



## Membership

Thank you all for participating in the Newington Ski Club. We have a great group of members and we look forward to your continued membership throughout the years. Many of you signed up in the last few months. Keep in mind for next season that you may sign up as early as September 1, 2010. As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call me at 860-952-6809 or email me at Robert.CushmanLLC@yahoo.com. Don't forget to save your Membership Cards, as they are now permanent cards on which you will affix future years' CSC stickers. Enjoy your Spring Skiing.

Rusty Cushman

## Soup, Stew & Chili Night – Recap



Many thanks to all who cooked and made donations to this benefit for Skiers Unlimited. NSC has made a donation to this worthwhile organization for young challenged skiers for many years now. Thank you all!!

## Pete Noyes Scholarship Fund

Great prizes ....please take a raffle chance for only \$5.00 to support the McCostis Scholarship Fund to raise money for a scholarship in Pete's name for a Ludlow youth in the pursuit of skiing and competing excellence. Thanks to many that have already taken a chance... see page 3 for more info. . .

### Next Meeting Dates:

March 18, 2010  
March 25, 2010  
April 1, 2010 \*

\* Pizza night and deadline for March Newsletter.

## 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

## Upcoming NSC Events

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Officer Elections (at meeting)  
Bingo Night (at meeting)  
May 6<sup>th</sup>: Golf League Starts  
May 8<sup>th</sup>: Spring Banquet at Whinstone Tavern at Stanley Golf Course  
July 14<sup>th</sup>: NSC Picnic at Churchill Park

## Monday Night Bike Rides

While many of you are still skiing, we are thinking about the 2010 Bike season. Monday Night Bike Rides are just around the corner. The unofficial rides begin on Monday's in April at the Talcott Notch plaza in Farmington, weather dependent. These are unmarked rides so be familiar with the area. We have been told there are some road issues along the usual route this year. Try to get there early as some riders leave before 6pm.

The hosted Monday night rides begin the 1st Monday in May and start at 6pm.

We are starting to work on the 2010 bike schedule. Please contact Ron or Lisa if you would like to host a ride. We start the schedule early to coordinate with Mountain Laurel ski club and Meriden ski club. All rides need to be marked and have maps (or queue sheets) and emergency numbers. Routes vary with usually a short, medium, and long ride. If you are interested in hosting a ride and have never done one before, we are happy to help.

Usually pizza or a picnic is arranged for after the ride with a cost to be set by the hosts. It's a great chance to eat, ride, and socialize. Hope you can come out and ride with us!

Ron Kapraszewski-860-620-3498  
Lisa Day-LD09@hotmail.com



## Monday Night Racing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!!

NSC finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 2010 MNR, not in 3<sup>rd</sup> as previously reported. New NSC Member Fran McPhee's 20 points were awarded to Mt. Laurel at first, and then correctly awarded to Newington.

So, we finished behind AE and just 19 points ahead of MTL!!

Thanks to all NSC members who participated.

Thanks to all!!

Scott Wilson

## Bulk Tickets – Still Available

The following bulk tickets are still available. If anyone's interested, contact Paul Smedley at [Paul.Smedley@hs.utc.com](mailto:Paul.Smedley@hs.utc.com) or 860-404-8809.

Resort	Quantity Available
Mt. Snow	3
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## On-Fire @ On-Snow – Recap

The Newington Ski Club burned up the slopes at the CSC Winter Carnival and the temperatures tried to match our results. We enjoyed three gorgeous days at Mount Snow, the sky was bright and clear and the temperature climbed to 50°F each day! It was cold over nights so the snow stayed firm and held up well, though the race courses did rut a bit under the fierce competition. Waiting for race starts was no big deal as you could just soak up the sunshine. Perfect spring skiing! This years event easily rivals last years at Okemo and we had great participation and got great results, Thank You ALL. We are the winners of the On-Snow Competition.

Mt Snow set up the State Super G on South Bowl. It was more of an expanded GS race than a Super G. It was a nice course that could just be skied, but the real racers posted times that approaching times of an average racer on Mt Southington for Monday Nights. The Newington Ski Club turned out 17 racers for this Friday event. We took first place thanks to Simona Raneri's 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at 43.75 and Fran McPhee's 6<sup>th</sup> place finish at 37.96.

Saturday got off to a slower start because the Council wanted to insure better course conditions for the Women's Race and the Team Race. Mount Snow ran all of the day's race events on Ego Alley with its own lift and big race shed. After some technical difficulties racing started mid-morning with the State Snowboard Race. Bridgette Soucy, Rusty Cushman and David Dyson competed and got 4<sup>th</sup> place for the Club. The Junior Races followed. We only had two racers; Emily and Megan Hunter which garnered us a participation point. Emily took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Junior B.

For the serious competition the races ran the full length of the course. To this point only the top of the course was used for snowboarding and the bottom for the children. This turned out to be a much more challenging and longer course than the Friday downhill. Both our first Women and Team Racers crashed and blew out of the course! This was a tight technical transition from the steeper top

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section to the lower gentle section that proved difficult for many of the fastest racers. Simona Raneri somehow managed to crank through for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and with Maryann Kelly and Lorraine Hughes help we it took 4<sup>th</sup> place. The men in the Team Race were much less conservative and had a tight grouping of times that took first place for the club. Stuart Jones @ 48.82, Fran McPhee @ 50.05, Jeff Lepage @ 50.77 and Glenn Johnson @ 51.67 earned our 10 points, but Jim Good was right there with a 52.47 in the top 20.

The Club Race was not run until the afternoon. This change moving event from its usual late morning start time had us worried about fielding a volleyball team for 3:00pm as we had our Club's normal large participation in the event. We took another first place for NSC, slaughtering the competition by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall. Thank you John Hunter @ 53.61, Rusty Cushman @ 55.23, Michael Kallberg @ 55.77, David Dyson @ 56.80 and Allen Hilliard @ 58.03. We now have the honor of running the ski racing at next year's Winter Carnival.

