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River Hills Ski Club SKIZZETTE



www.riverhillsskiclub.org

OCTOBER 2006



CSC Snow Ball November 11th

Lisa Nau is the 2006 River Hills Ski Club Ambassador. As our Ambassador she will represent our club at the Snowball. She is also responsible to boost our clubs attendance at the Snowball and for the sale and distribution of the tickets to the ball. One of her primary functions is to solicit gifts and /or services for the raffle. The Snowball is the Connecticut Ski Council's (CSC) only fundraiser and therefore the raffle is an important component of her responsibilities. Our club should support Lisa and the council, so please attend

the Snowball and help with gifts and or services from an organization that you may know. Thank you.

Examples of gift would be from ski shops, beauty shops, etc and also services from health clubs, business that provide services – The businesses will be acknowledged in the Snowball program thus giving them exposure to many individuals throughout the state of Connecticut.

Remember the CSC is responsible for obtaining the discounted bulk tickets and arranging for the awareness days at the major ski area in New England. There are many more benefits that you may have and they are posted in the CSC website at www.skiclub.com.



From the Summit

Walter Kostrzewski,
President

In about six weeks the BIG K will be firing up the lifts! **THINK SNOW!** Right now you can get a season pass at Killington for \$395!!! Don't miss out on this **AWESOME** deal www.allforonepass.com or call 1-866-823-5707 BUT don't delay the deadline is 10/10.

ON November 11 the Connecticut Ski Council will be hosting the annual Snow Ball. Email Gabe Cordova gabeski@optonline.net asap for your tickets. Please come and support our Snow Ambassador Lisa Nau.

Our first work weekend was a **HUGE** success. **THANK YOU** to everyone who was able to lend a hand. Please consider giving a helping hand at our upcoming follow up work weekend and help us prepare the lodge for this upcoming wonderful ski season.

And finally December is our **FIRST ANNUAL KICK OFF CLASSIC BUS TRIP**. This trip is **LIMITED** to only 25 skiers. A private Limo bus will whisk you up to the River Hills Lodge to open the ski season on this **ALL INCLUSIVE** Package. This is an incredible value and a great way to start the season. Contact Chris Zimmerman ASAP to reserve your spot supe203@yahoo.com or 914-522-7895. Remember this trip is available **ONLY** to the first 25 to respond.

THINK SNOW!

Walter Kostrzewski
RHSC President

Gabe, Judy, Bob & Lisa enjoying the Spring Fling!



2006-2007 Calendar

October 3rd - General Meeting
Wine Tasting
NBC 8PM

October 6th – 8th
Lodge Booked for Private Outing

October 17th - General Meeting
The Egoscue Method
Rye, NY 8PM

October 27th
Fall Work Weekend II
Oct 27th – Oct 29th

November 7th - General Meeting
Coordinator Training/Halloween Party
NBC 8PM

November 11th
CSC Snow Ball
Marriot Hotel, Trumbull, CT

November 2nd
Warren Miller Movie
Palace Theater, Stamford, CT

November 21st - General Meeting
NBC 8PM

December 5th - General Meeting
Holiday Party
NBC 7PM

December 8th – 10th
Early Winter Bus Trip
Killington, VT

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Programs

October 3rd Wine Tasting at Fat Cat following the meeting.

October 17th Get Ready for Ski Season with the Egoscue Method. Meeting will be held in Rye, NY NOT the Norwalk Boat Club.

November 7th Coordinator Training w/ Kathy Hener and Halloween Party to follow, come in costume.

December 5th Holiday Party at Fat Cat following the meeting. The meeting will begin one hour earlier at **7PM!**

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

Warren Miller's 2006 Feature Film "Off the Grid"
Thurs, Nov 2nd, 8 PM Palace Theater, Stamford, CT

CSC Snow Ball – Saturday November 11th
Marriot Hotel, Trumbull, CT, details to be announced.

Early Winter Bus Trip – December 8th – 10th
Staying at the Lodge and Skiing at Killington

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.

Member News

Rob Guth and Yumiko Kono celebrated their wedding in Carmel, CA. The festivities were held at the La Playa Inn overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Celebration combined features of the typical American wedding and the Japanese ceremony. Emiko, Yumiko's mother, her aunt and her brother came from Tokyo to be present. Yumiko appeared in an American wedding dress and then changed into a Konomo for the Japanese aspect. They broke open a keg of Sake and the guests drank toasts from small wooden boxes. A few drank too many! Ian Arcuri, another Riverhiller, was in attendance. Rob and Ian were teenagers at Riverhills. Ian had several memorial race victories to his credit while Rob had one in 1990. Both boys learned racing techniques from Herb Pennington.

