



HVSC

Hudson Valley Ski Club
Poughkeepsie, New York
* 2010 * Our 72nd Year *



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Sixteenth Annual Holiday Raffle

Come and join us for another night of fun at our 16th annual HVSC raffle on **December 1**, at the **Mercury Grand Hotel** (formally the Best Western) on Route 9 in We will continue with the same format as last year where prizes will be grouped together in baskets for added value for members and you will have a chance to browse all the goodies and choose the baskets you want to win.



After purchasing your tickets, you may place as many tickets as you want for the baskets of your choice. For example, you may want to put all your tickets in one try to win two tickets for Gore, or chose to put a few tickets for many different prizes.

The club will provide complimentary hot and cold Hors D'oeuvres from 7-8 PM and there will be a cash bar available. The raffle will start promptly at 8 PM so please come early and give yourself plenty of time eat, have a glass of wine, buy raffle tickets, decide what prizes you want to win and meet other club members.

To make this night a success we need all our members to help by attending this event and also obtaining donations from local merchants. Some suggestions are... time shares, condos, restaurant gift certificates, store certificates and service items. Remember the other sports we participate in...golf, tennis, kayaking, biking etc.

Donation letters on club letterhead are available to download from the members-only club web page. All donations must be received by November 25. We will need this time to organize, group and package the prizes. Please bring all donations to the November meetings or send them to:
Shirley Rinaldi, 34 Putnam Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Night Skate at the Mohonk Mountain House Pavilion

Friday night December 3
(date tentative depending on weather & availability)
(come after or in lieu of "Race Training")
\$15 special rate includes skate session plus skate rental.



Be aware Mohonk does not allow alcohol consumption, but hot chocolate & soft drinks are available for purchase.

If interested, contact **Mike Harelick**
hvscnews@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Holiday Sing-Along

Monday December 13
at the home of **Claudette Hennessy**.



Sing-Along and party start at 7:30 PM. We have the song books; if you play an appropriate instrument, bring it. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share. As in years past, Claudette is again asking people to wear Period Dress, if possible.

Directions to Claudette's: 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 (#204 with mailboxes on a wagon wheel). If you need more information, call Claudette at 236-7971 [chennessy@hsysgrp.com]

Holiday Dinner Dance Party

Friday, December 10

Once again it is at the
Southern Dutchess Country Club.



6PM Cocktail hour with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

7PM Dinner ~ then dancing to the festive tunes of Anthony Dell and his guitar playing buddy

"I ask you, who could peruse this banquet menu without salivating in anticipation of this epicurean meal?" Pat Cummins

Full banquet menu and reservation form can be found at the www.HudsonValleySkiClub.org website.

Price: \$43 per person. \$5 extra for non-members.

Send your payment (payable to HVSC) and reservation form no later than December 3 with entrée choices to:
Pat Cummins Bromie5@aol.com
8 Card Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590-5355

Entrée

- o Apple Stuffed Pork Loin with Apple Jack Gravy
 - o Chicken Saltimbocca- with sage, prosciutto ham, & mozzarella cheese
 - o Gorgonzola Stuffed Filet Mignon with Black Peppercorn Sauce
- All entrée served with oven roasted vegetables and Dutchess Potatoes

Club Information

Club Officers

President: Mark Booska
Vice-President: Shirley Rinaldi
Secretary: John Macek
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Mentorship: Herb Eschbach

Newsletter: Mike Harellick

NJ Ski Council: Jim Gahn

Ski Trips: Bill Egan

Snow Boarding: Kevin Kokosa

Racing Program: Tom Pompei

Summer Activities:

Walt Gorgas

Welcoming: Susan Kokosa

Friday "Race Training:"

Susan Kokosa

Contact information is available in the Online Membership Directory on the website:

www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

All phone listings in this newsletter are area code 845 unless otherwise stated.



Welcome to the following new members!

Alan Mandel

Donald Woodbridge



Pete Gray membership@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Buying new skis?

A slight tease of cold air but it's still a month before snow starts sticking to the ground and the ski areas start the bull wheels. As a skier, what does start is the restlessness waiting to experience the first exhilarating downhill run of the season.

Let's first give some thought to the condition of our skis: check for rusty or nicked edges or gouges in the base material. If you find any, they really should get a complete tune-up. Remember, it is the base that is sliding on the snow so any imperfection there effects our skiing. The base should be flat and smooth; edges should be smooth and sharp. Or, are you thinking of getting a new pair of skis? Oh! But then "buyers" anxiety sets in. What brand of skis should I buy? How long should they be? How stiff or flexible? What dimensions will improve my turns? What's with the new "Rocker" ski? Where's a good ski shop? How much do I have to spend? The answers to these questions can be just as extensive. Relax. Simplify the process with a few well planned steps.

