



Membership

Please be reminded that membership registration for the 2010-11 season is just around the corner! September 1, 2010. And new for next season is the family membership is now extended for all family members living at the same address who are up to 21 years old (up from the previous age 18 cut off). Don't forget to save your Membership Cards, as they are now permanent cards on which you will affix future year's CSC stickers.

Rusty Cushman

Bulk Ticket Returns

Return all unused bulk tickets to the following addresses if you want to receive a credit towards next season's bulk ticket purchases.

Tickets must be returned no later than April 25th for credit.

Remember not all mountains give 100% return credit. Credits can be used to repurchase tickets by the end of September 2010, any unused credits will be forfeited to the NSC.

Okemo Tickets return to: John Hunter
150 Salem Dr.
Cromwell, CT 06416

All other tickets return to: Paul Smedley
56 Kingsbridge
Avon, CT 06001

NSC Summer Picnic

Date: Wednesday, July 7th

Place: Churchill Park, Newington, CT

Time: 5:30 p.m. til dark

Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

For more information contact:

Ted Rogala at 860-621-0264

Next Meeting Dates:

April 15, 2010
April 22, 2010*

* Last meeting of the 2009 - 2010 Season. Election of Officers and Board, and Bingo.

ELECTION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Please be reminded that we will be voting for next year's officers and directors at the last meeting of this year, April 22, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 140 Wilson Avenue, Newington, CT

President: Robert "Rusty" Cushman

Vice President: George Lape

Secretary: Carol Vojtila

Treasurer: Nicole Herbst

Board: Kathy McGuinness

Scott Wilson

Maryann Kelly

Jim Clapis

Glenn Johnson*

*Designated as past president.

The floor will be open that evening for additional nominations to be voted on.

Upcoming NSC Events

April 22nd: Officer Elections (at meeting)
Bingo Night (at meeting)
May 6th: Golf League Starts
May 8th: CT Breast Health Initiative Race in the Park
Spring Banquet at Whinstone Tavern
Blooming Metric - Bike Ride
July 4th: Visit with Francoise from France
July 7th: NSC Picnic at Churchill Park, Newington, CT



2010 Golf League Schedule*

16 Weeks @ 4:15 p.m.
Goodwin Golf Course

May 06	Pick Teams & Practice
May 13 to June 10	Round # 1 - 5 Weeks of Match Play
June 17	Position Night
June 24 to July 22	Round #2 - 5 Weeks of Match Play
July 29	Position Night
August	Playoff/Field Day Round 1
August	Playoff/Field Day Round 2
August	Playoff/Fun Night

*Schedule to be pushed up for rainouts
Field Day may be played as a one day tournament

Payment Schedule: 1st half payment of \$126.00 due by May 6.
2nd half payment of \$126.00 due by June 24.

Make checks payable to and mail to:

Carol Vojtila
P.O. Box 157
Plainville, CT 06062-0157
Tel: 860-747-6722

Dinner Reservations: Goodwin Café

CT Breast Health Initiative Race in the Park – May 8, 2010

Join the NSC team on Saturday, May 8, at Walnut Hill Park to support breast cancer research. For a \$26 entry fee you may enter online www.ctraceinthepark.org, team site Newington Ski Club by May 2.

The times for the individual events are:

8:00 a.m. - Male 5K Run
9:00 a.m. - Female 5K Run
11:15 a.m. - 1 or 2 Mile Walk

Please contact Barbara Metzen at 860-667-3681 for further information.

If you cannot attend this event, donations are always welcome.

The Sandstorm

The next edition of the NSC newsletter, will be the summer edition The Sandstorm. Expect to see in sometime mid-July.

Thank you everyone for providing the content of another season of "The Blizzard" NSC's Newsletter.

Doreen and Joel Witkiewicz

NSC Spring Banquet and Awards Night



Date: May 8, 2010

*Place: Whinstone Tavern (at Stanley Golf Course)
245 Hartford Road, New Britain, CT*

\$15.00/pp

Hors d'oeuvres: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Awards

DJ (Neal Fisher)

Dancing

-----cut here and return with your dinner selection-----
Meal Selection: ___ Tilapia w/Lemon-Wine Sauce ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Roast Prime Rib

*Mail with payment to: Ted Rogala
126 East Mountain Drive
Southington, CT 06489*



Monday Night Biking Schedule 2010

Rides Leave Promptly by 6:00
 Important-Sign in before leaving, Sign in when return
 Helmets required for all riders

April Mondays - unofficial rides from Talcott Notch Plaza, Farmington. These are unmarked rides and many times riders leave before 6 p.m. to get in the daylight. Park in lot in the back.

