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We sure did PARTY !!

As it's to be expected, the end of the year brings lots of opportunities to eat, drink and Party, and this year Riverhillers made us proud ! The November CSC Snowball was very well attended in support of our Ambassador - Rod Cross. The Holiday Party, held at Patrizia's Restaurant in Stamford, received great reviews, and Christmas and New Year's at the Lodge were celebrated in style, including the creation of our own signature libation!

*(What -- you didn't hear about
Cranberry Moonshine ??)*

To top it all off, we got the best gift of all - a terrific snowstorm which dumped many inches of our favorite powder !



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The snow has been falling; the lodge is in great shape and was close to capacity through the holidays. Hopefully that is a sign of things to come.

The biggest news coming from your board is that our technology committee has delivered a new platform for our online presence that will eventually allow members to make reservations and payments online, serve as a system for members to freely and effectively communicate, and to attract new members.

The rollout is planned in stages, with the basic features coming online soon and the operational aspects running in the background until we are confident everything works as intended. We are looking for members who would like to participate in the beta test to work with the new site before we bring all of the features online.

Those who are interested in helping out can follow up with Anne Zaera, who is heading the committee, or Ben Wheeler who has provided the vision for our new online presence. There is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that the new technology is implemented properly, but I'm confident that we've got the right people on the job and look forward to getting more members involved.

John Olshan

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

General Meetings

The next General meeting will be held on January 8 at Long Ridge Tavern, Stamford, starting at 7:30pm.

Board Meetings

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

NEW LODGE CANCELLATION FEES

We have revised the cancellation fees for weekends during the 2012-2013 Winter Season as follows:

<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

January 17	Membership Meet and Greet at the LRT
January 26	RHSC Memorial Races at Pico
Jan 31-Feb 5	Quebec Winter Carnival Trip - waiting list only!

Future

March 1-3	CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival at Okemo Mtn
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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.

RHSC Memorial Race at Pico

This year's Memorial Race will be held at Pico on Saturday, January 26, and will culminate in an Awards Dinner and Party that evening at the Lodge. Be sure to register asap with [Tom Nolan](#), race chair, and specify in which category you plan to race.

Don't forget, you ALSO need to make lodge reservations with [Paul Schallis](#), for your stay.

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:

Club Race planning and logistics
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 -

We are planning a special Meet and Greet evening for interested skiers who found our Club through our new test website on Meetup. The evening will provide a social forum for everyone to meet in person, and for these potential applicants to learn more about our club. The date is Thursday, January 17, at the Long Ridge Tavern, starting time TBD.

Also, don't forget to bring your guests to Tuesday's General meeting, January 8, 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

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

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Paul Schallis

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Beth Hulbert

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

Please, no calls after 9pm!

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

Have fun on the slopes!

Anne Zaera

River Hills Ski Club

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