

Holiday Raffle 2007 Report

The Hudson Valley Ski Club's Raffle was a success, with 69* Prizes valued at \$4,035.00 won by those with winning tickets. The event brought in \$1,315.00 for the club. A number of Lift Tickets were combined into pairs* for more value to the winners and to reduce raffle time.

I want to thank all members who contributed by soliciting donations and coordinating the event, both behind the scenes and on event night. A big thank you, goes to all who purchased raffle tickets and to those who attended the event on December 5th. A special thank you goes to Shirley Rinaldi, who did the final accumulation of gifts, organizing and event night coordination.

The list of gifts, donors, solicitors and winners is posted on the HVSC website and will be included in the February Newsletter. Also listed are those winners who wish to trade their winning prize. Winners should contact each other to arrange trades.

Thank-you letters will be sent to all Donors and members who contributed. If anyone sees an error in the gift list, please report the issue to Dave Ghostlaw via e-mail (dghostlaw1@hvc rr.com) or a call to (845-338-3528). Please do the same if you want to trade your prize and did not indicate such on raffle night.

The amount of work that is expended by members is way out of proportion to the amount of money raised for the club. The same work, if not more, was put into this year's raffle as in 2006, but the amount raised was far less (\$2,151 raised in 2006 with 184 prizes valued at \$7,642). Also, the percentage of members who contribute to this fund raiser is only 22% of our membership (counted are workers, donors and ticket purchasers—all who contribute in any way).

Mainly because of participation and the work to money raised ratio, I feel that the Raffle Fund Raiser is on our Endangered Activities List and will recommend to the board that it be replaced by other creative financing for 2008. Certainly, "Irrational Exuberance", to quote a famous government figure, does not fit the Raffle Event.

Happy New Year to Everyone

Sincerely,

Dave Ghostlaw

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