

# CNSC NEWSLETTER

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Dan Karig, Editor



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It must be late October because the CNSC newsletter editor has been pestering me for the past week to get a president's column to him. If somebody else would produce that newsletter, I'd fire his sorry butt. Anyway, the best thing that could happen to you on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, in November, that is, might be the CNSC annual fall meeting and dish-to-pass. Again, we will be at Riley Robb Hall on the Cornell campus. Details are included somewhere else in this newsletter.

While you're there, please remember to renew your membership. It's \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. Cats, dogs, gerbils, and goldfish are considered by CNSC to be family members, even if they don't ski. No, we're not trying to financially mismanage this organization into a federal bailout. We're trying to promote Nordic skiing by keeping our membership fees affordable. In case you're wondering why we don't have on-line membership application and renewal, we are working on that. Now that it is the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are slowly advancing to 20<sup>th</sup> century technology. You can renew your membership even if you don't show up for the meeting. Find the membership application in this newsletter and do what it says. Besides the privilege of being a member of our fine club, you can get discounts at a few local bike and ski shops by showing a current CNSC membership card.

## ANNUAL FALL DINNER MEETING

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6PM,  
Riley Robb Conference Room (Room 400)  
Cornell Campus

As has long been the custom, the Cayuga Nordic Ski Club will have a dish-to-pass dinner meeting to start the season and to plan for the club events during the coming winter.

We plan to open the doors at 6:00 and to start eating as soon after 6:30 PM as possible. The business meeting will follow and will also be short.

The club will provide tea, coffee and some sort of juice, but nothing alcoholic (BYO). We will also bring roast chicken or turkey. Each member or family is asked to bring some sort of main dish, salad, dessert, or snack/dip. Please bring your own cutlery, cups, and plates

For those not familiar with the location, Riley Robb is on the Ag quad, on the SW corner of the the block between Judd Falls Rd and Wing Drive (west and east) and Tower Rd and Campus Rd (north and south). The easiest parking is along Wing Dr. on the west. Here's a map: <http://www.cornell.edu/maps/>

After you park enter the building via the front door along Wing Drive. There should be someone there (the door is locked after hours), but if you are really late bring a cell phone and a number to call will be posted at the door.

A couple of new wrinkles this season. Tob DeBoer, who was the first and long-time president, is stepping aside as our organizer for a well-earned rest. Tob has been doing this for many years and his efforts have been greatly appreciated. Thank you, Tob. Stepping in for Tob is Kristin Schafer and Jack Van Derzee. I'm not sure how they got talked into this. Apparently they were never warned not to follow Tob in any CNSC

function unless they wanted to do it for the next twenty years. Believe me, I know.

The second wrinkle has to do with our annual race. Actually, there are two race wrinkles. The first is that Dan Karig has retired as race organizer. Another big thank you to Dan for putting together

so many successful races. In a classic case of "What were you thinking," I took over. But I am getting lots of help from Dan, Tom Sebring, Ernie Bayles, and others. I will also be getting help from other folks who don't even suspect yet that they'll be helping.

Just to make things a little more difficult, we will be changing our race venue, because our host of the past few years, Salmon Hills, will probably not be operating this season. So we are planning our race at Hammond Hill. State Land. Which means I am now wallowing in a bit of a quagmire of red tape as I try to get a DEC permit to hold our race there. But I am progressing.

If you have racing aspirations, don't forget to join NYSSRA or renew your membership. And when you do, identify yourself as a CNSC member. We'll get club competition points for each of your NYSSRA sanctioned races. We're not likely to outdo the hotshots from up north, but we can have fun trying.

Hope to see you November 13.

Jack Rueckheim

*Editor's Note: We fully realize that the chances of having enough snow for this race are relatively small, but the alternative options (if we were to have a race) are worse, and we are setting the event up so we lose very little money if it doesn't hap-*



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The advertisement features a photograph of two skiers on a snowy slope. The text is overlaid on the image, with the title 'XC Ski in the Alps' in large yellow and blue letters. Below the title, there is a promotional message about a 6-day ski trip for \$899. The Alpenwild logo, which depicts a mountain peak, is centered below the text. At the bottom, the phone number and website are provided.

*pen. So pray for, hope for, or demand snow-  
from the appropriate source.*

*We also plan to attract as many local racers as possible by have a citizen's race and even something for the kids. This sounds a lot like the original CNSC affair on Mt. Pleasant that Tob and his crew put on in 1985 (25 years ago come January!)*

*All this will require lots of help, but there is no excuse based on a long drive or other inconveniences.*

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## Cayuga Nordic Ski Club Membership Form for 2009-2010

enter your information and then print the form, or save the file, enter information and print later  
– then sign the waiver and mail the form with your check

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership class and fee:

New  renewal  individual (\$5/yr)  family (\$10/yr)

**Nordic skiing interests:**

touring  racing  ski orienteering  other

**please check all that apply:**

- do NOT include me in the January 2009-10 edition of the club directory
- I prefer to receive the newsletter electronically
- I'm willing to lead or co-lead a ski tour
- I'd help with the Cayuga Nordic Classical race
- I'd like a membership card sent to me.

Qualifications/restrictions and instructions:

1. Sign waiver below. Those who are under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian co-sign.
2. Each family member over 18 must sign below. If necessary, use extra forms.
3. Checks should be made payable to the Cayuga Nordic Ski Club
4. Mail completed form with check to:

Cayuga Nordic Ski Club  
487 Ringwood Rd.  
Freeville, NY 13068

Waiver

In consideration of my being accepted as a member of the Cayuga Nordic Ski Club, I do hereby waive for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of all claims and rights for damages I might have against the Cayuga Nordic Ski Club, its agents, representatives and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me, including death, or for damages to skis or personal property while participating in the races, tours, clinics or other events sponsored or organized by the aforementioned club. This also pertains to travel to and from the starting point of any such event. I further certify that I have no physical defect or weakness that might make participation in these events harmful to me.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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