



THE BLIZZARD

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Newington Ski Club's Newsletter

Web site: www.newingtonskiclub.org

The President Says. . .

Well, it may not quite look like winter, but the calendar does not lie. We are turning the page on fall and preparing for that oh so hallowed time we call "the ski and ride season." And with that we enjoy the relaxation of the Powder Day away from the hustle and bustle of friends and family, for there are no friends on Powder Days. But, lo and behold, the rest of our days we do have friends and family, both of which may well be your fellow Newington Ski Club Members. And I would like to take this moment to thank our members Adela Martinez for doing a terrific job with the Open House, Jill Bennett for capably representing Newington Ski Club as our Ambassador at the Snowball, and Ted Rogala for making the Holiday Party an overwhelming success. New get out there an wax those boards and sharpen those edges, for we are in for an el Nino treat. Happy Holidays everybody!!

Robert A. "Rusty" Cushman
NSC President

BUS TRIP SCHEDULE

12/28/11

Wed. - Okemo Mt. bulk tickets to be used.
\$57.00 plus \$20.00 for bus.

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.

Membership

Membership had a big surge in November! We now have over six hundred skiers and snowboarders ready to hit the slopes. Plus there are still over 250 people including their children who were members of the Newington Ski Club last year who have not renewed yet. If all of them return to being Club Members we will exceed our 750 members of last season.

So, if you are among the missing head to our website at newingtonskiclub.org, it is not too late to renew. I will even give you until Christmas to have your name included in this year's Roster. Our membership page will take you to the registration at 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 meeting. 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.

I have about caught up with all of the registration as of the 1st of December. Your Membership Cards and/or CSC stickers have been mailed out. If you have not received your 2011/12 sticker by the time you read this Newsletter, please contact us and I will track it down. As the ski season is about upon us, I will attempt to turn your applications around in just over a week. I only had to replace two membership cards last season, but this season I have already lost count of the member of replacements made. Remember we are using permanent membership cards, so please hold on to them. They may not be as valuable as your credit cards or as important as an ID, but to the avid skier and boarder they are close.

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

Next NSC Meeting Dates:

December 22, 2011
January 5, 2012 – Pizza Night
January 19, 2012



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

On-Snow Winter Carnival–March

2nd – 4th

It is not too early to start thinking about the Connecticut Ski Council winter Carnival. The big On-Snow Weekend will be taking place in Killington Vermont this season. This will be 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 Mountain and all the other events will be held at Killington Mountain. The Killington - Pico Ski Resort is a big place so it is going to take a lot of us to make our usual impact. So start talking it up; get as many friends interested and geared up as you can, for what has always been a good time.

This is a fun-filled weekend of socializing and competition between the ski clubs that make up the CSC. Friday, March 2, 2012, will be the State Downhill Race, and a day of free skiing for most that can take the three day weekend. Saturday, March 3, 2012, there are events for all with Junior races, the Team race for

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the serious competitor, and the Club race for anyone who enjoys the challenge of some gates, plus there is the always fun snow volleyball. On Sunday, March 4, 2012, there will be the State Cross-Country Race, and the Ski Rally and Fun Race, which are recreation events everyone can participate in.

So start making your plans to join in for what always is a great weekend of group skiing, Killington has a lot of lodging options, but like anywhere the best ones book up fast, so you will want to make your plans soon. We are hoping to get a lot of whole families to come out. The Newington Ski Club has finished in first place in the overall competition the last two years and we would like to make it three. With some better children's participation, clinching it again would be easier. We ran the racing at last year's event and will be doing so this season. Ron Kapraszewski is looking for volunteers to help out for a couple hours at Pico. The weekend is not all about competition, most of it is about socializing and having fun. Saturday night there is a nice sit-down dinner at the Killington Grand Hotel followed by a lite après ski party with a DJ. Lee Cohen at Killington Ski Resort is the On-Snow Coordinator and is trying real hard to put it all together for this first time as host. So google Killington, call the resort, or come to a Club meeting, so you can figure out how to put the Winter Carnival on your calendar. **NOTE: BULK TICKETS CANNOT BE USED FOR THIS EVENT. SPECIAL TICKET PRICING WILL BE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT ANY TICKET WINDOW.**

George Lape
NSC On-Snow Coordinator

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)



Ski & Snowboard Tune-Up Clinic

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th
8:00 p.m.

Alpine Haus of Wethersfield

The clinic will cover the basics of how to strip old wax off equipment, sharpen edges, and maintain equipment so it has a long life. After the clinic, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase tuning supplies at a 15% discount.

Thank You To:

NSC for selecting me as NSC's Connecticut Ski Council Outstanding Member.

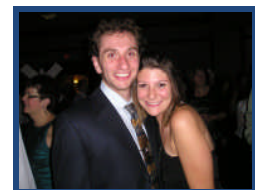
Doreen Witkiewicz
Editor, NSC Newsletter

Bulk Tickets – A Few Left

NSC still has 15 Mt. Snow and 10 Stratton (Adult) bulk tickets remaining for purchase. If interested in purchasing more bulk tickets, please contact Gail Goddard at: gcgodda@aol.com.

Snow Ball – Recap

This year's Snowball was well attended by a number of NSC members. There was plenty of fun, dancing and camaraderie.



A great time was had by all attendees, who danced well into the night, and partied in various hospitality suites.



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.

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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
1/10/12	Tue	Sugarbush	\$42	2/21/12	Tue	Ragged	\$43	4/15/12	Sun	Killington	\$36
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1/13/12	Fri	Stowe**	\$96/3	2/24/12	Fri	Ragged	\$43				
1/14/12	Sat	Ragged	\$43	2/25/12	Sat	Ragged	\$43				
1/15/11	Sun	Ragged	\$43	2/26/12	Sun	Stratton	\$41				
1/16/12	Mon	Killington	\$42	2/27/12	Mon	Stratton	\$36				
1/17/12	Tue	Killington	\$40								
1/18/12	Wed	Killington	\$40								

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



Ski & Snow Board Tune-Up

Newington Bicycle

1030 Main St
Newington CT
860.667.0857
www.newingtonbike.com



Skis

\$29.99 Ski Club Members **\$19.99**

Snow Boards

\$39.99 Ski Club Members **\$29.99**

Binding Check

\$19.99 Ski Club Members **\$14.99**

Binding Install \$40

NSC's Holiday Party – Recap

Sixty Newington Ski Club members, attended NSC annual Holiday Party at J. Timothy's. All enjoyed a sit-down dinner and dancing. Thank you to Ted Rogala for planning such a great dinner party.

Sale, Swap, Buy or Barter

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

Sugarbush Room Share: A ½ share of room (2 queen beds) shared with a couple with dog in 6 bedroom ski house on Sugarbush Access Road. Also close to Mad River Glen and Stowe. Industrial sized kitchen and Great Room, complete with wi-fi, cable TV, and hot tub. \$1,900 for the entire year from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012. Contact: Rusty Cushman at 860-953-6809 or via email at RobertChushmanLLC@yahoo.com

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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