# River Hills Ski Club SKIZETE OTHER OTHER

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#### **DECEMBER 2004**



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December 7: State-of-the-Art Ski/Board Equipment with Frank Matsuda from Pedigree Ski Shops

> December 11: Holiday Party

December 31: New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge

#### **JANUARY 2005**

January 4: General Meeting

January 7–9: Bus Trip

January 18: General Meeting "Navigate the RHSC Website"

Visit the new RHSC website at our new address:

#### www.riverhillsskiclub.org

MEMBERS ONLY LOGIN:

RIVERHILLS

MEMBERS ONLY PASSWORD:

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## Bulk Ticket Program

#### FROM JIM MAITLAND

- 1. Distribution will be at the December 7th meeting at the Norwalk Boat Club.
- 2. You will be asked to check your ticket order when you receive it and sign a confirmation that your order is correct.
- 3. Tickets will be mailed only at the member's specific request via email to Jim Maitland at jamesmaitland1@yahoo.com. Postage and insurance (suggested) are at the member's expense.
- 4. Tickets may only be used by members and their families. Buying extra tickets for non-RHSC friends is inappropriate.
- 5. Be aware that each ticket is coded with a tracking number back to RHSC and the individual member.
- 6. Tickets may be resold within RHSC. However, the tickets may not be resold on eBay, the internet or in the resort parking lots. We are told that the CSC and the resorts will be checking for unauthorized resales.
- 7. The resorts may request your driver's license, RHSC membership card and the CSC sticker on your RHSC card for identification and to confirm eligibility.
- 8. If tickets are confiscated by the resort, RHSC will not reimburse you.



RHSC Lodge 11/04 . . . waiting for the first big snow. photo by Mike Kellick



#### FROM THE SUMMIT

#### Bob Hener-President

Another a big thanks to Gabe Cordova, our club representative to the CT Ski Council. A good time was had by all at the CSC SnowBall where, once again,

Gabe was Mr. Ski. He embellishes all the best qualities of friendship, camaraderie and skiing and keeps us in good standing with the CSC. Good job and thank you, Gabe!

Kathy Hener ran her annual Coordinator's Training Course at the last general meeting. Only members who participate in this course can be coordinators. Thanks again Kath.

We are fast approaching the beginning of our "in season," which means RATES CHANGE as of the weekend of December 18–19. For the first two weekends of the winter season we have not scheduled the cook or dishwasher. If our membership breaks the historical light usage of the lodge for those weekends—we have at least 25 people signed up—the coordinator could schedule a cook. The cook and dishwasher will officially start New Year's weekend and be on hand every weekend, and certain holiday periods, through March.

It appears there are a few "in core" memberships available. If you know of interested people who fit our club profile get them on the road to membership by participating in club activities and submitting an application. Contact Nancy Trovato, our membership chair, for the application. We should constantly market the club and ourselves to attract new people. Bringing in friends, and acquaintances helps support the lodge, and the camaraderie and culture of the sport we all love.

The CSC bulk discount lift tickets will be distributed at the December 7th club meeting at the NBC. Walter Kostrzewski, our club program chair, has scheduled a program for that meeting. New RHSC member Frank Matsuda, of Pedigree Ski Shop, will discuss the latest ski and board equipment.

We have a bus trip scheduled for the weekend of January 8–9. The club rules state that 35 people must be signed up by December 23rd in order for the trip to take place. Please sign up for the trip as soon as possible so it doesn't have to be cancelled! See the flyer or call Gerry Harrington, the trip coordinator, to sign up. Thanks for coordinating, Gerry.

All members are reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of their children regardless of their age. Parents must supervise their children at all times—wherever they are in the Lodge.

The refrigerator in the basement opposite the ski tuning table is for use by all members. All food and beverages must be kept in containers (paper or plastic bags, food containers, bottle, etc.) AND MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH MEMBER'S LAST NAME. This especially applies to all beverages. All items not identified with a members name will be discarded. And remember, RHSC adheres to all state liquor laws. Adults are encouraged to inventory and monitor all liquor brought into the lodge.

Have you visited our website www.riverhillsskiclub.org? The latest club news, Skizette and forms we use at the Lodge are posted and can also be downloaded from the website. Thank you communications chair, Barbara Aronica Buck

The membership voted in favor of purchasing a defibrillator for the lodge. It should be in place by the start of the winter season.

Thanks to Bob Boothroyd and son for installing the new front and vestibule doors at the lodge. Good job Bob. I'm sure the membership will take satisfaction and pride in the new look. We also have new keys for the lodge.

New carpeting for the men's dorm and rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12 is scheduled to be installed Dec. 2.

We need your help. We had firewood delivered to the Lodge but it was dumped in the wrong place. Please grab a handful each time you climb the stairs and place it in the wood shed. Thanks.

Thanks to Carol Bancroft for running the Fall Bike Ride

We have the Holiday Party coming up Dec. 11 at the home of Juliet and Mark Cavallaro. Thanks for volunteering your home for the party.

Are you tired of Monday Night Football? Get off your butt and join Gabe and his band of streakers every Monday night at the CSC Monday Night Racing Program. Weather permitting it is scheduled to start soon—check the calendar online and call Gabe for details and ride-sharing.

Remember to volunteer, it is what keeps the club running smoothly! Enjoy your Holidays. See you at the Lodge!

Bob Hener

#### RING IN 2005 WITH RIVER HILLERS

Call the Bagnatos and Trovatos (co-chairs) to join in the New Year's Eve Party on December 31st at the Lodge.



