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BLOCK ISLAND TRIP

June 1 - June 2, 2007

Hi folks. I am delighted to announce that once again I have reserved rooms at the Surf Hotel on Block Island. If you've already been, I don't have to tell you a thing. For the newcomers, you must visit this tiny jewel to appreciate its beauty, charm and peace. You'll know you have arrived when you pass by the Wild Rose bushes in bloom with the harbor beyond as you take the short walk from the ferry landing to the Surf. It is nothing short of a time and space warp to be transformed from the busy hubbub of mainland life to the sweet world on the Block. Here we bike ride and hike to take in the island's beauty, roller blade, read on the oversized porch, sunbathe on the beach, shop in the village, rent mopeds, and have our very own TGIF on the back deck each afternoon. It's a tough weekend, and not everyone can handle this unhurried pace. The cost of 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, tax and chambermaid tip are about \$120 to \$170 a person depending on room.

There are various dining establishments from the lively hall of Ballard's to quiet and charming spots. Afterwards there are various entertainments from guitar playing to a dance place or two, all easy walks from the Surf.

We carpool about 3 1/2 hours to Point Judith, Rhode Island where clean, modern ferries float us for the hour journey to this nearby Fantasy Island.

So start thinking about it, talk to me or others about it, but don't wait too long to decide, as the Surf is getting booked earlier and earlier. Right now I have rooms for about 24 people and a \$75 per person check made to myself, will reserve you a spot. Call or e-mail if you'd like me to send you my 3 page write-up. I will go after more rooms as needed.

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END OF BLOCK ISLAND ERA

This is the last year that I will be doing the Block Island trip as the Surf is being sold this summer. After 20 years of running the trip I will surely miss the springtime special that Block Island has afforded us all. If you are thinking about going on my trip this year, you should contact me pronto as rooms there are filling up fast.

Bike & Pool Party

Saturday, July 14

(July 15 Rain date)

at the home of
Claudette Hennessy

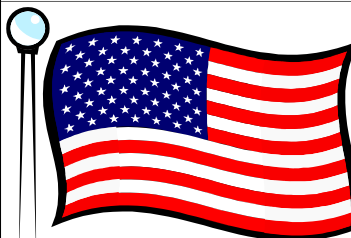


Meet at Claudette's at 9 AM for coffee, drive to the approximately 20 mile bike ride around the Wallkill Valley. Pool party, volley ball starts at noon. Bring a dish to share, BYOB. Soft drinks, plates, etc. and a grill are provided.

Directions: From the Mid-Hudson Bridge, go south on Route 9W to Marlboro, turn left on Old Post Road across from the Village Square Mall. From the Newburgh Beacon Bridge, north on Route 9W and right on Old Post Road. Claudette's is the 7th house on the left (#404 with



wagon wheel). If you need more information, call Claudette at 236-7971 [chennessy@hsysgrp.com]



Celebrate
Flag Day
 June 14

For info and history of the US Flag see www.usflag.org

Happy
 Fathers
 Day



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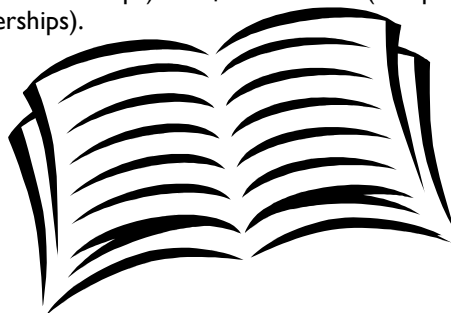
Friday "Race Training:"

Susan Hasbrouck 229-6786

All phones area code 845



The **2006-2007 Membership Directory** is available. If you haven't picked up your copy at the last two meetings, I can mail you a copy if you send me a self-addressed stamped envelope (6"x9" minimum size). Postage is \$.63 for one (Single Memberships) and \$1.11 for two (Couple Memberships).



Pete Gray membership@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org



**HVSC Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 6, 2007***

*Note: Summer board meetings first Wednesday
7:00 PM, Best Western

Route 9, Poughkeepsie

Invitees: All Officers and Board Members are requested to attend. Any interested Ski Club members may attend as guests.

