

The EDGE



HUDSON VALLEY
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

HVSC Members Enjoy the Beauty & History of Iceland

by Donna Augustine

Recently, Collette Tours noticed that our ski club offers a variety of year-round activities and approached us about a group tour. Skeptical that it was just another tour operator trying to make money, we guardedly listened. There was enough interest in going to Iceland that we got details. The more details we heard, the more interest was generated.



In October, 26 Hudson Valley Ski Club members met up with 14 other US citizens in Reykjavik, Iceland. After taking an all-afternoon

trip to Newark, and an overnight flight to Iceland, we were exhausted with a touring day ahead of us. It generated memories of 2am bus rides to get to a Western Ski destination. The first day weather would have shut down ski lifts though as there were 40 mile per hour winds, and 60mph gusts. We walked the old but beautiful city, fighting to move against the winds. The day saw many highlights of the Capital city, including Viking landings, a Penis Museum (no joke), a welcome dinner of delicious Icelandic foods, and a world-famous hotdog stand. We also met our tour guide for the next 5 days, Filippo.



Filippo is not a Nordic name. Surprisingly, we had an Italian guide for a Scandinavian region. But we only mention it because of his influence on our trip! He was well versed in the geology, geography, history, language, and culture of the country. He effectively kept us in line and informed in an amusing manner. Some of us were skeptics of bus tours, but after touring the country with him, we said we could become a Filippo groupie, traveling with him on his insightful and entertaining tours. Have one of the participants ask you about all the donation centers we visited! We all became active and giving donors!



Each day of our trip was varied and memorable. The country was extraordinary, and its terrain was distinctly different than anything most of us had ever experienced. We walked to a geothermal field, always learning about the volcanic activity of the island. We ventured to many beautiful waterfalls, often runoffs from the glaciers which cover 1/5th

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Club Information

Club Officers

President:	TBD
Current Past Pres:	Keith Faucher
Vice-President:	Bet Mostachetti
Secretary:	Nonie Kelley
Treasurer:	Jim Gahn
Sergeant at Arms:	Pat Cummins

Directors

Charles Shanes	Alan Imhoff
John Ollive	Jay Brenner

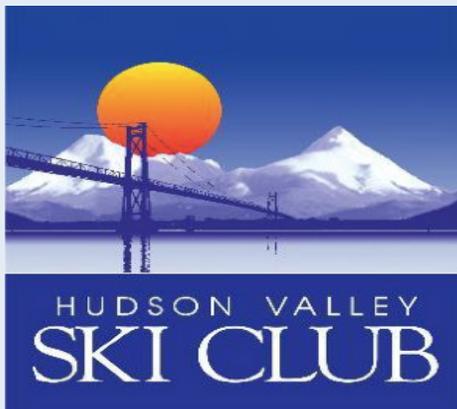
Committee Chairs

Budget and Finance:	Pat Cummins
Constitution:	John Macek
Instruction:	Dan Croak
Marketing/Publicity:	Alan Imhoff
Membership Services:	Pete Gray
Sub-Chair:	<i>Welcoming, Mentoring, Retention</i> Susan Eschbach, Robin Smith
Newsletter:	Melanie Michon
Website:	Donna Augustine Rich Partridge
Ski Council/Discount Tix:	Jim Gahn
Ski Trips:	Jim Gahn
Events:	Jay Brenner
Audit:	Frank Ruggiero

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



Hello Fellow Members,

A great holiday cheer to you all. We are getting geared up for skiing! Well, many of you have already been on their boards. I finally got out there at Hunter, for one of Dan Croak's skier events. It was great fun and the conditions were good. Everyone think cold and snow.

With all the final details being worked out for the club's winter ski season trips our only final detail is snow, snow and more snow EXCEPT on our days of travel. The west is getting dumped on with many feet of it. So far, so good.

As an aside, for those without the corporate passes, please always purchase your tickets a day ahead and go online to the resort's web-sites for information. The tickets are much cheaper than walking up to the ticket window to purchase. Those that have the IKON and EPIC passes can provide "buddy" tickets at a reduced rate as well.