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### Historical Notes

by Barbara and Bob Guth

#### 40 YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 1964

The Christmas Cocktail Party was held at the Belltown Fire House in Stamford this year and featured all the martinis and manhattan's you can drink for \$2.00 per person. Ah, the good old days.

A report was made on the November work weekend. The new dormers added considerable light and ventilation to the dorms. New furniture for the living room arrived on Sunday via Silberman's truck. A plea was made to avoid cigarette burns in the new furniture.

Susie Eynon was crowned Connecticut Ski Queen at the annual Snow Ball. River Hills clinched this title four times in the last five contests!

#### 30 YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 1974

The Connecticut Ski Council announced a cross-country ski party to be held at Blackberry Inn in Norfolk, CT. A day of skiing with lessons and a trail lunch plus a Stew Dinner cost \$8. It was report-

ed that 14 inches of snow fell on Killington in the middle of November.

#### 20 YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 1984

The membership committee announced that we had 149 memberships and asked all members to make a New Year's resolution to volunteer to help the club even if only in some small way. The Skizette reported on a very successful bike trip originating from Carol Bancroft's home. This annual tradition still continues.

#### 10 YEARS AGO-DECEMBER 1994

The Skizette cover showed a photo of Brother Hughes, complete with collar, substituting for Fr. Deluca as auctioneer at the Chinese Auction. The new requirement of mandated training for Lodge Coordinators was reported. Gabe Cordova announced plans for a ski trip to Val d'Isere and Tignes in France.

#### lodge coordinators

#### **DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

Paula Clupper (203) 378-3740 nanatutor@aol.com

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**NO CALLS AFTER 9 PM PLEASE** 

# OPERATIONS OBSERVATIONS By Kathy Hener

The "Big Season" is around the corner. Make your DECEMBER reservations now with Paula Clupper.

Remember that the cook/dishwasher service doesn't start until the 4th weekend in December. Until then you are responsible for your own food and clean-up. Don't leave ANY



Killington 11/04. photo by Mike Kellick

food in the refrigerators or on the kitchen counters, even if you think someone may want it later. It invites pests and it is not healthy. **Please clean up after yourself.** If you use the griddle on the gas stove, clean it *thoroughly* after you are finished. It is not acceptable to leave that for other members, the housekeeper or to wait until work weekend.

When making reservations, please don't leave just a message on the Monthly Coordinator's answering machine and assume that you are confirmed. You must call back to make sure that you are

confirmed. If you call last minute, and the book has already been given to the Weekend Coordinator, they will tell you who to contact. You can also make reservations and get confirmations online.

Now that everyone has been trained at the Coordinators Training meeting in November, I expect to see a lot of volunteers for Weekend Coordinators!! When you make a reservation, tell the Monthly Coordinator that you would like to do it. If you are not comfortable flying solo yet, then shadow the coordinator the next time you are up and watch what to do. Being a Weekend Coordinator is considered a significant contribution for a club activity. Please sign up.

Also, I am looking for someone to update and replenish the First Aid Kits in the Lodge. They are kept in the men's and ladies bathrooms. Contact me, if you would like to this task and when you can complete it.

Have a great holiday, Kathy Hener



# Hurry and join the January Bus Trip

# Ski SUGARBUSH and STRATTON with RHSC January 7th — 9th, 2005

FRIDAY: Board the bus on Friday, January 7, at the Noroton Railroad Station.

(Exit 10 off I-95) at 6:30 PM. Your car can be left there for the weekend. We'll party on the way up to the River Hills Lodge in Vermont with food,

beverages & music provided.

SATURDAY: An early rising with breakfast provided and head-out to Sugarbush.

Ski the whole day! Party on bus back to the River Hills lodge, where beverages,

appetizers, a warm crackling fire and a delicious dinner await us.

SUNDAY: Sunday morning, after a hardy breakfast, we'll head south to Stratton.

Movies, fun and games enjoyed by all on the bus to make the traveling more enjoyable. Ski Stratton till 3:30pm. Board the bus at 4:00pm and either party some more or just rest on the bus 'till we get to the parking lot at the Noroton

Railroad Station.

## Cost for Members: \$230 Cost for guests: \$250 (cost reduction of \$25 for Juniors (7-12) and Seniors (65+)

Price includes, round trip bus transportation to Vermont and both ski areas, lift tickets, Friday night food and beverages on the bus, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, snacks & beverages on the bus for the way home.

## Trip Coordinator—Gerry Harrington SIGN UP NOW—PAYMENT NEEDED BY DECEMBER 10TH.

Yes, I'd like to join RHSC on this bus trip	January 7th to 9th to Sugarbush and Stratton	
Name/s:	Telephone:( )	
Guest/s		

#### I need volunteers—please help! Call Gerry Harrington ASAP!!



## River Hills Ski Club Holiday Season Bash

Saturday, December 11, 2004 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm



At the home of Mark & Juliet Cavallaro 27 Hynard Place, Somers, NY (see directions online)

Hors d'oeuvres • Buffet Dinner • Dessert Beer, Wine and Soda will be served (bring your own stronger spirits)

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday we will be collecting gifts to give to children in need.

If you would like to participate, please bring a gift appropriate for a child

RSVP to Stephanie Evers at (203) 253-3855. Checks for \$30 per person should be made out to RHSC and mailed to Stephanie Evers, 44 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Apt. 7P, Stamford, CT 06902

# Happy Holidays!!