



THE BLIZZARD

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Newington Ski Club's Newsletter

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Membership



Hey, Hey!! Winter is here! I hope everyone has registered for their Newington Ski Club Membership. If not, there is still time.

All current year CSC Stickers have been mailed out to members who renewed by December 1st and new Cards have been mailed out to all new members who signed up by December 5th.

If you have not received your sticker or card, please call me at 860-952-6809 or email at: RobertCushmanLLC@yahoo.com. For renewing members, remember to affix your current years CSC sticker on the back of your membership card, right over last years sticker.

Enjoy the ski season and see you on the slopes!

Rusty Cushman

Monday Night Racing

Monday night racing begins December 21st, so sharpen those edges! Also, new this year all members will receive a \$10.00 race fee rebate at the end of the season for each race you enter, no matter how many times you race. NSC also committed a junior program, and is offering to pay for the juniors' race fees at On Snow.

Newington Ski Club has been a force in the Connecticut Ski Council racing scene, and we encourage you all to come out and give it a try. No racing experience is necessary, and boarders are welcome as always. We compete in a Giant Slalom in which each participant gets two (2) runs, and your best run counts towards earning the Club and the individual points. Although you must be at least 18 years of age to participate in Monday Night Racing, beginners to experts revel in the fun.

The State Championship Races will be held January 13, 2010 for the GS and February 10, 2010 for the Slalom, both at Mount Southington. The Downhill, Snowboard and Cross Country races will be March 5, 6, and 7, 2010 at Mount Snow during the On-Snow Winter Carnival.

Scott-Ski

Next Meeting Dates:

December 17, 2009

Christmas Eve - **No Meeting** - December 24, 2009

New Year's Eve - **No Meeting** - December 31, 2009

January 7, 2010*

January 21, 2010

*Pizza Night / January NSC Newsletter Deadline.

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*The
NSC
Officers
And
Board of Directors*

*Wishes all its members and friends
A Safe
and
Happy Holiday Season*

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NSC Christmas Party – Recap

The 2009 NSC Christmas Party at the Whinstone Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course was enjoyed by 60 members.



A festive atmosphere, fine dining, carol singing and dancing made for a great evening.



Thank you to our host, Ted Rogala and our DJ, Neal Fisher for making the evening fun.

CSC – Snowball – Recap

The Hartford-Windsor Marriott once again was home to the CSC Snowball “Nor’easter Dreamin”. The NSC was represented by our Ambassador, Donna Polaske.



A group of 30 NSC members brought their favorite cocktails and dish to share in our Hospitality Room. Steppin’ Out provided great dance music from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Everyone enjoyed dancing the night away. Well done Donna.

On-Snow Winter Carnival

March 5–7, 2010

The Connecticut Ski Council’s big ski party is going to be at Mount Snow this season. It has been many years since this ski area has hosted the On-Snow weekend and I am excited about experiencing this mountain in a whole new way. If you are like me Mount Snow has just been a day trip location or an extra ski day when going up or returning home from more northerly ski destinations. This great CSC event presents an opportunity to hang out and sample more of what the mountain and area have to offer.

So get Friday March 5th on your vacation day calendar and make some lodging reservations for that weekend. Heck book Thursday night too, have a nice dinner out and be on the open slopes first thing in the morning (No Driving). The Newington Ski Club always heads out on Friday evening as a group for some fine dining. If you are familiar with West Dover let us know what establishment you savor.

The event schedule for the weekend is setup just like last year. Friday will be the State Downhill Race, which will be a Super-G event run on South Bowl. This is an intermediate trail so don’t be intimidated. Plus as a pre weekend day the trails will be wide open and you will be able to let your skis rip on any slope. On Saturday March 6th there will be race categories for everyone. There are the Junior A & B races for the children and youth, a Women’s Race, the State Snowboard Race, the Team Race for the elite competitor; plus the Club race for the rest of us. The races are all going to be on Ego Alley, which has its own Chair Lift and a big race shed. It is the building you see on the left half way up as you ride the Grand Summit Express Chairlift to the peak.

Even if you don’t want to race you should come on out and socialize and cheer on the Club’s Racers. Also Saturday afternoon there will be a volleyball tournament between the clubs of the CSC. Join in the fun of playing volleyball in the snow with your ski boots on. The Newington Ski Club will be running a bus for Saturday’s events for those that can not make a weekend of it. (Again No Driving!) But you will be missing out on the Saturday evening dinner and party with awards, dancing and door prize raffle.

