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Ski Club

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Check our our webist for the most current club news. View the event calendar, surf hot links to relevant sites and e-mail your favorite board members.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send your photos, articles, flyers, etc. Submissions for the August newsletter are due July 20th. They can be sent to newsletter@hobokenskiclub.com Please use subject line "August Newsletter." **Do no embed photos in any copy submitted. Send photos separately, along with the names of any individuals in them.**

Hoboken Ski Club Club Forum

Check out your Club Forum to discuss anything from the topics provided: General Talk, Ski Trips, Non-Ski Trips, Classifieds, Memberships, etc. The forum is available through the hobokenskiclub web site listed above.

These policies apply to all Hoboken Ski Club events, unless otherwise noted:

Minimum Age: 21 **Bounced Check Fee:** \$15 **Cancellation Fee:** \$15

Singing Up: On events costing under \$100, full payment must be made to hold spot. For trips over \$100, trip leader will announce the necessary deposit. Members only on all trips. A trip leader may ask to see your card to verify membership. A separate check is required for each trip deposit. Final payment is required two weeks prior to the first day of the event for 1-3 days trips, and 60 days prior for trips one week and longer.

Waiting Lists: Trip leaders may keep a waiting list, however this is not mandatory. If there is a list, a check for the required deposit amount must be given to the trip leader (of 50% of the cost is required if the trip is under \$100.) The deposit check will not be deposited unless the member gets a spot on the trip. If a spot does not become available or the member is unable to attend the event, they must make arrangements with the trip leader to pick up the check or send a self-addressed stamped envelope so it can be returned. Members on a waiting list should let trip leaders know if they are unavailable to go on the trip so they can take your name off the waiting list.

1-6 day Event Policy Guideline (if a flight is involved in the trip, the 1 week + Event Policy applies.)

Cancellation: 22+ days prior to the first day of the event 100% refund*

 0-21 days prior to the first day of event: 0-100% Refund*

Final Payment: Required two weeks prior to the first day of the event.

1 week + Event Policy Guideline (and any trips requiring airfare)

Cancellation: A full refund will be made if: You cancel 61 days prior to the first day of event, OR if your spot is filled 30 days prior to the first day of event. If the spot is filled within the 30 days before the trip starts, the member may receive a refund less any expenses the ski club incurred as a result of the cancellation. Final payment is required 60 days prior to the 1st day of the event.

The burden of filling the spot lies with the member canceling and replacement must be approved by the trip leader (gender could be an issue if rooming assignments have been completed.) Our trip leaders are not travel agents and should not be exposed to the stress of last minute cancellations. Please be considerate. If the spot is paid for by the club and not filled, you may receive a partial refund if the club receives a reimbursement from the resort or travel agent (usually the price of lift tickets, and a percentage of the airfare.)

Cancellation/Refund Fees: Members are allowed one transfer/refund per membership year. Each additional transfer/refund will incur a \$15 fee.

Refunds: All refunds will be made after the event is completed. If a member is unable to pick up the refund at a meeting, a SASE must be provided so the refund can be returned by mail.

Suspended Membership: If a member owes us money from a trip, bounced check fee, cancellation, etc., their membership will be suspended until all balances owed are paid. Suspended members will not receive the newsletter and cannot sign up or participate in any HSC events. Members have the right to appeal their suspension to the board.

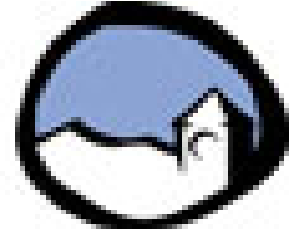
Membership Policies: HSC cannot process a membership, under any circumstances, unless the dues are accompanied by a read and signed copy of these policies, along with a completed membership form. Please make out a separate check if you are paying both dues and a trip deposit

*Spot must be filled in order to receive refunds, which will be less any expenses club incurs as a result of the cancellation.

The Hoboken Ski Club is Going to . .

OKEMO

MOUNTAIN RESORT



IN BEAUTIFUL LUDLOW, VT!

