



THE BLIZZARD

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Newington Ski Club's Newsletter

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The President Says. . .

March Gladness!

Well Halleluiah to March! Now that we've got all the February golf weather out of the picture, we are able to begin our snowstorm activities such as On Snow, Okemo Bus Trip, Daylight Savings Skiing and eventually Spring Skiing. But first, a sincere thanks to all who made the Soup, Stew & Chili Night a rousing success, whereby we were able to donate \$1,000 to Skiers Unlimited, the adaptive ski program of the CT Children's Medical Center Foundation. Thanks also to Glenn Johnson for putting on a great Club Day. And thanks to all who showed up for Monday Night Racing, as your Club again took 2nd Place in entire CT Ski Council! But now for the Snows of Killington-jaro. What an On Snow performance by your Newington Ski Club! A Three-peat performance on the largest setting at The Beast that is Killington. A hearty Congratulations and Thanks to all who participated, especially to Ron Kapraszewski and George Lape for their tireless and highly successful labors. Now everyone go out there and get in your season's worth of skiing and riding!

Robert A. "Rusty" Cushman
NSC President

Next Year's Officers and Directors

Please consider being an Officer or Director for 2012-13. It gives you an opportunity to get more involved in these exciting times with your Newington Ski Club. Board meetings take place only once a month from August to March, generally prior to a regular meeting, so there is not a big time commitment. What is more important are your ideas, opinions, and visions. Please contact our Nominating Committee members John Hunter, John Paturel or Joan Noyes, to find out more about the positions and openings.

Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 19, 2012.

LAST BUS TRIP

OKEMO

March 24th

Cost is: \$37.00 for a lift ticket and \$20.00 for the bus.

End the season with a great ski party at the Loft at Okemo

Please use Pay-pal or get a check to Shirley Thomassen by March 22nd.

Questions call Shirley 860-302-1713

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

Next NSC Meeting Dates:

March 15, 2012

March 22, 2012

April 5, 2012 – Pizza Night



Recap from On-Snow Weekend 2012

Dog Gone!! We done did it again!! The Newington Ski Club has come out on top once more in the friendly competition between the ski clubs of the CSC at the Winter Carnival. Those that showed up on Friday March 2nd at Pico Mountain were greeted with a half foot of fresh snow. This made for great play on the slopes off the peak, but it was too heavy, wet and soft for the Downhill Race on B Slope in the base area. The Pico race crew had us slip course multiple times to try to clear a line down through to the firm snow beneath. We got it pretty good, but as a few of us experienced if you lost the proper line you were done. With its steep initial drop from the starting platform it was a fun course with Club times ranging from 45 to 70 seconds. Our fastest racers were Stuart Jones and new member Deb Adams. It was a joy to spend the afternoon playing in real snow, which we have had so little of this season. For dinner most of the Club's skier plus some early arrivals for the weekend went the Back Behind Restaurant in West Bridgewater. We had reservations for thirty and filled two and a half of the tables set aside. We thought our group numbering near half their capacity would have to select from a limited menu, but we had the full selection from barbeque to seafood and fowl. The food was great and it was great to see the place fully restored after the flood deviation of Storm Irene.



We were worried about Saturday March 3rd because the weather forecast was for rain. I packed multiple jackets figuring they would get soaked through, but we made out fine as it was only cloudy and damp in the morning with some fog up at the top of Pico. In fact we had to deal with bright sun shine by the time volleyball started in the afternoon. The Pico/Killington Ski Racing Crew, including our own Jim Good, set us another good course from the middle of B Slope to the base. The day started with the State Snowboard Race. Ryan Jarish was our top finisher placing 8th David Dyson and our president Rusty placed 10th and 12th and Shawn Jarish finished 11th in the children's division. As typical we did not have any Junior A Racers, but had three Junior B Racers. Emily Hunter took first place with a time of 28:44. And we need to thank Victoria Conroy and Shawn Jarish for Club's 3rd place as we would like them to continue to participate in On-Snow, because next year Emily will be joining our Women's Team.

Adams entered the race. Though they were not our most confident group, they all performed solid in mid-pack behind Deb Adams' 2nd place overall, giving NSC 3rd. Deb Adams also joined our Team Race entry, using knowledge of the course to better her time by 38/100 for a 25:25. The rest of the Team entries were Brian Dumond, Jeff Lepage, Stuart Jones, Fran McPhee and Glenn Johnson. Stuart with a 24:54 was our top finisher in 6th place, but because of depth of our team we took 1st place in Team. And talk about depth we absolutely crushed in the Club Race! Only two other skier outside of the Newington Ski Club finished in the Top 10; John Hunter and Michael Witkiewicz finished one, two; followed by a tight grouping 5th through 10th. We have our own Ron Kapraszewski to thank for organizing all this great racing fun, plus thank you to all our club volunteers who made it run smooth. As this is our third win Ron gets to pass the responsibility on to the Manchester Ski Club for running the racing events for the Connecticut Ski Council next year.

