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## Schenectady Wintersports Club records ARL.008

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Adirondack Research Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Schenectady Wintersports Club
<b>Source:</b>	Schenectady Wintersports Club
<b>Title:</b>	Schenectady Wintersports Club records
<b>ID:</b>	ARL.008
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1929-2002
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.99 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Historical Note

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The Schenectady Wintersports Club was formed in 1932, with a formal constitution being adopted in 1934. Its first president was Dr. Vincent Schaefer. Other charter members included C.G. Suits, L.E. Clover, Clarence Gregg, and C.W. Woodall. The intention was to establish a family-oriented club to promote skiing and to establish a snow train from New York's Capital District to North Creek, the present site of Gore Mountain. The snow trains, which began running in 1934, were very successful and ran into the late thirties. Along with other outdoor locations, this offered the opportunity for many families to ski, snowshoe, and toboggan at affordable costs. In addition to arranging ski trips, the club hosted guest lecturers, demonstrations, ski schools, first aid trainings, proficiency tests and film screenings including the annual Warren Miller Movie. In 1962 the Club purchased a ski lodge approximately 13 miles south of Stowe, Vermont, which it has maintained and operated since. In 1976, the Northern New York Paddlers was formed as a division of the Club to sponsor paddling events and watersports in the summer. In addition, the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club later joined to create an organization that promotes activities year-round. The club is currently a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council. It has been lauded as being instrumental in making New York one of the ski capitals of the eastern United States.

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## Content Description

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The collection consists of the records of the Schenectady Wintersports Club and documents skiing and other outdoor activities in New York's Capital District and Vermont. Administrative records consist of meeting minutes, financial records, membership lists, agreements, constitutions, bylaws and lists of officers. General records include newsletters, printed materials, historical files, information on ski lodge construction, photographs and miscellaneous materials from the years 1929 to 2002.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged as two series: Series 1, Administrative Records, 1934-1997. Series 2, General, 1929-2002. Materials are arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereafter.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

### Custodial History

Donated by the Schenectady Wintersports Club, May 2007.

On April 22, 2011, Protect the Adirondacks! placed the collection on permanent loan with Union College.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Canoes and canoeing
- Cross-country skiing
- Downhill skiing
- Kayaking
- Winter sports
- Schenectady (N.Y.)
- Ski resorts -- Vermont
- Schenectady Wintersports Club

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## Collection Inventory

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### Administrative Records, 1934-1997

Physical Description: 1.23 Cubic Feet

#### Scope and Contents

Meeting minutes, financial records, membership information, lists of past presidents and officers, and secretary's records of the Schenectady Wintersports Club.

Title/Description	Instances	
Board meeting minutes, 1964-1997	box 1	folder 1-13
Financial reports and statements, 1974-1996	box 1	folder 14-16
General meeting minutes, 1934-1968	box 1	folder 17-18
List of officers, 1934-1979	box 1	folder 19
List of past presidents, constitution, bylaws, 1934-1993	box 1	folder 20
Membership finances and lists, 1961-1986	box 1	folder 21
Secretary's notes, 1975-1977	box 1	folder 22
Secretary's records, 1958-1979	box 1	folder 23

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## General, 1929-2002

Physical Description: .76 Cubic Feet

### Scope and Contents

The series contains copies of the Schenectady Wintersports Club newsletter, the Ski Chatter, and the Northern New York Paddlers newsletter, the Blade, information on the construction and maintenance of Stowe Lodge, letters documenting petitions for the 1932-1933 snow train, membership lists, advertisements, programming schedules, printed materials, historical files and general correspondence. Newspaper clippings and articles document individual club members and group outings. Photographs show work parties at Stowe and individual ski trips. Writings include a typescript of early club history written by Vincent Schaefer. One disc contains master word processing files for all newsletters.

Title/Description	Instances	
History of the Schenectady Wintersports Club, 1934-1978	box 1	folder 24
Letters, 1932-1958	box 1	folder 25
Newsletters, 1960-2002	box 1	folder 26-40
	box 2	folder 1-10
	box 3	folder 1-3
Newspaper articles and clippings, 1929-1975	box 3	folder 4
Northern New York Paddlers, 1981-1990	box 3	folder 5
Photographs and negatives, 1955-1980	box 3	folder 6
Sources for programs, 1958-1960	box 3	folder 7
Stowe Lodge construction prospectus, undated	box 3	folder 8
Sundry, 1961-2002	box 3	folder 9
Vincent Schaefer history of Schenectady Wintersports Club typescript, 1973	box 3	folder 10

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