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Board's Message

HVSC Constitution and Bylaws

Proposed April 2026 Updates

by Nonie Kelley, Constitution Chair

The Constitution Committee is proposing a change to the bylaws which will be discussed at the March 4th member meeting. As most of you may know, the club membership year is September 1 - August 31. The fiscal year of the club is June 1-May 31. Finally, our trip sign ups are usually held sometime in June. Since these timelines are not aligned with each other, it has resulted in members signing up for trips but forgetting to renew their membership.

The proposed bylaw changes will move the membership year to June 1-May 31. The exact proposed change can be found below and on the Members Only section of the HVSC website. Please come to the March 4th member meeting to hear discussion and get your questions answered regarding this proposed change. This is a purposefully short timeline so as to implement the change prior to June of this year.

After input from members, these proposed bylaw changes will be voted on at the April 8th membership meeting.

| Proposed Change | Rationale |
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| <p>ARTICLE III - Membership Section 5 - Membership period 5.1 The membership period of the Club shall commence September 1 <u>June 1</u> of a given calendar year, and extend until the last Club meeting of September <u>May 31</u> of the following calendar year.</p> | <p>To minimize confusion regarding membership during trip sign-ups, we propose to shift the membership year to start June 1, which will align with our fiscal year for financial reporting.</p> |
| <p>ARTICLE IV - Dues and other fees Section 1 – Dues 1.5 New members applying after the last April meeting may join as a new Regular member and pay dues according to Sections (1.1, 1.2, and 1.3) within this Article IV and hold all rights as at least a Regular member for the remainder of the current membership period and through the next membership period:</p> | <p>Shifting the membership year to June 1 – May 31 removes the need for an interim membership term.</p> |

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2026 - An Impressive Season for Skiing in the East

The Stowe Trip Delivers!

by Shannon Elkins, Trip Leader



Stowe is in the books my friends and it seems a good time was had by all. The experience might be aptly described as ski, party, repeat! We were blessed by the snow gods, receiving several inches of snow which made skiing awesome!

Staying in the town of Stowe, Vermont is like walking onto the set of a Hallmark movie, so we embraced the theme. Our trip kicked off Monday night with a meet and greet in the library of the historic Green Mountain Inn, circa 1833, where members received their "Hallmark experience starter kit"- a mug filled with goodies essential for their Hallmark experience - hot cocoa, Hershey Kisses and Hugs, and Dove Promises-all sweet essentials. Throw in a peppermint candy spoon and chocolate dipped marshmallows and merriment had begun.

A gourmet sit-down breakfast was included daily and did not disappoint. After skiing all day Tuesday with inches of fresh snow under our feet we gathered in the Village Room for wine, pizza and a movie night. All participants voted on their choice of a romantic movie with the winner being "Moulin Rouge". Many thanks to Jay Brenner for bringing and running the projector.

After another snowy day on the mountain on Wednesday, we gathered to dine at the Von Trapp Bier Hall and Brewery. We enjoyed delicious German fare with a touch of Sound of Music history thrown in.

Thursday...you guessed it! It was another wonderful day of skiing followed by a complimentary wine and cheese event hosted by the Inn. The Inn also provided complimentary tea and homemade cookies daily!



Enjoying the Von Trapp Bierhall includes clockwise- Trip Leader Shannon, Jay, Patty, Terri, Keith, Alan, Joyce, new members Sara and Kevin, and Bob.

Days included visits to the hot tub, sauna, heated pool, and some members got massages. There were also a lot of people partaking in "retail therapy" in the picturesque town of Stowe.

All in all, I do believe everyone had a great time. We started this trip welcoming a few new members and ended the trip picking up two couples who will be joining because they saw how much fun we were having.

They saw how crazy we can be, and they still want to join!



Great job by the staff of the Green Mountain Inn. Any problems small or large were quickly attended to and solved.

Let's do this again soon! Shannon



Guess whose tail ran out of trail!

A Spinoff to the Stowe Trip

Mad River Glen is on the other side of the mountain of Stowe. Having driven to Stowe, and hearing stories of Mad River Glen, two of our members, Chris Chinnock (new member) and Chris Gahn, took an adventure to the other side, and back in time! Chris and Chris both reported back on their fabulous day! They were willing to share their experience below. Enjoy vicariously through them!



Chris G and Chris C.

Chris and Chris Go Around the Mountain and Back in Time

by Chris Chinnock

Following 18 hours of snowfall, Chris Gahn and I decided this was the day to visit Mad River Glen (MRG). Neither of us had ever skied there before, but the rumors of its challenging terrain ("Ski It If You Can" motto) sounded enticing. With 10-12 inches of fresh powder, Thursday, Feb. 12 was the day to go for it.

After an hour's drive, we arrived. The first thing you notice is the small scale of the base buildings and the two chair lifts running up into the snowy clouds. Only 2 of the three chairs were running: a double chair and single chair. MRG is proud of their single chair lift as it reinforces their old school approach. It was our first time riding one as well. Once to the top of the mountain we began a day of runs with fresh snow on every run. We immediately looked for fresh snow in some of the glades off the double chair and were not disappointed. The slopes were moderately steep with good sized moguls, but the heavy fresh powder made for epic riding. The mountain is huge and some slopes are as equally challenging as trails like National and Goat at Stowe. There are lots of glades, some narrow and steep (we only did one of those) and some more open and less steep (which we liked very much). There are also a number of groomed intermediate trails – something that is relatively new for MRG, we learned.

