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Skiing Pets Around the World



Now that the crocus are starting to bud and the ski season is being eclipsed by the approaching spring, remember our sister nations below the equator. While our winter fades away, the South American and Australian winter approaches.

Not many of us will be heading for the mountains of Chile and Peru, nor are we likely to ski the heights of Queensland and the Southern Alps of New Zealand (the most amazing glacial skiing imaginable!)



But we can share in some of the joy of our fellow skiers in other lands. Everyone has seen the parrot at Stratton flying above its owner's shoulder and every skier has heard of the famous skiing dogs at Heavenly and Squaw Valley.

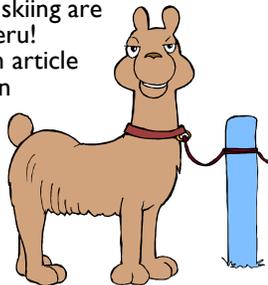


Many people I've talked to have even read about the kangaroos in Queensland which have been trained to ski slalom gates.



But the most recent pets to join the ranks of alpine skiing are the llamas of Peru! According to an article by Una Sincero in "Ski Life Magazine",

the latest fad in the mountains of Peru is to strap two extremely long skis (each made by splicing a pair of skis) to the feet of Peruvian llama and let gravity take its course. The llama seem to take quite naturally to the snow.

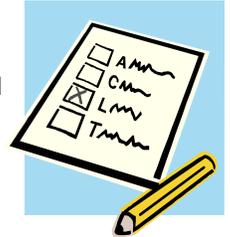


Although the article does not report that anyone has been seen riding the llama down the slopes, it does seem like the next logical thing to do.

Annual Election Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

Reminder: "The election of officers shall take place at the Annual meeting. The first regular meeting in April shall be considered the Annual meeting, providing a quorum is present and the Board has met all its election duties." *HVSC Constitution*



Anyone wishing to run or nominate someone to run to be a club officer or for the Board of Directors should contact Susan Eschbach.

If you are eligible, come to the meeting and cast your vote. The current slate of officers and Board of Directors :

Office	Candidate(s)
President	to be determined
Vice President	Carol Daniels
Treasurer	Jim Gahn
Secretary	John Macek
Sergeant at Arms	Larry Slezak
Board of Directors	Kevin Kokosa Pam Smith Frank Van Zanten

April 4 Meeting Program

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Josh Salvo, co-owner of Myskiprofile.com will speak to us about "Homegrown" American-made skis and boards. Josh's business represents seven American manufacturers of high quality, green, made in America snow sports products. His presentation is straight forward and technically educating. He will most certainly stimulate you to consider one of these products as your next equipment purchase rather than the Name Brands' mass produced skis & boards from the Far Eastern factories.

Testimonial: "I met the MSP team at my ski club and was impressed with the fact that a couple of young men were so enthusiastic about American made skis. I was in the market and had planned on buying a "name brand". I decided to take a calculated risk based on my conversation with the MSP rep and got a pair of RMU Apostles 175 cm. The next

week I went to Alta/ Sowbird and shredded the steepes! Lovin' my new boards! God bless America!"



Club Information**Club Officers**

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

Board of Directors

Mark Booska Susan Kokosa
 Kevin Kokosa Shirley Rinaldi
 Mark Searle

Committee Chairs**Budget and Finance:**

Carole Daniels

Constitution:

John Macek

Events:

Susan Stark

Instruction:

Mark Searle

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Jim Gahn

Membership Services:

Pete Gray

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Jim Gahn

Ski Trips:

Bill Egan

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

www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to info@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

**Lift Ticket Lotto**

winners from the March 7 meeting. This was the last drawing of the year.

Catamount--

Joyce Mongero,

Gore--Pat Cummins,

Windham--Carole Daniels,

Mt Snow #1--Jeff,

Mt Snow #2--Tom Pompei,

Mt Snow #3--Tom Pompei

Welcome to the following new members!

Nancy Stokes
 Paul Stokes

President's message...

April 2012

The 2011-12 ski season was more than a let-down compared to the previous winter which provided super snow conditions. However, due credit is given to the ski areas for their unending snow making efforts to provide us with more skiing/snowboarding opportunities than we should have expected. Our ski club members responded favorably thru very good participation on club trips to the Adirondacks, Vermont, and especially Colorado.

Too often we take for granted the Trip Committee's time and effort in selecting trip destinations and negotiating the best deals for our members. During the Beaver Creek trip someone stated that "these trips get better and better each year". Consider that there are many variables that affect the success (or dissatisfaction) of a ski trip; trip leaders, lodging, snow conditions, travel conditions (remember Whitefish 2011!), etc.

