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# River Hills Ski Club SKIZETTE



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## DECEMBER 2005

### River Hills Attends 2005 Connecticut Ski Council (CSC) Snowball

RHSC had 36 members attend the CSC Snowball at The Connecticut Grand Hotel in Waterbury, CT. Eleven of us went to dinner at Italian Restaurant "Morrone's" prior to the Snowball. The food was great with very large servings and we also drank lots of good wine. It was a grand get together. Good company, many laughs and plenty to eat. The remainder of the RHSC members arrived at the Snowball via a dedicated minibus that brought them up from Darien. On the bus, food, beer and wine were served.

RHSC were one of two CSC clubs responsible for security at the Snowball. The security detail involved the receipt of tickets from participants and stamping the hands of individuals with ID to allow paid customers the freedom of reentry to the Snowball facility. We had to also be sure that no one brought in alcoholic beverages. It turned out to be a fun experience.

There were two bands that played continuous music all night. It was great dancing and we all had a great time. RHSC was commended for having had the greatest increase in attendance from last year. We had 6 attend last year and 36 this year. That is a large increase in attendance. We were also commended for doing an excellent job of security and for the design of the Snowball flyer. Thank you Lillian Fisher for a great job on the development and design of the Snowball flyer. Special Thanks also to Pat Siciliano and Walter Kostrzewski for their generous donations to the Snowball raffle prize. Thanks also to the RHSC board of Directors who arranged for the bus to take our members to the Snowball and back home again. The bus was a great motivator for our members to attend the Snowball. Last but not least are the Snowball attendees that participated in the security details. You were great!



The ladies show a little leg!



Look who else is showing some leg!



*From the Summit*  
**Walter Kostrzewski,**  
 president

I wish I was in Vermont! The snow is coming tonight. A couple more crazy weeks with shopping, holiday parties, and card writing. After that I will be off to River Hills for a week of skiing and fun with my friends and family.

The surveys have been trickling in but Judi has not received very many. I know you all have strong opinions about future improvements at the lodge. Let's hear what you have to say. Send in the surveys!!!

I hope you all have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. See you on the slopes!

Warm regards,  
 Walter Kostrzewski

Charlie heads up security at the Snow Ball!



Walter, Larry & Chris, "smile your on candid camera!"



## *2005-2006 Calendar*

### **December 6 General Meeting** NBC 7PM

Discount Lift Tickets Will Be Handed Out!  
*Holiday Party at Fat Cat!*

### **December 31** New Year's Eve Celebration at the Lodge

### **January 17 General Meeting** NBC 8PM

### **February 7 General Meeting** NBC 8PM

### **February 28** CSC CT Senior Winter Games Ski Sundown

### **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>** CSC On Snow Weekend Sugarbush, VT

### **March 7 General Meeting** NBC 8PM

*Lodge Coordinators*  
 no calls after 9pm

### **December & January**

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## Historical Notes

### 40 Years Ago – December 1965

Two weekends were scheduled at the Lodge giving skiing juniors and their family's priority for reservations. A seven mile hike was held at Pound Ridge Reservation, ending with a wine break and a game of touch football. RHSC member, Kathy Oakley was crowned the 1966 Connecticut Snow Queen at the Annual snow Ball. The club record stand at 5 winners in the last 6 years.

The December meeting featured a movie, "Skiing the French Alps" presented by the tour manager of Air France. Several members shared their ski experiences: Ken Vought on Austria, and Denis Szokolay on Eastern Europe.

### 30 Years Ago – December 1975

Ms. River Hills of 1975, Ivylyn Scott, was crowned Connecticut Snow Queen of 1975, Victory celebrations finally ended at 4 AM with breakfast of eggs benedict. The schedule for FIVE bus trips was announced. Was this the time of gas shortages?

### 20 Years Ago – December 1985

The 25 Anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated with an Open House. Members, neighbors and Ski Council friends were invited. New coordinator book2 were prepared by Betty Ito, Annette Antonelli, Chuck Hervey, Carol Mako and Evelyn Taft.

### 10 Years Ago – December 1995

The report of a recent survey was made. In general, people were happy with the participation rule, the membership fees, new member rules, and the food at the Lodge. The controversial question was the cohabitation rule. The results indicated 54% in favor of some kind of change and 46% wanting no change. The survey included a choice of priorities for the expenditure of capital funds. The top three were finish the kitchen, replace the carpet in the lower living room and replace the outside steps. It is noted that all three have been completed.