Rob and Yumiko live in San Francisco, where he is a Correspondent for the "Wall St Journal." His "beat" is Microsoft. Yumiko works for WIZ, a Japanese publishing company, who has recently established an office in San Francisco. They use a comic book format with topics similar to the Dummy books. She is the Manager of International Franchising, and travels in Asia and Europe.

Operations

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With October comes the cooler weather, shorter days and RHSC membership renewals. Our minds will turn to thoughts of snow, skiing and staying at the River Hills bed & breakfast. Well- come on up to the mountains- we're ready! We are open for business and eager to have the lodge full for the season. Fall is lovely in Vermont. It's a great time to check out new ski equipment, hike, play golf and observe nature. The monthly coordinators are ready to take reservations. October's coordinator is Paul Fiscella and November is Stan Thurley. He is also keeping the books, selecting the Monthly coordinators and making sure the books are current.

If you do come up to the lodge, take care of it and follow the instructions in the coordinators manual. Make sure all the doors and windows are locked when you leave and **take your garbage with you**. Mark your calendars for the Coordinators Training meeting, Tuesday November 7th. We will be reviewing all the procedures and if you attend the meeting, you will be qualified to be a weekend coordinator, which is a good way to contribute to the club. Jocelyn Gash will be continuing in Operations and has been busy getting a procedure ready for the lockers that are available for use at the lodge. That will be a great opportunity and convenience for members who frequently stay at the lodge.

Jocelyn and I are working on the contracts and letters for our regular contractors. The season is gearing up. All we need is snow. See you at the Coordinators' Training meeting on Nov. 7th.

Kathy Hener & Jocelyn Gash

Maintenance

Reporting live Saturday night, September 30, 2006 from River Hills Ski Club's Fall Work Weekend. We're delighted to inform membership of a terrific effort by the 20 member team assembled at the lodge for this weekend. Bedrooms 2,3,7,19, Men's dorm, First floor piano room, Gameroom and Great room hallway have all been done as of Saturday night and it's expected with Sunday's effort rooms bedrooms 4,5,6 and 10 will also be completed. The Kitchen has been cleaned to perfection, all utensils, dishes washed, new shelf liners, cabinet faces washed, full stove cleaning and in general ensuring a smooth opening this winter. Mattress pads washed, pavers reset where needed in stone dust to ensure a smoother walkway. Cool weather and damp surfaces prevented us from attempting to paint any outside portions of the lodge, perhaps next workweek scheduled for next month or worst case next spring/summer for a start of this project. However it's anticipated this weekend will complete the painting of all interior rooms - well ahead of our long term schedule. Much thanks to those in attendance in no particular

order: Jeff Thrasher, Lisa Nau, Robert Gottlieb, Linda Gottlieb, Mort Witkin, Gabe Cordova, Marion Cordova, Gordon Sloat, Susan Byelick, Bill Hughes, Bill Sherriff, Bob Boothroyd, Jan Hansen, Ilona Maruszkak, Michael Connolly, Herman Van der Voort, Marissa Van der Voort, Oscar Ruiz-Daiz, Elena Ruiz-Diaz, CJ Weldon, Bob Fath (guest), Dave Dealy(guest), Gene Daddona and Diedre Campbell. Apologies in advance to anyone in attendance whose name was omitted. Meetings to review scope of work and long range planning for major replacements/upgrades with plumbers and electrician were also held. More details to follow in next meeting and November Skizette, publishing deadlines requires this report to be filed by Sunday morning, October 1.

Membership

Condolences

The RHSC family extends our deepest condolences to Daria and Alden Tansey, long time inactive members who live in California, over the loss of their son, Michael, in a motorcycle accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

New Membership Goal

To maintain a healthy club, our goal is to fully replace those memberships that we lose each year. On average we can expect to lose five to ten a year. The best advertising is WORD OF MOUTH. So in the spirit of keeping our club strong 'talk up the club' with your friends, extended family, business colleagues, parents of your children's friends, sports buddies, your last winters lodge guests, etc. Invite them to a general meeting (Oct 3rd with the CSC President will be a great one), a work weekend (many special friendships and memories have been made at these) or up to our Lodge. Get them on the path to becoming a member of our club. With some good early season snow your 'sponsee' could be a full fledged member by the holidays!

