



HVSC
Hudson Valley Ski Club
 Poughkeepsie, New York
 * 2012 * Our 74th Year *



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Hudson Valley Ski Club

in partnership with the

Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

presents the Ski Club's first ever

"Ribbon Cutting"

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 3:30 PM

Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie
 (lower end of Main Street traffic circle)



All ski club members, family, friends, guests are invited. Be a part of this great event!

Requested attire for photo shoot: Ski jacket (helmet optional, no boots needed)

Bring: skis (alpine/cross country), snowboards, snowshoes, ice skates

Reception with food/drink to follow. (To provide the venue with an approx attendance, please let **Herb Eschbach** (docherbe@optonline.net) know if you plan to attend.



Seventeenth Annual Holiday Raffle

The 17th Annual Holiday Raffle was a great success, raising \$760 for the Club. In spite of the miserable weather, members turned out to enjoy a fun evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks and camaraderie. Many walked away with some fantastic prizes. Thank you to all those members who solicited and those who attended and purchased tickets. Your support was greatly appreciated. I want to give special thanks to those who helped make it happen... Ginny May, Gwen Cardarelli, Mickey Cahill, Janice Cahill, Shirley Rinaldi, Frank Rinaldi, Susan Kokosa and Ellen Kelly.



Despite the tough economic times, ski areas, businesses and restaurants went all out this year to support our club with their generous donations. If you were a lucky winner, please take the time to thank the business owners or managers when redeeming their prizes. A list of all gifts, donors, solicitors and winners is posted on the HVSC website (Click the "More..." button in the top banner of web pages).

Thank you for your support,
Carole Daniels, cbdisland@aol.com

Night Skate at the Mohonk Mountain House Pavilion

Friday night January 13

(this date was changed from previously announced to accommodate those who wish to go on the Gore Mountain Ski Trip — hopefully the date will be "lucky" for weather and attendance) (come after or in lieu of "Race Training")



\$15 special rate includes skate session plus skate rental.

Be aware Mohonk does not allow alcohol consumption, but hot chocolate & soft drinks are available for purchase.

If interested, contact **Mike Harellick**
hvscnews@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

The **Hudson Valley Ski Club's Holiday Dance** was lightly attended but those who were there had an enjoyable evening. The Villa Borghese provided good food and an exceptional room for our party. The Harvest Band gave us plenty of good dance tunes. At times just about everyone was up on the dance floor. We would have liked to have had the company of many more members but we still had a good time. Thanks to those who attended. **Pat Cummins**

Thank You...



Thanks to **Carole Daniels** and her committee for running the **Seventeenth Annual Hudson Valley Ski Club Holiday Raffle**



Thanks to **Susan Stark** and her committee for running the **Holiday Dinner Dance** at the **Villa Borghese**



Thanks to **Claudette Hennessy** for hosting her annual **Holiday Sing-Along**. Every year she graciously opens her home to us for the holiday event and we truly appreciate her hospitality.



Club Information

Club Officers

President: Herb Eschbach
Vice-President: Susan Stark
Secretary: John Macek
Treasurer: Jim Gahn
Sergeant at Arms: Larry Slezak

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Constitution:

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Retention:

Shirley Rinaldi

Newsletter - Website:

Mike Harellick

Ski Council - Discount Tickets:

Jim Gahn

Ski Trips:

Bill Egan

Contact information is available in the Online Membership Directory on the website:

www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to

info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Welcome to the following new members!

Bill Martzinek

Frank Ruggiero

Ski/Ride Improvement Days for January will be:



Friday, January 20 - Windham (\$25.95)

Sunday, January 29 - Plattekill (\$29.95)

Monday, January 30 - Jiminy Peak (\$29.95)

Ski/Ride Improvement Days for **February** will be:
 Friday, February 10 - Windham (\$25.95)
 Sunday, February 12 - Plattekill (\$29.95)

For more information and to reserve a spot at a Ski/Ride Improvement day, please contact **Mark Searle** at hvscskiteach@yahoo.com or (845)471-6402.




