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GE SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Jay Peak Trip February 24 – 27, 2008



Time's out !! The Jay Peak Trip is The East's Snowiest Ski Resort Which Averages over 300 inches of Snow per Season. We will be staying at the Hotel Jay. Hotel Jay also has a Sauna, Hot Tub and Game Room This Trip includes a 3 Day Lift Ticket, Slope Side Lodging-Double Occupancy , 3 Country Breakfasts, 2 Dinners at the Alpine Room Restaurant.

Jay Peak has a 1815' Base Elevation, a 2153 ft Vertical & 76 Trails. The Mountain is 20% Novice, 40% Intermediate & 40% Advanced. Ski with us Mid-Week and avoid the Crowds!!

DEPARTURE: We'll Meet At The Park N Ride DOT Parking Lot Next To The Canal Along North Genesee St And Leave at 11AM, Sunday, Feb 24th.

We recommend that you leave a shovel in your car. We expect lots of New Snow when we return!!!!

For More Info, Call Ron Geiskopf @732-5926 or E Mail: MAHARONIE@aol.com

Alpine Day Trip to Windham Feb 3rd

Sign up for Our Alpine Day Bus Trip to Ski Windham. Windham has 1600' vertical, Summit Elevation of 3100' , 700 Acres of Skiing & 9 Lifts. They are giving us a good Deal on Lift Tickets. We'll purchase a ticket individually at one of their Ticket Windows for \$20. The cost of Bus Transportation & Beer/Soda is \$30 Payable to the GE Ski Club. Bus Leaves at 6AM from the DOT Park & Ride Lot, North Genesee St Across from the Former Kitty's on the Canal. Sign up at our Meetings or send in payment of \$30 to Windham/GE Ski Club, PO Box 327, New Hartford NY 13413. Deadline is Jan 25th
It's Superbowl Sunday and We should be Back in Time for the Kickoff.

Ski Butternut -- Saturday, March 8th

Ski Butternut is someplace new for most of us. Located in Western Massachusetts, Ski Butternut has 22 trails with 10 lifts (3 quads) and 1000 ft of vertical. This is a carpool trip. We'll meet at the DOT Park and Ride in North Utica at 6:00am. Directions: Take I-90 East to Albany and onto the Mass Pike extension; take Exit B-3; then take Rte 102 east to Rte 41 in West Stockbridge; Take Rte 41 south to Route 23 east. Butternut is 49 Miles from Albany. We will use the tickets donated to the club and share the cost of purchasing any additional ones--expected cost will be \$15 or probably much less for this Trip. Sign up at our meetings. Sign up Deadline is Tuesday, March 4th

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We are looking for members to serve on our board. There is a list of board positions and duties and a nomination form in this newsletter. Board terms are one year – consider helping out your club and serve. You may nominate anyone for any position. Nominees will be contact before ballots are printed.

Three election committee members are needed to collect nominations and contact persons to accept nominations.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Reath at 735-0349 or andy@ugefcu.net.

BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

PRESIDENT	ANDY REATH	735-0349 (info@geskiclub.org)
PAST PRESIDENT	RON GEISKOPF	732-5926
VICE PRESIDENT	CONRAD DORN	853-1810
TREASURER	DAVE PARZYCH	292-1615
SECRETARY	SUE TORRES	724-7461
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	MIKE SEMERARO	797-4400 (trips@geskiclub.org)
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	PAT O'HARA	853-6728
	DON HACKLEY	855-4159

HAPPY HOURS:

Feb. 1 st ,	Vineyard, Washington Mills
Feb. 22 nd ,	Zebb's Bar & Grill, New Hartford
Feb. 29 th ,	Rt. 69 Steakhouse, Whitesboro
Mar 14 th	The Hook

!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

Jan. 27 th ,	X-C skiing Egypt Rd. With Girl Scouts
Feb. 2 nd ,	X-C Day at Deidra & Ivan
Feb. 3 rd ,	Windham Bus Trip
Feb. 5 th	<i>Fat Tuesday Covered Dish*</i>
Feb. 8-10 th ,	Ed's Beds Weekend
Feb. 16 th ,	X - C Ski at Tony & Jan's
Feb. 17 th ,	Oak Mt. Speculator
Feb. 24-27 th ,	Jay Peak Skiing Trip
Mar. 2 nd ,	West Mt. ski day
Mar. 8 th ,	Ski Butternut, Mass.