Prospective member requirements include:

- ✓ Fairfield or Westchester County resident (sorry no out of core openings at this time)
- ✓ Attendance at 3 general meetings
- ✓ One weekend at the lodge
- ✓ Ski with a Board member
- ✓ Contribute to a Club service
- ✓ Completed application and liability waiver
- ✓ Interview with the Board

Log On for News

For the latest and greatest RHSC news, meeting dates, events, trips, weekend coordinators, handbook, roster, Skizette, etc.... log onto:

- ✓ www.riverhillsskiclub.org
- ✓ click on members area
- ✓ user name: riverhills
- ✓ password: killington

Renewals are due

Membership renewals were due September 30. Renewals with a \$15 late fee will be accepted thru October 15. If you wish to discuss your membership please contact Susan Levine at 203-637-7753 or susanjlevine@optonline.net.

More Member News

From the Larchmont Yacht Club Mainsheet

Anthony Huston won the 2006 International One-Design Worlds on September 15th. A week earlier, sailing in a World Championship -let alone winning the regatta - was the farthest thing from his mind. Having lost a hard-fought qualifying battle to fellow Long Island Sound local James D. Bishop, Jr. of American Yacht Club, Huston was resigned to concentrate on tuning the IOD fleet so that every boat would be even. The IOD championships are distinctive in that sailors rotate through locally borrowed boats for each race. Local fleets vary in size and invite as many competitors as they can accommodate.

On Sunday, September 10th Hurricane Florence slammed into Bermuda closing the airport and grounding defending champion Penny Simmons. With 10 boats ready to race but only nine competitors, Huston got the offer to put a crew together and race after the second largest fleet, Nantucket declined due to time pressure.

Having only a few hours to put together a team, Tony enlisted fellow Larchmont YC members Jon Singen (tactics) and Marion Maneker (bow), with Huston's stalwart crew of Chris Zimmerman and Dan Jennings on cockpit and sail trim. "Wednesday was the crucial day as we had 4 races in varied breeze and direction. As we were subbing in for two of the crew that had to work, it was quite a new tactic to have everyone introduce themselves as we reached to the starting line." Kin Yellot of Nantucket and Tom Tracey of J-44 Gold Digger fame were rotated in to help Huston solidify his hold on second place.

Long Island Sound produced a wide range of conditions for the regatta. The first day of racing was called after the practice race when 3-5 foot seas and a gusty Easterly broke a boom and tore a few spinnakers. Tuesday and Wednesday brought ideal flat-water racing and Southerlies ranging from 5 to 15 knots. Solid finishes in the top of the fleet allowed Huston to pull into first place on the penultimate day. David Rockefeller of Northeast Harbor had more first places (3 versus



2006 International One Design World Champions Featuring our own Chris Zimmerman!

Huston's 1) but a tight fleet and remarkably well-matched boats rewarded consistency above all.

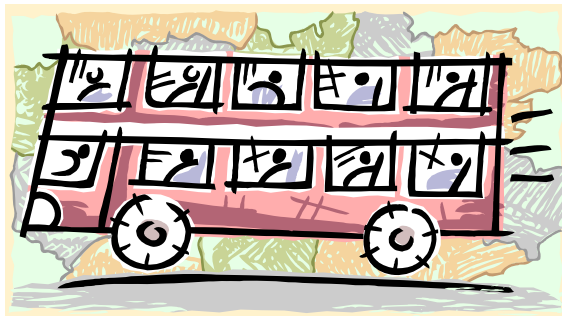
Going into the final race, Huston had a five-point lead on Rockefeller but three other sailors were within one or two points of second place, including Jim Bishop Jr. and 9-time Champion Bill Widnall of Marblehead. The final race was sailed in 3-5 foot seas and another gear crunching lumpy Easterly. Despite his lead, Huston started aggressively-too aggressively-and the final race began with leader OCS and the regatta up for grabs.

The masterful combination of Huston's ability to slide through the boat-stopping waves and Singen's tactics quickly put the team back in contention, rounding third at the weather mark. While Huston's beloved Aileen (Cornelius Shields' original IOD built in 1936) won the final race for the Bermuda team, the local boys locked up the championship and the first time the Long Island Sound fleet has won the IOD Worlds since 1987.

Huston said, "Playing this game is a true privilege and I am grateful for everyday I get the chance. My crew was stellar and I am extremely pleased that Larchmont has the world championship team for our fleet's 70th birthday."

Congratulations to Huston and his crew for bringing the IOD Championship back to LYC.





