

Ridge-Line - December 2009

Dear Riverhillers,

Many thanks to both Beth Cross, our CSC club ambassador and Gabe Cordova, our CSC club representative for their participation in the annual CSC snow ball held this past month. There's lot of behind the scenes time and effort put into adequately representing our club at this function as well as thru out the year. Let them know we appreciate their work next time you see them. Thanks also to all those who attended the CSC snow ball, I was there and it was a great time, well organized and more smoothly run than in years past. See this issue of the skizette and our web site for more details and pictures. Consider going next year, especially if your one asking for more club social events.

Try to get up to the lodge for New Year's Weekend; Stephanie is organizing a special three night weekend package including New Year's Eve party.

A summary of the LRPC meeting will be on the website shortly, minutes are just now being distributed to board. Expect more details on follow up plans.

Thanks again to Curtis Casey for running the lodge coordinator's training session at our November general meeting. That's always a lot of material to cover in a single session, especially when the audience is made up of some newbie's and lot's of people that have years of experience as coordinators.

We're planning for more at-lodge storage bins to be assigned as requested and available. Let Judy Paniccia (jepan01@aol.com) know via email if you'd like to be put on list.

Speaking of things membership, we have this year a total of 88 memberships, down slightly but with several new perspectives. We must continue to recruit new members, bring in guests and make plans to bring friends to the lodge this winter with the idea of having them join. Talk it up every chance you get. In fact, for those that don't like bringing perspective members to the NBC, see below, we're having an off-site meeting, an ideal opportunity to bring in friends to meet our membership and start the ball rolling to building a new member.

Don't forget the December 1 general meeting at John's Best Pizzeria and Restaurant on 85 New Canaan Avenue in Norwalk (not the one near Westport border). It will be a very short business meeting (7:30pm) followed by a Pizza social. Cost is \$6 for pizza with drinks extra charge. A nice opportunity to wish your friends a happy holiday season as well as make some early winter ski plans with others. We'll also be raffling off the 'ski tube'; tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. It would help to let Susan Byelick know your coming (sbyelick@yahoo.com) for pizza (\$6) but all are welcome. Keep in mind that local restaurants encourage us to have functions at their establishments as long as we spend money, don't forget to do your part. If you can't afford it, there's always NBC.

Bring an extra dollar or two to the meeting, Susan Byelick is selling raffle tickets for a 'skitube' donated to the club by mfg. with all proceeds going to club. The skitube can be used as a shipping container or as luggage to hold your skis. I believe Bob Hener

is also delivering the CSC bulk ticket orders.

I was hoping for the possibility of some Thanksgiving weekend skiing but as far as I know there was none (see Mountain report of Saturday, 11/28 below). Let me know if you found some and where? Someone told me Killington is planning for the weekend of December 5. As usual this time of year, we can only hope and pray, think snow.

Killington web site report:

Mother Nature delivered 10 inches of wet, base-building snow at the Peak. However, despite our best efforts to make snow in marginal conditions (high winds followed by a power outage), Killington Resort will not re-open for the season on Sunday as previously planned.

Aggressive snowmaking production with more than 100 snow guns in operation will continue throughout the weekend on the upper portion of Killington Peak on Rime, Reason, Upper East Fall and Upper Great Northern trails.

We anticipate snowmaking on the lower portion of the mountain with much colder air arriving early Monday and into Tuesday and announce a re-opening decision based upon weather and snow conditions at that time. Please check back often for updates.

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 soon at the lodge.

Bill Sherriff
River Hills Ski Club