



THE BLIZZARD

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Newington Ski Club's Newsletter

Web site: www.newingtonskiclub.org

The President Says. . .

A NEW YEAR!

Wow! All I can say is "Wow!" On, and "I Palindrome I." Who said there's no snow in Paradise. We just got off to a fantastic first Monday Night Racing with over 20 participants including at least 7 new racers. And that is on the week of our annual Sugarloaf trek. There was plenty of snow and pizza to keep us satiated. And that is just the beginning of 2012. We've got another bus trip on January 21st, and a boatload of activities to fulfill your winter anti-hibernation dreams. So head for the hills - along with your skis, snowboard and fellow club members.

Robert A. "Rusty" Cushman
NSC President

BUS TRIP SCHEDULE

1/21/12

Sat. - Mt. Snow - CSC day.
\$43.00 plus \$20.00 for bus.

2/19/2012
NSC CLUB DAY

Sat. - Magic Mountain
Cost to be announced.

3/24/12

Sat. - Okemo - CSC day.
\$37.00 plus \$20.00 for bus.

Next NSC Meeting Dates:

January 19, 2012
January 26, 2012
February 2, 2012 - pizza night

Monday Night Racing



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After the first week of Monday Night Racing, [NSC is in 2nd place with 438 points, trialing AE in first with 640 points.](#)

Come on out and help get NSC to first place, and a three-peat of our 1st place finishes of the past two years.

\$30 includes lift ticket and racing. This includes the pizza. NSC reimburses \$15 per night of racing.

Registration is 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm above the cafeteria in the lodge to the right as you walk up to the mountain's entrance. Races begin at 7:30 pm.

Call Mt. Southington Race Information 860-628-7669 x243 to confirmation that the mountain will be open for racing.

SOUP, STEW & CHILI NIGHT



February 16th
7:00 p.m.

Monetary donation accepted
In support of CCSC's
Adaptive Ski
Program

Bring your favorite soup, stew, chili or dessert to share.
Set up begins at 6:30 p.m.



Sugarloaf Week – Recap

Newington Ski Club members (26 skiers) had another great year at Sugarloaf.



Trail counts were down due to lack of snow in New England, but the trails that were open were in great shape.

Temperatures were 10 – 30 degrees most of the week with 5 – 7 inches of new snow on Thursday.

Most of us worked on our skills during daily group lessons and made friendships with other guests of the resort.

We enjoyed yet another great buffet dinner party Tuesday evening with enough leftovers for 2 more dinners.



Friday was cut short due to lift closures at noon because of lightening in the area. Next year I'll be changing the trip date to March with hopes to get some snowfield and tree skiing!

John Hunter

In Our Thoughts. . .

Thoughts and prayers to Glenn Johnson and his family on the passing of his mom.

Thank You To:

John Hunter for organizing another great weeklong trip to Sugarloaf.

Membership

Membership usually picks up with a little surge during the Holidays, but not this season. We now have six hundred sixty skiers and snowboarders ready to hit the slopes, but we need some snow for the slopes. For those that have been to the mountains we have had to make do with man-made snow as winter has not gotten going. Maybe that is why there is still a sizable chunk of our membership from last year that we have not heard from. Unfortunately, I had to notify 108 people and their families that their membership is in-the-rears and they will not be reading this. So, at this point I am not expecting that membership for the season will meet the about 750 total from last year.

Membership will remain open into March, so for those that need snow in their backyard and find their way to our website at newingtonskiclub.org, it is not too late to renew or join. Our membership page will take you to the registration on active.com. Remember you do not need to join active.com to join the Newington Ski Club! I will also continue to have paper applications at the Ski Club meetings. Once you have joined, you will be provided with the current year's CSC sticker to affix to your card. New members will receive a permanent membership card with the 2011/12 Connecticut Ski Council sticker on it.

I have pulled together a draft of this season's Roster and will be working on proofing it and working with our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster to get it ready for publishing. I expect to have copies in hand at the end of the month and you should be able to pick up your copy at the February Pizza Meeting. Then you can see who we haven't accounted for and help track them down. Better yet, we will see real snow and they will just show up.

Finally, please provide your personal email address at signup, so we do not inundate our Club volunteers with automated "out of office" replies.

George Lape
Membership Chairperson

XC Skiers – Save These Dates

Sunday, January 29th
Sunday, February 5th

Pam Bateman will be planning day trips - destination to be determined depending on weather and snow conditions.