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From the Editor/Webmaster**Website hint**

Occasionally I get a call asking, "What's the password to get into the Members Only area?" Well, if you are a member, it appears on the back of your current membership card; if you're not a member, click on the "Membership" button on the website and follow instruction to join.



Remember once you do see the opening page for the Members Only area, you can bookmark the page on your browser and you won't have to remember the password — at least until it changes next year.

Summer is Here

With the coming of the warm weather, ski trips are over, Lift Ticket Lotto (and the attendant ads in the newsletter) are done and there is more free space in the summer issues. So if you have an item you would like to include in any upcoming issue, this would be a good time to do it.



Remember, no unsolicited or unannounced e-mail from Hudson Valley Ski Club has ever (and will never) contain attachments or embedded executable files.



Mike

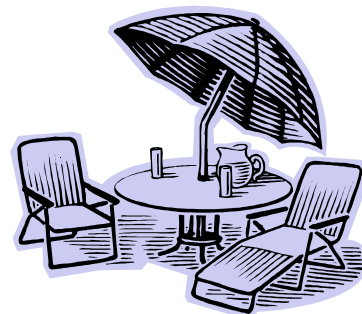
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May newsletter correction to the voting results. On the board election, Mark Searle was elected for only 1 year. Only two of the seats were for 2 years.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE:

This year much as Daylight Savings Time has started early, so have the HVSC Summer Schedule.

Summer meetings (April through August) will be held only once a month on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 8:00 PM. We resume the normal first and third Wednesday schedule in September.



RAGGED OLD FLAG

I walked through a county courthouse square,
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.
I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down."
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."
I said, "Your flagpole has leaned a little bit,
And that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it.



He said, "Have a seat",
and I sat down.
"Is this the first time
you've been to our
little town?"

I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag,
But we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there
When Washington took it across the Delaware.
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key
Sat watching it writing "Oh Say Can You See".
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans
With Packerham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams."

"And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on through.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee,
Beauregard, and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard

on that Ragged Old Flag."

"On Flanders Field in World War I
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood red in World War II
She hung limp and low by the time it was through.
She was in Korea and Vietnam.
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home.
In her own good land she's been abused --
She's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused."

"And the government for which she stands
Is scandalized throughout the land.
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin,
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
'Cause she's been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning,
Take her down every night.
We don't let her touch the ground
And we fold her up right.
On second thought I DO like to brag,
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

Written by *Johnny Cash*

Renew your Membership Early This Year

As in recent years we are including a membership renewal form in this (and future) summer issues of the newsletter.

If you prefer you can download the application and waiver form from the website or pick one up at any club meeting during the regular ski season.



If you look at the prices on the membership renewal form, those who renew on or before 9/19 will save \$10 this year. Whether you are eligible for the \$10 discount is determined by the postmark on your envelope (NOT the date you wrote on your check or the Membership Application). If it's not postmarked before midnight on 9/19 you will pay the full fee.

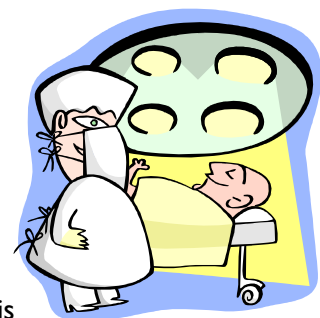
If you have any questions regarding membership, contact Pete Gray (pg4@pg4.net).



Long time HVSC member **Carol Kraus'** mother, Regina Conroy, passed away on Thursday, April 26. Our condolences to Carol and her family.

Don Sinn, long time HVSC member and President (1981--1983) had quadruple heart by-pass surgery on Friday (February 23) while visiting in Florida. By late March he was doing great and was back home in Tennessee about Easter. But since then there have been some concerns about the surgery and Don has been pursuing options, most recently consulting the Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. The full text of Don's correspondence with me and other friends can be found on the HudsonValleySkiClub.org home page.

As Don puts it: "My new motto as I heard from a friend: 'We can't change the wind! -- We can adjust the sail!'"



