

*Save the Date for the Annual
Connecticut Ski Council
Snowball!*

November 12, 2005
at the Connecticut Hotel
& Conference Center

3850 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT
For room reservations call: 1-800-446-1449.
The CSC room rate is \$75.

Two bands for non-stop music and dancing.
For your information, each ski club in the council
must participate in the snowball to keep the bulk
ticket purchase privileges. With this in mind,
Gabe volunteered RHSC to be on the Ticket/Door
Security committee. Gabe will chair this commit-
tee for us and hopes those of you attending to
the Snowball will volunteer to help out.
Remember that this is essential for maintaining
our ability to purchase bulk tickets. So plan to go
to the snowball and help out our club.
It is always a fun evening.

OPERATIONS Observations

Well—there isn't anything new to report at this
point in the year. We can reflect on a great
season and great times at the house. Now that
we are not in our peak season, it is important to
make sure that everything is closed up and
cleaned up when you leave the house. Take your
garbage with you and don't leave food in the
refrigerator.

Pat and Deanne have said they will return and
work for us next year. Traci will continue to clean
the house over the summer and she will do the
dishes in winter. If anyone is using the lodge for
big groups over the summer, they can hire Pat to
cook. Give her a call and see if she is available.

Thanks everyone for a great year, I appreciate all
your help. Keep volunteering for next year.

Have a good summer.

Kathy Hener

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MAY 2005



**MAY 3
General Meeting**

**May 14
Spring Fling**

SUMMER EVENTS

**July 2 – 3
Celebrate Independence Day
at the Lodge!**

**July 14 – 17
White Mountain Hike**

Wine Tasting

The Wine Tasting held on April 19 was a spectacular RHSC event. Thanks very much to Walter Kostrzewski for arranging this wonderful evening at the Tuscan Oven in Norwalk.

An outstanding number of members and guests were treated to an excellent selection of red and white wines, complemented by very extraordinary appetizers.

The wines were from Sterling Vineyards, Solaris and Beaulieu Vineyard (BV).

Return Lift Ticket Vouchers by May 3rd

If you have any unused vouchers and want to roll them over to next season

- They must be in Bob Hener's hands by May 3rd. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Mail to Bob or bring to the May 3rd meeting. It is your responsibility, not the club's, to make sure they are in Bob Hener's hand by then. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- You will not be mailed a receipt, it is your responsibility to verify that they are received by Bob in time.
- The club does not yet have the final set of turn in (roll over) rules from the CSC. Be advised that the tickets you return are subject to whatever rules or limits they impose. As of the date of this notice we only have a turn in cut off date!

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FROM THE SUMMIT

Bob Hener—President

As this Board's terms come to a close, I want to personally thank all who have made this past year a success. The Board and club members can reflect

upon our financial and membership stability, lodge improvements and increased club camaraderie. Thanks to Charlie Mirabella for all the work on the heating system and furnace; thanks Peter Buck for keeping the books and bills under control; thanks Nancy Trovato for keeping the roster current and growing the membership; thanks Barbara Bagnato for being an efficient club secretary; thanks to Walter K. for some great programs (especially the great wine tasting event); thanks to Madge Kellick and her assistant Mike for keeping the rules under control and watching over the coordinators; thanks to Kathy Hener for making sure the Lodge operated smoothly; thank you Barbara Aronica-Buck for making sure the news was communicated to all; thanks to Curtis Casey for the Lodge maintenance; thanks to Stephanie Evers (and Sharon Lehr) for successfully running the picnics, races, parties, and flings; thank you Gabe, again, for being our ambassador to the CT Ski Council, thank you Jim Maitland for handling the CSC vouchers, and finally, thanks to past president Paul Levine for your guidance and words of wisdom.

It was a successful year. Thanks to all our other members who made the club work smoothly. Another job well done.

Make sure you send or turn over to me any unused CSC discount lift ticket vouchers by May 3rd! This is your last chance to roll over the vouchers for next season tickets. After May 3rd they're yours forever!

A big thanks to all monthly and weekend coordinators for a very successful season. This past season lodge usage was outstanding and reservations went smoothly, without any major problems. Thank you Mike Kellick for scheduling the coordinators. Next year Stan Thurley has volunteered to step up and oversee the coordinators.

We are continuing Lodge improvements and finishing up old projects. I'm sure the Club membership will be happy with the improvements that haven't been addressed since the Lodge was constructed.