Lift Ticket Lotto

The club holds **Lift Ticket Lotto** contests at each club meeting during the ski season. Several local and regional ski areas have donated to the club lift tickets in exchange for ads in the newsletter.

We'll be giving away tickets to different ski areas at each meeting from now through March 2012. All you need to do to get in on the hot action for this cool deal is to be sure to buy some Lift Ticket Lotto tickets at the next meeting. For January Lift Ticket Lotto tickets will be for Gore, Hunter, Mt. Snow and Thunder Ridge at the January 4 meeting. Tickets for Butternut, Catamount, Gore and Windham will be the prizes at the January 18 meeting. Ticket prices for Lift Ticket Lotto are \$1 for 1, 6 for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Your support of Lift Ticket Lotto helps the Club in its many activities.

Mark Searle hvscskiteach@yahoo.com



 Just a brief reminder to use your new password

when accessing the "Members Only" area of the website. You will find the new password on the back of your 2011-2012 membership card. Remember that passwords are case dependent.

webmaster@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org



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 Kingston, NY 12401
 845-339-4894

Deadline: 15th of the month
editor@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org



Check the www.HudsonValleySkiClub.org website for the most recent updates.

Past HVSC member **Jacqueline "Jackie" O'Malley** passed away on Wednesday, November 16 in Florida. Our condolences to her family.




b Ski Butternut

INCREDIBLE SAVINGS FOR SKI CLUBS!

- \$40 HOLIDAY LIFT TICKETS** (20% Savings)
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- \$20 LESSON** (20% Savings)

Discounts valid Saturday, Sunday & Holiday weekdays.
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Details at: www.SkiButternut.com → Lift Tickets → Ways To Save
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ADULT SKI & SNOWBOARD RACE LEAGUE



CATAMOUNT, Hillsdale, NY
www.catamountski.com (518) 325-3200

I'm pleased to announce that the **ADULT SKI & SNOWBOARD RACE LEAGUE** is back for another season and everyone is invited to participate. The same format as last year is being offered and it is expected to be a huge success.

We will be participating in Team Ski / Board Racing on Wednesday Nights for six consecutive weeks beginning in early January 2012 (start date still undetermined). We need at least FIVE racers to participate as a TEAM. The cost will be \$95.00 per person. This will include your lift ticket, race fee, awards and banquet at the end of the season (a portion of the cost will be paid by the club). Registration will be at 6:30 pm and racing should begin about 7:00 pm. This is a GS course and includes two timed runs. Last year over 60 skiers participated on some nights. I'm told more than 8 teams have already committed to the event this year. The deadline to register is 12/31/11.

It seems that we have the same members participating each year. I would like to see some new faces; especially some of the newer members. We usually car pool from the Red Oaks Mill area on race nights

The Season Finale will be the annual President's Race on Saturday, March 24, 2012 presented by the New Jersey Ski Council (NJSC) at Hunter Mountain. Anyone who has ever participated in this event can attest to its success. This race is open to all HVSC members (children are also allowed to participate). Further details about this event will appear in upcoming newsletters and announced at future meetings.

These are all ON-SNOW events (unlike Friday Night Race Training) and open to all levels of skiers and boarders, men and women, from beginners to experts. All HVSC members are invited and encouraged to participate. It is a great opportunity to meet and ski with some of your fellow club members while improving your skiing skills and technique. This weekly event is meant to be FUN, so come on out and enjoy the thrills and spills that racing has to offer.

Any other racing events that come up during year will be announced at the meetings, appear in the newsletter or will be posted on the website.

To register, contact **Tom Pompei** at (845) 462-3944 or e-mail: TVP606@optonline.net. Hope to see everyone there!!!