Sincerely and God Bless all as it is with prayers and your wonderful friendship that I write this. *Don*"

If you want to send a card, his home address is 1014 Haw Ridge Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686-3429. More contact information can be found in the Online Membership Directory.

ASPEN

Feb 23 – March 1
\$1,390



7 nights lodging at the Gant
Round trip air
5 of 6 day All Aspen Lift Pass
Transportation to and from airports
Welcome Reception

The Gant is ideally situated in a peaceful enclave at the base of Aspen Mountain. The Gant provides outstanding accommodations and unmatched amenities including two heated outdoor swimming pools. Come to ski and discover 4 world class mountains with over 4100 acres of ski able terrain for every level of skier. Come for more than skiing and discover Aspen's remarkable restaurants, singular shopping, fascinating art galleries, stimulating book stores and late night entertainment. Come for the outdoors and discover miles of groomed cross-country trails, dog sledding, guided snowshoe tours, snowmobiling and hot-air ballooning.

Deposit \$100

Payment and cancellation schedules to be determined. Please be advised that the minimum cancellation penalty is now \$100.

*PLEASE NOTE DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LAKETAHOE

Feb 2 – 9
\$1,090*



7 nights lodging at the Horizon Casino
Round trip air
Bus transportation to and from the airports
3 days skiing at Heavenly
Day trip to Kirkwood
Day trip to Squaw

The Horizon Casino is a first class hotel located in the heart of South Lake Tahoe. The hotel features an elegant grand lobby. Amenities include heated outdoor whirlpools and pool as well as many entertainment and dining options. There is free shuttle service to Heavenly from the hotel or walk just a few blocks to the Heavenly Gondola.

An option to ski and stay at Squaw is being offered for approx. \$1,890. This offer requires a minimum of 8 participants by the July meeting. Accommodations will be ski in/out at Squaw Inn based on double occupancy.

Deposit \$100

Payment and cancellation schedules to be determined. Please be advised that the minimum cancellation penalty is now \$100.

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Nagano, JAPAN

January 5 – 13, 2008
\$1,675 plus approx \$300
for airline taxes and surcharges



- Round trip air between New York and Tokyo
- 2 nights accommodations in Tokyo with breakfast buffet daily
- 5 nights accommodations in Hakuba with breakfast buffet & dinner daily
- Transfer between Hakuba and Nagano via private motor coach with guide
- Half day city tour of Tokyo
- and more!

Pre Trip Extension to Kyoto, Japan – 3 days/2 nights \$410

Post Trip Extension to Beijing, China – 6 days/5 nights \$675

This is a special offer that will not last. Please see Nancy Egan, Trip Committee Chair, for more information and to secure your reservation.

Note: Lift tickets can be purchased for between \$34 and \$41 per day depending on the exchange rate.

Notes from the trip committee:

Sign ups for trips to Aspen and Tahoe are now open. We were able to negotiate a price for Aspen during Peak season at the Value season price. Tahoe is being offered with two options: the South Lake Tahoe/Heavenly price is \$1,090 and the North Shore/Squaw price is \$1,890. Some members have approached the committee with a desire to stay and ski Squaw for the week. Our vendor was gracious enough to provide a trip that offers both options. However, the option is only available if we have 8 people signed up by the first meeting in July.

Sign up night is June 6 at the regular summer meeting. In person sign ups during the June and July meeting have "dibs" over any mail in sign ups regardless of the postmark. Mail in sign ups will be placed in order by postmark after the in person sign ups.

One of the vendors offered a promotional ski trip to Japan at one of this seasons ski shows. Spaces are limited. Please contact me immediately if you are interested.

Weekend trips should be ready for announcement in the September newsletter and at the first meeting in September.

Summertime and the livin' is easy

There are only three meetings this summer. So, what topics would be interesting to you? We went through a list and decided upon the following. Its a tentative schedule. So if you have something that interests you, either as a coordinator or as a participant, let me know. At the moment, the schedule is as follows.

Let's talk about bicycles in June. Specifically, what minor repairs can we make on the road, and what equipment do we need to carry to make these repairs? If there is time and interest, we can find out who rides regularly and where they ride.



