



River Hills Ski Club

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Chocolate Tasting Program by Sharon Lehr

A Chocolate Tasting was enjoyed by 10 very happy River Hillers. I am very passionate about chocolate & decided to choose from the very best chocolatiers in NYC & some in CT. First we started with some fun facts found on the Chicago Field Museum's website and then moved on to the TASTING!

We started with Milk chocolates

- ♥ **Neuhaus (Belgian)**
Available in department stores such as Saks, Nordstrom, etc. These were purchased at their shop in Grand Central Station.
- ♥ **Tuescher (Swiss)**
Rockefeller Center. We sampled their world renowned champagne truffles which are flown in weekly from Switzerland.

Then we moved on to Dark chocolates:

- ♥ **Schokolad (Stamford)**
This is a chain although quite good & they have the best price point.
- ♥ **Charbonnel et Walker (English)** found at the Chocolate Bar - 8th floor of Saks-NYC. I was a bit surprised that Saks chose this country to showcase but after one taste we could see why. Note that the Chocolate Bar here has a conveyor belt of desserts traveling around the bar.
- ♥ **Michel Cluizel (French)** I purchased a box at Saks which featured disks of chocolate representing

cocoa beans from seven different countries. It was very interesting to see if we could taste the difference between Ghana & Granada.

- ♥ **Fritz Knipschildt (US)** Purchased at Chocopologie in South Norwalk. This chocolatier has expanded from storefront to restaurant which not only features his chocolates but also scrumptious desserts (after your lunch, of course).
- ♥ **Leonidas (Belgian)** Various locations in NYC. They

are known, accurately so, for their pralines.

- ♥ **Maison du Chocolat (French)** NBC building in NYC. This is my personal favorite. We sampled their delicious rocher pralines. They also have a delicious hot chocolate, which is now available to go.

Chocolate events worth attending include:

- ♥ **The Chocolate Show**
Every November for four days in NYC
- ♥ **The Ritz Carlton Chocolate Buffet**
- ♥ Battery Park, NYC - features an individual chocolate fondue at your table, endless champagne as well as a buffet of desserts. February Friday &



Sharon in her element!

Saturday nights only.

- ♥ **The Langham Hotel Chocolate Buffet - Boston** - September through April -now in their 17th season. Saturdays 12-3.

I hope this entices you to join us next year!



From the Summit
Walter Kostrzewski,
president

Wow spring is only twenty-something days away. With the bipolar disorder in the Connecticut weather pattern I can't tell what time of year it is. I do know that it is always ice cold in the ice rink and Vermont continues to make enough snow for us to continue downhill anyway.

Lots going on at the club. If you have not been to a **meeting** in a while you're missing out on some great **programs!** Sharon introduced us to her chocolate addiction last meeting. Next meeting "Shall we Dance"?

The **general membership approved** the board's recommendation for a replacement "**Hobart**" sanitizer. That's the dishwasher in the back of the kitchen. Membership also approved **new carpeting** in the upstairs living room. The Hobart should be installed in the next few weeks. The carpeting will go in this May or June.

For those of you lacking in the sense of humor department nobody has even proposed a **hot tub**, yet...much less has one been approved by the board or membership. BUT, if you buy me a drink I will tell you how to watch **TV** anywhere you like at the club!

The board has come to a consensus on the "**bathroom**" **project**. The plan will be revealed and questions fielded as well as open discussion concerning this lodge improvement at the March 7th general meeting. The proposal will be put to a final vote at the April general meeting. I feel the board has come up with an excellent plan addressing all the major concerns of this project. And I think you all will be very pleased with the board's projected plan for continually upgrading of OUR house.

For those of you opposed to change, you are not alone. Most human beings are adverse to change. It's a normal human response. **Kaizen** is a Japanese saying meaning, "constant and continually changing is GOOD! It is a saying we live by at my dental practice. And if you have been there you know Change is GOOD.

Speaking of change...the ever changing face of the club has ever changing needs as well.

The club is diverse. And we all need to respect each others diversity. Family, singles, couples retirees, kids, teenagers, one's with star bellies and one's without, some with one and some with 2...Oh sorry I was just reading Dr. Suess with Alex my 6 year old.

