Catamount Aerial Adventure  
Saturday, October 22

Our third annual trip to play in the trees and on the zip lines at Catamount’s Aerial Adventure park is on Saturday Oct 22.

Sign up and payment was due by October 12.

On Saturday October 22. Meet at Catamount base lodge in Hillsdale NY at 8:30 am sharp.

Please arrive on time, you need to be fitted for a harness and have a safety talk before going onto the course. To save time you can print and fill out the release form ahead of time.

Time in the trees from 9 AM - 12 noon  
Price per person $39 (lunch is not included)

Other things to know: Wear comfortable clothes, dress in layers, it may be cool in the morning. Wear sneakers or hiking boots - no sandals. If you have long hair, keep it tied back. They have gloves but you may want to bring your own.

Afterwards we will go to Mt Washington Tavern in beautiful downtown Hillsdale for lunch and liquid refreshments.

Check out Catamount’s website: www.catamounttrees.com to see some of the photos and videos of the Adventure course.

Sunset Wine Cruise  
on the Hudson aboard Empire Cruise Line Mystere

Please note: this is a Thursday not Friday event. This is wine and food tasting, dinner is not included in the price.

Date: Thursday September 29

Time Boarding 5:30-5:45pm, departs 6 pm sharp

Cruise 6pm- 8pm

Price $28 per person

Make your reservation and send payment by September 22 to Susan Stark

Step aboard the Mystère and cruise the majestic Hudson River enjoying beautiful sunset views of historic river edge mansions and soaring mountains all while sampling wines from Tousey Winery, Clermont, NY. During your excursion, you’ll learn all about the wines of Tousey and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine in a commemorative glass which is yours to keep. While you enjoy your wine, sample the Hudson Valley’s emerging food artisans.

If something strikes your fancy, perhaps a particular chocolate, or cheese, or a style or two of wine, purchase it directly while aboard! The thoroughly enjoyable and educational narrative introduces you to the techniques and subtleties involved in selecting, pairing and appreciating a wine.

Ships Dock Address:  
Waryas Park  
(end of Main St below the train station)  
29 North Water Street  
Poughkeepsie New York 12601  
Phone Toll Free (866) 797-9024

2011 Holiday Party  
Friday December 2

at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls

There will be a cocktail hour starting at 6 PM with a cash bar and there be 13 varieties of hor d’oeuvres plus fresh vegetable crudities and a platter of imported cheeses. Dinner and dancing from 7 till 11 PM.

Dinner will start with a salad. The main course will have a choice of 3 entrees. Dessert will be coffee or tea and cake. There will be a live band this year for your dancing pleasure.

Price is $50 per person.

Please make reservations at regular club meetings or you can mail your reservation to Susan Stark, 6 Myrtle Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

For more information please contact events@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

To see the venue - http://www.thevillaborghese.com/
Club Information

Welcome to the following new members!
Wayne Mallen  Gregg Woolston

Past HVSC member Phil Carter passed away on Tuesday, August 23 at the nursing home in Tunkhannock, PA. He suffered a massive stroke that morning and passed away that evening without ever regaining consciousness. Condolences may be sent to:
The Carter Family
c/o Sayles
West Tioga St.
Tunkhannock, PA, 18507.
Phil donated his body to science, so a memorial will be scheduled at a later time when the remains are returned. Phil’s special charity was Juvenile Diabetes Research. www.jdrf.org

Programs:
- At our October 5 meeting we have Dr. David Stamer, Orthopedic Physician, speak regarding ski related injuries, and treatment.
- At our October 19 meeting Chris Maffeo, co-owner of Bakwoods.com, will be speaking and presenting their new Snowboard Video. "Bakwoods is an independent skate and snowboard apparel company based locally in New Paltz. Each year we release a new movie featuring riding from around the northeast."
- Wednesday, November 16: Tentatively Tim Denman former assistant coach of the NFA ski team and its most famous Olympian, Thomas Vonn
For additional info, contact: Jim Gahn earmaster@juno.com

Club Officers
President:  Herb Eschbach
Vice-President:  Susan Stark
Secretary:  John Macek
Treasurer:  Jim Gahn
Sergeant at Arms:  Larry Slezak

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Mark Booska          Susan Kokosa
Kevin Kokosa         Shirley Rinaldi
Mark Searle

Committee Chairs
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Constitution:  vacant
Events:  Susan Stark
Instruction:  Mark Searle
Marketing and Publicity:  Craig Goldstein
Meeting Programs  Jim Gahn
Membership Services:  Pete Gray
-Sub-Chair: Welcoming, Mentoring, Retention: Shirley Rinaldi
Newsletter - Website:  Mike Harelick
Ski Council - Discount Tickets:  Jim Gahn
Ski Trips:  Bill Egan

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Just a brief reminder to use your new password when accessing the “Members Only” area of the website.
The old one is working now, but will no longer be recognized after October 5. You will find the new password on the back of your 2011-2012 membership card.