Jan 20 to 22, 2006

\$375

Leaving 5:00 p.m. sharp on 1/20

(From Shop Rite Parking Lot - 900 Madison Street,
Hoboken)

**Returning Approximately 10:00 p.m.
1/22**

Price includes:

- Roundtrip transportation
- 2 nights double-occupancy at Best Western
- Lift tickets for 2 days
- Continental breakfast Sat. & Sun.
- Convenient free shuttle to mountain
- Group dinner on Sat. night!



Trip Leaders Suzy (917-620-3713) and Beth (973-978-0129)

ski-okemo@hobokenskiclub.com

(The trip goes on sale 11/01/05)

(Deposit of \$200 due at sign up)



JAY



LIKE NO PLACE ELSE

Friday, February 24th - Sunday, February 26th

Looking for Snow & More Snow...

Where to Go?

Jay Peak is the Place....

Like No Place Else!

- Jay Peak gets MORE SNOW than ANYWHERE else in New England!
 - Jay boasts 2,000 ft vertical!
- A MASSIVE glade system and the ONLY Aerial Tram in New England!
 - Hotel Accommodations at the Bottom of the Tram for 2 days of GREAT SKIING during the Peak Season for Snow Fall
- Breakfast both days & Dinner on Saturday night is included

ON SALE: November 8th, 2005
Total Cost... \$410



Contact Adam Weissman at ski-jaypeak@hobokenskiclub.com
Or Lauren Zingaro by phone - (201) 880-6231

Beach Bunny Brigade

In June, Linda G. asked Debra and I to put together a few beach days. We asked what it involved, and she said that all we needed to do was to pick a few dates, the places to meet, and get them on the club calendar. She didn't tell us how much FUN it would be!!!



The first date was Sunday, July 10th at Jenkinson's in Pt. Pleasant. It turned out to be one of the top ten beach days of the summer!! We gathered on the beach about 10:00 to find that Joe Niemec had arrived earlier to stake out our ocean-front real estate—he also had a nice supply of iced cold beverages (thank you)!!

At about noontime, the President calls to announce his arrival at the Tiki Bar. Needless to say, we moved the brigade to the Tiki Bar to follow our leader's example! The day ended with some staying at the Tiki Bar and, some went for a seafood dinner. At no point during the day did we have to ask "are you having a good time?" The answer was quite obvious!!!



The second date was Sunday, August 21st (which happened to be young Adam Weissman's birthday). The place we chose (thanks to Linda's suggestion) was Donovan's Reef in Sea Bright. Neither Debra nor I had ever been there, so we didn't know what to expect—and we weren't disappointed!



That morning the weather was cloudy in North Jersey, but we knew we would have company at Donovan's. As more and more people arrived, more and more of the sun came out. It was easy to spot our group—Young Adam was sporting a birthday crown, and had balloons tied to his chair.

This time, at noon, our President was able to get the beach tiki bar open. Being the beach brigade that we are, we had to join him!!

By the end of the day, there were several requests for next summer—to start in June and to have more beach days! Count us in!

- Beth Doherty and Debra Lans

Killington

February 10 to 12, 2006



Price Only: \$390

Price Includes:

- * All Transportation
- * 2 Full days of Skiing
- * 2 Nights at the Highridge Condominiums
- * 2 Breakfasts and Dinner on Saturday
- * Great Apre Ski with Live Music
- * Outdoor HotTub

Contact:

Colleen Poyatt: (908) 419-7957 OR Paul Golda: (201) 320-2709
email: ski-killington@hobokenskiclub.com

\$200 deposit required



What's Included

Round trip bus from Hoboken

2 nights lodging at Mountainside Condos
(AT THE LIFTS!!)

2 day lift ticket

Breakfast every morning

Pasta Dinner Party

Pool, Hot Tub, Steam Room and Gym

Wine and Cheese Party, and

awesome skiing and riding!!!!



We're going to Sugarbush!