We can thank Bruce Laroche for being able to have the volleyball tournament, as there was only one court this year and he provided the net and poles. The Newington Ski Club was fiercely competitive taking down Hamden and Winterset ski clubs in the preliminaries and finally defeating our Monday Night Racing nemesis A&E to take first place. It was such a warm sunny afternoon we didn't even mind waiting, because there were suppose to be two courts. For the big Après Ski Party it was up to the Killington Grand Hotel for a dinner followed by music and dancing. We had three full tables from the Newington Ski Club for dinner and some more showed when the DJ got going. The meal was equal to that provided by Mt Snow last year and the banquet hall was bigger. The raffle prizes were an odd bunch of stuff, some apparently leftover from the Snow Ball, but the dinner was enjoyable and some of us had fun dancing.



For Sunday's events I don't have all the results yet, as most people were interested in getting on the slopes of Killington for some serious skiing. We had six entries in the Cross-Country Race down at Mountain Meadows; Mike Kallberg, Maryann Kelly, David Dyson, Sherry Soucy, Rusty Cushman and Catrina Fox. You will need to check with them on how they did, we may have come in second. For the Ski Rally Lorraine Hughes managed the effort and we have the Conroy's to thank for getting all the answer correct in 50 minutes for 1st place! I ski Killington with some frequency, but only came up with one answer; they live it! What happened in the Fun Race I can't real say as I was having too much fun skiing. We did manage the five person entry and they had to balance a ping pong ball on a Frisbee and use two people to move a balloon without holding it. Like I said everyone was having too much fun skiing so when it came time for the Tug-of-War Rusty Cushman, Katy McGuinness and I picked up the rope and dropped it a few times for four place points.

Congratulations Newington Ski Club! We get the complete results for the next Newsletter.

George Lape
Newington Ski Club
On-Snow Coordinator



Golf League

If interested in participating in the golf league, contact Carol Vojtila at 860-747-6722.

If there are any openings in the golf league they will go to NSC members first.



Monday Night Racing

NSC FINISHED IN 2nd PLACE

CONRATULATIONS

TO ALL MONDAY NIGHT RACERS

Thank you to those who came and supported the NSC Racing Team.

REMAINING AWARENESS DAYS

Connecticut Ski Council Awareness Days for 2011-2012

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
3/12/12	Mon	Killington	\$40
3/13/12	Tue	Killington	\$40
3/14/12	Wed	Stowe**	\$43/1
3/15/12	Thur	Stowe**	\$64/2
3/16/12	Fri	Stowe**	\$96/3
3/17/12	Sat	Stowe**	\$120/4
3/18/12	Sun	Stratton	\$41
3/19/12	Mon	Stratton	\$36
3/20/12	Tue	Stratton	\$36
3/21/12	Wed	Killington	\$40
3/22/12	Thur	Pico	\$30
3/23/12	Fri	Pico	\$30
3/24/12	Sat	Okemo*	\$37
3/25/12	Sun	Okemo*	\$37
3/26/12	Mon	Okemo*	\$32
3/30/12	Fri	Mt Snow	\$33
3/31/12	Sat	Mt Snow	\$38
4/1/12	Sun	Mt Snow	\$33
4/6/12	Fri	Stratton	\$31
4/7/12	Sat	Stratton	\$31
4/8/12	Sun	Stratton	\$31
4/13/12	Fri	Killington	\$36
4/14/12	Sat	Killington	\$36
4/15/12	Sun	Killington	\$36

Purchase Awareness Day tickets at:

Killington: Snowshed Base Lodge

Mt Snow: Sundance Lodge Group Office

Okemo: Group Services Trailer

Pico: Any Open Ticket Window

Stowe: Spruce Camp Base Lodge

Stratton: Any Open Ticket Window

*Multi-day tickets are not refundable

**For example any 3 consecutive days

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



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Ski Butternut

\$40 HOLIDAY LIFT TICKETS
\$20 savings

\$35 WEEKEND (non-holiday) LIFT TICKETS
\$20 savings

\$25 RENTAL
\$10 savings

\$20 LESSON
\$20 savings

Discounts valid Saturday, Sunday & Holiday weekdays
Not Valid: MLK weekend 1/14-1/16/12 & President's weekend 2/18-2/20/12

Details at: www.SkiButternut.com → Lift Tickets → Ways To Save
413-528-2000 GREAT BARRINGTON, MA

Sale, Swap, Buy or Barter

For Sale: Bulk tickets (CSC Members only): 6 Killington, and 1 Jay Peak. Contact John at: johno911@gmail.com or 802-275-0070

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.

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Newington CT
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www.newingtonbike.com

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\$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

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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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