*March 16th, Spring Picnic Royal Mt.**

*April 26 Spring Dinner @ Chesterfields**

*Special Events

Check out the Club Web Page

Updated by GUY Y

www.geskiclub.org

For Club Activities And Pictures

NOTES FROM THE PREZ:

I look at the top of the newsletter and it says "**G E SKI Club**" which I think means there is a group of skiers and boarders. There are aprox 190 of these skiers and boarders in this club. I would think then there should be 40 to 50 people at a ski day. Well Snow Ridge day had about 14. Where were some others? I heard, that it was snowing, and there was snow on the roads. Well --DUH -- It's winter, there is supposed to be snow. How would one ski without it. So McCauley ski day comes and the 8 people that showed up had a great day of skiing, and it was sunny and the roads were bare. So where were more people? Oh, it was warm before that and it had rained. Well, ever hear of grooming. That's why the areas buy those expensive machines. The conditions were great on the groomed stuff. You really can't go by what the weather may have been at home and have some faith the conditions will be alright. To ski other than just perfectly packed powder will make you a better all around skier. It also would be nice if we support the local ski areas that offer us the discounts. Remember - the only thing worse than bad skiing is no skiing. See ya after Whistler.

Andy

General membership meetings

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.

Newsletter Articles must be received by

February 20th to be in the March Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION / APPLICATION:

CALL OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:

KATHY WHITE 853-5946 or

LINDA IRWIN 896-4207

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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MEMBERSHIP / GE SKI CLUB

POBOX 327

NEW HARTFORD, NY 13413

SEND ARTICLES TO PSPARZ@HOTMAIL.COM

X-C Corner
Wayne Franz Chairman

The **Ed's Bed's trip 2/8-2/10** is full! For those that haven't paid or filled out your trip forms, please send them in to the club PO Box. I am starting a car pool list for those that would like to ride with someone. Car pooling is highly recommended! You are on your own for dinner Friday night, but bring a dish or drinks to pass on Saturday nights pot luck dinner.

Sunday January 27 we will be skiing on the Breia trails on Egypt Rd. at 10am. Meet at the parking lot on Egypt Rd, which is 2.3 miles up after you make a left turn off of route 12 North. The girl scouts will let me know if they are coming by next week. We will be doing this trip if the scouts come or NOT.

Deidra and Ivan will be leading a x-c ski event at Hinckley State Park on Saturday **February 2**. Meet at the HSBC bank in Mapledale Plaza at 10am.

Get your skis ready!

Saturday February 16th- Tony and Jan will again be hosting a cross-country ski day at the home on Snowbird Lake followed by drinks and food. There will be a signup for this event.

Sunday February 17th, Back up Date for Girl Scout Outting

Saturday March 1st- This is a tentative trip with details still being worked out. Dori Alesi and her friend are looking to lead a Geo-Caching group of SNOW-SHOERS somewhere around the Old-Forge area. Stay tuned!



Summer Camping Weekend 2008

We are Camping next summer at Lewey Lake State Park, July 18-20th. This is located near Indian Lake. Several Campsites have been reserved, But If you are interested in going and haven't camped in awhile, let me know so That we can reserve a campsite for you.

Ron Geiskopf
732 – 5962

MAHARONIE@aol.com

Spring Picnic at Royal Mt.

Join us for our Annual Spring Picnic to be held Royal Mt. in Caroga Lake, NY on March 16th. We will set up a grill for your meats and grill items at around 12:00 PM. Cost for Beverages is \$4.00. Please bring a dish to pass. Lift tickets are 2 for 1 (\$33) with your membership card. You may also be able to get a free pass using your McCauley Mt. Ski Pass.

If you wish to car pool meet at the North Utica DOT Park and Ride on North Genesee St. at 8:00 AM. Directions to Royal Mt. - take thruway exit 29 at Canajoharie, then Rt. 10 north for 15 miles. For info call Paul Zajac at 724-2058.



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 PO Box 327
 New Hartford NY 13413-0327

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Trip Agreement Form and Refund Policy

1. Each participant shall completely fill out all parts of the Trip Form.
2. Each participant shall submit a completed Trip Form with a deposit to confirm his/her reservation.
3. Each participant shall be a current member of the G. E. Ski Club - "The Club".
4. All deposits and payments shall be in by dates or deadlines published for each trip.
5. Each reservation, made either at the regular meeting or by postmarked correspondence, is on a first come, first served basis.
6. Make all checks payable to G.E. Ski Club, PO Box 327, New Hartford NY 13413-0327. Att Trips. Write trip name on memo line. Any check returned for LACK OF FUNDS will incur a \$30.00 charge.
7. Each participant shall list roommates for a trip. If roommates are not listed, or do not sign up, roommates will be assigned.
8. Each participant is completely and individually responsible for his or her own actions during all trips and bears the burden of liabilities thereof.
9. Each participant, by signing this agreement, holds "The Club" harmless and waives all right of regress for any liability whatsoever that may arise during the course of a trip.
10. As a trip participant I know and understand that any sport or trip is inherently dangerous, and could result in personal catastrophic injury, death, or property damage; and that I participate at my own risk, and that I release "The Club" from any and all liability per the signed membership application and by signing this agreement.

