



HUDSON VALLEY
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

2016... What Fun We Will Have

It's December 29th 2015 and I am outside clearing the first snow/ice of the year. I think to myself, "Why don't I practice my skiing?" So I tip my snow boots on edge and pick up a shovel full of snow. I switch to my opposite edge and slide through the snow.

Yes, it was just like the first day of skiing. I am in the middle of the driveway on my butt. By the way, asphalt is much harder than snow. OK, shoveling is not really fun.

What can be fun is skiing with discounted tickets. Potter Brothers "flex" tickets provide wonderful opportunities for weekend, weekday, and night skiing at area mountains. ISNY (I Ski NY) started listing discounts yesterday. The New Jersey Ski and Snow Board Council offers discounts to many areas in Vermont.

The 70+ Ski Club annually provides its members with an extensive listing of discounts offered at ski areas throughout the country.

The most fun, however, is sharing a day of skiing with friends. The real purpose of being part of the Hudson Valley Ski Club (in my opinion) is so we don't have to ski alone.

To that end let's all try to remember to use the "ski with me" option on our face book page. It's quick, easy, and usually offers an opportunity to carpool.

Keep the snow dance going!

Craig Goldstein

Ski/Ride Improvement Days

Discount lift tickets for all of the ski improvement days can be purchased in advance from a local Potter Brothers Ski Shop. Tickets cannot be purchased the day of the event. However, these flex tickets are valid on several other dates so if you miss one, there will be other opportunities to use the ticket.

If you plan to participate in the Ski/Ride Improvement Day, contact Mark Searle at HVSCSkiTeach@yahoo.com or (845)471-6402.

Ski Improvement Days for January

Sunday, 1/3 @ Plattekill (\$39.95)

Friday, 1/15 @ Windham (\$39.95)

Sunday, 1/31 @ Belleayre (\$39.95)

Ski Improvement Days for February:

Friday, 2/5 @ Belleayre (\$34.95)

Sunday, 2/7 @ Jiminy (\$42.95)

Friday, 2/12 @ Windham (\$39.95)

All sessions will begin at 9 AM and lift tickets can be purchased as Potter Brother's Flex Tickets from Potter's shops beforehand for the noted prices.



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Club Information

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Ski Trips:	Vacant

Contact information is available in the Online Membership Directory on the club website.

www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to
info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Website Happenings

Visit the club's new website at hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/Events to keep up to date on club activities over the next few months. Our calendar of events is continually updated.

Looking for skiing deals? Go to hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/Discounts to get the complete schedule of discount lift tickets and flex ticket offerings from Potter Brothers Ski and Snowboard Shops. You will also find links to NJSSC council days at various ski areas in New York and Vermont.

See photos of HVSC events from links on the Photo Gallery page, hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/photos. Each future event will have its own slide show album including photos from multiple photographers.

New Membership Directory

The 2015-2016 Membership Directories are now available!

You can pick up your copy at any HVSC meeting at the Membership Desk, or to receive a mailed copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope (6.5" x 9.5" minimum) to Pete Gray, Membership Services.

Postage for one membership directory (single memberships) is \$.71 and for two membership directories (couple memberships) is \$.93.

New Members

Marcia Figueroa Nina Gonzalez
Addie Haas Jorge Paez

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Save up to \$10 on Rentals & \$20 on Lessons.
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*Offer NOT Valid Jan. 16 - 18 & Feb. 13 - 15, 2016.
Show your Ski Club ID at Groups Booth. No advanced purchase necessary.

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Ski Butternut

380 State Road, Great Barrington, MA | 413.528.2000 | Ski Club flyer: www.SkiButternut.com/Ski-Clubs



After the Holidays Party

**January 16th, 7-11PM
Joint Trailsweepers & HVSC**

Let's bury those Holiday blues and have one more celebration at **Ole Savannah** (former Steel House) on the Kingston waterfront.

Buffet dinner

Cash bar.

Dancing to the beat of **The Harvest** full band.

Price: **\$30** if paid by January 1st, **\$35** thereafter.

Make your check out to TSSC and hand out or mail to

Yvonne baker

1435 Rt 28A

West Hurley, NY 12491

yab1946@gmail.com

845-383-1534



The HVSC group at the Grandview Holiday Party, Dec 11.


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2016 SKI COUNCIL DAY: Sat. January 9

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Ski Club Event Photo Albums

Photos of club events, on and off snow, are important for sharing the good times among our members and helpful in promoting our club. We encourage you to keep those photos coming in, but ask that a few guidelines be followed.

- Submit your best 10-15 photos depicting a range of activities and including some showing action.
- Keep photo sizes reasonable as they will be displayed in a 800 x 600 window.
- Provide a list of photos identifying where the photo was taken and who is included.
- Create an archive file (zip) to include the photo files.
- Forward your photos to Albums@HudsonValleySkiClub.org.
- One album will be created for each trip.

