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Start the New Year out on the right foot or left foot it doesn't matter as long as it has a ski on it. YOUR club has several great ski events planned so get out on the slopes and enjoy the hard work your chairpersons have lined up for you. Call them now. (See articles inside)



**Jiminy Peak Day Ski Bus Trip
January 8, 2006**

New Hampshire Ski Weekend JANUARY 20-22,2006

QUEBEC Ski Weekend - February 16-19, 2006

X COUNTRY - Sat., Jan. 28 - Greenbelt Chill Out

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HAPPY HOURS:

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

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
January 26th, to be in the Feb. newsletter

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

Jan 1st, SnowRidge 9:30 @ the waxhouse
Jan 8th, Bus trip to Jiminy Peak
Jan. 15th, Day trip to Labrador Mt. Carpool
Jan 20th,--22nd, New Hampshire weekend
Jan 26th, Belleayre, 7 AM Tops Piazza \$ 10 Lift T.
Jan. 28th, Betty's XC and chili Ski Day
Jan 29th, McCauley, 9:30 @ the Chalet
Feb 3-5, Ed's Beds Skiing Weekend
Feb 15th, Hockey Nite @ Utica Aud
Feb. 25th, Tony's & Jan's XC Ski Day

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

I hope everyone is looking forward to a Happy New Year. I know I am.

While the weather is a bit warm as I write this, I look forward to kicking my new year off with the trip to Jiminy Peak. It should be lots of fun! Don't be left out, sign up by the January 2nd meeting.

I hope everyone has a health and happy New Year.

Randy Brooke

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.

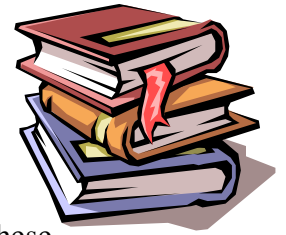
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:
**Donna Pratt) or
Roger Pratt—736-1206**
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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.

Utica Community Food Donation

Christmas cheer was bestowed to the Utica Community Food Bank this holiday season. Members Donna Pratt & Pricilla Mills presented a check for \$172.00 and 35 pounds of food to the Pantry. Much gratitude and appreciation was received for the donations.

A Big THANK YOU to all the members who attended the December 6th general meeting and those who donated the food.

Respectfully Submitted , Donna & Roger E. Pratt

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 pharatom@verizon.net or membership@geskiclub.org

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



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.

Subscribe & Receive a Lift Ticket

Subscribe the NYS DEC publication, the Conservationist, and receive a free lift pass to Belleayre Mt. Get a Free Lift Ticket to Belleayre Mtn, located in the Catskill Mtns. Lift pass is worth up to \$46 and is good for the 05-06 ski season. Subscribe now for only \$12 to a bi-monthly magazine that features no ads and info on camping, Fishing, skiing and all about the NYS Great Outdoors. Go to <http://www.theconservationist.org/> for more info

Last Call To Ski a Great Mountain at a Great Price Jiminy Peak Day Ski Trip

January 8, 2006

Do not miss your chance to ski a full day at a great mountain for a great price. 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 the NH Shopping Center to Hancock, Mass. Day Lift Ticket

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Sign up now and pay \$55.

Money and registration form must be in by end of next general

Meeting 1/3/06. Don't miss out. Plenty of room left on our large spacious bus. The more the merrier. Bring a friend.

Meet at rear of New Hartford Shopping Center near Daniel R. Cook Drycleaners at 5:30AM. Bus Leaves promptly at 6:00AM On way home from skiing bus will stop for pay your own dinner at Cracker Barrel in East Greenbush outside Albany.

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



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.



TELLURIDE TRIP - MARCH 11-18, 2006

The cost of trip is \$1400. 3rd payment due \$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. We have 5 openings

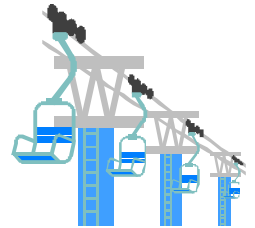
Questions, contact Marci at 737-8936 or 723-5709.

