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HUDSON VALLEY
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

“The Storm” Skiing Journal and Podcast

by Alan Imhoff

When I was a kid and just learning to ski, I used to buy all the ski magazines I could get my hands on – SKI, and the very similarly named SKIING, were the big monthlies with feature articles on mountains out west that I could just dream about skiing someday, along with incomprehensible ‘ski lesson’ articles about stem christies. The big October issues were the keepers, with a ranking of all the ski resorts in the country. Number one was always Vail.

Magazines have gone through a hard time with the advent of the web, and most of the glossy ski magazines are gone (SKI lives on as a digital extension of Outside Magazine, a shell of its former self). Recently I found something that has replaced those magazines in my ski life, and I heartily recommend that you check it out – *The Storm Ski Journal and Podcast*. A digital journal and a series of podcast interviews with the leaders of ski mountains big and small, this irreverent and incredibly well written journal will keep you up to date on the crazy world of ski passes, news about your favorite ski mountain (Windham going private? Not true!), and why you should consider skiing in the Midwest on your way out to the Rockies (really).

Here’s a taste of what Stuart Winchester, the sole proprietor and founder of the Storm had to say about Killington earlier this year-

“But there’s nothing else in the East on Killington’s scale, the massive overlapping network of six peaks rolling in all directions from the frantic hub. It’s one of the few ski areas, East or West, where I ever truly feel lost. There’s something brilliantly scattershot about it, something feral and boundless and enigmatic, as though 16 small ski areas had been stapled together by someone who’s never skied. There are insane traverses and endless flats, riotously steep trees and bumps all over, long groomers that you think lead back to the same lift you just exited, but instead seem to deposit you in New Hampshire. There are trails

on the far fringe that feel abandoned on even the busiest days, where you suspect without being able to prove it that you’ve been transported to an alternate dimension of groomed forever-down, or at least back to a time before the Ikon Pass gave every skier on the eastern seaboard an annual allotment of Killington lift tickets.

It all works somehow. This great machine, howling like an armor-plated Mad Max rig, a cob-bled-together war machine screaming across the winter plains. It feels like it should fall apart, disintegrate by the combined forces of speed and volume. But it carries on, the growling, super-charged id of New England winter, The Beast a gloss well-earned.”¹

One of the best things about the journal are the amazing lists that Stuart puts together – comparative lists of IKON and EPIC and INDY resorts with the dates when the prices will increase, ski resorts by size, and a new comprehensive list of every ski mountain in the US. Trail maps abound, including ‘proposed’ new developments and classic maps of ski resorts long gone.

So, you should subscribe. Stuart truly loves skiing, and his enthusiasm for the sport is infectious. There is a free version, but I strongly advise that you go with the paid version for a very reasonable \$60 a year for over 100 articles a year and access to the database of podcasts. Go to Stormskiing.com for info on a subscription.

1 Winchester Stuart (host), September 2023, “Killington and Pico President & General Manager Mike Solimano”, Podcast 143, September 2023, The Storm.

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Club Information

Club Officers:

President: Bet Mostachetti
 Current Past Pres: Keith Faucher
 Vice-President: Frank Ruggiero
 Secretary: John Ollive
 Treasurer: Jim Gahn
 Sergeant at Arms: Pat Cummins

Directors:

Nonie Kelley Alan Imhoff
 Lisa MacDonald Jay Brenner

Committee Chairs:

Budget and Finance: Pat Cummins
 Constitution: Nonie Kelley
 Instruction: Dan Croak
 Marketing/Publicity: Alan Imhoff
 Membership Services: Pete Gray
 Sub-Chairs: Susan Eschbach, Robin Smith
 Newsletter: Donna Augustine
 Website: 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
www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

Or queries may be sent to
secretary@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org

President's Message

Ciao club members! I just returned from sunny Sicily, a place with an incredible history and delightful food! Thank you to Nonie Kelley for coordinating with Colette Tours and organizing our group!

In preparation for the coming winter, the club will have a master boot fitter, Garrick Dardani, give a presentation at the November meeting. In addition, Dr Kurt Kish, chiropractor, will speak regarding getting ready for the ski season. I hope you can attend this informative meeting.

The holiday party will be held at the Legion on our regular first Wednesday of the month of December. See page 3 for details.

The weather up north is getting colder, and snowmaking is beginning. Nevertheless, I went golfing today at a beautiful little course in Copake.

Please vote on
 election day,
 November 7th.

Best,
 Bet



Hudson Valley Ski Club will have a display table at the

**Adirondack Sports & Ski EXPO
 Albany Capital Center
 55 Eagle St
 Albany, NY**

**Saturday, November 11 10AM to 5PM
 Sunday, November 12 10AM to 4PM**

**Free admission, 150 Exhibitors, Activities, Prizes and Deals
 Volunteer at the HVSC exhibitor table for 2 hours. Chat ski trips, equipment ski
 resorts, clothing. Make new ski friends!**

**Call or email Pat Cummins at:
 845 519-7585 or pecummins22@gmail.com**

SKI BOOT FITTING - DO I NEED IT?