When

Friday, March 31st

Sunday, April 2nd 2006

How Much

\$320.00



Mountain Stats

6 mountains

111 Trails

20% Beginner

45% Intermediate

35% Advanced/Expert

40 acres of wooded skiing

9 terrain parks

Trip Leaders

Maria Carrera

Charlie Collins

ski-sugarbush@hobokenskiclub.com

WARREN  MILLER'S



HIGHER GROUND

SATURDAY, JAN
14th & 21st
AT THE
BROOKLYN
BREWERY
* See website for
details



**REPRESENT YOUR SKI CLUB WITH YOUR HSC APPAREL
TODAY !!!**

HSC HAT

Only \$10

HSC FLEECE

Only \$55



**In stock and on sale today at your Tuesday HSC
meeting !!!**



Sunday River



Sunday River, Maine MLK Weekend / January 13-16

Sunday River Statistics

- Eight Mountain Peaks
- Beginner 31%
- Intermediate 36%
- Advanced/Expert 33%
- 128 Trails on 600 Acres
- 4 Terrain Parks
- 2 Pipes / 18 Lifts
- 40K Groomed Cross Country Trails
- Four High Speed Quads

Accommodations

- * 3 Night Accommodations
- * 2 Day Lift Ticket (optional 3rd only \$40)
- * Group Dinner
- * Wine & Cheese Party
- * Breakfast Included (all three days)
- * Fireworks
- * Fitness Center
- * Outdoor Heated Pool
- * Hot Tub and Sauna
- * Ice Skating

On Sale Nov. 1st – ONLY \$450.00 (\$200.00 deposit)

***Come out
and play in the snow!***

ski-sundayriver@hobokenskiclub.com

Gene Sackman (201) 452-8274

Dan Polizzotti (551) 427-8508





Spend President's Day Weekend Skiing in **Stowe, Vermont**

Friday, Feb. 17th - Monday, Feb. 20th

Bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. promptly on Friday -NO EXCEPTIONS!



Trip

includes:

*** Wine & Cheese Party**

*** 3 nights at
the Stowe Inn**

- * Group dinner at The Matterhorn**
- * 2 day lift tickets
(third day optional/extra)**
- * Breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday**

ALL FOR: \$ 455

(\$495 with third day lift ticket)

Trip goes on sale November 8th

Contact Britt Tunick or Joe Niemec at ski-stowe@hobokenskiclub.com
Britt's mobile: 646-283-3244; Joe's mobile: 201-452-3882

In the News...

Record Thanksgiving Attendance Sets a New Mark at Jay Peak

JAY, Vermont — While many northeasterners are recovering from a weekend of overindulgence, it's clear that many made it up to the slopes in northern Vermont as Jay Peak set new all-time attendance records for the Thanksgiving weekend.

"The conditions were much better than what I had thought they'd be", said Paul Morin of Rhode Island. "We figured Jay would have the best of what was available this weekend; we just didn't think the conditions would be this good." Morin drove through 2 separate snowstorms, one coming and one leaving, in order to get opening weekend access to Jay Peak.

Generally, the Resort offers skiing and snowboarding beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving and lasting through most of April, thanks in part to receiving more snow than any ski resort in eastern North America. To date, Jay Peak has received nearly 60" of snow during October and November and long-range forecasts hold promising notes for the rest of the season.

"It's a long season", said Bill Stenger, President and COO of Jay Peak. "but it's sure nice to get off on the right mark. Setting an attendance record across the Thanksgiving holiday has really charged up the staff and we're excited to welcome guests throughout the rest of the upcoming season."

Jay Peak receives, on average, 355" of natural snow each season and augments natural snow with a snowmaking system that has been working around the clock for the better part of a week. Jay Peak plans on expanding terrain, offering trail and glade options in the Tramside of the resort, sometime within the next 7-10 days, weather permitting.

Mountain Creek Again Hosts Chevrolet US Snowboard Grand Prix

VERNON, New Jersey — Mountain Creek is thrilled to announce the return of the Chevrolet U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix. The excitement will be even greater this year as the event will also include the final halfpipe qualifier and naming of the U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team.