## Operations Observations

### December 2005

As I write this note, I see that it is snowing. Winter has arrived on the coast. If it's snowing here, then it is definitely snowing at the "Big K". Are you ready? We are and so is the lodge. The season is upon us. Make your reservations for December and January with Paul Schallis. When making reservations, please don't leave a message on the answering machine and think that you are confirmed. You must call back to make sure that you are confirmed. The process for making reservations is to call the Monthly coordinator. If they have turned the books over to the weekend coordinator, they will tell you who to contact. You can also make a reservation via e-mail.

We have added a new cabinet in the game room to accommodate pots and pans which should help keep the

back area cleaner. Please keep the back clear of clutter. There are several new members, please take the initiative and show them how to function in the house. The best way to do that is by example.

This year during Christmas week the holiday weekday rate will be \$30 for adult & child members and \$45 for an adult guest and \$40 for a child guest. This will ensure that there will be a cook and dishwasher each night except for Friday. Those people arriving after 9PM may deduct \$10.

Enjoy your stay at lodge!

**Kathy Hener**

## Membership

**Welcome to our new members the O'Brien family, Jim, Nancy & Conor and the Schwartz family, Michael, Bonnie, Mathew, Carly & Cary.**

Please contact Nancy Trovato at (203) 698-0716, [ntovato@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ntovato@sbcglobal.net) or Susan Levine at (203) 637-7753, [susanjlevine@optonline.net](mailto:susanjlevine@optonline.net) for any questions regarding membership.

## Maintenance

Under the direction of our new Maintenance Director, Bob Boothroyd, everyone put in a remarkable effort and we accomplished more than Bob could imagine in one weekend. The lodge is now ready for the ski season.

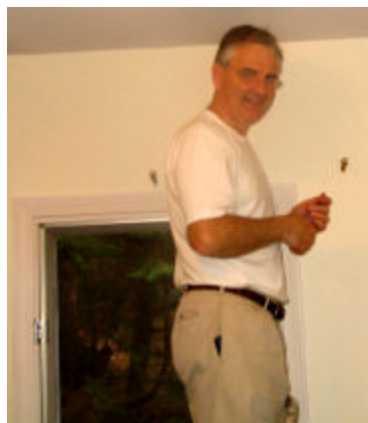
There have concerns expressed recently about the state of RHSC spirit of volunteerism. Anyone participating in this work weekend will assure you that the spirit of volunteerism at RHSC is alive and well!

Everyone had a good time. The camaraderie during a work weekend is much more noticeable than during ski

weekends because you are spending the better part of two days with a small group of fellow River Hillers, so you really get a chance to know other Club members.

On behalf of the club membership, our Director Bob Boothroyd, Assistants Bill Sherriff and Jan Flanreau, we would like to express our great appreciation for our work weekend team for their hard work and their dedication to the club.

**Bob Boothroyd, Jan Flandreau and Bill Sherriff**



## Programs

Some of the Programs we are planning for 2006 include Defensive Driving, a Chocolate Tasting, Dancing Lesson and a Cycling Seminar. If you have questions or would

like to help with a Program, please contact Sharon Lehr at (203) 325-8764 or [sharon.m.lehr@marsh.com](mailto:sharon.m.lehr@marsh.com).

## Activities

### **New Year's Eve at the Lodge - Dec 31st**

Ring in the New Year at the Lodge. It will be a very festive evening, we will have a special dinner with appetizers and wine and then dance until the New Year arrives! There will be an additional fee of \$10 per adult for the weekend.

Your participation is greatly appreciated, so if you would like to plan or contribute to an activity, please contact Chris Zimmerman at (203) 324-0003 or [supe203@yahoo.com](mailto:supe203@yahoo.com).

Dinner before the Snowball



## C7 Ski Council

### **Monday Night Racing**

Place: Mt Southington

Schedule start date December 12.

Race Registration 6-7:30PM

Race Starts: 7:45PM

To confirm that the mountain is open and that the race will take place call Mt. Southington after 3:00PM on the race date at 860-621-8851. Call Gabe Cordova for car pool arrangements.