A sample of what we expect to produce can be seen at hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/photos. Click on "2016 Sample Album".

If you need assistance contact John Macek,
John@JFMacek.com



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Lift Ticket Lotto

The club holds Lift Ticket Lotto contests at each club meeting during the ski season as a means of generating some revenue for the club. Several local ski areas have given the club lift tickets in exchange for ads in the newsletter. We will be giving away lift tickets to different ski areas at each meeting from late October through March.

All you need to do to get in on the hot action of this cool deal is to be sure to buy Lift Ticket Lotto tickets at the next meeting – don't get left out in the cold.

If you win and later use a lift ticket from Lift Ticket Lotto, please take a moment to thank the ski area for their support of the HVSC.

Ticket prices for the Lotto are:
1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 15 for \$10.

There will be Lift Ticket Lotto drawings at the January meetings.

Club Connections...

Women's Windham Wednesdays

Meet every Wednesday at Windham Mtn at 9am to enjoy a midweek day of skiing with HVSC members. No weekend lines and lower lift ticket prices! Men also welcome.

Facebook

Check the [HVSC Facebook page](#) to connect with fellow day skiers. Post where you want to ski or your availability and find other club members to ski with. Don't ski alone, that's why you joined a club!

And if you've planned an outing, invite your HVSC friends!



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Lift Ticket Lotto Winners

Dec 2

Butternut - Jim Gahn

Catamount - Jim Gahn

Plattekill - Rich Partridge

Thunder Ridge - Cindi Millsap Catamount - Jorge Paez

Windham - Craig Goldstein Gore - Pat Cummins

Dec 16

Catamount - Bill Dunstan

Mt. Snow - Nina Perez

Plattekill - Susan Stark

Northeast Snow Report

New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine

Check out the latest conditions at your favorite mountain!

<http://www.onthesnow.com/northeast/skireport.html>



We want YOU to join us

JANUARY 30TH

\$5.00 Lift Tickets

and

20% off lodging

*Proof of Residency upon arrival

Contact:

Kimberly Thayer, Group Sales Manager at 844-846-9575



*Please reference NJ Ski in order to receive lodging for that weekend



2016 HVSC Eastern Ski Trips

It's time to think snow for 2016!

Unfortunately, the Sugarbush New Years Weekend trip has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

We still have spots available for our two mid week trips. Our January, ski in/ski out adventure at **Okemo**, and our annual **Mount Snow** Club Week trip. Both offer great skiing and luxurious accommodations without the crowds.

Mark your calendars and hand in your vacation requests at work. Contact your trip leaders to sign up now!



Ski in/Ski out Midweek • Jan 10-14 (Sun-Thu)

\$445.00 (age 19-64) **\$420.00** (age 65-69) **\$410.00** (age 70+)

Includes:

- 4 nights lodging (PPDO) (S/M/T/W) @ Jackson Gore Village
- 3 day lift ticket (M/T/W)

**Additional Skiers welcome subject to room availability.
Double occupancy only.**

Trip Leader: John Macek
36 Hillview Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845-489-6056 • john@jfmacek.com



Mount Snow Annual Ski Club Week!

Feb 8 - 11 (Mon-Thu)

\$360.00 Includes:

- 3 nights lodging at the Grand Summit Lodge (M/T/W)
- 4 day lift ticket (M/T/W/Th) • Daily breakfast
- Welcome Party • Pizza/Dance Party • Racing & Tubing

****Registration and deposit due by 12/16/15****

Trip Leader: Ellen Kelly
24 Farmers Mills Road, Carmel, NY 10512
ekelly111@yahoo.com • 845-225-0977

The Trip Committee strongly suggests participants purchase trip insurance.

The price for trip insurance runs approximately 7% of the trip cost. An option to purchase trip insurance "for any reason" may be available. If you are interested in trip insurance please let the trip leader know at the time of sign up.

See related article on pg 7!

Cancellation/Refund Policy for HVSC Ski Trips

- Minimum cancellation penalty is \$100 for week long trips and \$25 for shorter trips.
- Cancellation requests must be in writing and will take effect the date they are received by the trip leader.
- Penalties vary from trip to trip. Anyone who cancels a trip will be assessed penalties as per our contract with the vendor. Whatever the club loses, the person who cancels will lose plus the \$100 cancellation penalty, however, the penalty will not exceed the total cost of the trip.
- Refunds will not be issued until after the final accounting of the trip.

