River Hills Ski Club



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OCTOBER 2004



OCTOBER

General Meetings, Norwalk Boat Club October 5 General Meeting October 19 "Get in Shape for Skiing"

CSC DISCOUNT TICKET ORDERS
Due October 5

RHSC MEMBER/GUEST GOLF TOURNAMENT October 8–12

> WORK WEEKEND October 16-17

> > BIKE HIKE October 24

NOVEMBER

General Meetings, Norwalk Boat Club November 2 and 16

> CSC Snowball November 20

DECEMBER

Holiday Party December 11

Is that really a penguin snowboarding down a mountain . . . made of sand?



Yup. On Saturday, August 28th the Heners, Kellicks, Grabiecs, a Fiscella and the Aronica-Bucks represented RHSC at the Annual Milford Sand Castle Building Contest. Our snowy/sandy creation was called "Penguin's Playground." The intricate plan was designed and skillfully engineered by the Heners. They and their able crew began digging at 2pm, low tide. We had until 5pm to create our igloo, walruses, snowboarding penguin and iceberg. RHSC President Hener now hopes for a SNOW SCULPTURE Contest at the Lodge this winter. Any diggers?



Visit the new RHSC website at our new address:

www.riverhillsskiclub.org

MEMBERS ONLY LOGIN:

RIVERHILLS

MEMBERS ONLY PASSWORD:

KILLINGTON



FROM THE SUMMIT

Bob Hener—President

Thank you Pat Siciliano, Stephanie Evers and Gabe Cordova for a great Club Picnic. The weather was great this year, the food was plentiful and tasty.

A good time was had by all.

WORK WEEKEND. Sign up now! Maintenance Chair Curtis Casey has an ambitious program to get the house in shape for the upcoming season. It's a great time to socialize with club members and take in the beautiful fall foliage. You don't have to be skilled in a particular trade. Curtis will find a project for you. Call Paul Fiscella, the monthly coordinator, and make a reservation now.

Various Chairpeople are working on more upgrades to the lodge. Carpet replacement will be continued in the men's dorm and rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12 after the work weekend. You will see a new front door, vestibule door and keyed entry system by the time the winter season starts. We are continuing to upgrade various items connected with the heating system. Thanks to all for your efforts.

Hope you mailed your **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** renewal to Nancy Trovato by the end of September. It's not too late to renew but there is a late fee if Nancy didn't receive the renewal by the end of September. With your renewal you will receive a voucher to use at the lodge, or for use at club functions occurring at the lodge. We are continuing the policy of issuing three \$15 certificates making the vouchers easy to use for weekday or weekend stays. No change is ever given for partial usage, the vouchers are not transferrable and must be used within a year.

The October deadline for purchasing **CT SKI COUNCIL DISCOUNT BULK TICKETS** is fast approaching. October 5th is the last date Jim Maitland will accept orders for the bulk ticket sales. Mail in your order now or give it to Jim at the October 5th Club General Meeting. Don't have an order form? Check the Skizette, check your email or contact Jim.

There is space available for the Golf Weekend October 9th and 10th based at the Lodge. Walter and Gabe have planned a great weekend of golf at nearby courses.

Visit for our new and **EXPANDED WEBSITE**

lodge coordinators

OCTOBER

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No calls after 9 PM please

NEW ADDRESS: www.riverhillskiclub.org.Download the Skizette in color, the Club calendar, and many of the forms used by the Club.

Gabe has announced the **MONDAY NIGHT RACING** program will begin December 13th. Gabe needs racers of all abilities. Your support is needed and appreciated.

We also need a volunteer to be our Ambassador to the **CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL**. Call Gabe if you are interested. The **Connecticut Ski Council Snowball is Saturday November 20**. It is always an enjoyable function. Kathleen and I have always had a good time.

Fall is a great time to stay at the lodge . Remember to volunteer, it is what keeps the club running smoothly! See you up there soon!

Bob Hener

upcoming meeting

Come "Get in Shape for Skiing" at the General Meeting on October 19th. Learn how to stretch and tone properly for maximum strength and flexibility.

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Historical Notes

by Barbara and Bob Guth

30 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1974

A fashion show by Outdoor Traders of Greenwich was announced and Club members were recruited as models. Due to a rainy Saturday, the "hayride weekend" at the lodge became a tennis weekend—members played indoors on Saturday night and outdoors on Sunday. The carpentry team, led by Orie Mesedahl, put the finishing touches on the stairway and balcony overlooking the downstairs living room. Joe O'Malley planted a 2-foot pine tree next to the parking lot light. Is it still there?

20 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1984

RHSC entered the Chili Cookoff at the Danbury Oktoberfest, a benefit for the CT Special Olympics. The chili created by our chefs (Sally Oldread, Heidi Baruch and Illona Maruszak) had a favorable response, although it didn't win a prize.

Jerry Schorr announced his 10th anniversary ski trip to Davos,

Switzerland and Courchevel, France. The total cost for 17 days was \$1695. A good turnout made this year's work weekend a great success.

Besides, the group enjoyed temperatures in the 60's and the beautiful Fall foliage.