If you want to be notified of XC ski and/or snowshoe events which may be planned on short notice, send your email address and phone number to Pam at: pb8mn23@aol.com

State Races

GS - 1/18/2011 - Mt. Southington
S - 2/15/2012 - Mt. Southington
DH - 3/2/2012 - Pico
Snow Board - 3/3/2012 - Pico
X-Country - 3/4/2012 - Pico (Mountain Meadows)



Connecticut Ski Council Awareness Days for 2011-2012 – PRELIMINARY

Members MUST show valid CSC Club Membership card and can ONLY purchase one ticket for each CSC sticker on the membership card. Tickets are available at the listed pickup location ONLY and sales closed at 1 PM.

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

John G. Filakovsky: jfilakovsky@microphase.com 203-831-2228

Revised: 9/7/2011

Date	Day	Place	Cost	Date	Day	Place	Cost	Date	Day	Place	Cost
12/2/11	Fri	Stowe**	\$43/1	1/19/12	Thur	Pico	\$30	2/28/12	Tue	Stratton	\$36
12/3/11	Sat	Stowe**	\$64/2	1/20/12	Fri	Mt Snow	\$36	2/29/12	Wed	Stratton	\$29
12/4/11	Sun	Stowe**	\$96/3	1/21/12	Sat	Mt Snow	\$43	3/1/12	Thur	Pico	\$30
12/9/11	Fri	Killington	\$36	1/22/12	Sun	Stratton	\$41	3/2/12	Fri	Killington	\$***
12/10/11	Sat	Killington	\$36	1/23/12	Mon	Stratton	\$36	3/3/12	Sat	Killington	\$***
12/11/11	Sun	Killington	\$36	1/24/12	Tue	Stratton	\$36	3/4/12	Sun	Killington	\$***
12/12/11	Mon	Bolton	\$20	1/25/12	Wed	Jay Peak	\$33	3/8/12	Thur	Mt Snow	\$36
12/13/11	Tue	Bolton	\$20	1/26/12	Thur	Jay Peak	\$33	3/9/12	Fri	Mt Snow	\$36
12/14/11	Wed	Bolton	\$20	1/27/12	Fri	Jay Peak	\$33	3/10/12	Sat	Mt Snow	\$46
12/15/11	Thur	Bolton	\$20	1/28/12	Sat	Jay Peak	\$36	3/11/12	Sun	Mt Snow	\$46
12/16/11	Fri	Okemo*	\$34	1/29/12	Sun	Burke	\$35	3/12/12	Mon	Killington	\$40
12/17/11	Sat	Okemo*	\$38	1/30/12	Mon	Burke	\$32	3/13/12	Tue	Killington	\$40
12/18/11	Sun	Mt Snow	\$33	1/31/12	Tue	Burke	\$32	3/14/12	Wed	Stowe**	\$43/1
12/19/11	Mon	Mt Snow	\$33	2/1/12	Wed	Burke	\$32	3/15/12	Thur	Stowe**	\$64/2
12/20/11	Tue	Mt Snow	\$33	2/2/12	Thur	Burke	\$32	3/16/12	Fri	Stowe**	\$96/3
12/21/11	Wed	Mt Snow	\$33	2/3/12	Fri	Mt Snow	\$36	3/17/12	Sat	Stowe**	\$120/4
12/22/11	Thur	Loon/Waterville	\$33	2/4/12	Sat	Mt Snow	\$46	3/18/12	Sun	Stratton	\$41
12/23/11	Fri	Loon/Waterville	\$33	2/5/12	Sun	Okemo*	\$44	3/19/12	Mon	Stratton	\$36
12/24/11	Sat	Loon/Waterville	\$33	2/6/12	Mon	Okemo*	\$37	3/20/12	Tue	Stratton	\$36
12/25/11	Sun	Loon/Waterville	\$33	2/7/12	Tue	Killington	\$40	3/21/12	Wed	Killington	\$40
12/26/11	Mon	Loon/Waterville	\$37	2/8/12	Wed	Killington	\$40	3/22/12	Thur	Pico	\$30
12/27/11	Tue	Magic	\$35	2/9/12	Thur	Pico	\$30	3/23/12	Fri	Pico	\$30
12/28/11	Wed	Magic	\$35	2/10/12	Fri	Killington	\$40	3/24/12	Sat	Okemo*	\$37
12/29/11	Thur	Magic	\$35	2/11/12	Sat	Pico	\$37	3/25/12	Sun	Okemo*	\$37
12/30/11	Fri	Magic	\$35	2/12/12	Sun	Killington	\$42	3/26/12	Mon	Okemo*	\$32
12/31/11	Sat	USE BULK		2/13/12	Mon	Loon/Waterville	\$33	3/30/12	Fri	Mt Snow	\$33
1/1/12	Sun	Mt Snow	\$46	2/14/12	Tue	Loon/Waterville	\$33	3/31/12	Sat	Mt Snow	\$38
1/2/12	Mon	Mt Snow	\$36	2/15/12	Wed	Loon/Waterville	\$33	4/1/12	Sun	Mt Snow	\$33
1/3/12	Tue	Mt Snow	\$36	2/16/12	Thur	Loon/Waterville	\$33	4/6/12	Fri	Stratton	\$31
1/6/12	Fri	Sugarbush	\$42	2/17/12	Fri	Loon/Waterville	\$33	4/7/12	Sat	Stratton	\$31
1/7/12	Sat	Sugarbush	\$45	2/18/12	Sat	Loon/Waterville	\$37	4/8/12	Sun	Stratton	\$31
1/8/12	Sun	Sugarbush	\$42	2/19/12	Sun	Ragged	\$43	4/13/12	Fri	Killington	\$36
1/9/12	Mon	Sugarbush	\$42	2/20/12	Mon	Ragged	\$43	4/14/12	Sat	Killington	\$36
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Purchase Awareness Day tickets at:

