Ridge-Line - January 2010

Dear Riverhillers,

Wow, what a month of December. The annual Holiday Party at Donna Peter's home, our annual New Years Eve Party Weekend at the lodge and of course the start of another ski season at Killington. A very good in deed kickoff month to our season of snow and skiing in Vermont. If you haven't already made plans to go to the lodge do so soon and make it happen early and often. Conditions could not be much better. Many thanks to all those working behind the scenes to make things work so smoothly.

Also, the December general meeting held at John's Best Pizza was enjoyed by all (35) and a few indicated a return visit would not be too much. Thanks to Susan Byelick for organizing. Susan also conducted the fund raising drawing of the winning number (540686) for the 'SKI-TUBE' travel case. Philip Reunert was the winner. The lottery raised about \$100 for our general fund and some fun.

We need more suggestions for 'theme weekends' at the lodge 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. I'm talking about holiday events that can be tied into menu ideas.

It hardly needs mentioning but I will anyway, this is our prime ski season so for those light users, make your reservations now and use up your vouchers. Many people are going up midweek to have the mountain and the lodge to themselves- consider that option also- it's a lot less hectic. Also a great time to bring up potential member/guests as reservations can be made last minute to fit everyone's availability. For guests however, nothings better than a weekend visit to get the full perspective. Your choice.

Speaking of members, new memberships are considerably behind expectations so please do your best to talk up the club and bring your friends to the lodge or our next general meeting. This is one event everyone is expected to participate in and can be done at your own pace and schedule- work on introducing one new guest to our organization this ski season.

The CSC's on-snow weekend is scheduled for an early March weekend (3/6) and will be held at Mount Snow. This is a day of intra-club competitions including racing and we typically field a group of participants. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Anne Zaera ASAP as we need to get a team roster together.

A couple of 'incidents' happened at the lodge already this season and it highlights the need to first and foremost follow the rules and guidelines that are in place and known by all. Making assumptions and wanting exemptions only results in extra work and sometimes financial penalties. If you have issues take them up with the board not the weekend 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 one.

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.

Happy New Year everyone.

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