5/3/10

Group ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Hosts: Andy and Charlotte Le Clair 860-283-4889 or 860-307-1682 - Charlotte's cell. St. Gregory's Church, Bristol
 Directions: Take I-84 West to Rte 72 West. Take Washington St. exit off 72. Turn right at end of exit. Travel approx. 3 miles to intersection for Rte 6. Turn left onto Rt.6 West. Turn right at light onto Stafford Ave. St. Gregory's is about ½ mile on the left. The Pavillion is now closed on Mondays, refer to the website for the location of the restaurant.

5/10/10

Group ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club-Host John Eason-860-674-9348 Maradino Plaza, New Hartford

Directions: From Hartford take Rte. 44 West to New Hartford. Ride starts at Maradino's grocery store parking lot, across the street from Satan's Kingdom State Park.

5/17/10

Host: Bruce Laroche cell-860-604-5882 Westfield Shopping Center, Meriden

Directions: Take 84 West to 691 East, exit 5, Take a left off exit ramp enter shopping center entrance across the street from Target. Ride starts at first lot on the left.

5/24/2010

Hosts: Paul Smedley and Michelle Rioux Avon/Farmington

Start at rail trail parking lot on Thompson Rd. Directions-Rt4 Farmington-West right onto Town Farm Rd to end, left onto Old Farms Rd., next left onto Thompson Rd. Lot is on the left after rail trail. Picnic after - 56 Kingsbridge, Avon. Short ride is on flat rail trail for beginners.

Picnic: Continue to end of Thompson, right onto West Avon Rd., 3rd left onto Kingsbridge. Bring bathing suit/towels, hot tub to ease those aching muscles.

5/31/10

No Ride, Memorial Day

6/07/10

Hosts: Joel and Doreen Witkiewicz 860-582-0480 Unionville - Bike trail lot on Rte 4. Directions- 84 to Rte 4 west.

Parking lot is on the right -after go over the bridge of the Farmington River past Unionville center.

Picnic at Joel and Doreen's to follow - 161 Carriage Rd., Bristol

6/14/10

Group ride with Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Host: Deane Young 860-647-8884

141 Center St., Manchester, CT

Directions: Rt. 84 east to Rte 384 east, exit 3. Bear right off the exit ramp and go straight through downtown. At the top of the hill, take a left onto Center St. House is on the right #141.

Gourmet Picnic to follow. Bring a chair, Picnic-Rain or Shine

Important: schedule is subject to changes, please check the ski club website for any updates.

Many of our rides are jointly hosted by Mountain Laurel Ski Club as well as Meriden Ski Club. We appreciate the opportunity to ride together with our other club friends. All rides are marked and maps and emergency numbers are provided. Routes vary with usually a short, medium and long route.

Rides usually begin at 6pm, but try to arrive early to be ready as some riders start earlier. Usually Pizza or a Picnic is arranged for after the ride, with a cost set by the hosts. It's a great chance to eat and socialize after the ride. Hope you can come out and ride with us!

Newington Ski Club Ride Coordinators:

Ron Kapraszewski - 860-621-6382 or kapra@cox.net

Lisa Day-860-628-7395 or LD09@hotmail.com



March Of Dimes Walk America – April 25, 2010

Newington Ski Club will be walking for the 32nd year. Please join us at Willow Brook Park in New Britain by 9:30 a.m. for the walk which begins at 10:00 am. If you cannot walk with us, please consider sponsoring a walker. Many of us are meeting by the second parking lot as you enter from Hart Street.. If you can't park there we will be in that vicinity.

Peter Noyes / McCostis Scholarship Raffle Winners

Thanks to all that supported the McCostis Scholarship Raffle held at Killarney's in Ludlow Vermont on March 26th. It was so great to have so many come to Vermont for the raffle. Pam Bateman, Deb & John Hunter, Bill Kasprzynski, Bruce Laroche, Lorraine Hughes, Andy & Charlotte LeClair, Nancy Humlicek, Kathy McGuiness, John Paturel, Bill & Jeanne Schumann, Carol Vojtila, Mary vonEssen, Marc & Kai Vendetti. Thanks to Jeanne Schumann for taking great pictures.

We were lucky to bring back 3 of the prizes to Connecticut. Shirley Thomassen won the quilt, Lenny Lundquist won a \$30.00 gift certificate at Blue Sky Trading Co., and Nancy Humlicek won a skate board, and then negotiated for Okemo tickets.

Thanks to Lorraine Hughes for all her help this past year, she certainly made a huge effort in promoting the event, selling tickets, and taking care of things in Vermont. Thanks to Pam Bateman, Kathy McGuiness, Mary vonEssen and Carol Vojtila for counting the tickets and helping with the raffle that night.

With your help we were able to add \$1,650.00 to the scholarship fund.