### **Sugarbush Special**

December 23rd, Sugarbush is rolling back lift ticket prices to only \$5.50 per person. See their website for details.

### **Bromley**

\$25 mid week, non-holiday lift ticket prices

### **Awareness Days**

Members MUST show valid CSC Club Membership card and can ONLY purchase one ticket for each CSC sticker on the membership card. Tickets are available at the listed pickup location ONLY and sales close at 1 PM.

Check out the awareness days on the CSC website: [www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com). The upcoming awareness days are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Cost</u>
12/11	Sun	Stratton	\$28
12/16	Fri	Killington	\$25
12/17	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$25
12/18	Sun	Okemo	\$28
12/23	Fri	Bromley	\$23

**Sport Innovations** is offering the CSC special pricing on "Heat Vario Plus" heated insoles with rechargeable batteries. Both the "Allround" and "Ski Boot " are available in 5 and 7-hour versions, at \$66.90 and \$70.90 respectively. To order, visit their website at: [www.sport-innovations.com/skiclub/](http://www.sport-innovations.com/skiclub/).

**Kids Lesson Day** at Okemo, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

For questions regarding the CSC, please contact our representative, Gabe Cordova at (203) 878-4727 or [gabeski@optonline.net](mailto:gabeski@optonline.net).



## Trips

**Jay Peak**, Vermont Thursday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>–Sunday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>  
\$239 (see flyer for details).

**Steamboat**, Colorado February 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> \$1,140  
Contact Gabe Cordova for details.

### Who's Interested in Backcountry Skiing–New Hampshire White Mountains?

Chip Munk and Jim Garvey are planning to do some backcountry skiing late in the season (or whenever the snow gets deep enough, the days a little longer, and the sun a bit warmer). The tentative plan is to snowshoe or “skin” up to the Gulf of Slides. This is the next ravine south of Tuckerman’s, on the eastern slope of Mt. Washington. It’s all above tree line. The trailhead is at Pinkham Knotch parking lot. Gulf of Slides is a few hours

**Smuggler’s Notch**, Vermont March 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> \$540  
Contact Gabe Cordova for details.

**Fernie & Kimberly**, British Columbia, Canada March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,199 (see flyer for details).

hike in. It is a 5 ½ to 6 hour drive time to Pinkham from Norwalk, plus stops. We may stay Friday night at the Dodge Lodge at Pinkham before the hike up Saturday, or stay “in town” or at local campground. Plan to spend Saturday night in the mountains in the trees just below the slope. **“Full winter gear” necessary.** We have some extra gear to lend. Alternate suggestions are welcome and solicited. Contact Jim or Chip to express interest and for questions.

## More Fun at the CSC Snow Ball!

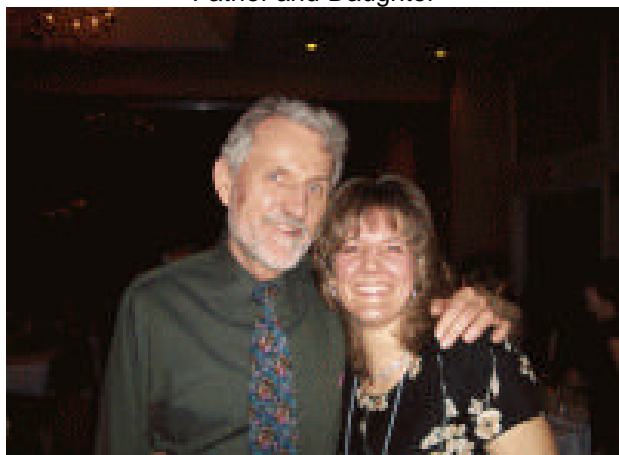
Gabe and his crew!



Bill and Susan on the bus!



Father and Daughter



Stephanie, Kathy and Sharon



# CSC Snow Ball

Kurt entertains the all beautiful women!



The gangs all here!



Charlie and his angel Donna!



Stan and Ronna on the Bus!



Jim and Lorie laughing it up!



Bob, Diana, Shirley and Jerry



## Mountain Travel Symposium Special



**Thursday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>–Sunday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **3 Days Slope Side Condo Special – Only \$239 US**

Located in the heart of Jay Peak's trail systems. Slope side Condominiums offer ski in/ski out accommodations, deluxe 2 bedroom condo with full kitchen, fireplace and washer/dryer. Access to Hotel Jay's Jacuzzi, Sauna, Full Game Room and Family Room. Perfect For Ski Club Get Togethers.