Talk to one of the certified ski instructors in our club. Research info in ski publications and annual ski buyers guides. Try to resist buying skis that someone recommends, "Get xxxxx, they're the best ski I ever had"! They may in fact be great for that person, but may not match your skiing at all. And, yes, there are big differences in skis. Check user reviews on ski equipment websites. Select 5 or 10 skis you think match your style of skiing and the terrain you'll be skiing. Then, one of the most important keys before selecting the right skis for your own style of skiing is field testing, or demos.

Newsletter Editors:

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Voice Message Service for last minute changes and new activities: **227-1123** Contact: **Ed Miles** (471-2504) to have a message put on the service.

The list below of "Demo Days" at several ski areas will give you an opportunity to test several different makes and lengths of skis; with the best results found by skiing the same trail several times with all models of skis. Try a trail whose difficulty challenges you some. Keep a piece of paper and small pencil to jot down a few descriptive words for each ski. That way you won't be subject to a "senior moment" when you are done.

Now you're wondering if you can demo and buy skis and boots on a trip out west. Yes, and No. Yes, if you are planning frequent ski trips out west, just in case you need to return the skis, or need an adjustment. It's not recommended if you plan on bringing the skis and boots back home to use on typical eastern hard pack. Skis that perform great on the softer, more forgiving western snow may not hold very well on eastern hard pack or ice. Again, you may need to return skis or boots for one reason or another, and if the ski shop you bought them from is out west, you may have a difficult or impossible time doing so at an eastern/local shop; as a few of you have found out the hard way.

A little bit of effort in selecting the right ski or boots can provide significant rewards through advancement in your skiing skills, and enjoyment in your skiing experiences.

Herb Eschbach
 HVSC Ski Education

Demo Days

Jiminy ~ Dec 19
 Hunter ~ Dec 11-12
 Gore ~ Dec 3
 Catamount ~ none listed
 Thunder Ridge ~ none listed
 Plattekill ~ none listed
 Check ski area websites for updated info on Demo Days.

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 413-528-2000 GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

Lift Ticket Lotto

The club holds **Lift Ticket Lotto** contests at each club meeting during the ski season. Several local and regional ski areas have given the club lift tickets in exchange for ads in the newsletter. We'll be giving away tickets to different ski areas at each meeting from now through March 2011.

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

Future Meetings:

December (Holiday Raffle) - - - no Lift Ticket Lotto; many lift tickets will be offered as prizes at the Holiday Raffle

January - - - Belleayre, Gore, Mt. Snow, Windham Hunter, Butternut, Plattekill, Thunder Ridge & Catamount

Mark Searle hvscskiteach@yahoo.com

The 2010-2011 **Discount Lift Ticket Order Form** is available online (in the "Members" area of the HudsonValleySkiClub.org website).



Contact Discount Ticket Chairman **Jim Gahn** earmaster@juno.com if you need more information.

Dates	2011 Ski Trips
January 17-20, 2011	Mount Snow, Vermont
January 29-Feb 5, 2011	SUN VALLEY, Idaho
February 11-13, 2011	Lake Placid, New York
February 20-27, 2011	WHITEFISH, Montana
March 4-6 [new dates]	Gore Mt, New York



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Trailsweepers Snow & Sports Club 2010-2011 Ski Trips

HVSC members are welcome to participate:

Killington Weekend

December 10-12, 2010

Staying at the Northstar Lodge (on Killington's Access Road)

Heated outdoor pool, saunas, restaurant, fireplace lounges

Two day-lift tickets and two nights lodging & party Friday night



Killington Week

January 9-14, 2011

Staying at the Northstar Lodge (on Killington's Access Road)

Heated outdoor pool, saunas, restaurant, fireplace lounges

Five day-lift tickets and five nights lodging

party Sunday night, pizza Tuesday night, dinner Thursday night

Contact: **Rudy Firmbach, Jr.** 384-6499

Visit: www.Trailsweepers.org for prices and other details.



SUZANNE'S SKI LODGE

Space is available in a Ski Lodge/Condo on Killington Access Road. Rooms and beds by the night, the week, or the season.