In a new development, the Dutchess County Parks Division and the HVSC are working together for a cross country, snow shoe weekend on the Rail Trail. The skiing/snow-shoeing weekend dates are February 11th and 12th, with more details to come. Please check website for info.

Thanks to all of you who came to our holiday party. It was a blast! Good food, good music and best of all, good friends. A special shout out to Pat Cummins for putting together another exemplary party. He's so good at it! Also, another thanks to all those who assisted in the set up and take down at the Legion. I appreciate all that you do.

The HVSC board has appointed Jay Brenner as Chairman of the Events Committee. We look forward to his planning. Last summer's events were the bomb. Lots of fun. Always something to do in the Hudson Valley, a great place to be all year long.

Well, that's all folks!

Best,
Bet

2022-2023 Membership Directories

The 2022-2023 Membership Directory is now available and may be picked up by any member at any membership meeting. Or send a SSAE (9"x12" minimum), to Pete Gray and it will be mailed to you. The postage for one directory (Single Membership) is \$1.20. The postage for two directories (Couple Membership) is \$1.44.

Pete Gray
Membership Chairman

The HVSC will be partnering with the Dutchess County Parks Division for a cross country skiing/snowshoeing weekend on the county rail trails. The dates are February 11th & 12th. More details to come.



Connect on Facebook

Check the [HVSC Facebook page](#) to connect with members on current club events and happenings.

Be sure to check our summer activity schedule on the HVSC Website and also the HVSC Facebook page to connect with members for current club events and happenings.

Planning an outing? Want to hike, bike, or hit the road for a day but need a buddy? Post the details on our Facebook page and find other club members to join you.

Don't go it alone, that's why you joined a club! Post on our Facebook page and invite your HVSC friends.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Harvey
Richard Pereira
Lena Vulaj
Peter Vulaj



Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The next newsletter deadline for the February Edge is **January 20**. Please send all content, stories & photos to Alan Imhoff @ alanimhoff@gmail.com

of the country. We viewed a geyser, up close and personal. Every day of our trip we experienced the effects of the old volcanos, glacier created waterfalls, or both. It was truly awesome.

We rounded out a couple afternoons with fascinating trips to the "Lava Center," and the "Skogar" museum. Probably, if not traveling with a tour group, we would

not have noticed the museums. But since it was included, and we were captive, we all went. We learned about



the geothermal activity of the island and its impact on the livelihood of the country. We saw Viking ships and learned that the fishing industry was not without peril as there are no protective harbors on the coastline. We were humbled as we learned about the rigors of self-sustenance in much of the country even today. We were

teased when we learned that due to the geothermal activity of the country, their energy sources are abundant. Unfortunately, they've not found the means to transport the rich resources to support neighboring Scandinavian or European countries.



Every evening Filippo did his best to provide us an opportunity to see the Aurora Borealis, aka the Northern Lights. Deg, Sarah (another photographer on the trip), and those with more sophisticated cameras on their phones could get a glimpse of the lights through their



camera lens. On our last day we took a cruise out beyond the city lights to chase them. Equipped with heavy garb provided as protection against the cold, and good camera lenses, we finally got to enjoy a show. It was truly spectacular. The funny thing was when we were walking back to

our city hotel after taking the boat ride, we saw a beautiful display of the Northern Lights with the naked eye. Go figure!

A highlight of the trip was an afternoon spent at the Lagoon. The visit was not only welcomed by all be-



cause of the warm waters, but we each could get a facial mask and a glass of wine to top off the experience. We saw Terri Faucher practicing her newfound synchronized swimming career, complete with her ruffled bathing cap.



We saw Dan Croak, Pete Gray, Rich Partridge, and many of our rugged skiers donning their

beauty facemasks! It was a ton of laughs with friends and fellow "explorers!"

The beauty and uniqueness of Iceland was extraordinary. We went to a black beach one day, complete with a hallowed cave within the stem of an old shoreline volcano. We could take some of the smoothed rocks formed



from lava. Another day we saw and hiked beside the Skogafoss waterfall. The hike included over 400 steps, providing an amazing view from the top. Another day was spent hiking around glaciers and viewing the outlet



of a river with huge glacier chunks. The blue of the ice moving along the river was a sight to behold.