The three-stop Grand Prix series, now celebrating its 10th year as the premier snowboard series in North America, will open in Breckenridge, Colorado, December 13-17, then blast into Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, January 5-8, before concluding at Mountain Creek. The excitement will build throughout the series as results from the first three halfpipe contests will determine the elite field of riders at Mountain Creek, where the 2006 U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team (including alpine and snowboardcross riders) will be announced.

Once again, the 2006 Grand Prix season features one of the largest overall purses for a snowboarding series, prizes total more than \$340,000 and include two new Chevrolet Colorado trucks awarded to the male and female overall Grand Prix winners, along with the best broadcast package for the sport on NBC, America's Olympic network, and OLN, the leader in action sports and outdoor adventure programming. NBC will air a one-hour special of the Mountain Creek Grand Prix and Olympic announcement the following day, on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. ET. OLN will broadcast more Mountain Creek during its 'Ten Weeks to Torino' programming, Sunday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m. ET. Pat Malendoski of Planet Snow Designs, who was responsible for shaping the 2002 Olympic halfpipe, will be building the pipes at all three Grand Prix venues.

The U.S. Olympic Snowboard Halfpipe Team will qualify exclusively through the three Grand Prix events, with scoring based on the best two out of five contests. Fields for Breckenridge and Mt. Bachelor will be made up of about 100 men and 50 women. The elite field at Mountain Creek will include approximately 20 men and 10 women best qualified to make the Olympic Team. Athletes expected to compete at Mountain Creek include 2002 Olympic

In the News (cont.)...

medalists: local Danny Kass (silver-Vernon, NJ), Ross Powers (gold-South Londonderry, VT), Kelly Clark (gold-Mount Snow, VT), plus Tommy Czeschin (Mammoth Lakes, CA), Keir Dillon (Carlsbad, PA), Shaun White (Carlsbad, CA), Hannah and Abe Teter (Belmont, VT), Tricia Byrnes (Stratton, VT), Lindsey Jacobellis (Stratton, VT), Steve Fisher (Breckenridge, CO), Elena Hight (Zephyr Cove, NV), Gretchen Bleiler (Aspen, CO), and Luke Mitrani (Stratton, VT) among others.

"The Grand Prix series has been the cornerstone of U.S. Snowboarding competition for 10 consecutive years," said Eric Webster, director of the Grand Prix series. "We are fortunate to have three great host resorts that support U.S. Snowboarding's goal of fielding the best possible team at the Olympics. The excitement at Mountain Creek will be centered around qualification for the Olympic halfpipe team. Deciding who goes to Torino will definitely come down to the last event."

"Mountain Creek is thrilled to host our third Chevrolet U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix, and this year the excitement is greater than ever," said Shannon McSweeney, Mountain Creek Communications Manager. "Not only will the overall Grand Prix champions be determined right here in Jersey, but also the U.S. Olympic Halfpipe Team as well. We're honored to host the live naming ceremony for the U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team and to have the opportunity to provide this once in a lifetime experience for our guests to see an Olympic preview right in their own backyard!"

The Ginn Company Acquires Burke Mountain Ski Area

EAST BURKE, Vermont — The Ginn Company announced today that it has acquired the assets of the Burke Mountain Ski Area from Burke 2000, llc, an entity established by the Burke Ski Academy to oversee the ski operations at the mountain. The purchase includes the ski area operation and 750 acres on which the resort is situated.

Renovations to the ski area have been ongoing through Burke 2000 in preparation for the opening of ski season. The Ginn Company anticipates all renovations will be completed in time for a Dec. 10 opening.

While the purchase does not include Burke Mountain Academy or any of its land or infrastructure, it does secure the future of the venerable institution. The Ginn Company will establish an endowment for the academy and ensure that training slopes are well maintained. Easements associated with the purchase ensure the Academy will be able to continue to train and race at the ski area.