Visit: <http://www.ski-nyc.com/skiHouses/killington.php?mountain=killington&house=suzannes>

Reservations: **Suzanne Couture**; suzalien@aol.com or 212-714-9310

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Mount Snow, VT

January 17-20
3 nights lodging – 4 days skiing
\$278

This year we will be staying at the Grand Summit Hotel at the base of Mount Snow. The Grand Summit Hotel is a ski in/ski out full service luxury hotel. Amenities include Harriman's Pub and

Restaurant, The Grand Country Deli, Mount Snow Sports retail shop, a game room, complimentary ski valet, and wireless internet access. There is also the Grand Summit Spa and Health Club featuring full spa treatments, a unique indoor/outdoor heated pool, hot tubs, steam room, sauna, and an exercise room.

Drive up on Monday morning, ski Monday through Thursday, and drive home Thursday after a day on the slopes.

Price is \$278 for double occupancy. This trip is open to non-members for \$308. Contact: **Nancy Egan**, 21 Stella Dr., Gardiner, NY, 12525 – 845-895-1714

Lake Placid, NY

February 11-13
\$218



We will be staying at the recently renovated Pine Inn in the Village of Lake Placid. There is a pub on site, a small sauna and a large indoor hot tub. The trip price includes 2 breakfasts, a wine and cheese reception on Saturday night followed by home cooked dinner.

Price is \$218 for double occupancy. Spaces are limited. Contact: **Mark Booska**

Gore Mt, NY

March 4-6
\$198



This is our signature trip at the Georgian Resort in Lake George. The trip price includes a pizza party on Friday night, a breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday, a sit down dinner on Saturday night, a buffet dinner late Sunday afternoon and open bar on Friday and Saturday nights.

We always have a great turn out and a great time on this trip.

Price is \$198 for double occupancy. This trip is open to non-members for \$218. Contact: **Robert Martzinek**, 59 Cedar Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 845-240-1936

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January 29 – February 5

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- 7 nights lodging at the Lodge (double occupancy)
- 5 Day Lift Ticket**
- Welcome Reception
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Sign up begins at the June 2 meeting. First payment is \$300, \$200 due July, August, September, October, November, and the final balance due December.



Skis & Boots for Sale Men's Lange boots, Comp MF, size 10-10.5, sole length 324mm, \$35; Men's Lange boots, Zero X-9, size 9-9.5, sole length 313mm, \$30. Dynastar skis - Speed SX, 192cm with Look TT 9.0 bindings - \$40. **Mark Searle** - (845)471-6402 or HVSCSkiTeach@Yahoo.com

Space is limited to 32. In person sign-ups on June 2 are recorded first. Mail in sign-ups will be recorded second in order of receipt. All sign ups must submit a Registration Form which is available on the website or at the meeting.

Minimum cancellation penalty is \$100. A full penalty schedule will be available at a later date from the trip leader.

** Sun Valley Lift Ticket Exchange Program – redeem one day for a variety of activities:

- \$40 off select Dinner and Entertainment
 - Ice Skating and Lunch
 - ½ hour massage
 - Nordic ski trail pass and equipment rental
 - \$40 off one 2 hour adult group ski or snowboard clinic or private lesson
 - \$40 Sunday Brunch in the Lodge Dining Room
 - \$40 off shopping at a list of village shops
- A 6th day option is available for \$34.

Trip leader: **John Macek**

sunvalley@JFMacek.com or 845-489-6056

Ski Improvement Days - The first Ski Improvement Day for the 2010-2011 season will be on Sunday, December 19 at Windham. Discount lift tickets are available at Potter Brothers for \$29.95 for that day. Also, on that day at Windham all current and potential instructors for the club are asked to participate in the event as it will be an instructor orientation event as well. We will explore new technique in teaching and skiing as well as the coming season of ski improvement days for the club. For more information, please contact **Mark Searle** at HVSCSkiTeach@Yahoo.com or (845)471-4602.



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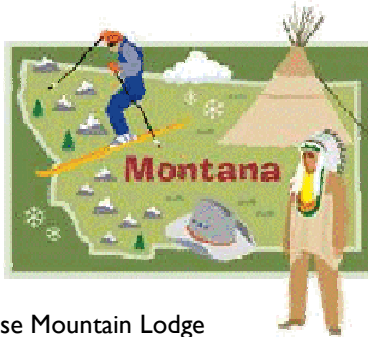
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WHITEFISH, Montana

February 20 – 27
(Sunday-Sunday)

\$1,448*

Sign up before June 30 and
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7 Nights Lodging at the Grouse Mountain Lodge
(double occupancy)
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Motor Transportation from Kalispell Airport to Grouse
Mountain Lodge
and return
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Grouse Mountain Lodge is a high quality hotel on the edge of town with a free shuttle to the mountain. The resort depicts the classic mountain décor in a polished upscale fashion. Massive river rock fireplaces warm up both the lobby and Logan's Grill. There is a pool, hot tubs and a gourmet restaurant on site. You can easily walk or get a free ride in and around town. There is

an activities desk to help plan other recreational activities.