Despite our concerns Volleyball went our way. We had to play three games to take first place. Fortunately we were able to even field a team to get started and as we progressed through the tournament more of our member showed up and we were able to substitute better players as the competition got tougher. In fact the last game was tied 21 all before we could put Winterset away by two.

The evening festivities included a hardy dinner at the Silo Restaurant for fourteen of us on Friday night. Saturday the CSC had the Banquet and Awards Party at the Grand Summit Hotel right on the mountain. We only turned out 10 diners, but we added some for the party afterwards. This is a nice facility and they provided a high end fixed menu meal for us to enjoy. They even included the hotel valet parking. Danbury Ski Club's après ski Mudslide Party was harder to find this year but a few of us still made it. Guess we played too hard because only few couples stayed after the raffle drawings for more dancing.

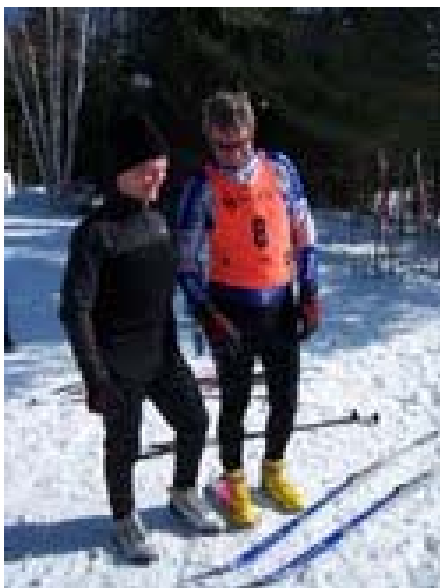
We were all ready to roll again on Sunday. Michael Kallberg took 1<sup>st</sup> in the State Cross Country Race for the men and Maryann Kelly took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the women giving the Club first Place. Rusty Cushman, Ron Kapraszewski and David Dyson also competed, with David taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Kristine Kaczmarczyk did another wonderful job organizing our efforts with the trivia question of the Ski Rally. There was a little concern when we discovered we had missed an answer that required a second trip to the North Face. Winterset turned their answers in first but we waited and got all the correct answers for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The Fun Race was as wild as ever. We had the misfortune of being the first club entered and the other clubs had had the advantage of being able to learn from our mistakes. Bob Kaczmarczyk started by dragging George Lape up hill on a snow tube. George then had to jump on his skis and ski to the next station with a balloon between his legs, which was to be popped by sitting on it. Then Rusty Cushman then had to hit a shooting target with a snow ball before Catrina Fox and David Dyson could start the three legged race. They had to navigate series of slalom gates to get to the end and pickup and sound the air horn. It all when well until the wind blew away the balloon as George tried to sit on it. Bob had to chase it down and bring back. Luckily Rusty has an accurate arm and nailed the target in short order. Our time stood up for second place as the other clubs encountered other troubles.

Despite valiant efforts from the Clubs heavy hitters we were only able to advance one round in the Tug Of War which left us with fourth place and very tired. It was a fun weekend for all. Hope you are all looking forward to next year. We are going to need your help defending our standing. Congratulation on our First Place Finish!

George Lape  
Newington Ski Club - On-Snow Coordinator

### ON SNOW PHOTOS





# Peter Noyes / McCostis Scholarship Raffle

*Supporting Okemo Valley Youth  
In the pursuit of excellence*

Drawing: March 26<sup>th</sup> – 2010 at 8:00 P.M.  
At Killarney's – Ludlow Vermont

## Prizes

*Handmade quilt made from Batiks by Joan Noyes*

*Two Luxury nights Echo Lake Inn (non weekend)*

*\$30.00 Gift Certificate Blue Sky Trading Company*

*One all day Adult Lift Pass Okemo Mountain 2011 Season*

*12 day passes for the Spring House at Jackson Gore*

*Snowflake Pottery Bowl by Susan Leader*

*Skate board from Sik City Brownsville, Vt*

Winner need not be present to win

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Apply Donations to the following scholarship:*

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|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Sue McCostis Free Style</i> | ( ) | <i>Dick McCostis Scholarship</i> | ( ) |
| <i>Pete Noyes Skiing</i>       | ( ) | <i>Kevin Stillwell Snowboard</i> | ( ) |
|                                |     | <i>Other</i>                     | ( ) |

**Returns to: Joan Noyes, 1485 Flanders Road, Southington, Ct 06489**  
**Make checks payable to McCostis scholarship fund**

Donation..... \$ 5.00



## Tuckerman's Ravine - Hike

The NSC Annual Tuckerman's Ski/Hike will occur on April 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. The hike will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Come join us on this awesome experience. We will be staying in the Jackson/Conway area on Friday night, hiking into the ravine and skiing on Saturday morning/day. We will recap our hiking experiences over dinner that night. A hike/ski may be possible on Sunday.

For more information contact:

John Hunter  
860-635-3257 or mtholly@sbcglobal.com

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

## Franconia Notch/Lafayette - Hike

A May 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.

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

**SKI CLUB MEMBERS SAVE:**

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## NSC Classifieds

**For Sale:** Final 4 ticket for sale....The price is \$175.00, the place San Antonio....April 4th and April 6th are the games. Contact Mary vonEssen 860-257-3588

**Lift Tickets - Vermont areas at least 40% off.** Contact: Ted Rogala at 860-621-0264.

**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:** Two Killington tickets for sale \$50 each - contact Jeff Lepage at 860-622-9003

**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.

**Lodging Rental:** On Bus route. Reasonable rates. Three places available. 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



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