Mark got us out on ice skates last winter. Let's do more of it. Therefore, for July let's talk about our skates. There are:

- Hockey skates for hockey, rinks, and ponds.
- Classic quad skates for rinks.
- Figure skates for rinks (open all year around).
- In-line skates for racing, hockey, figure skating, and just keeping in shape.
- Roller skis (Maybe Mark can persuade you to try them.)



Join us, and if you have some interesting skates, bring them along.

August will be about hiking. If you can't stay in shape for the winter by cycling and skating, how about hiking? Let's talk about whom, where, and when of hiking. Of course, we also have to consider what to carry.

Walt Gorgas

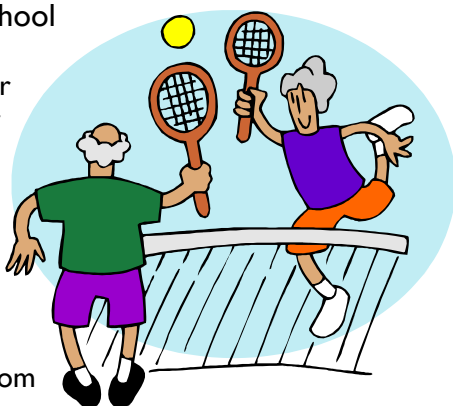


HVSC MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 10 . NEW TIME & DATE
8:00 until about 10:00 AM

Arlington High School
Route 55
Sign-up as a team or as a single — I'll try to match you up
Limited to 8 teams
Cost \$1 per team

Sign-up with **Bob Bennett**
coachbob86@aol.com



Pool Table For Sale

4' x 8' Slate - Good Condition
All Accessories
\$325 - negotiable
Contact
Tom Pompei - 845 462-3944



Happy Fathers Day



Hudson Valley Community Dances
Swing Dances and Contra Dances
at various venues
Visit: www.hudsonvalleydance.org

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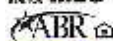
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Dutchess County Singles Dance

Friday, June 8, 2007 ~ 8:00 PM -- Midnight
Best Western, Route 9 Poughkeepsie, NY

Admission: DCS members \$12 = Non-members \$14
Includes hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, coffee & dessert, cash bar. Music of the DJ "Ed Roberts" 50/50 Raffle!

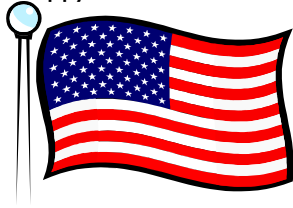
Visit: www.DutchessCountySingles.org

Friday Race Training

Every Friday evening Club members meet at an area eatery for a couple of hours of friendly conversation.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, contact **Susan Hasbrouck** 229-6786 race training coordinator.
Note: Always check the website and/or Ski Phone 227-1123 for latest updates, as last minute conflicts are inevitable.

- May** 25 Antonella's Wappingers Falls
- June** 1 Southern Dutchess Golf Course
Beacon (arranged by Chris Bopp)
- 8 PC's Paddock Poughkeepsie
- 15 Mariner's Harbor Kingston
(was originally scheduled as joint with
Trail Sweepers; but then they cancelled,
we will keep for northern folks anyway)
- 22 River Station Poughkeepsie
- 29 Pippy's Poughkeepsie



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June 2007



Happy Fathers Day



Coming Events -- June 2007

- May** 28 Happy Memorial Day
- June** 1-2 Annual Block Island Trip
- 6 Meeting at Best Western 8:00
Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament
- 14 Flag Day
- July** 4 Meeting at Best Western 8:00
Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Bike & Pool Party at Claudette's

Friday Golf

Chris Bopp bopptax@yahoo.com

- June** 1 2:30 Southern Dutchess CC
- 8 2:30 Vassar
- 15 2:30 College Hill
- 22 3:00* McCann (*Note Time)
- 29 2:30 Dogwood Knolls

This month's meeting June 6, 2007 at the Best Western at 8:00 PM
Sign ups begin for 2007—2008 Ski Trips: Aspen ~ Lake Tahoe ~ Nagano, Japan