

The EDGE



HUDSON VALLEY
SKI CLUB

Best Start to the Northeast Ski Season in Years

by Alan Imhoff

A combination of record cold temperatures and early snowfall has helped launch one of the best early ski seasons in the east in many years, while the season has gotten off to a slow start out west.



Belleayre was 90% open on December 18th thanks to great snowmaking weather. Hunter had 42 trails open. New York overall has had 145% of the normal December snowfall.

In Vermont, Jay Peak has had 194" of snow as of December 19th. Killington had over 100 trails open and Stowe was 75% open.



Belleayre 2025 - Herb, Jean and John



Belleayre 2025 - Eric, Laurie, Bob M, Bob E, Shannon, Jay, Patrick

Meanwhile in the Sierras, Palisades Tahoe had only 2% of trails open, Kirkwood 1%. Colorado has had only 50% of their normal snowfall for the month.

But things change fast- by the time you read this conditions might have changed, so make the best of it!

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Club Information

Club Officers:

President: Bet Mostachetti
 Current Past Pres: Keith Faucher
 Vice-President: Frank Ruggiero
 Secretary: Laurie Vogl
 Treasurer: Susan Stark
 Sergeant at Arms: Pat Cummins

Directors:

Nonie Kelley Dan Croak
 Jim Gahn Jay Brenner

Committee Chairs:

Budget and Finance: Pat Cummins
 Constitution: Nonie Kelley
 Instruction: Dan Croak
 Marketing/Publicity: Alan Imhoff
 Membership Services: Pete Gray
 Sub-Chair: Janet Pinnavaia
 Susan Eschback
 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

WELCOME
 NEW MEMBERS

Ryan Piasecki
 Adrienne Ryan
 John Thorpe
 Audrey Bongioanni

President's Message



Hello members,

It's snowing as I write this note which makes me so happy. With the continuous cold temperatures (except last Friday!), the snowmaking equipment is running non-stop.

As the club begins its ski trip season, I remind you that there will be instruction by Dan Croak, Herb Eschbach and myself. You all have our cell phone numbers and are encouraged to make definite plans. Herb is planning to have a training experience at Gore Mountain in January. I plan to have a training day at Mount Snow. Dan's schedule is at Belleayre as follows: Jan 6-Tue, 21-Wed, 24-Sat, 27-Tue, Feb 3-Tue, 7-Sat, 10-Tue. (Let Dan know if you plan to go. If no one signs up, he may not go that day.) There could be additional dates in February depending on how these tentative dates go. Dan's email is dbskiman@gmail.com, Herb's is docherb47@gmail.com and mine is bmostachetti@gmail.com.

I'm looking for a volunteer to

act as Chairperson for the Nominating Committee. It's a short term position instituted to find persons interested in running for HVSC offices. There will be two director positions available which are two year terms, as well as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms, which are one year terms. Please contact me if willing to help..

It is now time to sign up for our Collette Tour Company excursion to Greece. We have 24 slots for the trip. Information can be found later in this newsletter or check our HVSC website under Activities.

I'll see you all at our next member meeting on the 7th at the Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in Wappingers. Please attend as we will be voting on the HVSC Constitutional changes.

Happy New Year!!!

Best Regards,
 Bet

Big News

Starting on January 7th

We heard you and have moved our monthly meetings to

Buffalo Wild Wings

1794 South Road, Wappingers Falls
 Meetings start at 7:00

The room is private and the acoustics are great!!!! We look forward to lively meetings. Come at 6:00 to order food and good cheer!!

Wait staff
 Individual checks
 Ample parking

Cost of alcohol reasonable
 Cheeseburgers - amazing
 Great Wings - any flavor
 Amazing selection of beer
 Great onion rings (ask Dan)
 Fried Pickles - just O.K.



Gore Mountain Resort



Established 1934,
4 years before HVSC was formed,
Gore is a favorite Adirondack
Skiing Mountain for the club

HVSC's **Tuesday-Friday, January 13-16, 2026** trip includes:

- 3 or 4 nights lodging at Comfort Inn & Suites, Lake George, NY
- Continental Breakfasts
- 3 or 4 days skiing/boarding
- Wednesday evening Group Pizza
- Ski improvement clinic (optional)

Lodging:

\$151.50 ea. - 3 night (Tu,W,Th) double

\$288.00 - 3 night (Tu,W,Th) single

\$197.00 ea. - 4 night (M,T,W,T) double

\$379.00 - 4 night (M,T,W,T) single

Lift Tickets:

3 day: Adult - \$192.00
Senior (65+) - \$153.00

4 day: Adult - \$256.00
Senior (65+) - \$204.00

\$100.00 deposit with registration, balance due by Nov. 5, 2025
Cancellation charge \$50

Make checks payable to "HVSC Trips" write "Gore" in memo area

Send completed trip registration and deposit or full payment to:

Jim Gahn, Trip Leader
44 Far Horizons Dr.
Newburgh, NY 12550

E-mail: jimbgahn@gmail.com Phone: (914) 213-7250

Trip is full! Wait list only.