That day

we met a researcher from NYU who was recording the melting sounds of a washed ashore chunk of glacier. It was fascinating to all senses! As a final "culinary delight," we were offered a traditional Icelandic delicacy: fermented shark and a shot of potent Black Death! It was as nasty as it sounds, but again provided for many laughs and memories with friends.



Our Iceland adventure was a trial run partnering with Collette Tours. I think we all agreed, we'd use them again.

Thanks to Deg Lowenberger, and other explorers, for the wonderful photos!

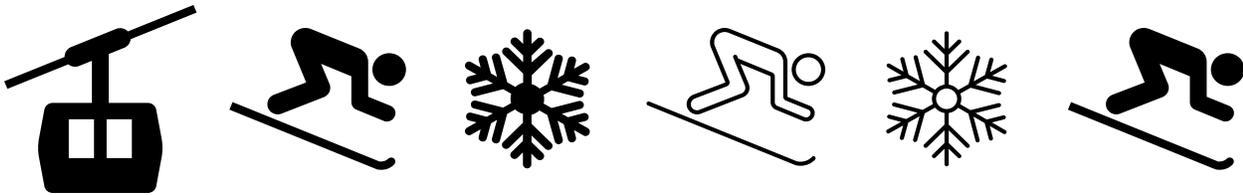


Killington 2022-23 Ski Council Appreciation Days

Killington Resort and Pico Mountain offer Ski Council members the following dates at discounted lift ticket prices. These lift tickets must be purchased in advance and require a ONE PASS RFID card. You must also have a valid Ski Council or Ski Club membership card reflecting your current 2022-23 winter season and present it at any ticket window staffed by a ticket seller (Kiosk Ticket Pick Up not applicable for Appreciation Day Lift Tickets) to redeem your lift ticket.

KILLINGTON RESORT	DATES	SKI COUNCIL DAILY RATE
Monday - Friday	Dec. 12 - 16	\$76
Monday - Friday	Jan. 2 - 6	\$94
Monday - Friday	Mar. 6 - 10	\$94
Monday - Friday	Apr. 3-7	\$94

*All ticket sales are subject to 6% local sales tax.



Catamount Mountain 2022-23 Ski Council Appreciation Days

Catamount Mountain Resort 2022-23 Appreciation Days:

Sun, 12/18 - \$55	Weds, 2/8 - \$39
Sun, 1/8 - \$55	Sun, 2/12 - \$55
Mon, 1/9 - \$39	Tues, 3/8 - \$39
Tues, 1/24 - \$39	Sun, 3/12 - \$55

Night Skiing Tickets - \$26. Available every Thursday evening 3pm-8pm from Jan. 1st to closing (weather dependent)

To claim your discounted lift ticket, you must present the following at any ticket window:

- A valid Ski Club ID card that reflects current/paid membership for 2022-23 season
- Matching photo ID

Terms of the Program:

All purchases are final and non-transferable. No refunds, credits, or substitutions of any kind. Cannot be combined with any other offer. One ticket per club member, per day.

No advanced reservation required. Automated kiosk pick up is not available for Appreciation Day tickets - you must visit a ticket window. All guests will be required to have a Catamount RFID Card. If a guest does not already have a card, one needs to be purchased at time of redemption for \$5.00. This reloadable card is a one-time purchase per individual and valid at both Catamount. Cards can be reused and reloaded over multiple seasons.

Early Season Ski Clinics Continue

Ski clinics led by Dan Croake will continue through January. Make sure you let Dan know if you plan to attend one of these clinics.

- Monday, Jan 9, @ Catamount (*bring your HVSC member card & picture ID for a discounted ticket*)
- Saturday, Jan 14, @ Plattekill
- Tuesday, Jan 24, @ Catamount (*bring your HVSC member card & picture ID for a discounted ticket*)



Contact Trip Leaders to get on waiting lists.

