

Neil Starr Shelter *Renovation & New Construction*



The Neil Starr Shelter at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl was built in 1962. Since that time, improvements and renovations were few in number, and done mostly on an ad-hoc basis. The goal of this project was to renovate the existing lodge and enlarge the space with an addition while recognizing and maintaining the unique character of the shelter and the Snow Bowl.

Most of the expansion took place on the first floor, in the area previously devoted to the deck. The new deck area extends further to the south, and an upper-level deck was built to relieve crowding in the second-floor dining area. Two exterior stairways connect the upper deck to lower deck.

Improvements were made throughout the lodge, with particular attention given to the cafeteria, dining room, ski shop, and rest rooms. The dining room fireplace, previously restricted from use, was made operational again. An outdoor ticket sales window was added to ease congestion at the indoor ticket counter. A new race-timing room has an improved view, through full-length glass windows, of the base of the race hill on the Allen Trail.

General upgrades to the mechanical, plumbing, electrical, wastewater, and sewer systems were also made during renovation.



Space Summary:

Previous Building	7,560 sf
Additions	3,330 sf
Decks	<u>2710 sf</u>
Total	13,600 sf

Completed:	2004
Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Project Manager:	Tom McGinn
Architect:	Northern Architects, Burlington, VT