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SwissSki Whiskey Happy Hour (NYC Nov 9)
Thanksgiving (VT Nov 24-27)
An Evening of Ski Talk (NYC Dec 3)
A Week in St. Anton (Austria Feb 17-25)

### **Past Events in Pictures**

We hear caterpillars in VT are unusually woolly this year. People say this means winter will be extra-snowy. Great! We've been getting in shape!!

# Keeping us all warm and cozy inside

Sooner or later any oil tank needs replacing.
To avoid trouble, we did



it sooner. Researched and supervised by Rob with help from Pat and Mike, the project began right after our Labor Day bicycling weekend.

Ground was dug and tested (no leak!), the old tank was recycled, new tank inserted and the ground covered over with straw and seed. All set to provide us with plenty of heat and hot water for many more years to come!









### Bicycling on Governors Island

Our more gung-ho cyclist members and friends delight in the challenge of VT ridge roads and gaps, but we also take it a bit more leisurely. Idyllic, flat Governors Island in New York's harbor was just the spot. A pleasant afternoon, followed by a very nice dinner..



#### Happy Hour Meet & Greets

We met at New York
Beer Company, we
celebrated
Octoberfested at
Reichenbach Hall, and
we shopped at The
North Face. Come to
our next one -- we want
to meet and greet you!









It was a terrific. productive weekend with a terrific, productive crowd of Members and Friends. With nice weather for working outdoors, our painters did a fabulous job on windows and stairs. Tons of other important annual and special jobs performed by goodspirited workers. Great parties, too, with an eclectic mix of music. Sunday was a bit cold for hiking, but great for shopping and fieldtesting the hangouts at our favorite slopes.





**Featured Events** 

#### Thanksgiving Weekend - vT

Thur-Sun, November 24-27

Over the turnpike and through the woods, our reservationist knows the way to a great holiday! For all levels of skiers and snowboarders, Sugarbush should be open, and if skiing on natural snow is your thing, check the conditions at Mad River Glen, too. We've had some wonderful skiing fun this time of year. There's also great exploring. Spend the holiday with us in our cozy lodge, including a traditional turkey dinner.

To reserve, click for <u>details</u>. Any question? Contact the reservationist, Delia, at <u>turkey@swissskiclub.org</u>. She'll arrange carpools to find you a ride or riders.

Reservations are open from November 2nd to November 23rd. This weekend is Family Friendly (see Rates and Procedures or contact Reservationist).



Business/Social Meeting - NYC Wed, Oct 26 7 pm (Members), 8 pm (Friends)

OCabanon restaurant 245 W 29th Street (2nd Floor) Btwn 7th and 8th Aves.

Members, it's the first Business Meeting of the season and there's a lot to cover, so please be on time. Food and drinks will be served during the business meeting.

Non-members are welcome to come at 8 pm to meet Members, learn about the club, and make new friends. No reservation required.

one in October, when Vermonters were skinning up for a few runs) came just in time for Thanksgiving. Our dinner was a turkey, but a day on the slopes sure was joyous! Just ask George.









## Fired up for après ski!

Our fireplace is back in action with a new back wall, waiting for a relaxing sit-down with pleasant conversation. But hey, folks, it's a fireplace, not a bonfire. Use just two logs at a time and don't toss them in, and it will last for a good long while.

### Happy Hour Meet & Greets

We met in Hoboken, we met in Manhattan, we met after our November Business Meeting.
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## Warren Miller film night

After a few Warren Miller films, to some of us they begin to look alike. But this one featured Warren Miller, way back when and now, so, along with the usual impossible skiing and boarding (not to mention snowmobiles and modified bar stools), this one especially stood out. A great finale to the dinner many of us enjoyed beforehand.



Snow is gone, but we're still having fun!

Scroll down to see SSC events coming up in NYC and VT!

# A pretty good snow season, after all!

This is the season that started strong, and kept coming back. Yeah, we know. If there's no snow, they make it (and Mad River Glen moves it around). Just like we make our own fun. But as we hope you experienced, this season had plenty of snow and fun to go around! A bit cold sometimes, but our lodge and our welcome are always warm.









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### Races, as usual

And as usual, some of our best skiers won, while almost everybody ran, including snowboarders and regardless



of level. Congratulations, too, to the winners of our coveted Turtle Award for being good sports. Over time, some Turtles have skied their way to the podium!





#### Our ski club is not just skiers anymore.

In fact, we've always covered a lot more ground than that. Our members and friends include downhill skiers



### **Recent Events in Pictures**



We're always adding events and photos to our website. For more (and larger) pictures, visit <a href="SwissSkiClub.org">SwissSkiClub.org</a>.

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Our annual Dinner Dance: Great dinner, great music, great people, great dancing, great view of the harbor, great ...!

Our Annual Dinner Dance in late April had everything but a waltz. It's the event where we welcome new Members who have joined in the past season, and they proved yet again, the SSC knows how to make fun.





# Cycling on Governors Island, the NY Philharmonic in Central Park, and other local fun

In May we visited this idyllic spot, a short ferry ride from Manhattan. After a few hours of exploring the island, and longing for hubbub,

we retired to a Manhattan restaurant.





June brought the NY Philharmonic and our nowtraditional spot on the lawn (thanks to Pat and her crew), for



picnicking before, seeing new and longtime friends, and this year absolutely perfect evening weather.

More recently, we got together on *The Honorable William Wall*(the floating clubhouse of the Manhattan Yacht Club), and elsewhere.

We also cycle in Vermont, where the hills are bigger than these, but if you want, you can still go *around* them. Or hike, or whatever. See Labor Day, below!

# In Vermont: Memorial Day Weekend and the Fourth of July.

Memorial Day was a work-play weekend, with the work being more like puttering on small projects here and there, which to some of us feels like playing anyway. A couple of great dinners, some hiking, and more.

And, of course, we wouldn't miss the Town of Warren's parade on July 4. It's always a hoot, a capsule of Americana, complete with funny signs and floats. We also went hiking (and picked berries), biking on Lake Champlain (next to it, actually), relaxed and had great meals on the deck, fireworks at Sugarbush, and more.

Some members have also used the lodge for various unscheduled visits. There are so many things to do in central Vermont in summer.





# Yet another way we've made our name in Waitsfield.

After Hurricane Sandy, Bridge Street and the covered bridge took a major hit. The village has been restoring the area with added brickwork, lights, and seating, all with donated funds. As our annual community contribution, the SSC has sponsored one of the benches, overlooking the Mad River. It's made locally from timbers removed during the bridge repair. Alas, gone is the bridge's misspelled sign that said (sic), "No bussing." But maybe that means it's okay to smooch on the bench?





### Swiss National Day Celebration

August 1 is the Swiss National Day, and every year on the Saturday just before that date, the SSC has helped with the Swiss community's