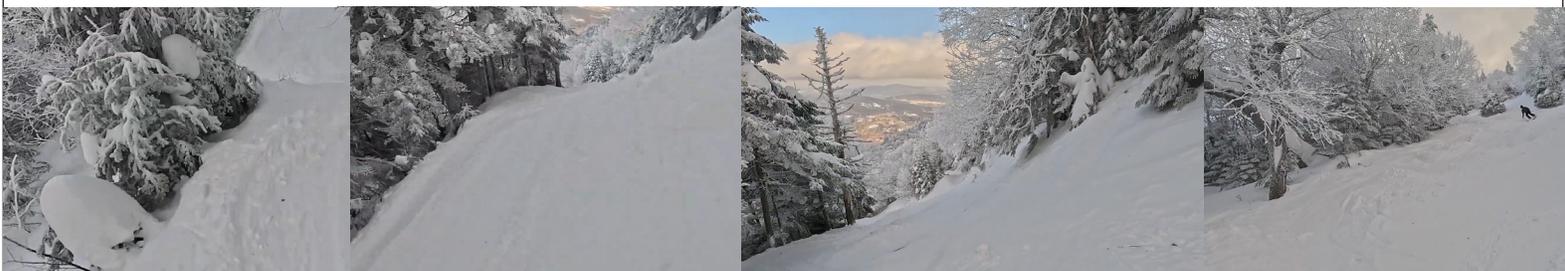
We met many very friendly people in the lodge and after the best ski day of the year, went to the lodge after skiing for some free cheese fondue and refreshments. There, we had a long conversation with two shareholders. Yes, MRG is owned by 2000 shareholders, with a plan to increase that to 2500. There are plans to renovate the base lodge and more. One of them was on the Board of Directors so we were flooded with information. MRG feels like a community ski resort where you can count on bumping into people you know every day there. I will definitely return if I get a chance.



Do you remember these?



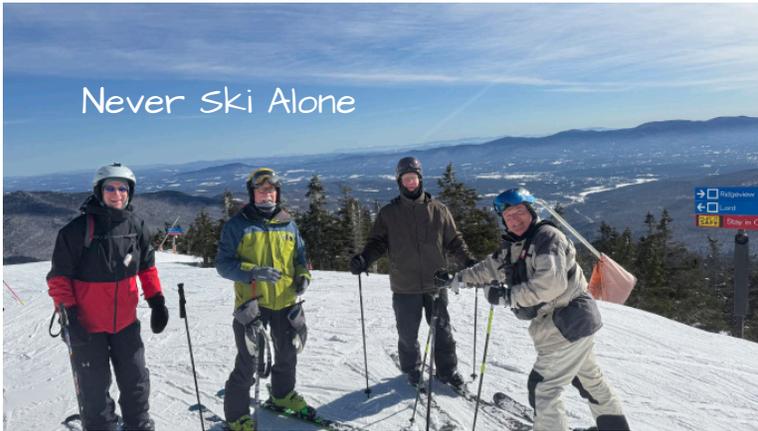
Do you remember this?



L->R above: Still frames captured from Chris Gahn's GoPro video of their adventure at Mad River Glen

Some of the Benefits of HVSC Membership!

Never Ski Alone



Frank, John, Bob, and Dave (new member this year) at Stowe

Meet new people through a shared passion.



Our flag creates an easy conversation starter!

Brush up your technique

Jim Palmieri and Kristen Budich (new members) and I braved the crowds at Belleayre last Tuesday. The indoor seating was packed but the trails were just "reasonably" busy. We had fun matching skis at the end of our turns. Kristen's sister came with her family and they enjoyed the green trails and Magic Carpet.

Dan Croak, PSIA Instructor



Jim and Dan in front of the hourdes at Belleayre

Throughout the year, we welcome new members! Last month was particularly popular and new members are already enjoying the ski season. But our activities continue throughout the off season too. We hope your experience this year encourages you to renew your membership annually and become a vital part of our active group.

*Again, welcome!
Pete Gray, Membership Chair*

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Kristen Budich



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- * Bus between Salt Lake City / Park City

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Separate purchase of Epic Pass thru HVSC
(5-day/6-day Day Pass or "Local Pass")
See HVSC website for purchase instructions

**Park City availability possible -
*one male to share a condo room**

Trip Leader: **Jay Brenner**

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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>

March Events

Mar 4th 7pm Club Meeting Buffalo Wild Wings, 1794 South Rd, Wappingers Falls.

***Mar 7-14** Park City, Utah

Look what's ahead!

The **April meeting will be held April 8th** to avoid Passover, which conflicts with our regular meeting time.

Our new meeting place is 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

Mar 6 di'Vine Wine Bar, 3 Market St, Wappingers Falls

Mar 13 Paula's Runway Cafe, 263 New Hackensack Rd, Wappingers Falls

Mar 20 Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie

Mar 27 di'Vine Wine Bar, 3 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 information.*

Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

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



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