10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1994

Photos on the front page of the Skizette showed Mark Mitchell cooking ribs and Gerry Harrington filling her plate at the annual Fall Picnic held in Rye, NY this year. Mark was assisted by Joe Munchoff and Oscar Ruiz-Dias in the cooking chores.

A new requirement for lodge coordinators was announced. Members who plan to serve as weekend coordinators or monthly coordinators must participate in a new training program to qualify. The Long Range Planning Committee considered architectural drawings by Gary MacIntyre and Boris Pogacnik for a proposed renovation of the dining room and new basement area.

member news

Tim Street's father, Dr. John M. Street, passed away on September 15, 2004. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 16th at 2pm, at the Congregational Church, Main Street, on the green in New Milford. A reception will follow. Pat and Tim welcome RHSC members to attend. Our condolences are with them and their family.

Pat Siciliano is now the proud mom of a 7 year old daughter. Congratulations!!

The **CT Ski Council Awareness Days** are posted at www.skiclub.org. Members must show their valid RHSC Club Membership card, validated with the CSC sticker, to participate. Call Gabe Cordova for more details.

save the date

Julliet Cavallaro has generously offered her house for the **Holiday Party** and will be hosting it with Carol Harris-Randall and Jocelyn Gash. The date is Dec. 11th.

help wanted

Anyone interested in running the **Annual RHSC Bus Trip** January 7—9, 2005, should contact Bob Hener as soon as possible.

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FIRST ANNUAL RHSC MEMBER-GUEST GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 8 - 12, 2004

The "2-man Best Ball" Tournament will consist of 4 nine-hole matches: 2 matches (9 holes each) will be held on Saturday and 2 matches on Sunday. Each team will consist of a member and a guest and will compete in 5 different flights, with 100% handicaps. Complete details will be handed out prior to the tournament.

TOURNAMENT COST FOR MEMBERS \$190 AND GUESTS \$200 INCLUDES:

• 1st Round Golf on Saturday October 9, 2004

Tee Time start – 8:00am

Green Mountain National Golf Course. Greens fee, including golf cart

2nd Round Golf on Sunday October 10, 2004

Tee Time start – 8:00am

Killington Golf Course. Greens fee, including golf cart.

• 2 nights at the RHSC LODGE;

Breakfast Saturday & Sunday and Dinner on Saturday.

• Prizes for winning teams

OPTIONAL GOLF SCHEDULE:

Friday October 8, 2004 Practice Round. White River Golf Club in Rochester, VT, located in Rochester, VT on Route 100, a few miles north of our lodge. This is a nine-hole course. Tee times will be made starting at 3:00 PM. Greens fee is \$13 for nine holes and \$21 for 18 holes. Monday October 11, 2004 3rd Round. Optional. Play will be at Okemo Valley Golf Course. Tee time start—10:00 AM. Greens fee, including golf cart, is \$95. The additional cost for Sunday night stay is Members \$20, Guest \$25.

Members are reminded to tell guests to bring their own twin sheets, blankets and towels.

It is vital that we have a head count ASAP.

For more info and to RSVP, call Walter Kostr zewski (203) 656-2931 or Gabe Cordo va (203) 878-4727. Reser vations honored on a first come first ser ved basis.

Send either of us your name and handicap (for you and your guests) along with your \$50 deposit (per person.) Send checks made out to RHSC to Gabe Cordo va, 53 Housatonic D rive, Milford, CT 06460

The Connecticut Ski Council invites you to our

"WINTER TRAILS UNITED" SNOWBALL

A semi-formal dance with music by "Melaena"

Saturday, November 20, 2004

8:00 pm till 1:00 am

At "the Colony"



Tickets: \$20 advance purchase / \$25 at the door

Directions: from Hartford: I-84 EAST to Vermon Exit 63, left onto Route 83/30 for 1 mile. At the light, the facilities will be to your left behind Connecticut Golf Land.

Rooms: Special rate available at the adjoining Quality Inn for \$69.00 double occupancy, plus taxes by October 20th. Call the hotel directly at 1-800-235 INNS or 860-646-5700. Be sure to call by October 20th and mention that you are with the OCSC to obtain the discounted rate.

Prizes: Thousands of dollars worth of prizes. You could be the lucky winner of skis, a snowboard, lift tickets, vacation packages and much more... Come support the Connecticut Ski Council's only fund raiser of the year. Your attendance and enjoyment is vital to our organization's continued success. We hope to see you there!

For further information: Contact your club ambassador, CSC representative, or the CSC Ambassador, Mandy Lavallee at 860-638-3821

RHSC LODGE WORK WEEKEND October 16-17

Join us for this very important club activity.

Call and make your reservations today!

The Jeff Ross Annual Bike Hike

Sunday October 24, 2004,
starting at 10 AM

Meet at Carol Bancroft's house
in Bethel, CT
~~Après Biking~~

Bring pot luck hors d'oeuvres
to accompany hot mulled cider
Call for reservations and
directions 203.748.4823 or
email:



artists@carolbancroft.com.

RAIN DATE 11/21/04