We have waiting lists for trips that are full, to fill in for cancellations. See HVSC website Ski Trips tab for trip details and Trip Leader contact info.



Killington

leader: Charlie Shanes



leader: Bet Mostachetti



leader: Mickey Cahill



**ASPEN
SNOWMASS**

leader: Keith Faucher



January 17–20, 2023



Package includes: **3 or 4** nights lodging at Sugar Lodge, including access to Health & Recreation Center with indoor pool, hot tubs, etc.

Use your IKON Pass or buy group rate lift tickets.

Options on number of days lodging, occupancy and skiing are available.

Lodging per person:

3 nights: \$290.00 / 4 nights: \$385.00 Double occupancy

3 nights: \$575.00 / 4 nights: \$764.00 Single occupancy

non-member guests: add \$30.00

Lifts: Use your IKON Pass or Boomer Pass
or add group rate lifts @ \$116.60/day (pre-purchased)

Trip Leader: Bet Mostachetti

845-264-1012 bmostachetti@gmail.com

Registration form on website. Payment in full required with registration.

Registration by check or money order (**drawn to "HVSC Trips"**) at club meeting
or mail to: **Bet Mostachetti 56 Folan Road Amenia, NY 12501-5202**



GORE MOUNTAIN

Established 1934,
4 years before HVSC was formed,
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March 20-23, 2023

HVSC's **March 20-23** trip includes:

- 3 or 4 nights lodging at Comfort Inn & Suites, Lake George, NY
- Continental Breakfasts
- 3 or 4 days skiing/boarding
- FREE ski improvement clinic (*optional*)

Pick number of days lodging and skiing on registration form.

Lodging

\$45.00 /night, double occupancy

\$85.00 /night, single occupancy

Lift Tickets

\$55.00 /day, Adult

\$42.00 /day, Senior (65+)

non-member guests: add \$30.00

Trip Leader: Herb Eschbach

845-242-6699 docherb47@gmail.com

Registration form on website. Payment in full required with registration.

Registration by check or money order (**drawn to "HVSC Trips"**) at club meeting
or mail to: **Herb Eschbach 109 Saratoga Blvd. Saratoga Springs NY 12866**

Brew & Ski

March 24-26, 2023 *weekend*



- SATURDAY APRÉS BEER SAMPLES
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Hudson Valley Ski Club

Membership Application

(September 7, 2022 – September 6, 2023)

Please **print clearly!** Application must be received by December 1st for you 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.

Work (1): _____

Work (2): _____

Cell (1): _____

Cell (2): _____

Membership Committee use only:

Check #: _____
 Check Amount: _____
 Cash Amount: _____
 Date: _____
 Membership Number(s): _____

Check the membership fee which applies:

	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Renewal on or Before 9/7</u>	<u>Renewal After 9/7</u>
Individual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
Couple Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00

**Make your check payable to:
 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 lessors 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

Join Hudson Valley Ski Club's trip to:

Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

October 7-16, 2023

sign up at:

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Friday Race Training

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

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:
Susan Kokosa @ 845-229-6786 or
race_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

January 6 Beekman Arms, 6387 Mill St Rhinebeck
(This will be a joint happy hour with the Trailsweepers Ski Club)

January 13 Margaritas, 1810 South Road Wappingers Falls

January 20 di'Vine Wine Bar, 1 Market St Wappingers Falls

January 27 Tomas Tapas Bar, 900 Rt 376 Wappingers Falls

*All event dates are subject to change.
Please use the HVSC Website Events Calendar and
Facebook page for up-to-date event and meeting information.*

Calendar of Events

January

- 3-6 Club Trip to Killington
- 4 Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie
- 9 Club Ski Clinic @ Catamount
- 14 Club Ski Clinic @ Plattekill
- 17-20 Club Trip - Sugarbush
- 24 Club Ski Clinic @ Catamount
- 28-2/4 Club Trip - Steamboat

February

- 1 Club Meeting @ 7:30PM
American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie
- 11-12 Cross Country Weekend
- 12-17 Club Trip - Mt Tremblant



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