Sunday March 7th there will be the State Cross-Country Race and a group of recreational events plus plenty of time for free skiing. There is the Fun Race, which will be some silliness in the snow and the Ski Rally, which is a trivia/scavenge hunt. And what would the weekend be with out the big Tug-of-War in the middle of the day.

I am hoping that event packages will be handed out at this month’s CSC meeting. If so I will be at our next club meeting with the event waivers looking to sign you up to participate. So plan your reservations. The Mount Snow Magazine lists over two dozen classy accommodations. Mount Snow is offering some special pricing on their mountain and slopeside lodging. You could book a double at The Snowlake Lodge for \$109 or for a whole group in a three bedroom condo for \$419. For real luxury there is the Grand Summit Resort starting at \$199. And the special lift tickets for On-Snow are a real bargain; the two day is \$77, that is about what full price weekend is a day!



Check the CSC website for possible updates to this list!!

CSC Awareness Days – 2009/2010

Revised: 9/29/09

Date	Day	Place	Cost	Date	Day	Place	Cost
11/27/09	Fri	Stratton	\$30	2/1/10	Mon	Jay Peak	\$29
11/28/09	Sat	Stratton	\$30	2/2/10	Tues	Jay Peak	\$29
11/29/09	Sun	Stratton	\$30	2/3/10	Wed	Jay Peak	\$29
12/04/09	Fri	Mt. Snow	\$30	2/4/10	Thur	Jay Peak	\$29
12/05/09	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$35	2/5/10	Fri	Jay Peak	\$29
12/06/09	Sun	Mt. Snow	\$30	2/6/10	Sat	Jay Peak	\$29
12/11/09	Fri	Stratton	\$37	2/7/10	Sun	Okemo	\$40
12/12/09	Sat	Stratton	\$37	2/8/10	Mon	Bromley	\$30
12/13/09	Sun	Stratton	\$37	2/9/10	Tue	Bromley	\$30
12/14/09	Mon	Bolton	\$15	2/10/10	Wed	Loon/Waterville	\$32
12/15/09	Tue	Bolton	\$15	2/11/10	Thur	Loon/Waterville	\$32
12/16/09	Wed	Bolton	\$15	2/12/10	Fri	Loon/Waterville	\$32
12/17/09	Thur	Bolton	\$15	2/13/10	Sat	Loon/Waterville	\$32
12/18/09	Fri	Sunapee	\$32	2/14/10	Sun	Ragged	\$32
12/19/09	Sat	Okemo	\$35	2/15/10	Mon	Ragged	\$32
12/20/09	Sun	Okemo	\$35	2/16/10	Tue	Ragged	\$32
12/21/09	Mon	Magic	\$30	2/17/10	Wed	Ragged	\$32
12/22/09	Tue	Magic	\$30	2/18/10	Thur	Ragged	\$32
12/23/09	Wed	Magic	\$30	2/19/10	Fri	Ragged	\$32
12/24/09	Thur	Magic	\$30	2/20/10	Sat	Ragged	\$32
12/25/09	Fri	Magic	\$30	2/21/10	Sun	Sunapee	\$34
12/26/09	Sat	Magic	\$32	2/22/10	Mon	Sunapee	\$32
12/27/09	Sun	Bolton	\$30	2/25/10	Thur	Stratton	\$32
12/28/09	Mon	Bolton	\$30	2/26/10	Fri	Stratton	\$32
12/29/09	Tue	Bolton	\$30	2/27/10	Sat	Ascutney	\$35
12/30/09	Wed	Bolton	\$30	2/28/10	Sun	Ascutney	\$35
12/31/09	Thur	Bolton	\$30	3/1/10	Mon	Bromley	\$30
1/1/10	Fri	Mt. Snow	\$45	3/5/10	Fri	Mt. Snow	\$ **
1/2/10	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$45	3/6/10	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$ **
1/3/10	Sun	Mt. Snow	\$45	3/7/10	Sun	Mt. Snow	\$ **
1/4/10	Mon	Sunapee	\$32	3/12/10	Fri	Sunapee	\$32
1/8/10	Fri	Sugarbush	\$35	3/13/10	Sat	Sunapee	\$32
1/9/10	Sat	Sugarbush	\$35	3/14/10	Sun	Stratton	\$40
1/10/10	Sun	Sugarbush	\$35	3/15/10	Mon	Stratton	\$32
1/11/10	Mon	Stowe*	\$40/1	3/16/10	Tue	Stratton	\$32
1/12/10	Tue	Stowe*	\$61/2	3/17/10	Wed	Stowe*	\$40/1
1/13/10	Wed	Stowe*	\$91/3	3/18/10	Thur	Stowe*	\$61/2
1/15/10	Fri	Sunapee	\$32	3/19/10	Fri	Stowe*	\$91/3
1/16/10	Sat	Ragged	\$32	3/20/10	Sat	Stowe*	\$115/4
1/17/10	Sun	Ascutney	\$35	3/21/10	Sun	Stowe*	\$144/5
1/18/10	Mon	Mt. Snow	\$40	3/24/10	Wed	Sugarbush	\$35
1/22/10	Fri	Okemo	\$35	3/25/10	Thur	Sugarbush	\$35
1/23/10	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$39	3/26/10	Fri	Sugarbush	\$35
1/24/10	Sun	Mt. Snow	\$39	3/27/10	Sat	Okemo	\$35
1/25/10	Mon	Stratton	\$32	3/28/10	Sun	Okemo	\$35
1/26/10	Tue	Stratton	\$32	3/29/10	Mon	Sunapee	\$32
1/27/10	Wed	Stratton	\$32	4/2/10	Fri	Mt. Snow	\$30
1/28/10	Thur	Stratton	\$32	4/3/10	Sat	Mt. Snow	\$30
1/29/10	Fri	Stratton	\$32	4/4/10	Sun	Mt. Snow	\$30
1/30/10	Sat	Sunapee	\$34	4/9/10	Fri	Stratton	\$30
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				4/11/10	Sun	Stratton	\$30

