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Swiss Ski Club of NY Recent news and what's coming up! August 2017



Visit our <u>Facebook</u> page for more details or additional events. To suggest a local event for the SSC to organize or participate in, please write <u>events@SwissSkiClub.org</u>.

About our mailing list: We have two lists: 1) Automatic announcements and reminders for all our events, and 2) News, special announcements, other reminders, etc. If you have opted out of either list, please be sure to check our <u>Events Calendar</u> frequently, so you'll always know what's coming up!

Events

Recent Events in Pictures (NYC & VT)

COMING EVENTS



Labor Day Biking Weekend (VT Sep 2-4) LEARN MORE NOW

US Open Qualifying (NYC Aug 25) Happy Hour (NYC Aug 30) Columbus Work/Play Weekend (VT Oct 7-9) SSC in Zermatt (CH Feb 23-Mar 3) ... and more, much more!

Recent Events in Pictures



We're always adding events and photos to our website. **For more (and larger) pictures, visit** <u>SwissSkiClub.org</u>. Scroll down to see SSC events coming up in NYC and VT!

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



celebration. We served desserts and coffee, made new friends and learned to yodel. Yes, there was a try at breaking (or setting) the Guinness Book's record for largest yodeling lesson. They fell short of a record, but it's not about records, it's about the fun!

Featured Events

Labor Day Biking Weekend - VT Sat - Mon, Sept 2 - Sept 4

Enjoy this long weekend and the last days of summer! Bring your bike, or plan ahead to rent, and enjoy beautiful Vermont scenery. The focus is on road cycling, but you're welcome to pursue any type you prefer. As for the roads, some of us enjoy going over the gaps, others prefer following the valley or ridgelines.

In fact, cycling is optional. It's the theme, not a requirement.* You can also hike, kayak, explore Sugarbush resort, and much more! Also explore the town and its shops, visit events including the Mad River Valley Craft Fair, have a leisurely lunch in Waitsfield or



Warren, or just relax.

* In fact, the entire weekend will be run more informally than usual. Ask Reservationist for details. <u>Details</u>





Columbus Work/Play Weekend - vт Sat - Mon, Oct 7 - 9

Our lodge needs tender loving care to stay beautiful, and we provide the labor ourselves. It's the sort of work anyone can do -no special knowledge needed.

Lodging and food are free to all participants (everybody is expected to work), rides will be arranged. There is also time to unwind, explore the area and play. No matter how you contribute, you'll spend a terrific, productive weekend alongside a great group of SSC members and friends.

Reservation required. Watch your email and our website for the announcement of reservation details, including assistance in getting or offering a ride to our lodge. Meanwhile, for more information please email <u>WorkPlay@SwissSkiClub.org</u>. Also see our Rates and Procedures page. <u>Details</u>

Ski Switzerland with the SSC! -

Fri, Feb 23 - Sat, Mar 03, 2018

For our annual trip this season, we're headed back to Europe via Swiss International Airlines New York to Zurich. 7 nights' accommodation at the 4-star Zermatt Hotel Ambassador, close to lifts. Seven nights' accommodation based on double occupancy Includes Breakfast, daily 4-course GOURMET Dinners and more.

- Highest ski resort in Europe (5,726 feet); snow certainty - you can ski 365 days of the year
- Ski in 4 areas: Sunnegga, Gornergrat, Klein Matterhorn and Schwarzsee; 224 miles of pistes. Or ski to Cervinia in Italy for lunch & shopping (add'l lift ticket).
- Panoramic views of Switzerland's highest peaks.
- Zermatt's runs are carefully groomed for every skill level.

Non-skier or want to take a day off? – Enjoy the ice rink or a sunny terrace. Go snowshoeing or sledding at the Gornergrat and take in the beautiful views of the Matterhorn. <u>Details</u>

More Events

See below, and visit SwissSkiClub.org/events for details



Fully reserved! Click to join Waiting List

Vermont



For Vermont holiday weekends and other events, please see above, and watch our website's Calendar!

Vermont's beautiful Mad River Valley is beautiful all year 'round -- with lots of great things to do. In fact, it's a great place sometimes to do nothing at all!

New York Tri-State Area

For other NY area events, including happy-hour gettogethers and local activities, please see above, and watch our website's <u>Calendar</u>. We're constantly adding to it!

US OPEN Qualifying Rounds Friday, August 25, 2 pm - 8 pm



We'll enjoy the U.S. Open before the tournament even starts. (Including this year's new courts and facilities.) It's less crowded, very intimate, and there are plenty of open seats! Register for our event, so you'll receive any updates and make it easy to meet up. <u>Details</u>



Happy Hour Wed August 30 Save the date, and watch for Details! New York City

Check your email and visit our <u>Events Calendar</u> to learn where we'll get together this evening. Meet friends, bring your friends, and make friends. We look forward to seeing you.

Other Events

Watch our website's <u>Calendar</u> for other events in the New York area and at our Vermont lodge!

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