The winners are:

- Handmade quilt made from Batiks by Joan Noyes
Shirley Thomassen, Southington, CT
- Two Luxury nights Echo Lake Inn (non weekend)
John Schaberg, Milton, MA
- \$30.00 Gift Certificate Blue Sky Trading Company
Leonard Lundquist, Rocky Hill, CT
- Four all day Adult Lift Passes Okemo Mountain 2011 Season
Sonia Emeric, Ludlow, VT
- 12 day passes for the Spring House at Jackson Gore
Lucille Dunn, Brightwaters, NY
- Snowflake Pottery Bowl by Susan Leader
Alicia Teitsma, Springfield, CT
- Skate board from Sik City Brownsville, VT
Nancy Humlicek, South Windsor, CT
- 1 Pass to Bromley Mountain Adventure Park
Lucille Dunn, Brightwaters, NY

Thanks again for your support. Joan Noyes

NSC Sympathy. . .

To Felicia Gajda on the death of her husband Paul Noetzel, past president of NSC in 1974-75. For 10 years, he ran Golf weekends to Mt. Sunapee and Kearsarge Country Clubs and also ran the Mt. Sunapee Invitational Ski weekend for over 20 years. He won the Louks award in 1983. He was also active in the Golf League. He was in charge of our NSC Booth at the Newington Extravaqanza for many years.

Blooming Metric – Bike Ride

Date: Sunday, May 23, 2010

Distances: 25 Mile 75K 100 K

Start: Calf Pasture Beach Park
Norwalk, CT

(near East Norwalk NMRR Station, Exit 16 from I-95)

Check-in Time: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Registration: \$25 by April 1st
\$33 May 1st - 19th
\$40 Day of Ride

HELMETS MUST BE WORN

Rain or Shine

Portion of registration fee will be donated to non-profit agencies.

For more information contact:

Carol Sweeney
860-563-6178

A Visit from Francoise – Our Member in France

Francoise will be visiting in early July. There will be a pot luck picnic on July 4th for all her NSC friends that would like to see and visit with her at Bob and Kristine Kaczmarczyk's home. 48 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, CT.



At the same time, Bob and Kristine thought that it would be fun to bring back their annual July 4th Bike Ride for NSC members prior to the picnic.

Bike Ride: 10:00 a.m.
Picnic: 12:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kristine at kjo408@aol.com or 860-243-1304, so she can coordinate food.

Thank You. . .

To everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of my Mother. Also, for the get well cards for my neck surgery.

John Paturel



Tuckerman’s Ravine – Hike Recap

On Saturday, April 10th, due to severe weather in Tuckerman’s Ravine, the NSC hike leaders John Hunter and Bruce Laroche lead a group of thirteen up the 19 mile trail to the Carter Notch Hut and its beautiful surroundings. An enjoyable lunch was held at the hut and a few brave souls in our group went on to climb the very steep Wildcat Ridge.



On Sunday, a smaller group was able to hike Tuckerman’s Ravine. Thanks to John and Bruce for organizing the hike - Well Done!!

Franconia Notch/Lafayette – Hike

A May 15th - 16th hike is in the planning stage for Franconia Notch. We will hike up the bridle pass trail through Greenleaf AMC Hut then Greenleaf Trail to Lafayette. We will either come down the same trail or in good weather, we can go south along the ridge and come down Falling Waters Trail/Bridal Path to the parking lot - a loop.

You can make your overnight accommodations can be made at the Parker Inn for approximately \$49 - \$59/night.

This is for experienced hikers and they need to be prepared for weather that can be a challenge.

For more information contact:

Bruce Laroche
860-828-1558 or uncmoos@comcast.net

Lisa Day
860-628-7395 or LD09@hotmail.com

Sugarloaf Instructor – Rocky Freeman

We have received word that Harold “Rocky” Freeman collapsed on Saturday while participating in the Battenkill Bike Race. He is in the hospital in critical condition. To those NSC Sugarloafers, who know Rocky, he is a top-notch instructor, a good friend, and inspiration to all. Please keep Rocky in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and well wishes can be sent to:

Harold “Rocky” Freeman
c/o Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
One Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756

We will make every effort to add missed names as soon as we are notified. If you know someone who is not getting THE BLIZZARD and should be, or if anyone has any news, or event information to be included in THE BLIZZARD, please let us know. Send all NSC Newsletter communications to:

nscnewsletter@gmail.com



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SKI CLUB MEMBERS SAVE:

\$35 WEEKEND LIFT TICKETS
(reg. \$55) Excludes holiday periods. Show Ski Club ID at Group Booth.

\$25 LIFT TICKETS MON-FRI Excludes holiday periods.

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