Quebec Ski Weekend - February 16-19, 2006

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.

Final payment due, \$100 by Jan. 15. We have 6 openings

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



New Hampshire Ski Weekend January 20-22, 2006

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 We have 4 openings

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

Alpine Skiing Day Trips

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.

GORE MT Trip- Sunday, Feb 12th, Car pool Trip

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

BELLEAYRE Mt. Trip Thursday, Jan 26th, Carpool trip

Meet at 7 AM in the Tops Plaza parking lot in Washington Mills Lift tickets are only \$10.

McCauley Mt. Trip Sunday, Jan. 29th,

We will meet at the chalet at McCauley around 9:30 AM

Demo days known at this time:

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

CALENDAR UPDATE

We have added something new to the monthly calendars. You will see several ski days that are offered to our members for being a member in the **NEW YORK CAPITAL DISTRICT SKI COUNCIL**. If you want a full list of the council awareness days you can call or e-mail Bill Dumka @ 865-6156 or bphdumka@aol.com

We Welcome Robert Jones , The Ski School Director Of Snow Ridge To The January 17th Meeting. If You Or Friends Of Yours Are Interested In Ski Lessons This Winter, This is a Great Opportunity for You. Snow Ridge features Private and Group Lessons in a 3 Lesson Package. Also new is the Ridge Runners Program. Check this out at their Website at Snowridge.com or call 315/348-8456

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Snow Ridge meet @ waxhouse @ 9:30 am	2	3 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm @ Whitestown Am Legion Post	4	5	6	7
8 Skiing at Jiminy Peak Bus Trip	9 Killington NYSCD \$ 30	10 Board meeting Whitesboro Library 6:00 PM	11 Okemo NYSCD \$ 29	12 Jiminy Peak NYSCD \$17	13 Social Hour Piggy's Pat's Pickled Pig Pub Washington Mills	14
15 Skiing at Labrador Carpool	16	17 General membership meeting 7:30 pm	18	19	20 Weekend Trip New	21 Hampshire
22	23	24	25	26 carpool Belleayre meet @ tops Plaza @ 7 am \$ 10 lift ticket	27 Okemo NYSCD \$ 29	28 X C Betty's Ski & Chili Day. Trenton
29 Mc Cauley Mt meet @ 9:30 @ chalet	30	31 Board Meeting				

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 Ed's beds	4 Weekend
5	6 NYSCD JIMINY PEAK \$15	7 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Am Legion Post 1113, Whitesboro	8	9	10 Social Hour Tiny's Grill, Utica Stratton NYSCD \$28	11
12 Gore Mt. NYSCD meet @ Riverside 6:30 am	13	14	15 Hockey Night at the AUD	16 QUEBEC	17 CITY SKI	18 WEEKEND
19	20	21 Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23	24 Social Hour @ The Vineyard, Washington Mills	25 XC skiing Tony & Jan's
26 OAK MT. carpool	27	28 Board Meeting Gander Mt.				

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Saranac Thursdays / United Way Finale

On December 13th, 9 Members of the GE Ski Club attended the Campaign Celebration and Awards Dinner for the United Way of Greater Utica, at the Radisson Hotel. We had over 40 volunteers who worked a total of 105 hours at the Saranac Thursday events, which raised \$30,000 for the United Way Campaign.

President Randy Brooke received the prestigious White Tap Handle Trophy Award, for the volunteer work of the GE SKI Club. Table sponsors for the GE SKI Club consisted of Randy Brooke, Marci Green, Theresa Zehe, Marty & Kathy Baca, Bob & Barb Jakubowski & Donna & Roger Pratt. Closing remarks were made by the new 2006 Campaign Chairman, Mr. Fred Matt. Saranac Thursdays should be a blast next year.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Pratt