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2005-2006 Calendar

February 7 General Meeting
NBC 8PM

February 28
CSC CT Senior Winter Games
Ski Sundown

March 3rd, 4th, 5th
CSC On Snow Weekend
Sugarbush, VT

March 7 General Meeting
NBC 8PM

March 25th Race Weekend
PICO Mountain

April 4th General Meeting
NBC 8PM

April 18th General Meeting
NBC 8PM

May 2nd Annual Meeting
NBC 8PM

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no calls after 9pm

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Historical Notes

50 Years Ago – February 1956

At this time the Barry Monroe race consisted of both a downhill and a slalom race. The winner was determined by a combined time of both. Art Schneiler won the trophy that year and Nick Hock was second.

40 Years - February 1966

The Club decided to schedule a few weekends just for Junior Ski Club members, but poor behavior and damage to the Lodge caused the cancellation of all future weekends.

One of the meeting programs featured a film on learning to ski. The Beginner was encouraged to learn the "snow plow" and pointers were given for learning parallel skiing. RHSC member, Diane Truedssen won the CT Women's Championship for the second time.

10 Years Ago – February 1996

Mad River Glen was up for sale and it was sold to 975 die hard skiers who formed a coop to purchase the area and keep it dedicated to natural snow. This year Aspen, Colorado was the first ski area in the country to charge over \$50 a lift ticket. Other skiing first were noted. The first gondola was built at Wildcat, New Hampshire in 1958. In 1955, Henke produced the first buckle boots. Gerry Harrington announced a plan to gather recipes to develop a handbook for the Saturday cook in an effort to upgrade the Lodge dinners.

NOTE: Skizettes are missing for February 1976 and February 1986. If any Members have copies of these issues and are willing to donate them to the Club, please contact the Guths.



Bob & Bill comparing hairstyles at a recent RHSC meeting.

Operations Observations

FEBRUARY 2006

The second big vacation week of our season is here. Even though we haven't had much snow, the conditions have been good. There are still openings for March. Come up and enjoy the winter and the lodge. We have bought some new pillows. They are in the alcove in the upstairs hallway. If you need a new pillow for your room, please take one. Discard any really bad ones. The tags have been marked with the year of purchase. If the pillow isn't marked, discard it and take a new one.

I've been receiving disturbing reports that the house is not being left in good order and not being closed properly when people go home. That is unacceptable and very disappointing. Several members have told me when they come in after the weekend that the garbage has not been removed. The wastebaskets in the bathrooms are full, windows aren't locked in the bedrooms, lights are left on and faucets are dripping.

This is not poor housekeeping **THIS IS LAZINESS!** Would you want to come up on Monday and have to straighten up what hasn't been done?

The lodge is our greatest asset. It should be treated and maintained as you would your own home. If you are the only people staying at the lodge, then you are the coordinator. All procedures must be followed on the opening and closing instructions. If you are not familiar with all the requirements and have not been trained as a coordinator, then you shouldn't be using the house without supervision. If you need to be trained or re-trained as a coordinator, I will gladly train you. Please contact me and we will go over the requirements.

I hope to see you all at the lodge before the season is over. Keep thinking snow!

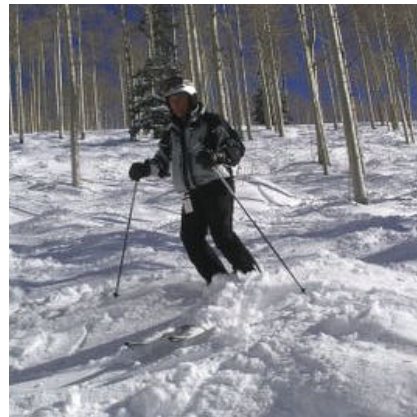
Kathy Hener

Member News



RHSC member, Kurt Fischer recently became engaged to be married to Diane Dinardo! They are planning a fall wedding. **Congratulations and best wishes to the Happy Couple!**

Gabe, Victor & Bill's trip to Steamboat, CO



Membership

The following River Hillers celebrated a milestone anniversary in January. Paul & Susan Gillis, Pat Root & Larry Stein celebrate 5 years of membership, John Eberts celebrates 15 years of membership, Robert Bivona & Eugene Daddona celebrate 30 years of membership and **Carol Bancroft celebrates 50 years of membership! Congratulations to all!**

WANTED – Women, Men and Families with an interest in skiing and joining our **RHSC** family. Keep your eyes and ears open for colleagues, friends, children's

classmates, sports buddies, etc. who live in Fairfield or Westchester counties. Bring them to a meeting or invite them to the lodge for a weekend. You, our members, are our best source of advertising and recruiting. A strong membership supports our club socially, financially and better distributes our work load.