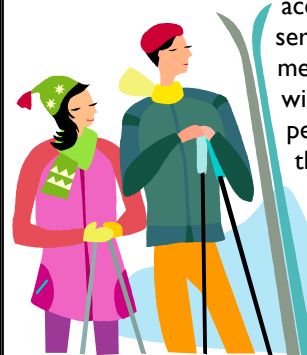
Bud Light St. Patrick's Day
 Mount Snow, Vermont
 March 16, 2012



\$34 for HVSC Members
 The price includes \$17 for the bus ride and \$17 for the lift ticket.
 In the works; so, detail could change!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Mount Snow where they'll be lowering our lift tickets to **\$17 FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!** For only 17 bucks you can ski or ride anywhere on the mountain that day! That's not all – what would ST. PATS be without **BEER, FOOD AND IRISH MUSIC?** And, even better, sit back and relax while someone else does the driving!

Sign up for the trip is at the December 21 meeting. We will be accepting sign ups on a first come, first served basis immediately following the membership meeting. HVSC members will be given first preference. Space permitting, guests are welcome to join the trip for \$54.



Watch the website for more details or on our Trips Facebook page, Hudson Valley Ski Club—Trips.



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Beaver Creek, Colorado

February 25--March 3, 2012

Price: \$1,538 *

Trip Leader: **Pete Gray**

"The trip is full; but, there is no one on the Wait List."

Pete Gray, Trip Leader

7 nights condo lodging at the Kiva
5 of 8 day lift ticket valid at Beaver Creek, Vail, Keystone and Breckenridge*
Round trip air
Transportation to and from the airports
Welcome reception

The Kiva Lodge is a premium condominium property located in the upper Beaver Creek Village and features its own private ski way that provides easy ski in/ski out access to Beaver Creek Mountain. Amenities include a heated outdoor pool, 2 hot tubs, sauna, steam room, wi-fi and a private ski locker room.

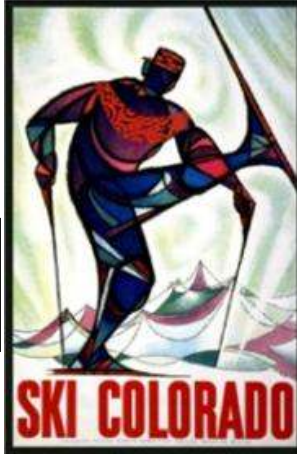
You may upgrade to a 6 day lift ticket for \$42 if paid in advance. There are no discounts on lift tickets for Seniors.

Cancellations must be in writing and the minimum penalty is \$100. Once issued, airline tickets are not refundable for cash. Please see the trip leader for details on cancellation refunds. Cancellations have become extremely complicated and must be figured separately for lodging and lift tickets. Bus fees are seldom refundable. Cancellations after Dec 15 are not eligible for a refund.

THE TRIP COMMITTEE STRONGLY SUGGESTS TRIP PARTICIPANTS PURCHASE TRIP INSURANCE*

*Please see trip leader for details.

Pete Gray pg4@pg4.net or beavercreek@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

**Lake George/Gore**

January 6-8 (Fri-Sun)

\$198 does not include lift tickets

Trip Leader: **Sal Alaimo**

2 nights lodging at the Georgian Resort in Lake George
Breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday
Dinner buffet on Saturday Night
Welcome Pizza Party Friday Night
Open Bar Friday and Saturday Nights
DJ on Friday and Saturday Nights

As always this trip is open to downhill and CROSS COUNTRY skiers as well as shoppers, explorers and general partiers.

