

2011 CHALLENGE

A Challenge was issued in 1986 during our 50th Anniversary. This was to continue to build and nurture, to update our history, and to write another challenge in 2011. This year, SCWDC is 75, an age where some wisdom, judgment, balance, and a wistful smile at the younger members could be expected. Operating with a backdrop of bizarre weather, several wars, and a significant economic downturn, SCWDC continues to deliver.

The new Challenge is to be an enduring club that prospers despite unexpected obstacles, and is well-regarded enough to attract a stream of active and interesting people. A goal would be to add members who will cherish the club and volunteer their time, talent and creativity. We will want to be known for being vibrant and fun in ways that never grow old.

Today, we challenge the members in 2036, on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary, to maintain our club's intrinsic values and to write their own challenge.

2011 LIMERICK

*In the winter of nineteen thirty six
A group of "die-hards" met with their "sticks."
It was in D.C.
That we came to be
To ski without lifts took some tricks.*

*The club, SCWDC,
Got its name from those wanting to ski.
But as we all know
The group dared to grow
To become the all sports club we see.*

*Here we are in year seventy five,
The challenge; to keep it alive.
Through thick and thin,
For all time and again,
Pass the torch and continue to thrive.*

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1986 Challenge by the 1986 Membership

The purpose of this history has been to give the reader an awareness of who we are and where we have been as a guide to our club's future. It is the challenge of the 1986 membership to future members to continue to build and nurture the Ski Club of Washington, D.C. to its 75th anniversary in 2011, at that time to write in addition to this history and your own challenge for the 100th anniversary in 2036.

Fifty is a good age to take stock and set goals. The question, why have we been so successful as a ski club in an area with so little snow, has been asked many times. In spite of years with poor snow, war, gas rationing and almost monstrous membership growth, SCWDC prospered and by 1982 was the largest ski club in United States. We been skiing since 1936 and gladly pass on a few tips. If you think they apply equally to success, feel free to use and share them:

- You can't ski all the terrain the same way and some terrain you should not ski at all
- When the going gets steep leaning down the mountain and face your destination with a pole plant before you turn
- Maintain your balance with a broad stance
- Look ahead for future turns
- But most of all - be flexible - and bend zee knees!

Over the years SCWDC members have exhibited a unique combination of creates of adaptability, the courage to take calculated risks and professionalism in their volunteering without taking themselves too seriously. We always have had a sense of humor and a sense of fun.

Although we will probably won't be with you in 2036 we wish you winters filled with snow sunny summers filled with activities and no problems larger the challenge.

We are with you in spirit and confidence.

1986 SCWDC Membership