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The New Roaring Brook Umbrella Bar at Killington
(next to the Superstar Express Quad)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All. Here are a few things to keep in mind as we gear up for another season...

Book soon to avoid being locked out

The experts say La Niña is going to work her magic and bring lots of snow to the Northeast from January through March.



With the number of active members in the club on the rise and a good ski season predicted, book your reservations soon to avoid the disappointment of being shut out of the lodge when the skiing is at its best, and during peak season weekends and holidays.

Take an active role in club leadership

RHSC will be 80 years old in 2012. The longevity of the club and the lodge we enjoy in Vermont is testament to the willingness of past members to volunteer their time and talent. As the current caretakers of this unique institution, it is our job to make sure that the lodge and club operations keep up with societal and technological changes; and our responsibility to do so in a way that maintains the heritage and traditions which make it so special.

For the past decade the volunteer spirit has eroded to the point where there is a core group of people circulating through leadership roles, with the rest of our membership doing the bare minimum by pitching in on a work weekend or setting up for a party.

While these tasks are important, it is an objective of this Board to broaden the

circle of leadership so that the club has fresh energy and a wide skill set to draw upon for future leadership. To achieve this, we are setting up committees to support each board position, with the hope that these committees will serve as a feeding system for future boards.

If you are interested in taking an active role in club leadership, this is the time to step forward. While all are welcome to volunteer, we are hoping to find people with some of the following skills to head the committees:

- * Social media and an interest in writing to support Communications Chair
- * Accounting/book keeping to support the Treasurer
- * Organization and "people skills" to support Membership and Event Chairs
- * Organization/operations to support Operations and Activities Chairs

Last and most important

Use the lodge, have fun and head north when snow is in the forecast. See you in Vermont!

Peace out - President Olshan

FALL WORK WEEKENDS

Report on the October and November Work Weekends by Bob Boothroyd

The fall work weekends were a huge success! A total of 50 people attended both weekends, including many young people (ages 3 - 17). A great deal was accomplished, including:

- Successfully removed the overgrown trees and shrubs on the walkway to make it safe
- Dug trenches and installed seven pole lights along walkway from the lodge to the street
- Made minor repairs and routine ongoing maintenance throughout the lodge
- Cleaned and scrubbed floors, cabinets, fridges, stoves, ovens, etc.
- Converted the dreaded "criss cross" rooms back to bunk beds



Because of the terrific support and attendance at the work weekends, our lodge is in top shape for ski season AND we completed some very significant upgrades to the lodge exterior.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer your time, please contact our maintenance director Bob Boothroyd at RHBOOTHROYD@aol.com. A

maintenance update and project list can be found at
<http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/member-resources/documents/reports/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

General meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Long Ridge Tavern, 2635 Long Ridge Road in Stamford. The following programs are scheduled for the remainder of this year:

December 6 - Holiday Party

Please come to the RHSC holiday party on Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30pm at The Long Ridge Tavern in Stamford. The cost is \$30/adult and \$15/child and includes salad, choice of fish/chicken or pasta and dessert (cost increased slightly to include tax and tip). Guests are also welcome! Please RSVP to Heather LoPresti at hloprestil8@yahoo.com, and mail check to Heather at 10 Clinton Street, Valhalla, NY, 10595. All checks should be made payable to RHSC.

There will be a special surprise at this year's party so we hope you can attend!

Thank you!

Heather

JOIN YOUR FELLOW RHSC MEMBERS ON FACEBOOK

How would you like to be able to communicate with all of your fellow Riverhillers instantly? As communications director, I created a new RHSC group on my Facebook page that will enable us to send messages, pose questions and share photos as a group. The new RHSC group is on Facebook's improved format. Now, when anyone in the RHSC group posts a message on the wall, everyone in the group receives that message by email.

So how can you join the new RHSC Facebook group? It's very easy. Just find me on Facebook (Anne Salzberg Olshan) and send me a friend request and I will add you to the group. If you're not already on Facebook, it takes only a few minutes to sign up and I can be your first friend! The RHSC Facebook group will not replace the blast emails and Skizettes you already receive from me that notify you about important club events, but will give us a forum for easily communicating with each other for the first time. We have 32 members so far. Sign up now so you don't get left behind!

Hope to see you on Facebook!

Anne

P.S. The RHSC Facebook group is a forum for *positive* social interaction only. If you have a grievance with the board or a fellow member, please email the board directly or raise your issue at a general meeting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please congratulate and thank Kirsten Mastoloni and Heather LoPresti for joining the RHSC Board in the positions of Programs Chair and Activities Chair, and also thank Tom Nolan and Rod Cross for stepping in as this year's Race Chair and Assistant Race Chair, and Deirdre Campbell for accepting the position of Assistant Maintenance Director in charge of outside vendors. Deirdre joins Jim Collard (Assistant Maintenance Director in charge of Membership Activities) and Bob Boothroyd (Director) on the maintenance committee. They are terrific additions to the RHSC volunteer staff and we appreciate their service.

If you're interested in becoming more involved in club volunteer opportunities, please contact John Olshan at jolshan@optonline.net. There is plenty of work and fun to go around!

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome two new family memberships to RHSC!

- Lisa Locker and her daughters Kate (age 9), Olivia (age 8).
- Tim and Judy Doran and their daughter Brittany (age 17) and son Hunter (age 14).

Please be sure to go out of your way to introduce yourself and family to our new members. Also remember to introduce yourselves to the prospective members who are staying at the lodge and/or attending our general meetings.

We have many more prospective members at different phases of the membership cycle. Please keep up the great work of introducing our wonderful club and lodge to your family and friends!

An Updated Roster is posted on our web site at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/member-resources/documents/roster/>. If you need your email and/or address updated, please let me know.

See you on Tuesday, December 6 at the Holiday Party and bring a prospective member with you!

Best, Pat

Please make sure you check our new Membership Drive Flyers that Anne Olshan designed and posted on our web-site at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/whats-new/membership-drive-documents/>. Please use these flyers to help promote membership to our club.

RHSC APPAREL AND STICKERS

Show your RHSC spirit and help promote our club by purchasing our stickers and logoed clothing! They also make great holiday gifts! The flannel pants are SUPER comfy and only \$22. We need 24 orders (pink or blue, any size) to place another order with Chilly Bear. Champion sweatshirts (\$38) and fleece vests/jackets (\$35/\$45) can be single ordered.



Raymond and Ray Mastoloni model the sweatshirt, flannel pants and fleece vest



Sydney and Natalie Olshan and Elizabeth Mastoloni model the flannel pants

Stickers are available for \$3 each or 4 for \$10.



To order apparel, upload the order form and size chart at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/member-resources/documents/rhsc-apparel-order-forms/> and contact Anne Olshan at aolshan@optonline.net to place your order. Please also contact Anne if you have an interest in volunteering to help manage our merchandise orders.

SKI TRIPS

The following ski trips are planned for 2012:



RHSC: Chamonix, France, February 4-12



CSC: Steamboat Springs, Colorado, February
4-11



RHSC: Ogden, Utah, March 17-24

Flyers on each trip can be downloaded at
<http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/member-resources/documents/flyers/>

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If you have any news or article ideas for the Skizette, please contact me at aolshan@optonline.net

Happy trails!
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