Focus on the regional community will not change as a result of the transaction. In addition to the Academy continuing to use its slopes, local high schools, Lyndon Institute and St. Johnsbury Academy, will continue to train and race at Burke. Burke's renowned school program, with over 50 participating schools from Vermont and New Hampshire, will continue to be a cornerstone of the ski area's commitment to the area in which it operates.

"We are thrilled with the acquisition of Burke Mountain," said Bobby Ginn, president and CEO of The Ginn Company. "We share the community's pride in this pristine area and appreciate the nearly 50 years that Burke Mountain has served skiers from around the world."

Burke Mountain celebrates its 50th Anniversary this season. In its first season, 1955/56, the "skiing governor", Joe Johnson (Republican) dedicated Burke's new, then state-of-the-art Poma lift, declaring Burke, "... Vermont's newest ski area." On December 17th, 2005, current governor, James Douglas (Republican), will visit Burke to dedicate its new Sherburne Express high-speed quad chairlift.

2005-2006 Hoboken Ski Club Voucher – Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mountain	Price	Quantity	Totals (Each Mountain)
Bromley	\$35.00		
Gore	\$45.00		
Whiteface	\$45.00		
Killington	\$46.00		
Pico	\$36.00		
Okemo	\$50.00		
Sugarbush	\$39.00		
Stratton	\$48.00		
Mt. Snow	\$45.00		
Jay Peak	\$36.00		
TOTAL			\$

Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____ Check Date _____
Please make all checks payable to the Hoboken Ski Club

Policies:

- 1.) **Vouchers are ONLY for Hoboken Ski Club members.** Please present your valid '05/06 membership card when placing an order.
- 2.) Vouchers are Non-Transferable. Do not re-sell or give them to individuals who are not HSC members. *(If you share vouchers with non-HSC members, your voucher privileges will be revoked)*
- 3.) Voucher orders will ONLY be taken at regular Hoboken Ski Club Tuesday meetings (Willie McBride's)
- 4.) We will NOT mail out vouchers or distribute them outside of regular club meetings.
- 5.) Vouchers are redeemed for actual lift tickets at any ticket window the day you will be skiing. You must present your '05/06 HSC membership card with NJSC sticker to the ticket agent. Sugarbush vouchers ARE your ticket. Get a wicket and attach them to your person.
- 6.) **If** we have vouchers on hand, there is a 10-ticket limit per mountain – per night.
- 7.) Vouchers are good for '05/06 season and are not subject to blackout dates. Unused vouchers can be rolled over to the following ski season according to HSC/NJSC return policy (below). Vouchers MUST be turned in to HSC Voucher coordinator in order to get credit for rollover.
 - a. Killington, Mt. Snow, Pico & Sugarbush, – 10 % of total order – ie. Buy 10 – Return 1
 - b. Stratton – **NO RETURNS ACCEPTED!!!!**
 - c. Bromley, Gore, Jay Peak, Okemo & Whiteface – 100% accepted for return
- 8.) Voucher Return policies may change without notice.

• **Please initial that you have read the HSC '05/'06 Voucher Policy.** _____

December Calendar:

Tuesday, December 6th

Ski Tuning by Chris DeSanctis

Thursday, December 8th

Thirsty Thursday - Check website for details

Tuesday, December 13th

HSC Holiday Party

Thursday, December 15h

Ice Skating - Check website for details

Saturday, December 17th

Belleayre Early Season Tune Up - Check Forum for details

Monday, December 26th

Lake Tahoe Departs

January Calendar:

Thursday, January 12th

Thirsty Thursday - Check website for details

Friday, January 13th

Sunday River, ME (MLK Weekend) departs

Saturday, January 14th

Warren Miller movie at Brooklyn Brewery

Friday, January 20th

Okemo, VT departs

Saturday, January 21st

Warren Miller movie at Brooklyn Brewery

Friday, January 27th

Meribel, France departs

**Check website calendar and club forum for other upcoming events

THE HOBOKEN

Ski Club

PO BOX 1364, HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

Place
Postage
Stamp
Here

Place Address Label Here

The Hoboken Ski Club meets every Tues., 8:30 p.m., at Willie McBrides, between 6th & 7th on Grand St.