Please extend every courtesy and a sincere thank you to these ski areas and staff for their participation.

Members MUST show valid CSC Club Membership card and can ONLY purchase one ticket for each CSC sticker on the membership card.

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Tickets are available at the following pickup locations ONLY and sales close at 1:00 p.m.

Ascutney: Base Lodge ticket counter

Bolton: Base Lodge Guest Services

Bromley: Any open ticket window

Jay Peak: Tramside Customer Service office

Magic: Base Lodge ticket office

Loon/Waterville: Any open ticket window

Mt. Snow: Sundance Lodge Group Office

Okemo: Group Services Trailer

Ragged: Any open ticket window

Stowe: Spruce Camp Base Lodge

Stratton: Any open ticket window

Sunapee: Spruce Lodge Group Sales Office

Multi-day tickets are not refundable

* For example any 3 consecutive day Adult Stowe ticket is \$91, 6-12/65+ less

** On-Snow Carnival Special Pricing - see www.skiclub.com for On-Snow information.



Pete Noyes Memorial Hike

Thanks to all the people that came out for Pete's memorial Hike. The weather was awful but everyone was in great spirits....It was a great tribute to Pete.

Thanks to everyone that brought a dish to share, and especially to Kris and Bob for their warm hospitality. The French fries were the hit of the day.....the food and companionship was special.



The following came: Pam & Carol Bateman, Joyce & Richard Borkowski, Rusty Cushman, Catrina Fox, Lisa Day, Rob & Claire Dexter, Andrea Frenz, Josh Frenette, John, Deb, Megan, Emily Hunter, Wayne, Suki, Ben & Will Holzman, Lorraine Hughes, Glen Johnson, Nancy Humlicek, Kris and Bob Kaczmarczk, Ron Kapraszewski, Bill and Fran Kasprzynski, Sue & Jason Koski, George Lape, Bruce Laroche, Lenny Lundquist, Joe Machowski, Jeff Mazur, Adele & Gene Mancini, Kathy McGuiness, Barbara Metzen, Marilyn Milliken, Dianne Denton, Rita McCarthy, Joan Noyes, John Ogorzalek, Fran Paturel, Ted Rogala, Deb Rogala, Carol Sweeney, Jenine Sullivan, Paul Smedley, Michelle Rioux, Joyce Thorner, Shirley Thomassen, Mike, Marybeth, Mia, Jimmy & Jack Vendetti, Ellie & Jim Vendetti, Roxanne Vendetti, Janice Vendetti, Mary von Essen, John & Jeanne Wischenbart. Also we had 4 well behaved dogs that joined us.

