

Holiday Raffle 2008 Report

The Hudson Valley Ski Club's Raffle was a success, with 79 Prizes valued at \$3400 won by those with winning tickets. The event brought in \$1224 for the club.

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 3rd. A special thank you goes to Mike Harellick, our editor of the newsletter and website for advertising the event. Daniel Desmedt for setting up Absentee Purchases, Mark Searle, the Rinaldi's and John Ergen for obtaining lift tickets, Marie Gardiner & Susan Hasbrouck for obtaining gift certificates from local restaurants. Due to a very tough economy, we encountered some difficulties in obtaining prizes from various ski resorts and restaurants. We are very grateful to the local businesses who were able to contribute prizes for our event. I encourage all winners to thank the business owners/managers when redeeming their prizes.

The list of gifts, donors, solicitors and winners is posted on the HVSC.... 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 who contributed. If anyone sees an error in the gift list, please report the issue to Ingrid Dodard via e-mail idodard@hotmail.com or a call to 718-986-4201. Please do the same if you want to trade your prize and did not indicate so on raffle night.

As stated by previous organizers of this event, 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 previous years, but the amount raised was far less (\$2,151 raised in 2006 with 184 prizes valued at \$7,642). (in 2007 \$1,315.00 raised with 69 prizes valued at \$4,035.00). 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).

As stated by David Ghostlaw last year, 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 2009. The board is open to suggestions for other fundraising ideas.

Happy New Year to Everyone

Sincerely,

Ingrid Dodard

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Holiday Raffle Committee