Refund Policy

1. "The Club" reserves the right to cancel any trip at any time for any reason.
2. Each participant is responsible for a pro-rated cost of any trip they have signed up for.
3. Any participant who has made a deposit and has to cancel prior to the first deposit DATE/DEADLINE will receive a refund.
4. If a participant cancels after the first deposit Date/Deadline; or the trip is cancelled; the participant is responsible for expenses incurred by the club on their behalf for said trip. Any monies that can be recouped will be refunded per refund policy.
5. Any refunds due because of a participant cancellation, after the first deposit Date/Deadline, or trip cancellation; will be declared within thirty days and paid within sixty days of the trip's scheduled completion date.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE G.E. SKI CLUB, INC TRIP FORM FULLY, AND I AGREE TO AND WILL ABIDE BY ALL CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN.

Name (Print) _____ On this date _____ For trip _____

Signature _____ Membership # _____

Roommates: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Room Request – DBL _____ TRI _____ QUAD _____ Skier type – Downhill _____ X-C _____

PHONES-(Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Emergency contact – Name _____ phone _____

*****For GE Ski Club Trip Chair Use Only*****

Pay	Date	Check #	Amount	Total \$	Comments	Trip Chair
1						
2						
3						
4						

Cancelled _____ Date _____ Refund-Amt\$ _____ Date _____ REV.9-18-06 DAP

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 1st. WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUR BOARD. BELOW IS A LIST OF BOARD POSITIONS. NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY. YOU MAY NOMINATE ANYONE INCLUDING YOURSELF FOR ANY POSITION. NOMINATIONS WILL BE DUE IN MARCH.

THREE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ELECTION COMMITTEE. YOU WILL HAVE TO HELP CONTACT THE NOMINEES TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO BE ON THE BALLOT AND ALSO TO COUNT THE BALLOTS ON ELECTION NIGHT. IF INTERESTED, CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER.

BOARD MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

PRESIDENT	Preside At All General Meetings And Board Meetings. Coordinate And Oversee All Ski Club Activities And Functions. Work Closely With All Directors. Promote The Club In The Ski Community.
VICE- PRESIDENT	Assume Duties Of President In The Event Of The President's Absence. Notify Board Members Of Board Meetings. Chair Nomination Committee. Coordinate Spring/Summer Events. Assist In Planning And Running Meetings.
TREASURER	Responsible For Managing All Funds Of The Club. Keep Full And Accurate Account Of All Receipts And Expenditures Of All Events. Responsible For Deposits And Reconciliation Of Club's Checkbook.
SECRETARY	Keep Minutes Of All Meetings. Take Care Of Any Other Correspondence.
NEWSLETTER	Revise And Type Information Received From President And Chairpersons For Newsletter. Responsible For Printing, Collating, And Correct Bulk Mailing Of Newsletter.
TRIPS	To Plan, Organize, Take Sign Ups, And Be Responsible Of All Details Dealing With Bus Companies, Resort And Ski Area For Day And Weekend Ski Trips. Work With Alpine And Cross-Country Chairpersons. Assist In Advising Non-Ski Related Trips.
ALPINE	To Promote Alpine Skiing And Ski Areas Of NY State And Surrounding Areas. Set Up Ski Lesson Programs. Work Closely With Trip Chairperson(S) On Trip Selection And Planning. Promote Club With Local Ski Shops. Work With NESCA And Other Ski Clubs In Utica/Rome Area.
CROSS-COUNTRY	To Promote X-C Skiing And The Ski Areas Of NY State And Surrounding Areas. Set Up Lesson Program If Interest Warrants. Work Closely With Trip-Chairperson(S) On Bus Trips. Set Up Car-Pool Ski Trips. Promote Club With Local Ski ;Shops. Chair Committee Of X-C Helpers.
PUBLICITY	To Send Public Announcements To Local Media To Publicize The Club And It's Meetings. Keep Club Informed Of Community Affairs.
SOCIAL	To Plan The Club's Major Social Events And Gatherings. Work With Board To Assist With Special Projects. Assist In Planning And Entertainment At General Meetings.
MEMBERSHIP	Take Membership Applications At Meetings. Compile Membership Information For Newsletter Chairperson(S). Work Closely With Board And Newsletter Chairperson(S).
SALES	Responsible For All Of Ski Club's Promotional Merchandise Like Hats, T-Shirts, Etc. Assist In Fund-Raising Events.
SARGEANT AT-ARMS	Responsible For Greeting Members And Collecting Monies At General Meetings. Assist The Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2009 SKI CLUB OFFICERS

