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Bill Hughes - Babe Magnet 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All.

I just got home from another amazing weekend in VT. We had close to two feet of snow in four days, and the dump last night was pure powder... light and fluffy. The group at the lodge was a great mix of long time members and new families who are coming into the fold.

Just about every Monday I receive a phone call or email from one of our members letting me know how much fun they had at the lodge over the weekend, what a great mix of people who were there and how well everyone got along, spent time laughing, talking about skiing and just hanging out.

A common theme is that our lodge is back to being a welcoming and hospitable environment. Many of our long time members say it feels like the good old days, are bringing their adult kids and grandchildren to the lodge, and some of these families are having so much fun that they are either joining the club or seriously considering it.

It could be that great snow makes everything better... but I like to think that our big, loveable and somewhat dysfunctional family of members has come together in a way that is allowing our club to mature, without significantly altering the formula that has made it such a unique and successful enterprise for nearly eighty years.

Either way, I'm glad it's happening and enjoying the process. We are on the right track and I thank all of you for making it happen.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

March 1st, Dinner Meeting/Social, 7pm, Long Ridge Tavern:

The RHSC Dinner Meeting/Social originally scheduled for February will take place on Tuesday, March 1, at the Long Ridge Tavern. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of our new members and to get final details on the CSC On Snow Winter Carnival, March 4-6.

Where: Long Ridge Tavern, 2635 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, 203-329-7818

When: Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25 for dinner with cash bar (includes tax and tip!)

Menu: Mixed green salad

Choice of entree (includes vegetables):

- 1) Roast pork with roasted potatoes
- 2) Sauteed sole with rice
- 3) Roast chicken with roasted potatoes
- 4) Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Your choice of Bread pudding or Rice pudding

RSVP via email to Anne at aazaera@prodigy.net to let her know your entree and dessert choices.

If you already paid for February, you don't need to resend payment. Any questions, please contact Anne at aazaera@prodigy.net or 914-276-9511. We hope you can make it!

CSC On Snow Winter Carnival - March 4-6

We need you to participate in The Connecticut Ski Council On Snow Winter Carnival. The event takes place March 4-6 at Mount Snow. A schedule of events can be downloaded on the RHSC website at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/whats-new/preliminary-on-snow-weekend-schedule/>. We are primarily looking for people to participate in events on Saturday, March 5th. Please contact Gabe Cordova at gabeski@optonline.net if you can participate. This is a very important event to be involved in if we want to

continue purchasing discount lift tickets through the Connecticut Ski Counsel.

Judi Kostrzewski

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Race Weekend Winners!

Everyone who attended the RHSC annual race weekend on February 12 was a winner because it was THE BEST race weekend of all time! We had perfect weather, an amazing course on Bunny Buster at Killington, great food and drinks at our Mexican-themed party and awards ceremony back at the lodge and tons of laughs and dancing with fellow Riverhillers. Many thanks to Judi K, Sharon Lehr and their many helpers for making the weekend such a huge success!



The Kids: TJ, Matt, Ellie, Alexa, Olivia, Sarah, Natalie, Christine and Abigail



Bob Boothroyd and Jan Hansen with their friend and prospective guest Rich Mead and his girlfriend, Kristy Wilbur



Abigail, Christine and Kyle Eberts



Sharon Lehr, Chris Zimmerman and Tom Constantine



Fastest Couple: Sharon Lehr and Chris Zimmerman (with Judi Kostrzewski, Beth Hulbert and Lisa Nau)



Leslie and Olivia Olton (guests of Judi Kostrzewski)



The kids getting ready to slay the pinata!



Bill Hughes with the ladies

RHSC race weekend winners include:

Overall

1. Tom Nolan
2. Chris Zimmerman
3. Gary Gash

Fastest Woman

1. Anne Olshan
2. Beth Cross
3. Judi Kostrzewski

Fastest Boys

1. Matt Cross
2. TJ Constantine

Fastest Senior Girls

1. Abigail Eberts
2. Christine Eberts
3. Natalie Olshan

Fastest Snowboarder

Alexa Constantine

Fastest Junior Girl

1. Sarah Gash
2. Ellie Cross

Fastest Couple

1. Chris Zimmerman and Sharon Lehr
2. John and Anne Olshan

Fastest Woman Magnet

Bill Hughes

Best Attitude

Kurt Fischer

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Update

Please welcome three new family memberships to RHSC!