2016 HVSC Western Ski Trips

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Breckenridge Summit County, Colorado

January 23-30 (Sat-Sat)

Includes:

- 7 nights lodging at the Village of Breckenridge.
- 5 day lift ticket. Good at Breckenridge, A-Basin, or Keystone, and can be used one day at Vail or Beaver Creek
- Round Trip Air
- Ground Transportation

Trip Leader: Jim Gahn
44 Far Horizons Drive , Newburgh, NY 12550
845 561-6376 • earmaster@juno.com



\$1433

\$300 deposit, then 5 monthly payments of \$200 July - Nov.
Final payment in December depends on options selected:

\$97 (Sr 5 day Lift pass); \$117 (Sr. 6 day Lift pass); \$312 (Epic Local Pass option). Epic only if you were planning to ski Colorado on other times in the 2015-2016 season.

This is as it stands now. There could be changes at end due to airline changes although not probable.

Minimum cancellation penalty: \$100
Trip insurance is strongly encouraged.

Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

February 20-27 (Sat-Sat)

****PASSPORT REQUIRED!****

Includes:

- 7 nights lodging at the Delta Whistler Village Suites
- 5 day lift ticket
- Round Trip Air
- Ground Transportation

\$1,538

\$300 deposit

6 monthly payments of \$200 July - Dec

Jan 1 \$38 plus any adjustments

(senior tickets, 6-day tickets, airline fuel adjustments, etc.)

Minimum cancellation penalty: \$100

Trip insurance is strongly encouraged.

Trip Leader: Jeff Elwyn

26 Country Lane

Lake Katrine, NY 12449

845 481-4590

skiercom@hvc.rr.com



Snowboarder, 83, Makes 300th Blood Donation

Frank Van Zanten is not your average 83 year old. When the retired Poughkeepsie resident isn't busy snowboarding the slopes of Vermont, he can often be found at New York Blood Center's East Fishkill Donor Center donating platelets and saving lives. In fact on Tuesday, December 29, Van Zanten will be making his 300th blood donation.

"If on that date my temperature and hemoglobin are okay, and if everything else goes according to expectations, that donation will be my 89th platelet donation", says Van Zanten. "Combined with my lifetime 211 whole blood donations, that will add up to a lifetime total donations of 300 pints".

Van Zanten's first encounter with blood donation occurred in May, 1953 at Fort Lewis, Washington where he started his two years of military service in the Army. Donating blood was an opportunity to get out of the regular training schedule

for an afternoon. It took Van Zanten nine years to warm up to giving his second pint of blood. "After that one I fell into a pretty regular schedule which still keeps me going now, at age 83. I just seem to have this thing for phlebotomists!", says Van Zanten.

"Donating blood takes so little time", Van Zanten states. "I don't think people realize just how easy it is and how it can touch the lives of patients in need of transfusion. I donate platelets every three weeks or so but I do give whole blood occasionally at a blood drive my friend coordinates."

The upcoming holidays are one of the most difficult times of the year to sustain an adequate blood and platelet supply. NYBC is asking for donors to roll up their sleeves in support of the many patients that rely on the selfless act of blood and platelet donation.



To donate blood or platelets or for information on how to organize a blood drive please call Toll Free: 1-800-933-2566 Visit: www.nybloodcenter.org



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Today, *Ski Areas of New York*, the organization that represents over 40 ski areas throughout New York State, announces ticket discounts at more than 25 ski areas for Discover NY Ski Day, slated for January 28, 2016.

Discover NY Ski Day offers residents of New York State the opportunity to experience skiing and snowboarding at more than 25 participating mountains across the state for a special promotional rate. Lift tickets will be on sale starting December 28, and will cost either \$12 or \$25. Beginners looking to get involved in the sport or brush up on their skills can secure a beginner lift ticket, lesson and rentals for \$25 or \$35 depending on the ski area.

In New York State, there is a ski area within 90 miles of every major metropolitan area. Discover NY Ski Day participating ski areas by region include (but not limited to):

- The Adirondacks Region – Gore Mtn, Oak Mtn, Titus Mtn, Whiteface Mtn
- The Catskills Region – Belleayre Mtn, Windham Mtn
- Central NY Region – Greek Peak Mtn Resort
- Hudson Valley Region – Catamount Ski Area, Mount Peter, Thunder Ridge Ski Area
- Western NY Region – Bristol Mtn, Holiday Valley Resort, Swain Resort

Find details on participating ski areas and purchase tickets online at www.ISKINY.com/ski-deals/discover-ny-ski-day. A limited number of Discover NY Ski Day tickets are available, so be sure to purchase ahead of time to secure a ticket at this promotional rate.

January is Learn a Snow Sport Month and New York, with more ski areas than any other state in the country, offers exceptional on-the-snow programs for

all ages to get new generations of winter fans on the snow and having fun.