Contact information is available in the Online Membership Directory on the website: www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org
Or queries may be sent to info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

-Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." Sherry Anderson (Canadian curling champion)

-“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to all of us.” Voltaire (French satirist)

-“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.” Victor Borge (Danish pianist & humorist)

Newsletter Editors:
Mike & Angie Harelick
183 Millers Lane
Kingston, NY 12401
845-339-4894
Deadline: 15th of the month
editor@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Check the www.HudsonValleySkiClub.org website for the most recent updates.
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Contact: Suzanne Couture (owner & manager)
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suzalien@verizon.net

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**HVSC/TSSC Softball Challenge & Picnic**

**Results: HVSC Wins!**

**Sunday September 18**

**At the Rosendale Recreation Center**

The final score of 12-9 (see score box below) allowed the crown to be returned to HVSC. (TSSC won 2010 and 2009; HVSC, in 2008 and 2007; and TSSC, in 2006. I guess every two years it changes hands.

Even with some of the dual membership players helping Trailsweepers and TSSC’s larger player roster, the return of some Hudson Valley players absent in recent years helps bring victory.

Lunch and buffet dinner as prepared by Bill Ennist, Eleanor Freily, John Janendo and their helpers was as always extraordinary. Thanks as always.

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**Lift Ticket Lotto**

The club holds Lift Ticket Lotto contests at each club meeting during the ski season. 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 October through March.

All you need to do to get in on the hot action for 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.

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.

Ticket prices will be: 1 for $1, 6 for $5 & 15 for $10.

Lift ticket lotto will resume with the October meeting and lift tickets from the following ski areas will be offered:
- Butternut
- Gore
- Mount Snow
- Thunder Ridge

Mark Searle hvscskiteach@yahoo.com

**Winter Expo** will be at the Clarion on **November 2**. Doors open from 6-9 mp. HVSC will have a 50/50 raffle and the vendors are invited to have their own door prize drawings.

Contact Susan Stark for more information.

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Trip Leader: Pete Gray

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Pete Gray, Trip Leader

7 nights condo lodging at the Kiva
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Round trip air
Transportation to and from the airports
Welcome reception

The Kiva Lodge is a premium condominium property located in the upper Beaver Creek Village and features its own private ski way that provides easy ski in/ski out access to Beaver Creek Mountain. Amenities include a heated outdoor pool, 2 hot tubs, sauna, steam room, wi-fi and a private ski locker room.

You may upgrade to a 6 day lift ticket for $42 if paid in advance. There are no discounts on lift tickets for Seniors.

Payment schedule:
June $300, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov $200 each, Dec $198

Cancellations must be in writing and the minimum penalty is $100. Once issued, airline tickets are not refundable for cash. Please see the trip leader for details on cancellation refunds. Cancellations have become extremely complicated and must be figured separately for lodging and lift tickets. Bus fees are seldom refundable. Cancellations after Dec 15 are not eligible for a refund.

THE TRIP COMMITTEE STRONGLY SUGGESTS TRIP PARTICIPANTS PURCHASE TRIP INSURANCE*

*Please see trip leader for details.

Pete Gray pg4@pg4.net or beavercreek@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Lake George/Gore
January 6-8 (Fri-Sun)
$198 does not include lift tickets

Trip Leader: Susan Kokosa

2 nights lodging at the Georgian Resort in Lake George
Breakfast buffet on Saturday and Sunday
Dinner buffet on Saturday Night
Welcome Pizza Party Friday Night
Open Bar Friday and Saturday Nights
DJ on Friday and Saturday Nights

As always this trip is open to downhill and CROSS COUNTRY skiers as well as shoppers, explorers and general partiers.

Sign up begins at the next meeting. A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum $25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader
Susan Kokosa shski2beach@yahoo.com

Tidbits from the Trip Committee

We got off to a late start with the sign-ups for the local trips and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our members. Carole, Sue and Shirley are all enthusiastic about this season’s trips. If you choose to go on just one or all of the trips you are sure to have a great time! As a reminder, the Trip Registration form is available on the club website. Non-members who sign up for trips will also need to fill out the club Waiver form.

We owe a huge “Thank you!” to John Macek for updating the Trip Registration form and setting it up so you can fill it in on the computer and print it off for submission to the trip leader. Visit the Hudson Valley Ski Club – Trips page on Facebook for updates on trips and other pertinent information.

Note: Local trip sign-ups start September 21.
Sugarbush
February 3-5 (Fri-Sun)
$260 includes lift tickets and welcome party
Trip leader: Shirley Rinaldi

2 nights lodging at the Sugarbush Inn
2 day lift ticket
Welcome party

We have not been to Sugarbush for a few years so this seemed like the perfect price and time. The trip is the weekend before our Mount Snow trip so those members who like to piggyback their ski experiences will have the chance. If you book Sunday night at the North Star in Killington or the Grand Summit at Mount Snow you can have 6 consecutive days of skiing!

Sign up begins at the next meeting. A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum $25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader Shirley Rinaldi srinaldipds@gmail.com

Mount Snow
February 6-9 (Mon-Thurs)
$317 includes 3 nights lodging and a 4 day lift ticket
Trip Leader: Carole Daniels

3 nights lodging (Mon, Tues, Wed) at the Grand Summit
4 day lift ticket (Mon – Thurs)
Breakfast Buffet at the Harper Restaurant on Tues, Wed and Thursday morning.
The Grand Summit offers ski in/ski out accommodations, a ski valet, a car valet, as well as a fitness room with sauna, steam room, and an outdoor hot tub and pool.