All smiles at Mt Tremblant, 2025 - L->R Jay Brenner, Bob Macedo, Jean Friedman, Patrick Cummins, Keith Faucher, Betty Mostachetti, our HVSC member in the witness protection program, and Laurie Vogl

Stowe

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

29% ♦ 55% ■ 16% ●



February 9-13, 2026



Back by popular demand!!!!
Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, VT.

- Afternoon Tea & Cookies daily
- Complimentary wine and cheese hour
- Health Club, Sauna, Jacuzzi, pool (massage available for extra \$\$, by appt)
- Bar/restaurant in the Inn
- Free Town shuttle to the mountain
- Full Vermont breakfast (included)
- Portage included.

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

3 nights lodging: Mon, Tue, Wed nights 4 nights lodging: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur nights	3 nights	4 nights	# rooms
1 Queen bed, double occupancy	\$480	\$625	7
2 Queen beds, double occupancy	\$511	\$666	7
2 Queen beds with balcony double occupancy	\$558	\$729	6

Lift tickets not included.

Use your Epic season pass or multi-day pass. Visit <https://www.epicpass.com/>.

Trip Leader: Shannon Elkins 516-457-0750 elkinsart@mac.com

\$100 due with registration, full payment required by **October 10**.

Send Checks (payable to "HVSC Trips" with "Stowe" in memo area)
to Trip Leader: Shannon Elkins 139 Richmond Ave Medford, NY 11763

Trip is full! Wait list only.



Hudson Valley Ski Club Week

January 26 – 30, 2026 (M-Fr)

Grand Summit Lodge, VT

Package includes: 4 nights lodging

Ski in – Ski Out, Ski storage, outdoor pool and a sauna, Restaurant in house

Lift Tickets are not included

Use your Epic Season Pass or purchase Multi-day Pass at <https://www.epicpass.com/>.

Lodging Price: \$475.00/pp Double Occupancy

Payments:

\$100.00 at sign-up

Final payment by 10/01/2025

Make checks payable to "HVSC Trips" write "Mt Snow" in memo area

Send registration and payments to:

Nonie Kelley, Trip Leader
10 Laddie Road Middletown, NY 10941
914-443-9163

Trip full, but wait list possible.

Breckenridge, CO

February 21-28, 2026

Beaver Run Resort

* Slopeside lodging at Peak 9

* Shuttle to Town

Trip Leader: Lisa McDonald

475 Gillespie St, Pine Bush, NY 12566

lisa.mcd64@yahoo.com 845-661-0048

Trip full. Wait list only!



PARK CITY

March 7-14, 2026

**Largest Ski Resort
in USA**

Known for light, fluffy powder
Authentic Mining Town Charm



Park Station Condominiums

at the beginning of Main Street in Old Town Park City

* Short walk to Town lift

* Short walk to Restaurants

Quad occupancy in 2 bedroom Condo - \$2,823.00 n

(Condo has 1 shared bed + 2 individual beds. Please fin

Trip includes:

- * Bus between Highland / Newark airport
- * United Airlines direct flight between EWR / SLC
- * Bus between Salt Lake City / Park City

Does not include lift access

Separate purchase of Epic Pass through Tour Operator

(5-day/6-day Day Pass or "Local Pass" season pass)

See HVSC website for purchase instructions.

Trip Leader: Jay Brenner

29 Snake Hill Rd, Garrison, NY 10524

jay@brennerphoto.com 516-313-7670

Trip is full!

Trailsweepers Snow & Sports Club

2026 Trailsweepers Ski/Snowboard and Cross Country Ski Trip to:

Zell Am See, Austria (near Salzburg, Austria)

Friday March 6, 2026 to Saturday March 14, 2026

Package Includes: (Must Have Valid Passport Good Through October 2026)

- **Roundtrip** nonstop flight with Lufthansa Airlines from JFK airport to Munich, Germany
- **Roundtrip** bus transportation from Kingston, NY (Thruway circle Park & Ride) to JFK Airport.
- **Roundtrip** bus xfer from Munich, Germany to Gruener Baum hotel, Zell am See, Austria (2.5 hr. ride)
- **LODGING:** 7 nights lodging at Gruener Baum hotel in Zell am See, Austria, 4-star hotel, located in the middle of town. Breakfast daily and 1 group dinner.

