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Warning: Last Newsletter unless you **RENEW** your Membership

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come join us for an evening of excellent food, great music, and super people to renew friendships.



Kitty's on the Canal

December 10 6:00-7:00 PM cash bar
7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM 'tit... dancing with DJ Don Brown



Menu will include: Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Francaise,
Kitty's Famous Broccoli, Roasted Potatoes, Cavitelli Cake and Coffee.

Call Virna Thibault at 725-0166 or e-mail: [mood 772000@yahoo.com](mailto:mood772000@yahoo.com) or
Susanne Torres at 724-7461 or e-mail:
susannet@adelphia.net

40th REUNION PARTY

We need your help!!! Looking for current addresses of former members.... We are having a contest - FREE LIFT TICKET to member who turns in most correct addresses before Thanksgiving!!! Reunion Weekend is April 21 - 23, 2006, but we need to get a jump on things and want to send a mailing out.

Bring addresses to meeting, mail to Ski Club at PO Box 327, New Hartford, NY 13413, or e-mail to Tom O'Hara at oharatom@verizon.net or membership@geskiclub.org

Don't miss out on a chance to ski for free!!!!!!!!!!

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HAPPY HOURS:

(Begin after work, although, many arrive after 6)

Dec 2nd, Hotel Utica

Dec. 30th, Radisson Hotel

Jan. 13th Piggy Pats Pickle Pig Pub

Jan. 27th, The Doghouse, corner of state & Columbia st.

Feb. 10th, Tiny's Grill State st. Utica

Feb. 24th, Vineyard Washington Mills Oneida St.

**Newsletter Article must be received by
December 23th, to be in the Jan. newsletter**

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

Dec 8th, Gore Demo Days \$ 19 lift tickets

Dec 10th, Christmas Party Kitty's on the Canal

Jan 8th, Bus trip to Jiminy Peak

Jan. 15th, Day trip to Labrador Mt. Carpool

Jan 20th,--22nd, New Hampshire weekend

Jan. 28th, Betty's XC and chili Ski Day

Feb. 25th, Tony's & Jan's XC Ski Day

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

Just think, 4 months of winter. Wow! What great opportunities for those of us that ski. It makes me smile every time I here someone saying how they hate the winter. I suppose we should be tolerant of those who haven't found the secret to life - Skiing.

As we ponder the great truth of life - **"I ski there for I am"** - we should all give thanks for our good fortune and invite those less fortunate to join us.

For the new members welcome and please be assured that as enjoyable as socializing at the meetings maybe it doesn't compare to the fun we have on the Trips.

I hope to see each and every one of you out enjoying the opportunities that our ski club represents.

Randy

General membership meeting

Are held at the American Legion Post # 1113 in Whitesboro at 7:30 P.M. Meetings are Usually the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from Oct. to April. Guests are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

Donna Pratt) or

Roger Pratt—736-1206

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEB PAGE

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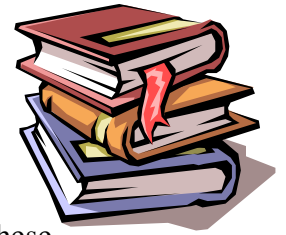
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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA ? Consider giving one of these.

Buy One Of The Entertainment Books For Discounts and 2-For-One Deals On Utica- Rome- Syracuse Area Recreation, Restaurants, Movies, Skiing And Much More. Example of some deals are skiing at McCauley Mt, Song, Labrador, Toggenberg, Snow Ridge, Whiteface; Golf Courses included are Oriskany Hills, Alder Creek, Delta Knolls; Movies @The Uptown Theatre, Various Local & Fast Food Restaurants, State Fair Tickets, The MOST Museum, Utica Zoo, Bowling at Vista Lanes and The Pin-O-Rama.

Support your Club. The Club Does Make Some Money On The Sale Of These. Contact Mike Hardiman At 732-2826 Or Email me at mjh0610@Netzero.Net

Club Merchandise

We are selling long and short sleeve T – shirts and golf shirts. The shirts have a skier logo and the name of the club on the front, and to commemorate our 40th, anniversary the (T shirts only) have the slogan “40 YEARS AND STILL GOING DOWNHILL” printed on the back. Currently we have a limited number of the shirts in indigo blue, however we can get the shirts in maroon, forest green, and black. If you would like to purchase one please contact Dave Barr at 859 –1167. We would like to place an order ASAP. The price of the long sleeve T and golf shirt is \$ 14.00. The short sleeve T is \$ 8.00.

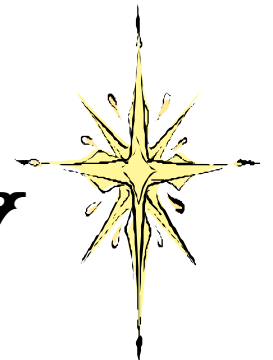
Notice

At our December 6th, General Membership meeting admission will be donated to the Utica Food Bank. Also for the holidays you are asked to bring to the meeting any canned goods and non-perishable dry goods. PLEASE be generous for those in need this season. All donated items stay locally.