"During a month dedicated to getting New Yorkers involved in skiing and riding, Discover NY Ski Day is a chance for beginners to experience a day on the mountain, take a lesson and, we hope, fall in love with the sport," stated Scott Brandi, president of Ski Areas of New York. "But it isn't just a day for newcomers because even expert skiers can take advantage of these deeply discounted lift tickets and explore a new ski area."

Find additional details about Learn to Ski & Ride Month, and Discover NY Ski Day at: www.ISKINY.com/ski-deals/discover-ny-ski-day.



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Hudson Valley Ski Club

Membership Application

(September 2, 2015 – September 7, 2016)

Please **print clearly!** Application must be received by December 1st to appear in the Annual Membership Directory.

[] Check here if you **DO NOT** wish to be listed in the Annual Membership Directory.

Name(s): (1)* _____
(2) _____

*Name (2) becomes the "X" member
(same membership number as (1)
followed by an "X").

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____

[] Check box for

any phone #
you **DO NOT**
want listed in
the Membership
Directory.

Membership Committee use only:

Check #: _____

Check Amount: _____

Cash Amount: _____

Date: _____

Membership
Number(s): _____

Work (1): _____

[]

Work (2): _____

[]

Cell (1): _____

[]

Cell (2): _____

[]

Check the membership fee which applies:

Individual Membership

New Member
[] \$50.00

**Renewal on
or Before 9/2**

[] \$40.00

**Renewal
After 9/2**

[] \$50.00

Make your check payable to:

Couple Membership

[] \$70.00

[] \$60.00

[] \$70.00

H.V.S.C.

If you have an e-mail address you would like listed in the Membership Directory, write it here:

(1) _____ @ _____ (2) _____ @ _____

I (we) am (are) at least 21 years of age.

Signature (1): _____ Date: _____

Signature (2): _____ Date: _____

Submit this application and payment at the Membership Desk at any meeting or mail to:

Peter Gray IV, 55 Hagan Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5016

Please read & sign the Waiver and Code of Conduct on the reverse side of this form.



Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in **Hudson Valley Ski Club, Inc. (HVSC)** sponsored activities, related events, or trips, each of the undersigned:

1. Agrees that prior to participating, he/she will inspect any facilities and equipment to be used, and if he/she believes anything is unsafe, he/she will immediately advise a club officer of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
2. **Acknowledges and fully understands** that each club member will be engaging in **activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death**, and causing severe social and economic losses which might result not only from his/her own actions, but inactions or negligence of others, the club rules, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. **Assumes all risks and accepts all responsibility** for **the damages** following such injury, permanent disability or death, **even if caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence of the “releases” named below**.
4. **Releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue** the Hudson Valley Ski Club, Inc., its affiliates, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, and other employees of the organization, other club members, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lesers of premises used to conduct club activities, premises or event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and other persons or entities which give recommendations, directions or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the program or premises, all of which are hereinafter referred to as “Releases”, **from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property whether caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise**.

Code of Conduct

I understand camaraderie among the members is a crucial component of HVSC's purpose and enhances the enjoyment of club activities by everyone. My conduct as a club member impacts the public's view of our club and the willingness of organizations to co-sponsor activities with our club. As a result I agree to the following:
 a) I will exhibit courtesy, good behavior and show respect for fellow members and other parties while on any club trip or while involved in any club-sponsored activity; b) I understand that offensive conduct, making threats, sexual harassment and intimidating behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated; c) I will obey all federal, state and local laws while participating in club functions and the rules and authorities of establishments where functions are held; and d) I will support and promote safety at all club-sponsored functions.

I understand and accept that violations of this “Code of Conduct” can result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of membership.

Signatures:

The undersigned have read and agree to the above Waiver and Release of Liability and Code of Conduct and understand that they have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

(1) _____
 Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

(2) _____
 Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____



Friday Race Training

Every Friday evening, Club members meet at an area restaurant for a couple hours of friendly conversation. We welcome new members and old.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, contact Susan Kokosa @ 845-229-6786 or race_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

- Jan 1 NO Race Training - Happy New Year!
- 8 Bonefish Grill, Rt 9 Poughkeepsie
- 15 Nic L Inn Wine Cellar
135 N Water St, Poughkeepsie
- 22 Cosimo's, Delafield St, Poughkeepsie
- 29 Toma's Tapas Bar
900 Rt 376, Wappingers Falls
(come a little later and stay for live music at 8pm!)

Calendar of Events

- Jan 6 Club Meeting, Coppola's on 9 @ 7:30pm
- 16 Post-Holiday Party, Old Savannah, Kingston @ 7pm
- 15 Ski Improvement Day, Windham Mtn
- 20 Club meeting, Coppola's on 9 @ 7:30pm
- 31 Ski Improvement Day, Belleayre Mtn



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