



THE BLIZZARD

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Newington Ski Club's Newsletter

Web site: www.newingtonskiclub.net

Membership

We've Grown!! We're up to 590 members and counting. Tell all your friends, Newington Ski Club is one of the few club s to continue accepting members the entire month of January and into February. All current year's NSC Cards and CSC Stickers have been mailed out to members who joined by January 5, 2010.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call me at 860-953-6809 or email me at RobertCushmanLLC@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to save your Membership Cards, as they are now permanent cards on which you will affix future year's CSC stickers.

Enjoy the ski season and see you on the slopes!

Rusty Cushman

Monday Night Racing

Monday Night Racing is three weeks in and we are standing strong in 2nd place behind AE and ahead of Mt. Laurel.

Absolutely awesome!

We can still get to 1st place, with everyone coming out to ski a run or two. Everyone gets points and pizza.

The State Championship Races was held January 13, 2010 for the GS and Slalom will be on February 10, 2010 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

2010 Ct Winter Games for Seniors

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Location: Ski Sundown
126 Ratlum Road
New Hartford,

CT Events: Giant Slalom, Downhill, Cross Country, Snowshoe.

For more information go to www.skisundown.com from click on 2010 Senior Winter Games, then Information.

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Got Tickets??

Okemo

Tickets Still Available

\$54.00/Adult

\$45.50/Young Adult

\$34.50/Junior

**Contact: John Hunter
At**

mtholly@sbcglobal.net

First Come - First Serve

Next Meeting Dates:

January 21, 2010

January 28, 2010

February 4, 2010 *

* Pizza night and deadline for March Newsletter.



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Golf League – Dues Deadline

Golf League Members

Goodwin Golf Course Contract is due. Deposits to hold your position in the golf league are due by January 31, 2010.

Amount: \$33.00 per person

Make Checks Payable to: Carol Vojtila

Mail to Carol at: P.O. Box 157
Plainville, CT 06062

Contact Carol if you have any questions at: 860-747-6722

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!



Sugarloaf – 2010 – Another Year!

NSC's annual ski trip to Sugarloaf, Maine was taken by 45 members, including kids. Everyone enjoyed fabulous skiing this past week. 125 trails including the snow fields were open.



The Sugarloaf instructors and hosts feted the NSC to two wonderful Apres ski parties at the Widowmaker and Shipwatch Lounge.



The kids along with many adults enjoyed the National Marionette production of Hansel and Gretel. Everyone had a great week.



Many thanks to our trip organizers, The Hunter Family.

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

Stratton – Sunday Family 4-Pack

Chris Muller, a new NSC member, regularly skis at Stratton, and found this deal worth sharing. Stratton, along with other mountains, are getting pretty aggressive in their attempts to increase their Sunday traffic. They have a new offer this year that is pretty incredible. It's called the Sunday Family 4-Pack. The following information is from the website:

For only \$99, spend Sunday afternoon with the family! Includes a pizza from Grizzly's and 4 afternoon lift tickets.

- \$99 (including tax) - includes 2 adult and 2 young adult ½ day afternoon tickets and 1 regular pizza from Grizzly's
- ½ day afternoon rentals available for \$20 (including tax) per person
- Available all non-holiday Sunday afternoons starting in December

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



“Thank You”

Thank you all at NSC for you kind thoughts on the death of my Mother. She was 95, had a great life, and was ready to go for a while. She will be missed dearly, but we are happy that she got her wish without any suffering.

John and Fran Paturel

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)!



The Bill Johnson Health Care Trust

Vertical Challenge Fund Raiser

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Ski Sundown

126 Ratlum Road
New Hartford, CT

Special Guests: **Bill Johnson**
1984 Olympic Men's Downhill Champion
Phil Mahre
3-time World Cup Overall Champion
& US Olympic Gold Medalist

FOR MORE INFO GO TO WWW.SKISUNDOWN.COM

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:

nscnewsletter@gmail.com



There are numerous ski trips offered by other CSC member clubs. Please go to www.skiclub.com for links and further information.

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www.skiclub.com**