Questions: Call Donna Pratt @736-1206



SOMETHING NEW



At the general membership meetings each month we will be using name tags.

We have so many new members we have come up with a system of helping them identify board members (Blue tags) to new members (Red tags). Please go out of your way to make new members feel welcomed.

Hockey Night in Utica



The Syracuse Crunch is coming to the Utica Auditorium Wednesday, February 15th, Let's see if we can get a large group together and cheer them on. Sound good to you? Call Pat O Hara @ 525-7288 for more info.

For Sale

**Snowboard 158 cm, Burton Boots and Liquid bindings \$ 250.
Phone 768-2331 Ask for Kathy**

The Top 10 Ways To Get Ready For The Ski Season

10. Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk- in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards, burn two \$50 dollar bills to warm up.
9. Go to the nearest hockey rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.
8. For ski boot simulation at home, put a pebble in each of your street shoes and tighten a C-clamps around your toes.
7. Buy a pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.
6. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$6.50 for a hamburger. Be sure to wait in the longest line.
5. Clip a lift ticket to the zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.
4. Drive slowly for five hours - anywhere - as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an 18 wheeler.
3. Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button and let the spray blast your face. You'd almost believe you're skiing in front of a snowmaker!
2. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom.
1. Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday.

New Hampshire Ski Weekend January 20-22, 2006

Join us in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire for a great weekend of skiing at Bretton Woods and Cannon Mountain.

Bretton Woods is known for its well groomed cruising terrain and spectacular views. BW offers 101 trails with a wide variety of terrain, 200 inches of snow annually, 434 acres, 1500 vertical drop, 10,560' longest run, 9 lifts including 4 high speed quads.

Cannon Mountain is set amid the natural beauty of Franconia Notch State Park. Cannon offers 55 trails – 9 novice, 26 intermediate, and 20 expert trails. Vertical drop is 2146'. Cannon offers 7 lifts including a 70 passenger Aerial Tramway to speed you to the summit!

Nordic skiers: There are 100 kilometers of trails for classical and skate skiing, plus snowshoeing. Lift-serviced cross-country and snow shoeing trails, starting near the top of the Bretton Woods alpine area. Warming yurts are located on several trails.

Trip cost is **ONLY** \$375.00 and inclusions are:

RT coach from NH Shopping Center to Lincoln, NH and return
Sandwiches and drinks en route
Lodging at the Indian Head Resort, double occupancy, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner.
Transport to ski areas by our bus and/or shuttles



The Indian Head offers outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, gift shop, large dining room, entertainment nightly with large dance floor and more!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$150 by Oct. 15, \$125 by Nov. 15 \$100 by Dec. 15

For further info and/or questions, feel free to call Marci Green, 737-8936 or Chuch Balser, 797-3069.

ATTENTION TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE TRIP IS DEC. 6. WE HAVE 7 OPENINGS. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SIGNED UP, SECOND PAYMENT OF \$125.00 WAS DUE NOVEMBER 15. PLEASE SEND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.

QUEBEC:

WE HAVE 7 OPENINGS ON THIS TRIP. SEDOND PAYMENT OF \$200 IS DUE DEC. 15

TELLURIDE:

7 OPENINGS ON THIS WESTERN TRIP. SECOND PAYMENT OF \$200 IS DUE DEC. 1.

PLEASE SEND TO: GE SKI CLUB, ATTN. TRIPS, PO BOX 327, NEW HARTFORD, 13413.

TELLURIDE TRIP - MARCH 11-18, 2006

We have **FOUR** spaces available for our week long trip to Telluride. If you are planning to sign up, please do so as soon as possible. Send a \$500.00 deposit with trip form to: **GE Ski Club, PO Box 327, New Hartford, NY 13413.**

The cost of trip is \$1400. Payment schedule:

1st - \$500.00 ASAP, 2nd \$200 by Dec. 1, 3rd \$200, by Jan 1, 4th \$200 by Feb. 1, and final \$300 by March 1. We are flying out of Rochester very early in the morning on the 11th.

Questions, contact Marci at 737-8936 or 723-5709.

Canadian Ski Weekend - February 16-19, 2006

This trip is filling up fast! Get your deposits in. We'll be skiing Mont-Sainte Ann, Le Massif, and Stoneham. Our home will be in Old Quebec City at the Manior Victoria Hotel. This is a Thursday-Sunday trip leaving Thursday afternoon. Cost is \$475.00 including coach, hotel with three full buffet breakfasts, luggage handling, and lift tickets for 3 days.

Payment Schedule: \$200.00 by Nov. 1, \$175 by Dec. 15, \$100 by Jan. 15.

Contact Marci 737-8936 or Chuck 797-3069 for further details

Jiminy Peak Day Ski Trip

January 8, 2006



Come join us for a day of skiing at Jiminy Peak located in the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts.