#### **Package includes**

- ☒ 3 nights lodging
- ☒ 3 days lifts tickets
- ☒ Meal package available at additional cost

☒ Free 2 Hour Lesson Mon-Fri

☒ Free Snow Cat Rides

☒ Free Dairy/Sugar Farm Tour

☒ Free Snow Sports School

Graduation Party

☒ Free Mountain Tours

Mon-Fri 9:30 Am Daily

☒ Custom Packages

☒ Snowshoe Tours

☒ Massage

☒ Trips To Montreal also available

#### **Payment Schedule:**

**Deposit Reservation due ASAP: \$ 50.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due: 09/1/05 \$ 100.00**

**Final Payment due: 11/01/05 \$ 89.00**

**(Space is limited to 32 People; Non River Hill's Ski Club members add \$10.00)**

To make your reservation send a check for \$ 50.00 payable to:

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# Fernie & Kimberley, British Columbia Canada

March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006

**7 Nights Slope Side Condos, 5-6 Days Skiing-Just \$1,199**

## Package includes:

- Round Trip Airfare on Northwest Airlines, from Newark to Kalispell, Montana
- 7 nights lodging (4 nights Fernie's Timberline Lodge, 2B/2B (4 per condo) and 3 nights Kimberley's Trickle Creek Marriott, 2B/2B (4 per condo))
- 5 days lift tickets (3 days Fernie, 2 days Kimberley, with an optional 6<sup>th</sup> day)
- All transfers; Airport to Fernie, Fernie to Kimberley, Kimberley to Airport
- Daily guided tours of both ski areas
- Taxes and airport fees

## Fernie:

Fernie is in a snow belt and is noted for its very fine powdery snow. Its average snowfall for the past 20 years is 29 feet. The Mountain has everything; over 2,500 acres of groomers, bowls, steeps, trees (you can always find powder in the trees) Beginner 30%, Intermediate 40%, and Expert 30%. Web site: [www.skifernie.com/map](http://www.skifernie.com/map)

## Timberline Lodge amenities include:

- Views of Elk Valley and Fernie Mt.
- Fully-furnished mountainside condominiums with complete kitchens, dishwashers, microwave, oven, gas fireplaces, cable TV
- Ski in- short walk to lifts
- After skiing enjoy the outdoor heated pool and whirlpools, mountain massage, game rooms, fitness room, Great Room.
- Other common areas include; laundries, reading room, gas grills and ski lockers

## Kimberley:

Kimberley is Canada's hidden gem, with 2,400 vertical feet and over 1,800 acres of cruisers on the front side and wonderful steep terrain and glades on the back- side there is something for everyone. That added to the charming alpine atmosphere and you have a great ski experience. Web site: [www.skikimberley.com](http://www.skikimberley.com)

## Trickle Creek Marriott amenities include:

- Views of the ski slopes or the majestic Rocky Mountains from your private lodgepole pine balcony
- All accommodations have a fully equipped kitchen including coffee maker, cooking and eating utensils, dishes and glassware, dishwasher, microwave and refrigerator with icemaker.
- Located 100 Feet away from the high speed quad chairlift
- After skiing you can relax in one of the two outdoor Jacuzzi's or the heated swimming pool.

## Trip Itinerary:

On March 25<sup>th</sup> we fly from Newark to Kalispell, Montana. We then take a 2 hour bus ride across the border to Fernie. We stay 4 nights at Fernie, ski 3 days (with an optional day). On March 29<sup>th</sup> we bus approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours to Kimberley to stay 3 nights and ski 2 days. We bus back to the Kalispell airport on April 1<sup>st</sup> and fly home to Newark.

## Payment Schedule:

Deposit and Reservation due: ASAP	\$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment due: 09/1/05	\$400.00
Final Payment due: 11/01/05	\$499.00

(Space is limited to 32 People; Non River Hill's Ski club members add \$20.00)

Passports are highly recommended for entering Canada

Trip Insurance is available for those who are interested, for approximately 6% of the trip cost

## Trip coordinator: Jim Garvey (Gabe Cordova's Understudy)

To make your reservation send a check for \$ 300.00 payable to: Ski.com

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