A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum \$25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader:

Sal Alaimo salaimo@earthlink.net 845 473-2481

Mailing address: 26 Kingston Ave Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Note: "Just because the deadline for sign up has passed do not be discouraged. Get on the wait list and I will try to get some extra space." Nancy



Thunder Ridge Ski Area

Route 22, Patterson New York

845-878-4100

www.ThunderRidgeSki.com

Sugarbush

February 3-5
(Fri-Sun)

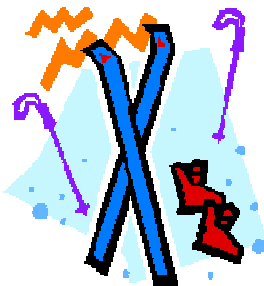
\$260 includes lift tickets and welcome party

Trip leader: **Shirley Rinaldi**

2 nights lodging at the Sugarbush Inn

2 day lift ticket

Welcome party



We have not been to Sugarbush for a few years so this seemed like the perfect price and time. The trip is the weekend before our Mount Snow trip so those members who like to piggyback their ski experiences will have the chance. If you book Sunday night at the North Star in Killington or the Grand Summit at Mount Snow you can have 6 consecutive days of skiing!

Sign up begins at the next meeting. A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum \$25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader

Shirley Rinaldi srinaldipds@gmail.com

Mount Snow

February 6-9 (Mon-Thurs)

\$317 includes 3 nights lodging and a 4 day lift ticket

Trip Leader: **Carole Daniels**



3 nights lodging (Mon, Tues, Wed) at the Grand Summit

4 day lift ticket (Mon – Thurs)

Breakfast Buffet at the Harper Restaurant on Tues, Wed and Thursday morning.

The Grand Summit offers ski in/ski out accommodations, a

ski valet, a car valet, as well as a fitness room with sauna, steam room, and an outdoor hot tub and pool.

Check in is not until late Monday. Drive up to the Grand Summit but unload only your ski gear. The car valet will park your car for the day. After a great day of skiing you can check in. Once you have your room key the valet will get your car and you can unload the rest of your luggage.

Sign up begins at the next meeting. A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum \$25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader

Carole Daniels at cbdisland@aol.com and 845-635-3949.

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President's message... for January 2012

The ski club's calendar of events has been loaded with opportunities for everyone. But if you didn't attend our recent annual dinner/dance at the Villa Borghese, then you missed one of the best we've had in a while. The Harvest Band entertained us with great dance music, the Villa Borghese cooked up a delectable meal, and the camaraderie was most enjoyable. Our thanks to Pat Cummins and Susan Stark for organizing this holiday party.



A few rain showers didn't deter many of you from participating in the huge raffle, with prizes valued at over \$7000! providing revenues for our club budget.

Special thanks to Carole Daniels and her committee for all the hard work in securing the donations and organizing the prizes.

There are many more club events coming up, including one that you don't want to miss! A first ever HVSC "Ribbon Cutting" co-sponsored by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. (See the details on the front page) This promotional and marketing ceremony will receive wide distribution and publicity throughout the Hudson Valley, plus photos will be shown on a Chamber of Commerce special website. ➔

\$10 OFF Lift Tickets

Valid anytime non-holiday with your HVSC i.d..



Roxbury, NY

www.plattekill.com

(607) 326-3500

Please join us for the photo shoot and reception, and share a few skiing stories or plans with other members.

How are your preparations coming along for this ski season? Why not get some early season refresher tips to get you started right. Have you been a little unsteady in the turns, or been intimidated by piles of snow on the trails that you thought would make you catch an edge, or maybe you just can't keep up with friends? Ski Instruction Coordinator Mark Searle has several dates scheduled to help you improve your skiing/snowboarding and make this your best year ever. We are fortunate to have many certified instructors willing to analyze your skiing/snowboarding movements and offer understandable and progressive tips. Just think how much better you will ski on the trips you have signed up for! Speaking of... if you would like someone to join you for a day of skiing, check out the "Ski with Me" page on the club website.

Join me for a run on the slopes.

Herb Eschbach President

the windham mountain ski club card

- a \$25 membership fee*
 - a FREE anytime/non-holiday lift ticket
 - direct to lift access
 - \$25 off midweek lift ticket
 - \$15 off weekend/holiday lift ticket
 - must have valid ski club I.D.
- *must be purchased by Dec. 25, 2011 after Dec. 25, membership is \$30, free lift ticket not included



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**"Skiers & Boarders CARE"
Hurricane Irene Relief Fund**

Mid Jersey Ski Club has aligned with HVSC for use of their lodge. We're the Mid Jersey Ski Club, and we have a wonderful lodge in Wallingford, Vermont that we would love to invite you to use. Our lodge is centrally located near Killington, Okemo, Bromley and Stratton.