Lift tickets: NOT included in price. Daily tickets can be purchased at hotel. Daily rate is approximately \$83; various packages available. Zell am See is now on the full EPIC PASS. **NOTE:** If full Epic Pass is purchased through Ski.com, there will be a \$50 reduction in purchase price of package. Check with Ski.com

COST OF PACKAGE:

Per participant for double occupancy \$2,690 Single: \$2,800 *Non members add \$28 to cost of package.

Trip is limited to 24 total participants. Priority is given to Trailsweepers members.

Cost to transport skis and boot bag or snowboard on Lufthansa is an additional charge each way. Check with airlines for fee. Ski and snowboard rental equipment available in Zell am See, Austria.

SKI AREAS: All ski areas below are interconnected with free bus shuttles daily.

Zell am See, Kaprun and Saalbach Hinterglemm

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS <https://www.zellamsee-kaprun.com/en/sport/winter/cross-country-skiing>

Area towns to visit either by bus or local train: Salzburg, Innsbruck and Kitzbuhel.

CONTACT: John Hoefinger (German speaking trip leader) at 518-719-0490

email: kayakmann@gmail.com with questions



Mark your Calendar
Collette Tours & HVSC
Greece Island Hopper
September 18-28, 2026

Highlights: Athens: Acropolis, Parthenon
Islands: Mikonos, Santorini

Details and signup at: <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1400847>

January Events

***Jan 7th 7pm** Club Meeting Buffalo Wild Wings, 1794 South Rd, Wappingers Falls. *Please come ready to vote on the constitution changes.*

***Jan 13-16** Gore Mountain Resort

***Jan 26-30** Mount Snow trip, Grand Summit Lodge, Vermont

Look what's coming in 2026!

Starting in January, our new meeting place will be at the **Buffalo Wild Wings**, in Wappingers Falls

***Our 2026 tour with Colette tours will be to Greece!** Follow the link provided for more information.

* see details within newsletter

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

Jan 2 Longobardi's, 1574 Rt 9 Wappingers Falls

Jan 9 Cafe Vallarta, 1820 Rt 376 Poughkeepsie

Jan 16 di'Vine Wine Bar, 1 Market St, Wappingers Falls

Jan 23 Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie

Jan 30 Margaritas, 1810 South Road, Wappingers Falls

All event dates are subject to change.

Please use the HVSC Website Events Calendar

and Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The February newsletter deadline is January 15th. Please send all articles and photos to:
Alan Imhoff at alanimhoff@gmail.com

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Membership payment due for 2025-2026
Visit the [Membership](#) page to sign up.

A detailed explanation of these revisions may be found on our website:
https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/wp-content/uploads/Documents/HVSC_Constitution_Nov25chgs.pdf

December 2025 proposed changes to HVSC Bylaws

The proposed amendments to our Bylaws, as described in these 3 pages, were presented and discussed at the December 10, 2025 member meeting. These proposed amendments will be voted upon by the membership at the January 7, 2026 meeting, provided a quorum is present.

The proposed additions are indicated by underlined green text and the deletions by ~~strike-through red~~ text.

ARTICLE V - Meetings and Quorum

Section 1 – Meetings

1.1 There shall be at least one regular member meeting held each month from September through April. The election of officers shall take place at the Annual meeting. The first regular meeting in April shall be considered the Annual meeting, provided~~providing~~ a quorum is present and the Board has met all its election duties. If no quorum is present nor all requirements met, the President shall call meetings until there is a quorum, and all constitutional requirements are met. This meeting shall then be considered the Annual meeting.

1.4 The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.

~~4.4~~ 1.5 Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

ARTICLE VI - Eligibility, Nominations, Elections, and Terms of Office

Section 4 - Terms of Office

4.1 The terms of office shall commence and terminate ~~at the annual installation banquet, or~~ not later than thirty days after the Annual meeting. However, it remains the responsibility of outgoing officers to prepare all records associated with the close of the fiscal year on May 31. ~~Transfer of the~~ property~~properties~~ associated with each office shall take place within thirty days after the commencement of the term of office.

ARTICLE VII – The Board of Directors of the Club

Section 2.1 - The President

2.1.1 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, uphold and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club, enforce fiscal policies, and perform the duties usually pertaining to that office.

ARTICLE VII – The Board of Directors of the Club

Section 3 - The General duties and responsibilities of the entire Board of Directors shall be:

3.9. Upon recommendation of the ~~Audit~~Financial Review Committee, the Board will determine whether to have a professional audit or an internal, ~~Audit Committee directed, audit~~ review of the Club's financial records.