Check in is not until late Monday. Drive up to the Grand Summit but unload only your ski gear. The car valet will park your car for the day. After a great day of skiing you can check in. Once you have your room key the valet will get your car and you can unload the rest of your luggage.

Sign up begins at the next meeting. A completed registration form and check is due at sign up. Cancellations have a minimum $25 penalty. There is no refund for cancellations less than 30 days from the trip start.

For more information contact the trip leader Carole Daniels at cbdisland@aol.com and 845-635-3949.

Women's Ski Clinic at Okemo – January 30-31
This is not an official club trip but a general invitation for anyone who wishes to participate. A few of the women in the club are attending the January 30-31 Women's Ski Clinic at Okemo. The two day clinic is for all levels of skiers and costs $370. Anyone else who is looking for two days of midweek skiing at Okemo is also invited. We will be booking the hotel shortly, so please contact Nancy at eganpost@frontiernet.net if you would like to join us or if you have questions.

I am hoping to put together additional ski meet-up dates during the ski season. If you are looking for ski buddies check on the Hudson Valley Ski Club-Trips Facebook page. All members are encouraged to post their ski plans, invitations or requests to carpool and any special deals they may have discovered.
President’s message…
You’re needed

A couple of years ago when the Master Plan Task Force was meeting to discuss how to increase the ski club’s membership, we tried first to identify why people join organizations. Research indicated that although there are a variety of reasons, they generally fit into just a few categories: they have a similar interest and believe in the organization’s cause; they have a desire to socialize and establish friendships; they are looking for a sense of belonging and being needed or feeling useful; or, maybe they are networking to increase their skills. And for many of us a combination of these attributes brought us to join the HVSC. If we look at the longevity of individual memberships, can we claim that the club has managed to satisfy one or more of our needs? That would then mean that there are club volunteers who regularly carry on the day-to-day tasks of providing the things we enjoy as club members, be it ski trips, dances, garden parties, biking, golf, kayaking, softball, tennis, etc., etc. All of this is done by individual members cooperating to share tasks to provide these services. The more members who volunteer to assist, the shorter time commitment and easier it is for each committee person. We probably have some of the best committee Chairs possible. But each committee needs many members to function. As we begin our club’s busy season, I personally appeal to you to contact a committee of your choice to offer assistance in helping the ski club achieve its goals and continue providing great experiences for everyone.

At a recent ski club meeting, a short discussion came up regarding the upcoming ski season and what gear is new. One comment referred to the newer style of skis called “rocker” skis. These are not a brand name, but a newer ski technology design that is different from designs of the past (the short, shaped, or parabolic skis). We are all familiar with the “camber” shape of skis; that is, if you lay a ski flat on the floor, there will be a space under the center of the ski. This curvature of the ski is called the camber. The “rocker” ski is just the opposite; the skis may touch the floor under the binding but not near the tips or tails, thus it may then act like a “rocker”. This design concept allows the ski tip to rise or “float” more easily in powder snow or piles of snow (we commonly call “crud”), therefore providing easier steering and turn initiation…thus more confidence and fun. If you’re considering buying new skis or boards this year, first look for the “demo” days typically offered early in the season at many ski resorts, and “rocker” down a trail or two.

Think Snow!
Herb Eschbach  President

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Kick-Off Dinner & Dance 2011
Saturday, November 12  7:00 - 11:00pm
STONEHEDGE RESTAURANT
694 Broadway, West Park 384-6555

There will be a four course sit down dinner, plenty of dance music courtesy of our DJ Steve Whateley who takes plenty of your music requests. We will have great door prizes, give aways and a 50/50 raffle. $33.00 per person. Please make reservations by November 6. No Refunds after November 8.

Please fill in and send with your check made out to TSSC

____ Boneless  Chicken with Sage Stuffing
____ Boneless Pork Loin
____ Sole Franchise

____ How Many Attending
____ Ski Club (TSSC or HVSC)

Name: ____________________________
Home phone: ____________________________

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race training coordinator.

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30 Shadows on the Hudson
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7 Antonella’s
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October 2011

Coming Events -- October 2011

September
21 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30
29 Sunset Wine Cruise

October
5 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30
  Board meeting at 6:30
10 Columbus Day
19 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30
22 Catamount Arial Adventure
31 Halloween

November
2 WINTER EXPO
   at the Clarion Hotel  6:00-9:00
12 TSSC Kick-off Dance
16 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30

December
2 Holiday Dinner/Dance
   at Villa Borghese
  5 Holiday Sing-Along
  at Claudette’s

Next Meetings: October 5
  And October 19
at the Clarion Hotel
(Note that we’ve reinstated twice-a-month meeting schedule.)
Programs listed on page 2.

2012 Ski Trips
See pages 4 and 5
Local trip sign-ups start September 21