

November 2012



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**This year's Work Weekends
were a huge success and lots of fun.**

A total of 25 members attended and look at what they accomplished:

- Cleaned the entire lodge - making it sparkle!
- Repaired a number of areas, including the lamp post by the road, so our walkway lighting is back in operation.
- Power washed the entire lodge exterior including all railings on the fire escapes and front walkway
- Lots of touch-up painting, caulking and wall cleaning
- Routine maintenance from replacing light bulbs to trimming shrubs.

Many thanks go to all our volunteers and the

Lodge Maintenance team - their planning enabled great work to be completed while ensuring everyone felt safe and had a good time!!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Membership renewals for the 2013 season are in, and 18 of our members have decided not to renew for the 2013 season. For the most part these are older members who do not use the club as often as they used to and is the continuation of a trend we have seen for the past five years, but the fact is that we need to come together in a concerted effort to increase membership. The Meet and Greet we planned for the end of October was cancelled because no one responded to the RSVP. After the fact we learned that many members had planned on coming with guests and were disappointed that we cancelled. We will reschedule the Meet and Greet -- winter is approaching and with the first snow storm of the season behind us thoughts are turning to skiing and now is the time to bring in new members -- so please let us know if you plan to attend.

The lodge survived the storm without incident and is in great shape for the upcoming season. Hopefully the weather will be better this year than last. We know from past experience that when there is snow in CT people start looking for affordable ways to ski as often as possible, and our club offers a very attractive experience. We just need to get the word out to the right folks.

In the meantime, we are exploring reciprocity with other like-minded ski clubs which could be a great way to increase our user base, bring potential members to the lodge and give our members the opportunity to stay at lodges near other mountains. More to come on this to come.

I hope to see you all the general meeting for coordinator training Tuesday evening.

Best wishes.
John Olshan

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

General Meetings

DON'T MISS: November 13 Coordinator Training at the LRT.

Attendance at this session is required in order for you to be qualified as a Lodge Coordinator this year - even if you were so qualified in the past. To ensure we have enough time to cover the material, we will start this meeting a little earlier at 7:00 pm.

If you cannot attend that session, please contact [Curtis Casey](#) to discuss.

Board Meetings

Board meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month - except for January 2013.

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

This Month

November 13 **Lodge Coordinator Training at LRT at 7:00pm**
Don't miss it if you want to be a Weekend Coordinator

November 17 **CSC Snowball - Hartford Windsor Marriott**
 Contact [Rod Cross](#) ASAP !

Future

December 11 RHSC Holiday Party - Watch for details !

December 28-31 New Year's Weekend at the Lodge

Jan 31-Feb 5 Quebec Winter Carnival Trip - only 2 spots left...!

February ?? RHSC Winter Races - TBD

March 1-3 CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival at Okemo Mtn

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

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

CSC Bulk Ticket Vouchers for 2012-2013

Bob and Kathy Hener expect to get the tickets by Thanksgiving for distribution at the December General Meeting.

Questions? Contact Bob at TSSRJH@aol.com or 203-375-3942.

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:

Holiday Party planning and logistics
Club Race planning and logistics
RHSC captain to coordinate CSC OnSnow weekend
Contact: [Heather Lopresti](#)

Membership Drive
Contact: [Beth Hulbert](#)

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 -

Unfortunately, our October Social had to be postponed but we are planning another one. In the meantime, don't forget to bring your guests to next Tuesday's General meeting at 7pm at the Long Ridge Tavern, and to any of our events.

Roster Updates -

The current 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 [Beth Hulbert](#) know.

SKI TRIPS

The following ski trips are planned for 2013:



Quebec Winter Carnival 2013 -- January 31 to February 5

This trip features lodging at the luxurious Fairmont Le Château Frontenac on the Saint-Lawrence River with skiing at nearby Le Massif and Mont St. Anne, plus a Masquerade Gala Banquet.

It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and there are just TWO spots still available!

Contact [Gabe Cordova](#) and see the [detailed flyer](#) online.

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

Watch for further details... or contact [Gabe Cordova](#)



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

November

John Swingler
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December/January:

Paul Schallis
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February & March

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

Please, no calls after 9pm!

CLOSING



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

Have fun on the slopes!



Anne Zaera
River Hills Ski Club

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