

## Ridge-Line - February 2010

Dear Riverhillers,

As we turn the calendar to February and finish our first full month of winter it's shaping up to be a great ski season. I've been up to the lodge every weekend save MLK (blackout weekend) and conditions have just been getting better all the time. Weekend bookings have been respectable but I believe there was only one sold-out weekend in January. So, what I'm telling you is don't be afraid to make those last minute calls if you want to go skiing. Better yet, plan ahead and call earlier. Many prefer to wait for a little warmer weather (mid-30's) and sunny but even that's likely once you get into mid-February.

We had a great general meeting in early February at John's Best Pizza which was enjoyed by all (35). Especially interesting was our guest speaker, Deborah Lewis, who gave a much appreciated presentation on snow shoeing. Deborah is a real outdoors person and even suggested she'd be willing to run a snow-shoe weekend at the lodge if there's enough interest. Let me know via email if that's something you might be interested in doing. Thanks to Susan Byelick for organizing the John's Best meeting.

We need more suggestions for 'theme weekends' at the lodge (beyond snowshoeing) as well as people to 'work-it' If you have some ideas for adding even more excitement and fun to the weekend experience please contact Curtis Casey or Stephanie Evers.

Along this line, Susan and I will be running the Killington Vail Parking Lot (easy ski-on, ski-off) Lunch time Barbecue on March 27 from 12-1:30. More details to follow in the March Ridgeline but book your lodging early for that weekend.

Last call for those wanting to participate in the Mount Snow CSC on-snow weekend scheduled for March 6. Please contact Jim Collard asap.

The annual RHSC race weekend is coming up the second weekend in March so again plan ahead, book lodging and contact Tom Nolan to participate and/or volunteer to help.

The CSC Senior Winter Games are scheduled for February 23 at Ski Sundown. Sounds like lots of fun for the over 50 crowd, \$25 gets you a lift ticket and access to downhill racing and snow show racing events. Great social and networking opportunities, a chance to talk-up our club, let's get at least one carpooling unit together.

Hard to believe our membership is down to 83 units. We really need to increase this number with some quality members if our club is to remain vibrant and

affordable. Remember at the start of this year how we announced that everyone was expected to bring in at least one new guest this year-have you made your quota yet? If not, get going.

Last month we announced here that if you wanted an on-site storage bin to contact Judy Paniccia (jepan01@aol.com) via email. We've gotten a limited number of requests and are now exploring where and how to establish more storage. We'll need a couple of people to build these racks so if your available during the week we maybe able to make a winter work project out of it as it shouldn't take more than a day, especially if we cut the lumber at home and just assemble on-site. Contact Bob Hener to help.

It's not too early to think about next year's board nominations, if you like to run for office or work on the board in an appointed position let your current board members know. Likewise, use the suggestion box at the lodge for more general concerns.

Does anyone have a small desktop fax machine they would want to donate for use at the lodge? It looks like our current machine has stopped working and like most things electronic probably not worth fixing. I know, they're cheap enough to just go out and buy one but my guess is there are plenty of machines sitting around in our homes that would work just fine. Please don't bring up any junk .

Check the RHSC web site and calendar for the latest news. Especially as it pertains to general meetings. Please email the board with your ideas.

Hope to see you all at the next general meeting and or at the lodge.

Think Snow.

Bill Sherriff  
River Hills Ski Club