It's spring and time to get out your dancing shoes. Make your reservation and attend the Spring Fling May 14! There is always plenty of food, fun and good music.

Also make your reservations to stay at the lodge this summer. There is plenty to do in Vermont until the snow falls again in the fall. Susan Levine's "What to do in VT" notebook is at the Lodge and is a very valuable reference piece.

Thank you chairperson Marcia Sloat and the nominating committee members.

Remember to volunteer; it is what keeps the club running smoothly! See you at the Spring Fling!

Bob

NOTE from the Assistant Treasurers:

All payments for cancellation penalties must be received by the Assistant Treasurer by May 15th. Notices have been sent by e-mail to those who have outstanding penalties. Membership renewal for next year may be in jeopardy if payment is not received. Members cannot renew if there are outstanding funds owed the Club.

member news

Carol Bancroft, fellow River Hills Ski Club Member, has recently been diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrigs Disease. She is an exemplary member of our club. Carol helped formulate the club's handbook and other administrative Club guides. She continues to run programs such as the Bike Hike and supporting all RHSC activities. She will be moving to 181 Julia Lane, Chestnut Tree Village, Sandy Hook, CT 06482. Any cards and notes would be most appreciated.

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Historical Notes

by Barbara and Bob Guth

40 Years Ago – May 1965

An assessment of \$10 for singles and \$15 for families was passed to cover the cost of club social activities and rental of rooms for club meetings. Alan Silberman reported seeing Jackie Kennedy coming down a slope at Stratton with an instructor.

The Executive Director of the USEASA responded to a concern about skis being stolen. He recommended that as an industry we should engrave a permanent ID number on each new ski and record name and address of the owner. He was hoping, by using "IBM Processing," that some kind of system could be functioning for the 65-66 season. I wonder if he is still working on it.

In six major Connecticut races the River Hills Ski Team compiled a record of 3 first places, 2 second places and 1 fifth place. A good record.

30 Years Ago – May 1975

Orie Mesedahl, who recently passed away, was the first KEN VOUGHT award recipient at the Annual Spring Dance. Carol Bancroft initiated the award and was Chairperson of the first selection committee consisting of Claire Deluca, Eleanor Jensen Gilbert, Herb Rudolf and Ed Pierce. Carol described the award recipient as a person who "demonstrated selfless dedication to the club and its members." A photo of Ken is hanging in the Lodge.

20 Years Ago – May 1985

Jerry Schorr announced a two-week ski trip to the Three Valleys in France between Courchevel and Val Thorens at a cost between \$1450 and \$1500. In only twenty years the cost has doubled.

Denis Szokolay won the gold medal for the down hill competition in the US Masters Alpine Championship for skiers 65 and older. He covered the 1.1 mile course in 1:19 averaging about 55 mph. Can any of us seniors match him today?

10 Years Ago -1995

The Skizette reprinted a Stamford Advocate photo of Charlie Taft showing off his homegrown 138-lb pumpkin to his neighbor five year old Matthew Kellick. Another photo caught Maintenance Chairman Curtis Casey supervising a group of members laying the flagstone entrance walkway to the Lodge. Curtis has just repeated another term as 2004-05 Maintenance Chairperson.

President Jerry Clupper, to cover the cost of \$22,500 for new windows and doors, and \$6,000 for a roof replacement, announced an assessment of \$50 per member.

Member news announcements included: Jerry Clupper and Shirley Dion to be married on May 6. Larry Headen and Debbie Mirabella-Headen expecting their first little skier in October.

lodge coordinators

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No calls after 9 PM please

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Annual White Mountain Summer Hike July 14 – 17 2005

Join leaders Jerry Clupper and Kyle Eberts for this year's hike from Pinkham Notch to Lakes of the Clouds and Mizpah Huts. Drive up to New Hampshire on Thursday and home on Sunday (or plan an extended visit to the area). Cost: adults \$215; child \$130 (AMC Members, non-members slightly more). We made 20 reservations and 12 spots are still available. Don't wait—make your reservation now!

If you have ever wondered about trying the hike this is the year to do it. As an alternate route some of the group will be taking the Cog Railway to the top of Mt Washington and then joining us at the Lakes of the Clouds Hut for the rest of the hike. The rest of the hike is relatively flat and suitable for children as well as those not sure about hiking in the mountains.

