!**

**ON JUNE 8, 2024 THE G.E. SKI CLUB OF UTICA  
CHALLENGES YOUR CLUB TO A GOLF MATCH!**

## **THE G.E. SKI CLUB CUP!**

**GREEN LAKES G.C., FAYETTEVILLE, NY**

**A ROBERT TRENT JONES, SR. CLASSIC!**

**BBQ ON THE LAKESIDE AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.**



**COST: \$52/PER PLAYER, 2PM SHOTGUN START**

**FORMAT: MEDAL PLAY, BEST 8 SCORES FROM EACH  
TEAM COUNT TOWARD TEAM SCORE**

**SIGN UP TODAY AT [WWW.GESKICLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GESKICLUB.ORG)**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL OUR PUBLICITY CHAIR JAY  
FLEMMMA AT [JAYMUSICLAW@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JAYMUSICLAW@YAHOO.COM) OR OUR  
CLUB PRESIDENT AT [PRESIDENT@GESKICLUB.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@GESKICLUB.ORG)**



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## MORE INFORMATION

Sadly, this year accommodations for RVs at Green Lakes were filled early in 2023. For those that would like to stay overnight nearby, some state parks with camping are Delta Lake, Verona Beach, and Fair Haven State Park, they all use Reserve America online for booking. RVs can definitely be parked at the East Beach Parking lot which is located right alongside the park's Education Center and boathouse, which would be the ideal place to park for the cookout. Anyone who is not camping here must vacate from the park by sunset which is typically around 9 PM in the summer months. The grassy area right alongside the sanded beach area is for the cookout, They do charge separate park admission from 8 AM -7 PM, it is \$10 per vehicle. I expect we'll enter after 7pm.

Here is the trophy that your Team name can be placed on if your team wins. The trophy will reside w/GE SKI CLUB.