Thanks again for your support,

Joan

**Remember to Register
your Membership
at www.active.com**

Newell Stamm Night

Newell Stamm Night was held at the NEC meeting on December 3rd. There was a large attendance by current members, past presidents, members from long ago, and Newell's family and friends.



Newell and other older members related stories and memories of ski seasons past. Starting in 1946, Newell is a charter member, past president, very active current member and friend to all. Pizza and cake were served and Ted Rogala led us in a rousing chorus of our famous "three cheers" for Newell. It was a great evening.

ASIA X-C Ski Refresher/Certification Weekend January 23 - 24, 2010

If you'd like to refresh your X-C skiing and teaching skills, or you are an experienced X-C skier and would like to become an ASIA Certified X-C instructor, come join us! You'll not only learn to teach beginners, but you will vastly improve your skiing skills and technical understanding of the sport. If you are just looking to meet other folks who love to ski and want a great weekend experience, join ASIA and come ski with us.

This is NOT a learn-to-ski event. You should be an experienced X-C skier to participate. Those who attend will be spending time enjoying the winter playground at the base of Killington with top PSIA coaches, who will guide and coach the groups.

The cost of the two days of X-C ski instruction by top PSIA pros is only \$110. Trial passes are additional and can be purchased by cash or check at the time of sign-in on the program date. Sign-up deadline is January 8, 2010. All applications must be received in the ASIA office by January 8, 2010. The ASIA website and additional information can be found at: <http://asiaski.com>. For further information call Sue Poirier at 802-228-3308, or email her at spcolby@gmail.com



Margarita Man – Says “Thank You”

WOW - What a party!!

About 65 people got to experience the hospitality at the home of Ron Kapraszewski with the help of Lisa Day.

Their chefs, Bryon and Ivan K, did a fantastic job on the grill.

Ron, Lisa, Mary, Dean Young George Lape and many others brought outstanding dishes

The new blender is fantastic and I now have able assistants in Neal, Frannie McPhee and Dean.

Joan Noyes made Fran and I a beautiful quilt with matching pillow cases in a Mexican theme.

T-E-Q-U-I-L-A - I must have enough for another party - LOL, NOT!!

To all you generous people who cared enough to share my day, I say: “THANK YOU and LET’S PARTY ON!!!

JOPAT

Ski Butternut

Ski Butternut embraces NSC members by offering them a significant savings when they choose to visit Ski Butternut, located in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of SW Mass.

Show your membership card at the Group Booth and ski on weekends and midweek holidays for just \$35 (reg. cost \$55).

Our Ski Club savings are valid for all NSC members and just as importantly the savings carries over to their immediate family members.

NSC members will receive the following when visiting Ski Butternut: Lift Tickets \$35 (Club members save up to \$20) Rental skis or snowboard pkg. \$25 (Club members save up to \$10). Group Lessons \$15 (Club members save \$20)

The above discounts are available every Saturday, Sunday and on all midweek holidays (except for the 3-day MLK 1/16-1/18/2010 & Presidents weekend 2/13 - 2/15/2010)!



NSC Classifieds

For Sale: Okemo Mountain Chalet. Great location - ½ mile to Base Lodge. 3 BR / 1 bath, 1,000 S.F., new metal roof, new windows, propane baseboard heat, wood stove, cathedral ceilings, furnished. \$315,000.00. Contact Jeanne/Bill Schumann at 860-436-2260.

For Sale: Ski Pod for car roof. Reasonable. Contact Lorraine Hughes at 860-240-4056

For Sale: Brand new skis. K2 Comanche skis. 167cm. Retail price \$350. Asking: \$150. Contact Kathy McGuiness at 860-667-1038.

Okemo Ski Rental: Village house (2 units): Call Ted Rogala at 860-621-0264 for prices and dates.

Ludlow: Beds available on seasonal basis: For availability, rates and information call: John Paturel at 860-628-9131.

Okemo Winterplace Rental: 2 bedroom condo available for weekends or midweek. Sleeps 6, ski in/ski out, indoor pool and hot tubs. Call Jeff Lepage at 860-621-8877.

Skis Tuning: FAST (Farmington Area Ski Tuning) - Basic tune (\$20.00). Race wax service available. Base grinding and repairs also available. Holmenkol products used exclusively. Call: Bob Kaczmarczyk (860) 985-6415



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:

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