Optional Activities: Glacier National Park, Thursday Night
\$19.95 Prime Rib Dinner Special at Grouse Mountain Lodge and
Group Wine Tasting at Grouse Mountain Lodge

Sign up begins at the June 2 meeting. First payment is \$200, \$200
due July, August, September, October, November, and the final
balance due December.

Space is limited. In person sign ups on June 2 are recorded first.
Mail in sign ups will be recorded second in order of receipt. All
sign ups must submit a Registration Form which is available on
the website or at the meeting.

Minimum cancellation penalty is \$100. A full penalty schedule will
be available at a later date from the trip leader.

Trip Leader: **Mark Searle**
845 471-6402 or whitefish@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association is hosting the
2011 USA Junior Olympics for Ski
Jumping and the Nordic Combined competition
February 22-27, 2011 in Salisbury, CT and HVSC
is participating. The invitational letter and link
to their website www.jumpfest.org appear on
the www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org website.

HVSC contact: **Susan Stark** ssark2k3@hotmail.com



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Dutchess County Singles Dance

Friday, December 10, 2010

Mercury Grand, Route 9 Poughkeepsie, NY

Admission: \$15

Includes hot/cold hors d'oeuvres, coffee & dessert, cash bar.
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Telephone: {973} 851-9722 home/cell

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Those interested should e-mail **Jeff Elwyn** at skiercom@hvc.rr.com for details, schedules and prices.



Note: This is a private non-HVSC-sanctioned "summer" ski trip.



For Sale - Complete set of almost new Hotronics electric boot warmers.



They sell new on Amazon for \$180, at REI for \$219. My price is \$50 firm.

Call **Kathy** at 845-505-3113.

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Opening for 2010/2011: Gore Mountain's Interconnect with the Historic North Creek Ski Bowl

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 Kokosa** 229-6786 race_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org race training coordinator.

Note: Always check the website and/or Ski Phone 227-1123 for latest updates, as last minute conflicts are inevitable.

- November** 19 Mazza's Grill 6595 Route 9
Rhinebeck (joint with Trailsweepers)
- Wednesday** 24 River Station
1 North Water St Poughkeepsie
- 26 Cosimo's
120 Delafield St. Poughkeepsie
- December** 3 La Stazzione New Paltz
(in conjunction with Mohonk Skate)
- 10 Shadows On the Hudson
176 Rinaldi Blvd Poughkeepsie
- 17 Bonefish Grill
Route 9 Wappingers Falls
- 24 **Merry Christmas Eve**
No race training scheduled
- 31 River Station
1 North Water St Poughkeepsie

Hudson Valley Ski Club

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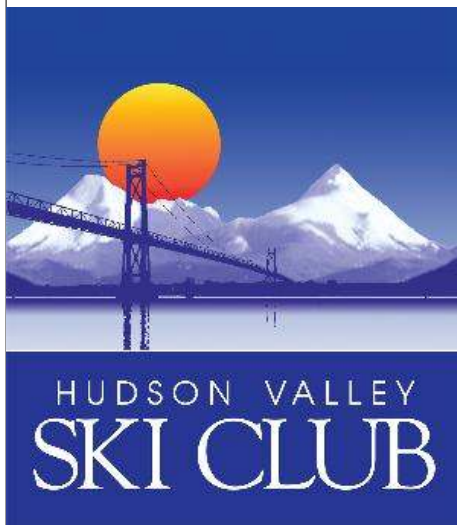
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info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

December 2010

Coming Events -- December 2010

- November** 25 Happy Thanksgiving
- December** 1 Annual Holiday Raffle Meeting
at the Mercury Grand
- 3 Skate Party at Mohonk
- 10 Holiday Dinner Dance Party
at Southern Dutchess Country Club
- 13 Holiday Sing-Along
at Claudette Hennessy's home
- 25 **Merry Christmas...**
- January** 1 ... and a **Happy New Year**
2011
- 5 Meeting at the Mercury Grand 7:30
Board meeting at 6:30



Next Meetings:
Holiday Raffle Meeting
December 1
at the Mercury Grand
(see page 1 for details)

**Sign-up for Ski Trips at
any HVSC meeting!**
(see pages 4, 5 & 6 for details)