3.11. To acquire from the Budget and Finance committee a proposed new annual itemized budget that includes major income sources and expenditures, ~~okay~~approve and publish that new budget no later than the September Newsletter of the new fiscal year.

ARTICLE XI - Permanent Committees

Section 1 - The Committees

1.1 There shall be the following permanent committees:

SKI COUNCIL/~~DISCOUNT TICKETS~~

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~~LODGE~~

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~~AUDIT~~FINANCIAL REVIEW

Section 2 - The duties of the Committees

2.1 Ski Council/~~Discount Tickets~~ - It shall be the duty of this committee to attend as many meetings of the New Jersey Ski Council as possible and to report to the Club the discussions and activities of the Council, and ~~also~~ to report to the Club any correspondence which the Committee may have received. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the chairperson of this committee to serve in the official capacity of Council Representative.

~~It shall be the duty of this committee to acquire and distribute discount ski area lift tickets to the members of the Club.~~

2.3 Instruction Coordinator - It shall be the duty of this committee to promote, coordinate, and educate members with an interest in Alpine, Nordic, Snowboard, and Racing; and to organize events, such as clinics, lessons, and racing. ~~(Duties between Alpine, Nordic, and Snow Board disciplines segregated here in 2005. Racing and Cross Country moved under Instruction with some duties changing in 2011 with each discipline as a subcommittee below in 2011.)~~ This committee shall provide instruction to club members and assist those members who wish to become instructors.

~~2.3.1 Alpine Instruction—It shall be the duty of this subcommittee to provide Alpine ski instruction to members and guests of the Club for all classes of skiers from beginner thru intermediate and advanced, and to assist those members who wish to become certified amateur Alpine instructors.~~

~~2.3.2 Nordic Instruction—It shall be the duty of this subcommittee to provide Cross Country ski instruction to members and guests of the Club for all classes of skiers from beginner thru intermediate and advanced, and to assist those members who wish to become certified amateur Nordic instructors.~~

~~2.3.3 Snow Board Instruction—It shall be the duty of this subcommittee to provide Snow Board instruction to members and guests of the Club for all classes of boarders from beginner thru intermediate and advanced, and to assist those members who wish to become certified amateur Snow Board instructors.~~

~~2.3.4 Race Instruction—It shall be the duty of this subcommittee to formulate, organize and/or assist in all Club races. It shall be the further duty of this committee to educate and inform the membership in matters concerning racing.~~

ARTICLE XI - Permanent Committees**Section 2 - The duties of the Committees**

2.4 Membership Services (Administration, Recruitment, Reception, Retention) – It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all dues and record same, ~~to keep~~keeping an accurate record of those persons who are members in the Club Directory, and to furnish each member paying dues with a Hudson Valley Ski Club membership card. This committee will provide a ~~hard~~copy of the Club Directory to each member on demand. ~~This committee will provide the membership list to create the address labels for the Club Flyer.~~ It shall be the further duty of this committee to maintain an accurate account of those persons attending each regular meeting, and to verify qualifications of persons applying for membership ~~and voting privileges.~~ ...

2.6 Events - (Non-ski, summer activities) - It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate and execute a program of non-ski events and summer activities to provide continuity throughout the non-skiing months. It shall be a further duty of this committee to inform the membership of such activities in the Club newsletter. ~~It shall be the further duty of this committee of instituting and coordinating all fund raising events of the Club.~~

~~2.8 Lodge – It shall be the duty of this committee to look for potential ski lodge rental options for the upcoming season. They will collect all pertinent information on each option and present the options to the Board of Directors for selection of the best possible lodge to satisfy the Club's needs.~~

~~This committee will assume responsibility of coordinating relations, maintenance, and rental agreement between the landlord and the Board of Directors.~~

~~The committee will be responsible for lodge supplies and coordinate and administrate lodge usage by the Club members with the understanding that the Trip Committee is priority user.~~

2.9 Constitution - The Constitution committee ...

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~~This committee may be included under the Miscellaneous budget item.~~

2.12 ~~Audit.~~Financial Review – The ~~audit.~~Financial Review committee oversees and/or performs a proper review of the Club's financial statements, as well as the Club's risk management to include monitoring the internal control environment. Reviews, or Audits, may be external or internal as approved by the Board of Directors. Each member shall be free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the board, would interfere with his or her individual exercise of independent judgment.

A detailed explanation of these revisions may be found on our website:

https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/wp-content/uploads/Documents/HVSC_Constitution_Nov25chgs.pdf