The lodge sleeps 20 and has a large, well appointed great room, big commercial kitchen, and 5 comfortable bedrooms. It sits on two acres overlooking a beautiful valley, next to a babbling brook.

Along with the discounted lift tickets your club already has access to, and a very inexpensive nightly rate (\$30) to stay at our lodge, you can really ski and stay the Great State of Vermont on the cheap.

Contact **Jim Gahn** to schedule. earmaster@juno.com 845.561.6376

The NJ Ski & Snowboard Council, Inc. continues to reach out to our ski clubs and winter sports enthusiasts for their support of "Skiers & Boarders CARE," a disaster relief fund sponsored by the Council to aid our beloved mountain communities devastated by Hurricane Irene. Almost all of Vermont and many areas in New York saw flooding and damage not seen in 100 years. In August, you undoubtedly viewed countless images of widespread damage that was hard to comprehend. Communities throughout the area are still struggling to recover and will face serious challenges for many months if not years to come. Many saw their homes and businesses completely destroyed. Countless were without insurance and remain in dire need of assistance. This will be a very bleak holiday season for those who suffered such severe losses. As we return to our "winter playgrounds" this season, we should not forget our dear friends in their time of need. 100% of monies collected will be donated to charities in the affected areas.

lease make contributions payable to:
NJ Ski & Snowboard Council, Skiers & Boarders CARE
c/o TD Bank, N.A., 245 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Contact **Jim Gahn** for information. earmaster@juno.com 845.561.6376



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Friday Race Training

Every Friday evening Club members meet at an area eatery for a couple of hours of friendly conversation.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, contact **Susan Kokosa** 229-6786 race_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org
race training coordinator.

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| December | 23 | Shadows on the Hudson | |
| | | 176 Rinaldi Blvd | Poughkeepsie |
| | 30 | Bonefish Grill | |
| | | 2185 South Rd | Poughkeepsie |
| January 2012 | 6 | River Station | |
| | | 1 North Water St | Poughkeepsie |
| | 13 | La Puerta Azul | |
| | | Route 44 | Salt Point |
| | 20 | Cosimo's | |
| | | Delafield St | Poughkeepsie |
| | 27 | Umberto's Mama Marissa | |
| | | Route 9 | Poughkeepsie |

Coming Events -- January 2012

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| December | 21 | Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30 | |
| | 25 | Merry Christmas |  |
| January 2012 | 1 | Happy New Year |  |
| | 4 | Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30 | |
| | 6-8 | Lake George/Gore Mountain Ski Trip | |
| | 10 | Ribbon Cutting at Waryas Park |  |
| | 13 | Ice Skating at Mohonk |  |
| | 18 | Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30 | |

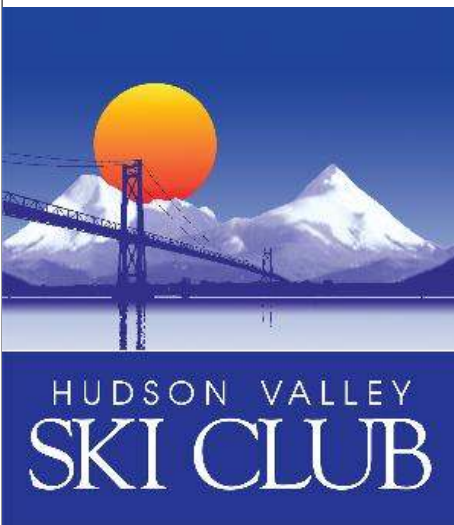
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**Next Meetings: January 4
& January 18**

2012 Ski Trips
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