RHSC BUS TRIP Early Winter 2006

Where: KILLINGTON, VT

WHEN: December 8th - 10th

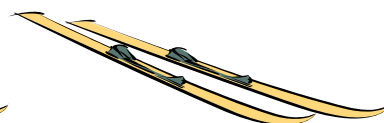
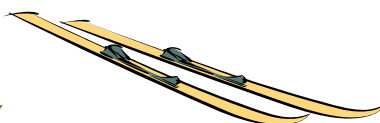
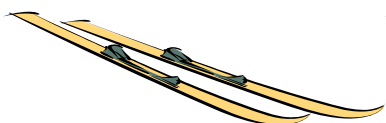
Details:

- **Accommodations Friday and Saturday....** RHSC Lodge.
- **Skiing Saturday and Sunday** Killington VT.
- Saturday night cocktails and diner.
- Cocktails and snacks on the bus (both up and back)
- **Meet** –Friday – Noroton Heights train station at 5 PM or in Milford, CT at 6 PM.
- **Cost** – TBD per person includes, food lodging.
- **Reservations** – Chris Zimmerman – Supe203@yahoo.com or call 914-522-7895

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE TRIP

SKI, SUPPORT YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED,

TRY SOMETHING NEW, SEE FRIENDS, SKI



To my River Hills Family,
Thank you—the outpouring of love and friendship you have sent my way has been a very big help.
Marie made it easy for me to enjoy our club, hosting board meetings, attending our functions and supporting me as a board member and your president.
Who could have guessed that the young beauty I met in 1956 in Dobbs Ferry would become the mother, grandmother and friend that we all know and love.
It really helps to have good friends when the going gets difficult.
Thanks again.
Bill



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An amazing time in the Austria!

River Hills SC

March 9 – 17 or 19, 2007

\$1,395.00* per person (dbl. occ.)



What can be said about the **Arlberg** region of Austria besides “ski heaven”? **St. Anton** sits in the heart of the famous Arlberg Region—An interconnected ski network amongst some of the Alps’ most inspiring scenery. Ski non-stop for a week, from village to village, piste to piste!—over 82 lifts, 163 miles of marked trails and thousands of acres of off-piste terrain are sure to wear out even the heartiest of skier. Your ski pass allows you to ski Lech, Zurs, St. Jakob, Stuben, St. Christoph and anywhere in-between! Quintessential alpine charm and one of today’s most advanced ski infrastructures make St. Anton the perfect ski vacation. Lively nightlife and shopping in traditional Tyrolean style create incredible memories and good times!

Stay at an ideally located **3*** family run Hotel Nassereiner Hof**—located steps away from the new Nassereinbahn gondola, taking you direct into the heart of the vast ski area--within 1-2 minutes walk. Along with its family style atmosphere, a new sauna and steambath, its great Tyrolean-style restaurant with excellent food, and a basement fun pub with entertainment—you can’t go wrong with this hotel!

Trip Price Includes All of the Following:

NONSTOP Round-trip air from JFK to Munich on Lufthansa
Deluxe motorcoach transfers from airport direct to hotel
SEVEN nights accommodations in 3* Hotel near lift station**
Full European breakfast daily
4-course dinner each evening (*except extension city)
Welcome Wine and Cheese party upon arrival in St. Anton
 Baggage Tags and travel packets for all participants
 All resort and lodging taxes, porterage & fees, no gratuities*

*SKI ARLBERG Multi-day lift passes estimated at \$40/day additional depending on currency fluctuation!

*Does NOT include International Departure Taxes, Fuel Surcharges or Security Fees — currently estimated at \$188.00 (Subject to change until group is ticketed)



Trip Option - Make a **2-night Munich extension** (March 17-19, 2007) after the core trip to St. Anton. This trip will include:

*All transfers from St. Anton to Munich, two nights **4**** Hotel Maritim Munich**, breakfast, transfers to airport for departure, air from Munich to JFK on March 19, 2007. Participants are on their own for other individual tours and evening meals while in Munich.*

➤ **Extension Price:** An additional **\$195.00 per person (double occ)** for the 2-nights stay

To sign up or obtain additional information please contact: Jim Garvey of River Hill Ski Club (845) 621-1305 (office), (845) 628-8731 (home) or email jamesmgarvey@yahoo.com

Initial deposit of \$200.00 due ASAP to confirm your spot on this popular trip

Please make checks payable to Alphorn Tours and mail to: Jim Garvey at 117 Geymer Dr. Mahopac, NY 10541