Bolton: Base Lodge Guest Services
Burke: Sherburne Lodge Ticket Window
Jay Peak: Tramside Customer Service
Killington: Snowshed Base Lodge
Loon/Waterville: Any Open Ticket Window
Magic: Base Lodge Ticket Office
Mt Snow: Sundance Lodge Group Office
Okemo: Group Services Trailer
Pico: Any Open Ticket Window
Ragged: Any Open Ticket Window
Stowe: Spruce Camp Base Lodge
Stratton: Any Open Ticket Window
Sugarbush: Any Open Ticket Window

*Multi-day tickets are not refundable

**For example any 3 consecutive days

***ON SNOW Carnival special Pricing - CANNOT USE BULK TICKETS
 See www.skiclub.com for ON SNOW information

Adult Stowe ticket is \$96 Ages 65+ and 6-12 less

Dates to Remember:

12/25/2011 - Christmas Day
 12/31/2011 - New Year's Eve
 1/16/2012 - Martin Luther King Day
 2/14/2012 - Valentine's Day



NSC Club Day

February 18, 2012

At: Magic Mountain

Cost: TBD – Includes: Races and Lunch

Don't want to drive, a bus will be going for an additional \$20/pp. Includes Beverages (soda/water) and snacks for the ride home.

2 Pick-Up/Drop-Off Locations:

West Hartford bus leaves at 6:00 am

from Commuter lot at Exit 30, Rt. 9: I-84 to Rt 9 South, Exit 30 Right at end of ramp. (Across from Target on Hartford Rd New Britain)

Windsor bus leaves 6:30 am

from Windsor Shopping Center Route 159. I-91 North, exit 35B, Right at Rt 218 stop light. Left at Rt 159 stop light, Windsor Shopping Center. Ocean State Job Lot is on right

For information contact: Glenn Johnson at 203-233-8263

Bulk Ticket Procedures

RETURNS: If you have unused bulk tickets at the end of the ski season that you purchased from NSC, you may return them for credit towards bulk tickets at the same ski resort when you order bulk tickets for the next ski season.

By no later than April 30th, please return Okemo bulk tickets to John Hunter and all other resort bulk tickets to Gail Goddard. If bulk tickets are not returned by this date, credit will not be given towards next year's bulk ticket orders. No cash refunds and no exceptions.

Please **DO NOT** send bulk ticket orders or returns to the NSC P.O. Box, because your orders or returns may not be received on time.

