

# CNSC NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

If you are looking for the usual scintillating and witty material that I'm sure you have come to expect in the President's Column of your CNSC newsletter, look no further. What I mean is, don't bother. Because it isn't here. In October, there is just not much to go on.

There is, however, the annual fall meeting and dish-to-pass dinner. Find the announcement in this newsletter and read it carefully. You will find out that it will be held on November 14. For those who are programmed to go to the Cooperative Extension, the meeting will NOT be held there. We will meet in Room 400 of Riley Robb Hall. I suspect that you will be bludgeoned senseless with details and directions to Riley Robb before November 14, so I won't bother here. Room 400 of Riley Robb is big, has a kitchen, and is free. And it is closer to my house than the Extension. If you want a meeting place closer to your house, then run for President. We usually discuss club finances, ski tours, trail work, and the club race at the meeting. Other topics might arise, but we try to squelch them as quickly as possible to get done at a reasonable hour. If you want to run for office, you'll have to wait for the spring meeting in April.

While you are at the meeting, you might as well renew your CNSC membership, because it is time. \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families. You won't find a ski club with lower membership fees. You also won't find one with a lower fund balance. But we are all about making membership affordable to promote Nordic skiing. There are generally a few local stores who give discounts for CNSC members. You will find a membership renewal form in this newsletter.

If you are a racer type, don't forget to renew your NYSSRA membership. They did send out renewals, but there has been little other information. It seems that their

## ANNUAL FALL DINNER MEETING

Friday, November 14th, 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 5:30 and to start eating as soon after 6 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.

newsletter has disintegrated, and you have to visit their website to get news. NYSSRA does promote club participation by awarding club points to club members. So make sure you identify yourself as a CNSC member when you renew your NYSSRA membership. Last year CNSC's 22 NYSSRA members finished quite respectably in the club competition. Lets try it again this year.

See you November 14th,  
Jack

## BREAKING NEWS

*By Dan Karig*

Well; there really isn't any breaking news; just stuff from Marilyn's notes from our spring meeting. Embedded in that sentence is news that Marilyn (Dispensa) is the new club secretary and has also been leading the club's charge into the wild world of electronic media. We also elected or snookered LiLynn Graves to the post of social coordinator.

The club seems to be chugging along just fine, but perhaps not making too many exciting new moves. Our tours last winter (6 of 7 scheduled were held) were reasonably successful and the club trip to the BREIA trails on the Tug was very successful. That is one that **MUST** be repeated. The use of the website for last minute tour information certainly helps the situation.

We were able to hold our club-sponsored Empire State Winter Games qualifying race last year at Salmon Hills, with generous help from club members and good conditions. The race was quite successful but we only broke even financially, due to competing events and increased trail fees. To avoid a repetition of a similar outcome this year, we fought for a date that minimized competition for participants and raised the entry fees a bit. This year's race will also be at Salmon Hills, on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The newsletter (obviously) continues in its time-honored format, but there are rumblings that we should consider going totally electronic, perhaps with a different (more modern?) format, such as on the Google Groups site. That should engender some lively discussion at the fall meeting. One thing is quite clear. Even with the present format, every copy of the newsletter that converts from paper to electronic saves the club over half a buck.

There was talk about restarting a Bill Koch group for the younger set, but nothing seems to have happened along that line. It's still not too late, but it would require some interested parents. We have the technical expertise and a nice venue (Hammond Hill), but without the serious support of parents it won't go anywhere.

Another component of the club that seems

to have flagged is the production and dissemination of ski maps. Here also the mode of map handling has changed with electronic media advances. Scott Zimmerman and Marilyn agreed to work on steps to scan maps and link them to google maps (huh?). We elders have to be educated. Of course, with GPS receivers everywhere now, the club is able, if willing, to create new or updated maps.

Finally, as described in detail elsewhere in this issue, it was decided to move the fall club dinner meeting to the Riley-Robb conference room on the Cornell campus, where Lois Chaplin hangs out. Reasons for this were more room, better facilities and no expense. And, there really is plenty of parking just outside the building-really! So; don't be afraid of the unknown. **COME!**

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## Cayuga Nordic Ski Club Membership Form for 2008-2009

*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 2006-7 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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