Make your reservations now by email or calling us.

Deposit of \$100 to hold the reservation.

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Pinkham Notch Visitor Center <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/pnvc/pnvc-pnvc.cfm>

Thursday night July 14

Continuing a century-long tradition, the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center welcomes you with hearty, home-cooked meals plus up-to-date trail information, educational offerings, and the Trading Post retail store. Begin or end your White Mountain adventure at this roadside facility at the base of Mount Washington.

Basics

- Dining room serving buffet breakfast, a la carte lunch at the Black Moose Deli (open 9:30-4), family-style dinners.
- Living room, library, and conference rooms.
- Information center with educational displays.
- Trading Post retail store (open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.) for backcountry necessities, clothing, books, and maps.
- Free weekend day activities with an AMC naturalist.
- Evening programs Saturday nights year-round and every evening in summer.
- Lodging at adjacent Joe Dodge Lodge.

Lakes of the Clouds Hut

<http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/huts/huts-lakes.cfm>

Friday Night July 15

This is the highest and most popular hut in the chain, located on the southern shoulder of Mount Washington. Lakes of the Clouds Hut offers sweeping views, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, and proximity to alpine flowers. Like other full-service huts, Lakes has a season crew to care for guests' needs. As one hut guest commented: "Food, hospitality and service far exceeded our expectations. Staff was very informative and friendly – they went out of their way to make everyone feel welcome at Lakes of the Clouds Hut..."

Basics

- Sleeps 90 in coed bunkrooms.
- Coed bunkrooms for six, eight, 12, or 15 people.
- Full service includes hearty dinner at 6 p.m. and breakfast at 7 a.m., three wool blankets, and pillow.
- Resident staff available with trail information and weather reports.
- Small retail store with safety items, snacks, souvenirs.
- Informative displays and daily educational programs.



Mizpah Spring Hut <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/huts/huts-mizpah.cfm>

Saturday Night July 16

Nestled on Mount Clinton above scenic Crawford Notch, Mizpah was built in 1964 to withstand 200 mph winds. The hut features large, south-facing windows, varied-size bunkrooms, and a separate library and game room.

Basics

- Sleeps 60 in coed bunkrooms for four to eight people.
- Self service includes access to kitchen facilities, mattresses, and pillows.
- Full service includes hearty dinner at 6 p.m. and breakfast at 7 a.m., three wool blankets, and pillow.
- Resident staff available with trail information and weather reports.
- Small retail store with safety items, snacks, souvenirs.
- Informative displays and daily educational programs.

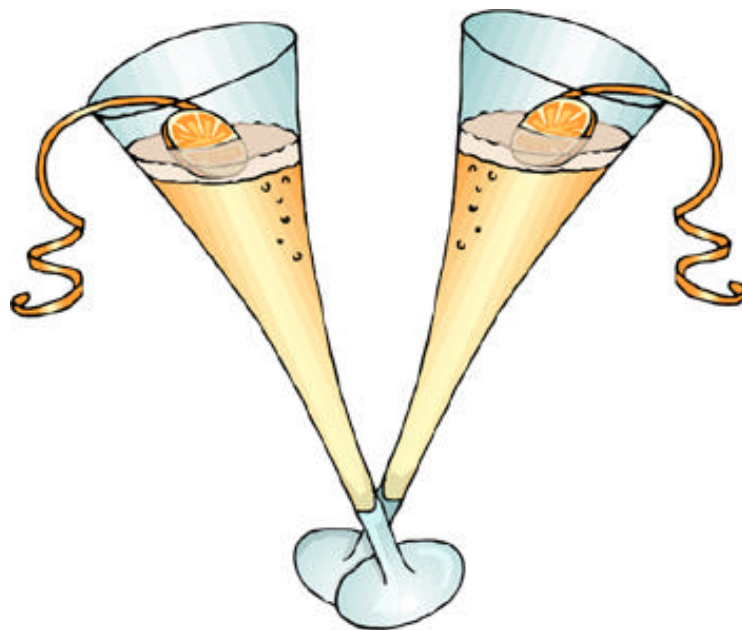
River Hills Ski Club Spring Flíng

Saturday, May 14th from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

\$45.00 per person

Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks

Music, Dancing, Socializing



At the home of Jeff Thrasher

551 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT

(directions will be on RHSC website)

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