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*(No one sent me any race pictures,  
but I think our kids always make for great pictures !!)*

This year's Memorial Races were held at Pico on January 26., followed by an Awards Dinner that night at the lodge.

We had a great showing with racers in all categories, and some of our younger members celebrated their new status by taking the overall top spots !

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!

### Here are the Race results

#### Guests

Ryan Gardner - Gold  
Tom Scanlon - Silver

#### Masters

Gary Gash - Gold  
Bill Hughes - Silver  
Julian Langer - Bronze

#### Father and Daughter teams

Natalie and John Olshan - Gold  
Sarah and Gary Gash -Silver

Ellie and Rod Cross - Bronze

Junior Boys

Eddie Lopresti - Gold

Girls

Natalie Olshan - Gold

Sarah Gash - Silver

Ellie Cross - Bronze

Women

Stephanie Evers - Gold

Sharon Lehr - Silver

Judy Jalbert - Bronze

Fastest Overall Female -- Natalie Olshan

Men

Jake Gash - Gold

Chris Nolan - Silver

Rod Cross- Bronze

Fastest Overall Male -- Jake Gash

Honorable mentions go to

Heather Lopresti, Tom Nolan, Jim Collard,  
and special ski school top qualifier, Rebecca Scanlon.

Last but not least, MANY thanks to our race  
organizers,

Tom Nolan and Rod Cross,  
and to Heather Lopresti for the PARTY !!

You all did a terrific job !!

## MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

### General Meetings

The next General meeting will be held on February 12 at Long Ridge Tavern, Stamford, starting at 7:30pm.

The March General meeting, on March 12, will highlight a demo of our new website -- so save the date !

### **Board Meetings**

The next Board meeting will be held on February 11.

## **NEW LODGE RULES - Reservations & Cancellations**

**For the remainder of the 2012-2013 Winter Season, we have revised some rules as follows:**

**Guest reservations will be confirmed up to 30 days in advance, and**

**Weekend cancellation fees for members and guests are revised:**

<u>Days prior to reservation</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
between 3 and 8 days	\$25	\$25
2 days or less	\$50	\$30

There is no penalty for cancellations made more than 8 days prior to arrival.

## **KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mark your calendars and reserve your spots for these great events:**

### **This Month**

Jan 31-Feb 5      Quebec Winter Carnival Trip underway!

### **Future**

March 1-3      CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival at Okemo Mtn

March 1-9      CSC Trip to Alaska

March 13-21      Utah Ski Trip - Lodging improved - see details below

Be sure to check our [website calendar](#) for the most recent updates.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteering is not only a great way to get to know your fellow members, develop new friendships and participate in running the club, but it's also expected that everyone will do their share as a condition of membership.

Your board needs your help in the following areas:

**RHSC captain to coordinate CSC OnSnow weekend**

Contact: [Heather Lopresti](#)

**Membership Drive**  
Contact: [Beth Hulbert](#)

**Tech-Savvy folks for the Technology Committee**  
Contact: [Anne Zaera](#)

**Lodge Coordinator for May**

Contact: [Curtis Casey](#)

**Skizette articles and  
[pictures](#)**

Contact: [Anne Zaera](#)

**Programs Chair**  
Contact: [John Olshan](#)

As you can see, there is plenty of work and fun to go around, so get involved and lend a hand !!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Membership Drive -**

Our first Meet and Greet Social for skiers and boarders who found us through our Meetup website was held on January 30. In spite of an impending storm, the evening was well attended by applicants and board members, and we were very pleased with the quality of our new-found guests!

The evening provided a social forum for everyone to meet in person, and for these potential applicants to learn more about our club. Their feedback was that the event was "fun and informative," and we look forward to seeing everyone at future meetings!

Also, don't forget to bring your guests to the next General meeting, February 12, at 7:30pm at the Long Ridge Tavern, and to any of our events.

## **SKI TRIPS**

**The following ski trips are planned for 2013:**

### **CSC Ski Trip to Alaska - March 1-9, 2013**

Included:

1 night at the Marriott Anchorage Hotel - ceremonial start of the Iditarod  
7 nights ski in - ski out lodging at the Alyeska Hotel  
5-day lift ticket

Welcome breakfast & orientation

Cost is \$1,762 from New York - Add \$246 for Hartford

Also available:

Dog sledding, Wildlife cruise, Snowmobiling, Heli-skiing, Spa and lots more

Contact [Gabe Cordova](#) for further details

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**Solitude and Ogden, Utah - March 13 - 21, 2013**

The lodging selection has been improved - see details on our [online flier](#).

To secure your reservation, contact [Jim Garvey](#) and mail him your deposit for \$250 per person made payable to ALPHORN TOURS.

## **LODGE COORDINATORS**

### **February & March**

Beth Hulbert

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See the complete list on our [Monthly Coordinators](#) page.

Please, no calls after 9pm!

## **CLOSING**



If you have any PICTURES, news or article ideas for the Skizette, please contact me at [azaera@prodigy.net](mailto:azaera@prodigy.net)

**Have fun on the slopes!**

**Anne Zaera**

**River Hills Ski Club**