

*Friends of Snowshoe Thompson*  
**Newsletter**  
*January 2007*



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Hello Friends of Snowshoe Thompson!  
Saturday, March 10th is only 5 weeks away and we will be celebrating our 8th Annual Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski Event. We will gather at the Hope Valley Outdoor Center at 9 am. Cross Country skiers will travel a five kilometer course led by Nina MacLeod. Snowshoers will have a 2 1/2 kilometer course led by historian, Frank Tortorich. There will be light refreshments and snacks at the Hope Valley Outdoor Center following our trek!

Also, we will share our travel story to Tinn, Telemark, Norway, for their 20th Annual Snowshoe Thompson Minnerenn!! Looking forward to getting together again with you.

**Bill Bowersock, President**  
**Friends of Snowshoe Thompson**

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**Greetings from Norway**

Our friends in Ausbygd and Rjukan, Norway, many of whom attended the dedication of the Snowshoe statue in Genoa in June 2001, welcomed Lynne and Bill Bowersock, Nina MacLeod and Sue Knight, to the 20th Annual 20 KM Snowshoe Thompson Cross Country race in April 2006. We saw the farm where Snowshoe grew up, and the shore of Tinn lake where Jon Torsteinson-Rue and his mother, Gro, left to start out on their long journey to the new land, America.

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**Web site:** We plan to have a new Snowshoe Thompson web site up and running very soon.  
**Merchandise:** New engraved glasses, cachets and note cards will be available for purchase in Spring 2007.

**Snowshoe on the Silver Screen?**

Several of us on the Friends of Snowshoe Thompson Committee have had the privilege of reading the screenplay, "Snowshoe", by Alan Ruskin. We would very much like to see Alan's dream come true - a full length feature film based on the life of John "Snowshoe" Thompson. We have agreed to publicize Alan's intention, by way of the attached letter, in the hopes that enthusiasm will be generated and a source of funding can be found for this exciting film.

If interested in knowing more about this project, please contact alanruskin@aol.com or Alan Ruskin  
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**Events:** March 2006 - After the 7th Annual Cross Country Tour in Hope Valley, Snowshoe's life was celebrated in Genoa with a dinner, Norwegian dancing by the Nordahl Grieg Lodge, Long board presentation, and the presence of Hege Haaland, Norwegian Consul General from San Francisco and sculptor, Don Budy. from Colorado.

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**Godt Nyttår!**