All nominations must be in the Club's P O Box by MARCH 20th,

ATTN: NOMINATIONS
GE SKI CLUB
PO BOX 327
NEW HARTFORD NY 13413

ALL Nominees Must Be Current Members Of The G E Ski Club, Inc

All Nominees Will Be Contacted Before Their Name
Is Placed On The Election Ballot

**CHAIRPERSON
POSITION**

PRESIDENT _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____

TREASURER _____

TRIPS _____

MEMBERSHIP _____

SOCIAL _____

NEWSLETTER _____

CROSS-COUNTRY _____

PUBLICITY _____

ALPINE _____

SALES _____

SECRETARY _____

SARGENT AT ARMS _____

See More Information About Each Position's Responsibilities On The Adjacent Page Or Call Andy Reath @735-0349

To Bill:

A big **thank you** to Bill Dumka for the time and effort he gave to the club as newsletter editor / publisher / reporter / distributor.

He has handed over the newsletter job to Paul S. Parzych.

Information for the newsletter can be e-mailed to Paul at PPARZ@ hotmail.com or mailed to the GE Ski club mail box - care of newsletter.

The GE Ski Club made several donations over the Christmas season. The Club donated \$100 to the Utica Food Bank with funds raised by donating the meeting entrance fee and personal donations.

The Club also made donations to ski patrols at the following ski resorts: Snow Ridge, McCauley Mt, Royal Mt. and Labrador.

Marty Baca, our "friendly" bartender at our meetings, puts out his tip jar to collect "tips". The proceeds from the tip jar are donated to a charity in April after our last meeting.

Remember as you fill your glasses at the bar on meeting nights add some \$\$ to the jar.

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Killington Recap

There was some really great skiing at Killington January 4-6th. We were skiing in packed powder with some new snow overnight on Sunday. It couldn't have much better but what a change from last year's weather. It was actually like a winter of Old. For the most part, we were able to avoid long lift lines and moved around and skied pretty much on Every Mountain. On Sunday , a Group of us skied every kind of trail from green circles to Double-

Diamonds with no sweat! What a fun day! During the trip, it was discovered that a new color for Ladies jackets made their debut and the Color was dubbed "SageBrush". So, if you know of some lady who skied at Killington on this weekend, ask about the Latest color style. Thanks to all the participants on this Great trip!

Ron G

SKI SLOPES – these may come in handy –

- Woods Valley 315-827-4721
www.woodsvalleyskiarea.com
- Snow Ridge 315-348-8456
www.snowridge.com
- Gore 800-342-1234
www.goremountain.com
- Whiteface 518-946-2223
www.whiteface.com
- Royal MT 518-835-6445
www.royalmountain.com
- McCauley Mt. 315-369-3225
www.mccauleyny.com
- Oak Mountain 518-369-3606
www.oakmountain.com

RELAY FOR LIFE

We are having a short meeting to start organizing our team and brain storm fund raising ideas.

Anyone interested in helping to form our team and/or offer ideas meet at 6 PM at 99 Restaurant (wing special) on Monday, Feb. 4th.

Need more info – contact Pat O’Hara at 853 - 6728

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Social Hour Vineyard, Washington Mills	2 X-C Ski Deidra & Ian's
3 Bus Ski Trip Windham Mt.●	4	5 General Membership Meeting Post 1113 Am Legion 7:30 Whitesboro	6 McCauley - Gore Day	7	8 ED's Beds NYCDSC - MT SNOW - \$32	9 Ed's Beds NYCDSC - MT SNOW - \$32
10 Gore	11	12 Board Meeting Gander Mt. 6:30	13 McCauley - Whiteface (\$20)	14	15 Belleayre \$15	16 X-C Ski Tony & Jan's @ Snowbird Lake
17 Skiing Oak Mt.	18	19 General Membership Meeting Post 1113 Am Legion 7:30 Whitesboro	20	21	22 Social Hour Zebb's New Hartford	23
24 Jay Peak	25 Jay Peak	26 Jay Peak	27 Jay Peak	28	29 Social Hour Rt. 69 Steakhouse	

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March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Ski McCauley
2 Ski West Mt Carpool	3	4 7:30 PM General Meeting	5	6	7 NYCDSC - Mt snow - \$32 Okemo - \$30	8 Ski Butternut carpool
9	10 NYCDSC - Bromley - \$23	11 6:30 Board Mtg Gander Mt	12 McCauley - Whiteface (free)	13	14 Belleayre - \$25	15
16 Spring Picnic - Royal MT	17	18 7:30 PM General Meeting	19 McCauley - Gore Day	20	21	22
23	24 NYCDSC - Whiteface \$35	25 NYCDSC - Whiteface \$35	26	27	28 NYCDSC - Whiteface \$35	29
30	31					

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