Okemo: John Hunter
150 Salem Drive
Cromwell, CT 06416

All Others: Gail Goddard
176 Pennywise Lane
Glastonbury, CT 06033



On Snow Winter Carnival – March 2 – 4, 2012

The Connecticut Ski Council's big ski party is going to be moving to Killington this season. This is the first time that the On-Snow Weekend will have ever taken place at two ski areas. The Ski Racing is going to be held at Pico and other events will be held at Killington. We had a good time last year; we had such great turn out for the Newington Ski Club that we won the competition between the ski clubs. In fact we performed so well on the race courses that we earned the responsibility to run the racing events once again. But fear not as we can shoot for our third win in a row without being burdened with this task as you can only be required to do it twice consecutively. We trust that everyone will support the effort to make sure the race events come off without a hitch; to maintain the Newington Ski Club's good reputation. Again, Ron Kapraszewski has taken on this responsibility and will be looking for volunteers to work the events and prep the bibs and race rosters.

So get set for Friday March 2nd as the first event is the State Downhill Race. If you are serious about this event and your overall standing in the State Race Series you will need to book lodging for Thursday night as the event is run in registration order. The registration starts at 7:30am, day of. As for the rest of us it is an excuse to take the day off and go skiing at a discounted price. Plus you will already be in town Friday evening as the Newington Ski Club always heads out as a group for some fine dining. If you have a favorite place let us know what establishment you savor.

The event schedule for the weekend is setup pretty much like last year. On Saturday March 3rd there will be race categories for everyone. There are the Junior A & B races, the Women's and Team Races for the elite competitor; plus the Club Race for the rest of us; and there is the State Snow Board Race. The races are all going to be on B Slope at Pico Mountain, which has its own Chair Lift which goes up a nasty out cropping of rock, but don't be intimidated as the B Slope is a great race hill suitable for both novices and experts. Even if you don't want to race you should come on out and socialize and cheer on the Club's Racers and Ron will be looking for your help. For some reason children are always in short supply for our roster in the Junior Races. Please talk to your little kids and teenagers and see if you can drum up some interest. We can get points just for participation and don't need them to be competitive.

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. We expect that this will be held at Pico also. We will let you know after the full packet of information is handed out at this month's CSC meeting. The packet will also contain information of the dinner being held in the Grand Ballroom of the Killington Grand Hotel on Saturday night. We will get back to you with the menu and pricing. This dinner is by reservation only so you will need to purchase tickets ahead of time. The sales have to be turned in at the February CSC Meeting so keep your ears open. If you miss out or have other diner plans you can still come by after 8:00pm for the Après Ski Party which includes the children's race awards, a DJ, dancing and raffle prizes.

Sunday March 4th there will be the State Cross-Country Race and a group of recreational events plus plenty of time for free skiing. The Cross-Country Ski Race will be held at Mountain Meadows which is below the bottom of the Killington Access Road. The other Sunday morning events are all family oriented. There is the Fun Race, which will be some silliness in the snow and the Ski Rally, which is a trivia/scavenger hunt. And then, what would the week end be without the big Tug-of-War in the middle of the day.

For lodging and discount information contact the Killington Resort Group Sales Department at 800-432-0100 and tell them you are with the Connecticut Ski Council. Also you can communicate with them via email at groupsales@killington.com. There is special ticket pricing for the weekend and **BULK TICKETS CANNOT BE USED FOR THIS EVENT**. One day price is \$57 - Adult, \$52 - Young Adult and Seniors, and \$42 - Junior and Super Seniors. Two day price is \$109 - Adult, \$96 - Young Adult and Seniors, and \$80 - Junior and Super Seniors. Three day price is \$149 - Adult, \$132 - Young Adult and Seniors, and \$107 - Junior and Super Seniors. Not a real bargain, but it is a huge mountain and if you ski hard you can get your money's worth. I will be at our next Club meeting with the event waivers looking to sign you up to participate. So plan your reservations.

George Lape
On-Snow Coordinator



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Binding Install \$40

Sale, Swap, Buy or Barter

For Sale: Two - 2 day lift tickets for Crested Butte Mountain Report. Also, 6 vouchers for Burke Mountain, VT. Note: THESE ARE NOT BULK TICKETS. For information call: Steve or Carol at 860-276-9410.

Ludlow, VT Rentals: Rent by week or weekend. On Okemo bus route. Very reasonably priced. Contact: Ted Rogala at 860-621-0264.

Looking For: Washer and Dryer. Please contact Ted Rogala at 860-621-0264.

NSC Newsletter

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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