While recognizing the substantial commitment of all trip leaders, allow me to focus on the Beaver Creek trip, which has been referred to as "a near perfect experience", (minus one dislocated shoulder, etc.) Why did this trip get so many accolades? (as did Mt Snow). Well, travel conditions were ideal, ground and air transportation were on-time, snow conditions were superb (maybe challenging to some; a dream to me!), lodging was good, etc. My observation picked up on another factor, the human factor... great communication from the trip leaders (Pete Gray and Susan Hasbrouck Kokosa) prior to and during the trip (how many emails did we get that kept us informed of what was going on?, plus the package); extra efforts in arranging for NASTAR, wine tasting, on-mountain lunch, pizza party, bringing skiers together, etc. But trip participants joined in too, with several impromptu condo socials--at least one starting @ 3PM and going until... with music and dancing included. And even though our ski club policy does not provide for ski lessons on western trips, let me give credit to my instructor colleagues Walt Gorgas and Betty



Mostachetti for giving their own time to conduct lessons and/or offer tips. And also "Thanks" to Jim Gahn for coordinating at least one side trip to Vail. Let me not forget those who literally stooped down into the bus cargo holds to load and unload luggage and skis, being assisted by others on the sidewalks. And certainly not least, we may have tackled the problems with altitude sickness. I didn't hear of any full blown cases, just a few headaches and some sleeplessness.

The personal human factor within our ski club epitomizes what another organization refers to as "Esprit de Corps" trip leader's skills, support and cooperation from many: fun for all. You may have raised the bar for future ski trips.

Cheers,

Herb Eschbach President

The following is an email which I sent to Julia Carson Rosenblatt who does the ski column in the **Poughkeepsie Journal** Thursday edition:



The **Hudson Valley Ski Club** went on a one-day bus trip to Mount Snow yesterday \$34 for bus and lift ticket excellent bargain. 44 had signed up to go, but only 33 showed up in Hyde

Park at the 6 AM departure time (probably because the very unfavorable weather forecast). It rained all morning ... a good opportunity to test out the very nice, plush, thick-cushioned new 6-person bubble chairs which only seemed to lack windshield wipers and brandy and a cigar for ultimate comfort. Every descent was challenged by heavy mushy snow conditions and encountering thick fog (clouds) at different altitudes. The two snowboarders in the group may have had it a little easier than the skiers in dealing with the heavy snow. I was out till 3PM and in spite of being soaked had a great time.

I am signed up for the New Jersey Ski Council race at Hunter next Saturday (24th) and for a 4-day trip to Bolton Valley and Jay Peak the end of the month. Considering the weather, however, there is a big question mark attached to all of this.

Frank Van Zanten**Newsletter Editors:**

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Silent Auction. Dinner-only option for \$50/person also available and includes buffet dinner and drinks.

Proceeds for both events will benefit Mid Hudson Animal Aid, a nonprofit free range, no-kill cat sanctuary located in Beacon. For information, contact **Mary Ann Bopp** at mbopp518798@aol.com or visit the shelter's website at www.midhudsonanimalaid.org



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Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club
Spring Banquet

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, NY

- 6:00-7:00PM Cocktail Hour Hot and Cold HorsD'oeuvres/ Cash Bar
- 7:00-8:00PM Buffet Dinner includes London Broil, Salmon, Chicken, & Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee/Tea
- 8:00-11:00 Dancing Live Band "The Pony Tails"

\$48 per person

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Name/s _____

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Send checks made out to TSSC to:

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PO Box 254
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Questions? Zinnia@hvc.rr.com

Deadline: April 26, 2012



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.

- March**
- 23 Dubliner
796 Main St Poughkeepsie
 - 30 Umberto's Mama Marissa
Route 9 Poughkeepsie
- April**
- 6 La Puerta Azul
2510 Route 44 Salt Point
 - 13 Shadows on the Hudson
176 Rinaldi Blvd Poughkeepsie
 - 20 Gunk Haus
387 South St Highland
(joint with Trailsweepers)
 - 27 Bonefish Grill
2185 South Rd (Rt 9) Poughkeepsie

Coming Events -- April 2012

March

- 21 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30
- 24 President's Race at Hunter Mt

April



- 4 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30
- 8 Happy Easter
- 18 Meeting at the Clarion Hotel 7:30

May

- 2 Summer Meeting at the Clarion 8:00
- 5 TSSC Spring Dance
- 13 Mothers Day

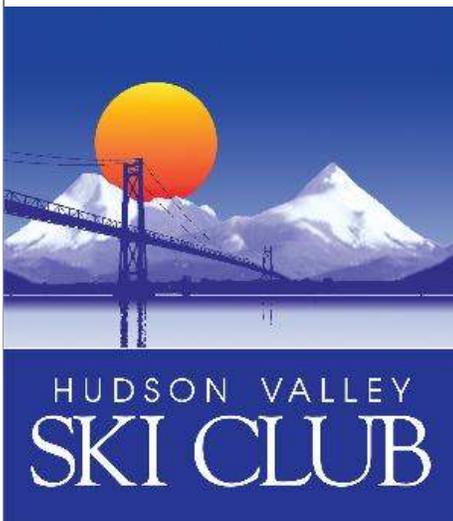
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