- Kent and Allison Eby with their children: Emily (16) and Will (12) who live in Stamford, CT were introduced and sponsored to the club by John and Kelly Swingler. You met and heard Kent and his music if you attended the Spring Fling in 2009!
- Benjamin Wheeler with his children: Emma (14) and Caela (12) who also live in Stamford, CT were introduced and sponsored to the club by Anne and John Olshan. Ben has been working with John Olshan and Paul Schallis on website design and improving our reservation system.
- Victor Jr. and Susan Emanuel who live in the Bronx. Victor Jr. has spent much time at the lodge over the years with his dad, Victor Sr. It goes without saying that Victor Sr. introduced and sponsored Victor Jr. and Susan to the club.

We have many more prospective members at different phases of the membership cycle and I expect we will have one or two new memberships in March.

So far this season we have added 6 memberships bringing our total memberships to 76 and counting! Please keep up the great work of introducing our wonderful club and lodge to your family and friends!

Again, please welcome these new families to our club and please be sure to go out of your way to introduce yourself and family to them. Also remember to introduce yourselves to the prospective members who are staying at the lodge and/or attending our general meetings.

Updated Roster is posted on our web site. If you need your email and/or address updated, please let me know.

See you on Tuesday, March 1st at the next General Meeting and bring a prospective member with you!

Best, Pat

Please make sure you check our new Membership Drive Flyers that Anne Olshan designed and posted on our web-site at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/whats-new/membership-drive-documents/>. Please use these flyers to help promote membership to our club.

OPERATIONS

Our lodge is operating well. Thanks to the coordinators and members, your contributions keep the gears turning, so keep up the good work. By now most of you will have seen the new freezer, and recent Hobart service has our dish washer working like new. Our contractors and utilities are all fully active in assuring that our house is accessible, safe, and clean. Folks, please check with the lodge coordinator when not sure of duty assignment, or if you observe conditions that require attention. And always step up to help out when you see the need, don't be shy. Now go enjoy the snow.

Lodge etiquette and our mutual duties to the house:

- Everyone is responsible to leave their room clean and in order, such as empty garbage can, pillows on beds, windows closed and locked, curtains closed.
- Clear out the fireplace each weekend.
- Snow shoveling includes the paths from the loft stairs to the bedroom wing doors, and bedroom wing doors to the front entrance, as well as main door and stairs to road entrance. Remember to keep the Bilco doors clear as well! More power in numbers.
- Sleds must be returned to the front patio before coming in for the night,

each night - parents need to address this clearly with the children.

- Shovels (and broom) must be kept by the front door or returned to the basement - safety first.
- Clean out the lint screen before/after using the clothes drier.
- All personal items belong in your respective storage bin, the racks are not for miscellaneous items. Please contact Curtis Casey if you are interested in reserving a bin for the season; we have racks available.

Cheers, Curtis.

NEW RHSC APPAREL AND STICKERS!

Show your RHSC spirit and help promote our club by purchasing our new stickers and logoed clothing! Stickers are available for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Stickers will be for sale at each meeting and at the lodge or you can contact Anne Olshan at aolshan@optonline.net.



To order apparel, upload the order form and size chart at <http://www.riverhillsskiclub.org/member-resources/documents/rhsc-apparel-order-forms/> and contact Anne Olshan at to place your order. Please also contact Anne if you have an interest in volunteering to help manage our merchandise orders.

LODGE COORDINATORS

March

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Please contact Joe Grabiec at 203-374-1158 or jpdgrabiec@att.net to volunteer as the monthly coordinator!

Please no calls after 9pm!



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

Happy trails!

**Anne Olshan
River Hills Ski Club**

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