

December 2009

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*Happy
Holidays!*



Snow Ball 2009

River Hillers celebrated the start of the season at this year's CSC Snow Ball! RHSC had a good showing and everyone had fun dancing. Many had dinner at the hotel prior to the event. Our ambassador Beth Cross was a great representative for River Hills. Attendees had a wonderful evening and the clubs with hospitality suites were very hospitable. The party did not end until the wee hours of the morning (lots to eat and drink plus more dancing in the hospitality suites). Consider attending next year's ball! Riverhillers who attended this year's event included (counterclockwise from top) Beth and Mark Hulbert, Linda and Robert Gottlieb, and Marion and Gabe Cordova. More photos will be posted on the RHSC website shortly.



MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

General Meeting & Pizza Social: Tuesday, December 1st, 7:30 pm at John's Best Pizzeria & Restaurant in Norwalk

The next general meeting will be held at John's Best Pizzeria and Restaurant at 85 New Canaan Avenue in Norwalk (not the one near the Westport border). A very short business meeting at 7:30 pm will be 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 raffle off the "Ski Tube"; tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Please let Susan Byelick know if you're coming for pizza (sbyelick@yahoo.com), 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.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

RHSC Holiday Party - December 12

Our annual Holiday Party is one of our great traditions and this year will be no exception: Donna's gracious home filled with wonderful friends, GREAT food, music and dancing - what else could you ask for...? The party will take place at 649 Thorne Street in Bridgeport from 7:00-11:00 pm on Saturday, December 12.



There's still time to join the Party but the price goes up after Dec 1, so hand your checks/vouchers to Gabe at Tuesday's Club meeting/Pizza Social!!

Cost: \$35 per person by Dec 1 or \$40 by Dec 7.

See flyer on website for more details and directions ([click here](#)). Contact Donna Peters to volunteer your help: 203-372-2209 or dpeters@malloyins.com.

RHSC New Year's Eve Party - December 31

Bring in the New Year at the Lodge and stay Thursday through Saturday night (Dec 31 thru Jan 2) at a special rate: \$90 for adults and \$64 for kids!

Price includes:

- New Year's Eve Dinner & Party (BYOB)
- Friday & Saturday dinners
- 3 breakfasts
- 3 nights at the Lodge

For reservations, contact Paul Schallis at paul.schallis@snet.net (or 203-431-1245). Guests can be confirmed 30 days in advance for same price as members, but cancellation fees apply to all.

For information on RHSC activities, please contact Anne Zaera at (914) 276-9511 or azaera@prodigy.net.

TERRAIN PARK - FOR KIDS ONLY

RHSC Pop Quiz Winner - Michael Swingler!

Michael won a \$25 gift certificate to Pedigree Ski Shop by being the first RHSC kid to get all five answers correct! Congrats Michael!!!

- In what year was River Hills Ski Club founded? 1932
- Our lodge is on what road in Vermont? Barts Hill Road
- Who is RHSC's current president? Bill Sheriff
- How many RHSC meetings does someone have to attend before becoming a member? 3
- How many beds are in the lodge? 40

Please send entries for Terrain Park!

If you're an RHSC kid and have an accomplishment, artwork, poem, joke, photograph, or other news you'd like to share with the club, please send them to Anne Olshan at

aolshan@optonline.net. Your item does not have to be ski-related. Please send your photo, name and age with all entries. Include your email and we'll add you to the Skizette mailing list too!

TRIPS

Powder Mountain & Snowbasin: January 2010

The Connecticut Ski Council (CSC) trip for 2010 is set for Powder Mountain and Snowbasin January 30 - February 6, 2010. If you have never skied in powder, this will be your opportunity to learn and enjoy - the powder fields are also available via the Powder Mountain SNOW CAT. The average snowfall is over 500 inches of Utah Champaign powder (that is over 41 feet). Powder Mountain has over 7000 skiable acreage and Snowbasin has 3000 skiable acreage. The trip cost is only \$1270 and includes airfare, ground transportation, lift tickets, daily breakfast, lodging and a beach Party on Antelope Island. [Click here](#) to sign up today via credit card. Please call Gabe Cordova if you have any questions at 203-710-2530 (Cell). For flyers on this trip, you can also go to the RHSC website ([click here](#)).



Big Sky Montana: March 2010

James Garvey has planned a week-long trip to Big Sky Montana, March 21-28, 2010. Big Sky has tremendous terrain, 3,500 acres on the Big Sky side of Lone Peak and another 1,700 acres on the Moonlight Basin side! Big Sky is buried in more than 400" of snow per season and we'll be there when you can have powder one day and beautiful spring sunshine the next!

Make your deposit check out to Alphorn Tours for \$200 and mail to James at: 117 Geymer Drive Mahopac, NY 10541. If you have any questions, contact James at (845) 222-4187 or jmgarv@gmail.com. For flyers on this trip, you can also go to the RHSC website ([click here](#)).



Chili: August 2010 This trip is a great opportunity for families to bring their young ones for a taste of South American culture. The cost is substantially reduced for those who take the duplex suite and fly direct to Chile out of Kennedy (JFK) - \$ 2314 vs \$2569. See flyer on the RHSC website for more details ([click here](#)). Please call Gabe Cordova if you have any questions at 203-710-2530 (Cell).

SKI TICKET DISCOUNTS

CSC Bulk Tickets

The CSC bulk ticket vouchers have arrived. All members who ordered tickets can pick them up at the December 1st general meeting. See Bob Hener.

Killington Club Card

- Offered exclusively to ski club and ski council members.
- No blackout days.
- Redeem up to 4 days at a time.

- 4 days of skiing/riding for \$199 plus tax if purchased by December 15, 2009.
- Reload in increments of 2, 3 or 4 additional days at the originally purchased price.
- For more information on the Killington Club Card, [click here](#)

CSC Awareness Days

With your CSC Membership Card, you can ski for as low as \$15 per day at Vermont ski areas on designated days. Check the CSC calendar for availability ([click here](#)) and make your lodge reservations early!

Fifth Grade Passport

With the Vermont 5th Grade Passport, fifth graders can ski or ride three times each at participating Vermont Alpine (downhill) and Nordic (cross-country) ski areas for FREE! For more information on the Fifth Grade Passport, [click here](#)

LODGE COORDINATORS

December & January

Paul Schallis - paul.schallis@snet.net or (203) 431-1245

February

Marli Pinochet - mpinochet@charter.net or (860) 354-3064

March

Judi Kostrzewski - ski4xtc@aol.com or (203) 656-2931

Please no calls after 9pm!

HISTORICAL NOTES by Pat Street

14 Years Ago - October 1995

A Bike Tour

The annual RHSC bike tour will be Sunday, Oct 15 starting from Carol Bancroft's house. Meet at 10 a.m. Bring a bag lunch and an hors d'oeuvre to go with the hot mulled cider served afterwards at Carol's in front of a crackling fire. We will amble through the beautiful horse country of CT and NYS with stops to see what's new at our favorite outdoor sculpture display and our visit to the North Salem Vineyard. Tally Ho. Call BILL FULLILOVE.

24 Years Ago - October 1975

Publicity

Volunteers are needed in corporations to inform people about our ski club. We plan to put posters and letters in these corps. We would like a contact person who could help us give information to prospective skier members. Also anyone with civic or religious affiliations who can promote our club for new members. Please send contacts to Andrea Valentine. JEANETTE LICKER will be sending info on meetings to radio and newspapers. More on the Publicity Committee in the next skizette issue.



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

Happy trails!
Anne Olshan
River Hills Ski Club