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



Proposed By-Law Modification by Susan Levine

The RHSC Board of Directors recommends modifying By-Law Article VII, Section 8 titled 'Responsibility of Members'. The rationale is to:

- Clarify the intent of the by-law
- Achieve adequate manpower to run and maintain both the lodge and the club
- Increase/keep participation strong
- Maintain a cohesive, fun club

The current By-Law reads: Every adult member is expected to attend at least three regular meetings throughout the year (June 1 to May 31) and/or participate in a significant club activity or service.

Proposed By-Law reads: Every membership is expected to attend at least two regular meetings throughout the year (June 1 to May 31) and make a meaningful contribution to the lodge and/or club every year.

A meaningful contribution is defined as but not limited to:

- monthly coordinator
- weekend coordinator (in season)
- work weekend or other assigned lodge project
- Board member or assisting board member with a specific task or project

- Chairing, co-chairing or working on a club party, event, activity or committee
- Attendance at 10 general meetings (including the two expected above)
- Assistance that contributes to the smooth operation of the lodge or club

Failure to satisfy annual membership responsibility will result in ineligibility for Connecticut Ski Council discount lift tickets during the following membership year, restricted lodge usage and appearance before the Board in year two and termination of membership in year three.

The advantage of this proposal is threefold. First, it is a compromise. In exchange for requiring both meetings and a contribution, every adult member is lessened to every membership and three meetings is reduced to two. Second, by making an annual contribution mandatory for all memberships it now matches the expectation of new members. Specifically, the Standing Rules state 'Final acceptance shall not be granted until the member shall have served on a committee, which service is expected to occur during each of the first two membership years.' Third, it should increase participation and manpower.

This recommendation will be presented at the March 7th membership meeting and voted on at the first meeting in April.

Maintenance

"QUIET YOUR DINING ROOM"

River Hills needs a few volunteers! As we all know, a full lodge means sharing dinner in a very noisy environment. The means to remedy this problem is at the lodge in the form of boxes of sound- absorbing ceiling tile.

We only LACK the willing talent to install them. Whether expert or journey person, can you help? **Are you able to join a small elite group during the week, or on a weekend?** Please contact **Charles Mirabella** e-mail: dianasusan@netzero.com or Phone: (914) 636-7437. This is a great opportunity to perform a significant activity for your club.

Programs

Upcoming programs to look for, **Ballroom Dance Lessons** March 7th, **A Cycling Seminar** April 4th, **A Hat contest** April 18th, and **The Election at The Annual Meeting** May 2nd.

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.

Activities

March 25th, The River Hills Memorial Race, Pico Mountain

The River Hills Club race will be held at PICO Mountain, we will have lunch upstairs at the main lodge and the race will be on Lower Pike. A race, A lunch, A party, with fellow members, what more could you want from a day on the mountain! Be there and be seen for some fun spring skiing with the River Hills gang. The weekend is

for ALL ages and ALL participation levels. Make reservations early to be sure to get in on the fun!

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.

CT Ski Council

Connecticut Ski Council On Snow Weekend 2006 is to be held March 3rd, 4th & 5th at Sugarbush Resort. The events consist of ski racing, Saturday night dinner, DJ & Dance Party. The racing events are as follows:

- ⌘ **Team Race: Six racers best 4 of 6 men or women**
- ⌘ **Women's Race Best 3 of 4 women**
- ⌘ **Club Race best 5 of unlimited entries**
- ⌘ **Junior A Boys Races (under 10)**
- ⌘ **Junior A Girls (under 10)**
- ⌘ **Junior B Boys (11-17)**
- ⌘ **Junior B Girls (11-17)**

Anyone interested in participating in any of these events should contact Gabe Cordova at 203-710-2530 cell, 203-878-4727 home. This event is loads of fun and RHSC should be represented, so let's get out there and **go for the GOLD!!!** Lift tickets are adult \$37, youth (13-17) \$34, junior (6-12) \$28.

The Bulk Ticket program is in jeopardy. Someone from another club duplicated some Okemo tickets and passed them on to the ticket office. The responsible individual has been found and expelled from his club. His name is being sent to all CSC club presidents so that he will not be allowed into any Connecticut ski club. Please be aware that selling your bulk tickets and /or disposing of your tickets for profits is prohibited and could result in the loss of the program to all Connecticut skiers. The CSC is presently negotiating with Okemo to continue with the bulk ticket program and not to increase the cost of the bulk tickets.

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

Trips

Smuggler's Notch, Vermont March 14th – 19th \$540
Contact Gabe Cordova for details.