Wednesday, Nov. 1, HVSC mtg.

Garrick Dardani
Owner, Steiner's Ski and Bike Shop
*Certified Boot Fitter, Board Certified
 Pedorthist, Boot Tester*
PSIA Level III Ski Instructor, Racing Coach

'The ski boots I found in Uncle Sam's basement work OK – actually they do hurt some; my big toe blister only happens when I'm skiing.'

How much do ski boots affect our skiing performance? Are 'used' ski boots a safe bet? Is boot fitting really necessary? How often should I have my ski boots fitted? What are 'orthotics'? What does boot fitting cost?

Join us for this very informative presentation.

Hudson Valley Ski Club's Holiday Party

Wednesday December 6th 7PM - 10PM

American Legion Post 55, Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie

Come mingle with your HVSC friends, celebrate the beginning of ski season, and ring in the holidays !

Dinner will be Italian cuisine with a vegetable side and salad
Cash Bar

After dinner dance music provided by DJ

Members- \$30. Guests- \$40.

Make checks out to HVSC

Send payment to:

Patrick Cummins, 8 Card Road, Wappingers Falls, NY12590

Contribute to The Hudson Valley Food Bank at Our Holiday Party This is optional, but let's open our hearts and our wallets a bit to help those less fortunate.

 <p>Food Bank of the Hudson Valley</p>	<u>Items most needed:</u>			
	Pasta & Tomato sauce		Cereal	
	Canned Stew or Ravioli		Oatmeal	
	Taco Dinner Kits		Pancake Mix	
	Boxed Mac & Cheese		Canned Vegetables	
	Soups		Fruit cups	
	Canned Tuna Fish		Applesauce	
	Canned Chicken		Peanut Butter & Jelly	
	Coffee & Tea			

Ski the East!



A favorite of HVSCers, Mount Snow is one of the closest major Vermont resorts, with 23 lifts and 80 runs that delight all skier levels.

January 16-19, 2024



3 nights at the affordable
Mountaineer Inn

- Short walk to Corinthia Base Lodge
- Continental Breakfast
- Hot Tub

Per person pricing sign up early to get best choice of room

3 nights lodging (Tue, Wed, Thur) - room options	per person
1 Queen bed, "Cozy Queen" double occupancy	\$281.00
1 Queen bed, "Standard Queen", double occupancy	\$291.00
1 King bed, "Standard King", double occupancy	\$307.00
2 Double beds, "Double/Double" double occupancy	\$307.00

Non-member guest add \$30.

Lift tickets not included.

Use your EPIC season pass or buy multi-day pass from EPIC website.

Group dinner to be planned for Wednesday night, price TBD.

Trip Leader: Nonie Kelley 914-443-9163 nkelley902@gmail.com

\$100 due with registration, full payment required by **December 6**.
Send Checks (payable to "**HVSC Trips**" with "**Mt. Snow**" in memo area) to:
Nonie Kelley, 10 Laddie Rd, Middletown, NY 10941

Ski the East!



February 12-15, 2024

Known for its challenging runs, Stowe has plenty to offer intermediate skiers.

29% ♦ 55% ■ 16% ●



3 nights at the historic (1833)
Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, VT.

included:

- Full Vermont Breakfast
- Afternoon Tea & Cookies
- Health Club, Sauna, Jacuzzi
(massage available for extra \$\$, by appt)
- Heated Outdoor Pool

Per person pricing sign up early to get best choice of room

3 nights lodging (Mon, Tue, Wed) - room options	per person	# rooms available
1 Queen bed, double occupancy	\$405.00	6
2 Queen beds, Deluxe w/balcony, double occupancy	\$455.00	4
2 Queen beds, Deluxe w/fireplace & jacuzzi, double occupancy	\$490.00	2
1 Queen bed, single occupancy	\$810.00	1

Additional rooms, can be requested by trip leader, if still available at lodge. Non-member guest add \$30.

Lift tickets not included.

Use your EPIC season pass or buy multi-day pass from EPIC website.

Additional activities to be determined at later date:

Group dinner, Snow Shoeing, Cross Country Skiing, etc.

Trip Leader: Lisa McDonald 845-661-0048 lisa.mcd64@yahoo.com

50% due with registration, full payment required by **October 10**.

Send Checks (payable to "**HVSC Trips**" with "**Stowe**" in memo area) to Trip Leader:

Lisa McDonald, 475 Gillespie St, Pine Bush, NY 12566



Gore is a club favorite Adirondack skiing/boarding destination.

2537' vertical, 110 trails

March 12-15, 2024



3 or 4 nights at the
Comfort Inn, Lake George

- Continental Breakfast included
- Refrigerator, Microwave
- Indoor Pool, Hot Tub
- Pizza night included

Per person pricing	3 nights Tu,We,Th	4 nights Mo,Tu,We,Th
2 Queen beds, double occupancy	\$159.00	\$206.00
Queen or King bed, single occupancy	\$288.00	\$378.00

Non-member guest add \$30.