Jiminy Peak offers 43 trails with a variety of terrain, 170 acres, 1150' Vertical Rise, 2 mile longest run, 8 lifts including the 5 minute six-passenger high speed "Berkshire Express Six".

Trip cost is **ONLY** \$55 and includes:

Bus from NH Shopping Center to Hancock, Mass.
Day Lift Ticket

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Sign up now and pay \$55 by Dec. 06

For further info and/or questions, feel free to call Chuck Balser, 797-3069 or Marci Green, 737-8936.



Alpine Skiing Day Trips

Thursday, December 8th Carpool trip To Gore. Take advantage of a ski demo day at Gore Mt and ski for only \$19. We'll be meeting at 6:30AM at the Riverside Ctr near B J's Gas.

Labrador Mtn trip - Sunday, Jan 15th Car pool Trip. We'll Be Meeting at the Westmoreland thruway Entrance at 8AM. Tentatively - Lessons will be Offered.

Sunday, Feb 12th, Car Pool trip to Gore Mtn. Meet at the Riverside Ctr near B J's gas at 6:30AM. This is a NYCD Ski Council Day , so lower pricing will be offered

Demo days known at this time:



Fri Nov 25 - Windham - from Windham demo center

Sat Nov 26 - Windham - from Windham demo center

Thurs Dec 8 - Gore, and lift ticket only \$19

Sat Dec 10 - Hunter

Sun Dec 11 - Hunter

Sat Dec 17 - Windham

Sun Dec 18 - Jiminy Peak*

Thurs Dec 29 - Labrador

Fri Dec 30 - Windham*

Fri Jan 13 - Gore

Sat Jan 14 - Gore

Sun Jan 15 - West Mt

(* = unconfirmed at this time)

Try new skis at these places, driver license and credit card needed.

Rossi, Salomon, Volkl, Volant, Atomic, K2, Head, Elan, Fischer, and others are usually at these events. Andy

Saranac Finale

For all those members that volunteered time this summer/ fall, thank you again.

And for this our club is being recognized at the United Way Finale Dinner

Tuesday, December 13th, in the grand ballroom at the Raddisson Hotel.

Social hour starts at 5PM with dinner following at 6 PM.

Awards will be given out after dinner.

Cost is only \$ 20.00 per person. Those interested in attending please

Call Pat O'Hara @ 525-7288 or Donna Pratt @ 736-1206 by Dec. 5th.



Cross Country Corner



Sat., Jan. 28- Greenbelt Chill Out, 11 a.m. Meet at HSBC Bank in Mapledale and car pool to Greenbelt Trails in Trenton. Trails range from easy to intermediate. Estimated distance: 3 miles. "Chill out" afterwards with a chili party at Betty Murtaugh's house. Betty will supply chili and salad. Please bring a beverage of your choice.

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 3-5 - Ed's Beds, departure times optional. This is an old favorite. Both downhill and XC skiers can participate. Ski nearby Gore Mt. or Garnet Hill. Deposits will be taken at the Dec. 6 meeting, \$30 minimum. Fee for two nights' lodging is \$60, with additional \$5 fee for parking. Further details will be available at the December meeting and in the Jan. newsletter.

Sat., Feb. 25 - Snowbird Lake Special, 11 a.m. Short ski hike and house party with Tony & Jan Bartolotti at Snowbird Lake, Forestport. Estimated distance: 1-3 miles. Please bring a dish to pass. Limited to 25.

(Optional trips with Tramp & Trail Club)

Jan. 6-8, Heart Lake/Lake Placid Weekend

Optional departure time. Meet at ADK Loj at Heart Lake. A variety of skiing, snowshoeing or hiking to meet your interests, including nearby Verizon Sports Complex Cross Country Center at Mt. Van Hoevenberg. Cost is \$50 per person per night with breakfast included. Dinner is available for \$15 per person per night, with 24-hour advance reservation. Reservation deadline, **Dec. 5.** Call Carole or Dave Huxtable, 822-5283

Hangover Hill walk/snowshoe/ski

Work off that hangover and ring in the New Year with a sturdy hike in the hills overlooking Utica at Valley View golf area. Meet at the Bank of Utica parking lot on Court St. in Utica at 12:30, or at the Valley View clubhouse on the Parkway at 12:45. Easy to moderate. Info: Pat Malin, writeon7.1@juno.com.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 Social Hour Hotel Utica	3
4	5	6 General Meeting 7:30 PM Am Legion post 1113 Whitesboro	7	8 Skiing Gore Demo Days.	9	10 Club Christmas Party Kitty's on the Canal, Utica
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 NO MEETING	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27 NO BOARD MEETING	28	29 Labrador Demo Day	30 Social Hour Radisson Hotel	31

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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm @ Whitestown				
Skiing at					Social Hour Piggy's Pat's Pickled Pig Pub Washington Mills	14
15 Skiing at Labrador Carpool	16	17	18	19	20 Weekend Trip New	21
22	23		25	26		28 x c Chili Day. Trenton
29		31 Meeting				

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