Fernie & Kimberly, British Columbia, Canada March 25th – April 1st \$1,199 Contact Jim Garvey 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 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 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. Contact Jim or Chip if you're interested.

From the Summit, continued

In this issue the board has published a **proposed by-law change**. Please read it. We will discuss it at the March 7th general meeting and propose a final vote on the by-law change at the April general meeting. The proposal addresses a much needed clarification to the necessary requirements of being a RHSC member.

This years **nominating committee** is being chaired by Marcia Sloat. Committee members include Bob Hener (past prez), Paul Levine (past prez), Joyce Myers and Judy O'Neill.

Finally we bring our season to a close with our **Memorial Club Race** a club event that has been around since our inception. Doug is planning a wonderful course and

Sharon is planning a repeat **Mexican Fiesta** to put all fiestas to shame. Piñatas and Petrone! See you all there.

And as always, if you have any **questions, comments, requests** or any constructive criticism please send me an email. If you have any complaints or you just feel like bending an ear email it to Bill Hughes (he doesn't read emails).

Respectfully,

Walter Kostrzewski
RHSC President

Skiing Around the World

Want to ski someplace different? Follow this column every month and we will take you to the unusual, the hard to get to and the out of the way places! **First stop Scotland!**



Top tips

- Always check snowconditions and lift status before travelling – remember the full lift system only opens when snow conditions are at their best, and the ski area is as large. It can take several days to do this!
- Avoid the queues and book equipment in advance, using the computerised reservation system

On the slopes

You'll find everything to ensure you and family or friends, Bunkers and Salsal of Glenelg, including parking and stores.

There's also lots of other activities to try, including walking, dog papers, shooting, mountain biking and exploring. Read on!



Prices

Lift passes	Adult	Junior (16 and under)
1 day	£23.00	£14.00
3 day	£36.50	£18.00
1 day beginner	£12.00	£7.50
1 day beginner	£8.00	£3.00
1 day student	£19.00	n/a
1 day student beginner	£10.00	n/a
5 day	£92.00	£34.00
Advantage card	£45.00	£43.00

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Equipment hire	Adult	Junior (16 and under)
Ski hire	£16.00	£8.00
Snowboard hire (board & boots)	£16.00	£8.00
Instruction	Adult	Junior
Private instruction – 1 hour	£22.00	£22.00
Class instruction – 2 hours	£12.00	£12.00
Special deals	Adult	Junior
2 day package	£85.00	£65.00
5 day package	£175.00	£145.00

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Your guide to Glenelg Ski Centre:



Very Difficult ——— **Churnell** 15 **Glenelg Chairlift** 11 **Glenelg T-bar** 8 **Cluny Pines 1** 10 **Moil Other T-bar** 10

Difficult ——— **Be T-bar** 6 **Glenelg Pines** 9 **Dark Oak Pines** 6 **Cluny Pines 2** 10 **Moil Other Pines** 11

Intermediate ——— **Fighting** 14 **Cluny T-bar** 12 **Plastic Slope Pines** 10 **Ten Darg Pines** 10 **Glenelg Pines 1** 10

Easy ——— **Butchers Access Pines** 10 **Sunrise Pines 1** 11 **Bag Pines** 10 **Glenelg Pines 2** 10 **Glenelg Pines** 10

Trails 11 **Butchers T-bar** 10 **Sunrise Pines 2** 11 **Glenelg Pines** 10 **Glenelg Pines** 10

First Aid 11 **Sunrise Chairlift** 12

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Facts

Attribute	Value
Altitude	1,100 - 1,400 (m) - 1,400m
Rated Runs	10
Largest car	1000cc
Max Vertical Descent	1,000m
No. of Lifts	10
Runs	10

Attribute	Value
Chairlift capacity	1,000 p/h
Snowmaking	Yes
Mountain cable/cable cars	Yes
Off Piste Skiing	Yes
Ski & Snowboard Schools	Yes
Ski & Snowboard Hire	Yes

Attribute	Value
Ski Clothing Hire	Yes
Shop	Yes
Artificial ski slope	Yes
Cafe	Yes
Ski Coaching	Yes
Skiing	Yes

Glenelg Ski Centre

For information and booking go to page 35 or contact Glenelg Ski Centre direct

CAUTION STREAM

For more information on accommodation and things to do in and around Glenelg, Tel: 0845 22 55 121

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The River Hills Ski Club Annual Race

When: March 25th
Where: Pico Mtn - Lower Pike



Lunch



Prizes



Mexican Fiesta
including a kid's piñata



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