Lift tickets	Adult	65+ Senior
3 days	\$201.00	\$132.00
4 days	\$268.00	\$176.00

Ski improvement clinic (optional).

Trip Leader: Jay Brenner 516-313-7670 jay@brennerphoto.com

\$100 due with registration, full payment required by **February 7**.

Send Checks (payable to "**HVSC Trips**" with "**Gore**" in memo area) to:

Jay Brenner, 29 Snake Hill Rd, Garrison, NY 12524

Jan 27 – Feb 3, 2024

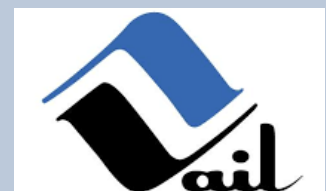
Contact Trip Leader Jim Gahn to be added to Waiting List

Non-stop United flights Newark to Denver.

2 Bedroom condos a short walk to Lionshead lifts.

For more information, and Trip Registration forms, visit our website

hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/ski-trips-2024/



Openings Still Available

March 2-9, 2024



A wide variety of terrain

Challenging steeps (41% ♦)
 Fabulous cruisers (36% ■)
 Wide open slopes (23% ●)

- ❄ Southwest Airlines flights between NYC & Montrose.
- ❄ Staying in the historic ski town, just a short walk from a chairlift & gondola.
- ❄ Double occupancy rooms at the Mountainside Inn include a kitchenette.



Lift Pass Package Options (additional options in Registration Form)	Pkg Price *	Deposit	+ 6 Monthly payments (July – December '23)
5-day lift pass	\$2433	\$453	\$330 ea.
6-day lift pass	\$2483	\$503	\$330 ea.
full EPIC Pass **	\$2909	\$929	\$330 ea.

* Prices are double occupancy; single supplement add \$1386. Prices are expected to remain valid through August 2023 but are subject to change due to EPIC price increases.

** Full EPIC Pass allows skiing at both Telluride and Vail as well as various Eastern mountains.

Trip Leader: Charlie Shanes level3a@hotmail.com 845-227-5936

Send Checks (payable to “**HVSC Trips**”) to:

Charlie Shanes, 54 Brown Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590-6019

For more information, and Trip Registration forms,
 see Ski Trip section of our website hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/ski-trips-2024/

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

Nov 3 Jason Patrick's-1112 Rt 44, Pok

Nov 10 Cafe Maya-2776 W Main St, Wappingers Falls

Nov 17 Antonella's 4246 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park

Nov 24 di'Vine Wine Bar- 1 Market St, 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*

November

1 *Club meeting @ 7:30, American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Pok.

*Ski boot fitting presentation by Garrick Dardani

*Preparing for skiing, by Dr Kurt Kish, chiropractor

11 *Adirondack Sports & Ski EXPO- Albany Capital Center, 55 Eagle St, Albany, NY

12 *Adirondack Sports & Ski EXPO- Albany Capital Center, 55 Eagle St, Albany, NY

December

6 *Holiday Party!, American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Pok

* further details within newsletter



EVERYTHING FOR SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, CYCLING, KAYAKING & PAINTBALL

1611 ROUTE 22
BELWATER, NY 105
845-279-3100

162 DANBURY RD. (RT. 7)
NEW MILFORD, CT 06776
860-355-2001

Visit Us At skihausonline.com



Connect on Facebook

Check the [HVSC Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/HVSC) to connect with members on current club events and happenings. Don't go it alone! Post on our Facebook page and invite your HVSC friends.

Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The December newsletter deadline is November 15th. Please send all content, stories & photos to:
Alan Imhoff at alanimhoff@gmail.com

Reminder! Membership Renewal!

2022-2023 memberships expired September 6, 2023. Easiest way to renew or join is online at:

<https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/membership/>

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THAT I AM NOW PART OF THE

**Berkshire Hathaway
HomeServices team!**



Therese "Terri" Searle
Associate Real Estate Broker
has joined the LaGrange Office
1100 Route 55, Suite 201
LaGrangeville, NY 12540
Contact Terri at:
m: 845.546.9260
or 845.473.1650
tsearle@bhhshudsonvalley.com


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Choose Your Registration and Payment Method

- Pay by Check -

- Use online fill-in pdf
- Print out completed pdf
- Pay by check
- Mail printed pdf & check to HVSC

- Pay by PayPal -

- Use online fill-in form
- Pay via PayPal
- Click to send online form & online payment to HVSC



Hudson Valley Ski Club Membership Application

(September 6, 2023 – September 4, 2024)

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.

Membership Committee use only:

Check #: _____

Work (1): _____ ☐

Check Amount: _____

Work (2): _____ ☐

Cash Amount: _____

Cell (1): _____ ☐

Date: _____

Cell (2): _____ ☐

Membership

Number(s): _____

Check the membership fee which applies:

	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Renewal on or Before 9/6</u>	<u>Renewal After 9/6</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