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Ski Club

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The following article is being republished from April 2005 to ensure relevance of season. - Newsletter Editor

The Hoboken *Snowboard* Club (The Darkside 101)

The snowboarding element of the Hoboken Ski Club has been growing over the last several years. Rumor has it that they have even infiltrated the highest levels of HSC Government! For those of you interested in joining in on the fun, here are some tips to make your journey to the “darkside” a safe and successful one:

Lessons: Take a lesson from a certified snowboard instructor and not your cousin, buddy, neighbor or significant other. Lessons from friends and loved ones generally have bad track records, despite the best of intentions. Getting a certified instructor is no guarantee, but it will greatly increase the odds that you get a trained, competent instructor. You will have to decide whether private lessons are better than group lessons for you. I’d recommend group lessons for most beginners as everyone is learning the same basic skills and students often learn a lot from each other. Group lessons are cheaper and you can meet other beginners to practice with. And don’t forget to tip your instructor if you were happy with the lesson.

Equipment: Snowboard equipment has progressed quite a bit in the past decade. Particularly for the ‘newbie’, there is now equipment designed especially for the beginner. One example is Burton’s Learn-to-Ride (LTR) program. Burton LTR boards are designed to be easy to turn and difficult to catch an edge. They are available for rent at several resorts. More info can be found at: www.burton.com/burton/learntoride/

Location: Since your first day riding will likely be confined to the bunny slope, virtually any resort will work. Larger resorts may be more likely to have full time instructors and will offer other amenities that may appeal to you, but don’t feel you can’t learn to ride at your local mountain. See the above paragraph to seek out resorts that use the Burton LTR program.

When: Don’t wait for the last day of the season, as you will leave yourself no time to practice until the following winter. Weekdays are great if you can swing it as the mountains are a lot less



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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



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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.



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

(The Darkside 101 - Cont.)

crowded. If not, try to get an early morning lesson time to beat the crowds. You will likely have a smaller group and more room to maneuver on the slopes than you would midday.

Safety: Padding isn't required, but if it makes you feel more comfortable. And, by all means, wear safety gear. A helmet is always a good idea whether you are a beginner or an expert. "Crash pads" are often worn to protect one's derriere. These are sold as padded shorts, but you can use hockey pants or some other home-made solution. Wrist guards made for snowboarding or rollerblading are often worn as well. Ideally, you want to get out of the habit of bracing falls with open hands though.

Before the lesson: Dress appropriately for the weather in layers so that you can remain warm, dry, and comfortable. Get familiar with the equipment to include getting in and out of the bindings.

During the lesson: Ask questions! It always amazed me how few people asked questions during a lesson. Don't be afraid to ask your instructor for more clarification or demonstrations. You are paying him/her to learn so ask lots of questions and pay attention. Get recommendations on what to practice and what to look for in your next lesson.

After the lesson: Practice! Take some time to work on what you have been taught before taking another lesson right away. Pay attention to any problems you are having so that you can discuss them during your next lesson. The first day is the hardest, but it is fun to learn something new. Be prepared to laugh and have fun. Once you get the basics down, you will improve rapidly (mostly because you will have so much fun "practicing"). If you want to learn more, look for some us at a snowboard meeting at the bar. You can learn a lot for the mere price of a pint.

-Hans. Hans is a retired American Association of Snowboard (AASI) Level II certified Instructor



WARREN  MILLER'S
 **HIGHER GROUND**

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

HSC HORSEBACK RIDING ADVENTURES

Brrr..... horseback riding in December? Why not? Just make sure you bundle up your toes and fingers. You've never ridden before? No problem. The staff at Echo Lake stables in Newfoundland were happy to see us again. They mounted us up according to riding ability and we headed out for a 2 hour ride on the snowy trails.

The horses were frisky from the weather and had to step carefully. Some of them couldn't avoid a quick skate—Mike Paternostro can attest to that!

Afterwards we headed over to Emerald Point on Greenwood Lake for a delicious brunch and a great view of the lake.

We're looking forward to some more riding in the spring, so watch the calendar.

- Robin Weiss



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:

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\$200 deposit required

In the News...

Mountain Creek Hosts Chevrolet US Snowboard Grand Prix

The Road to Torino Runs Through Jersey! January 20-21, 2006

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 January 20-21. 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.**

Sale of Windham Mountain Finalized

The sale of Windham Mountain from Snow Time, Inc. to a group of local investors has been completed. The resort, located just 2.5 hours from New York City in the Catskill Mountains, is now owned by a group with ties to Wall Street and major league baseball.

Majority owners Randy Frankel and Steven Starker were senior partners at Spear, Leads & Kellogg and managing directors at Goldman Sachs. Frankel is also an owner of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Also among the ownership group are Randy MacDonald, a senior vice president at IBM; Dick Jordan, developer of the Enclave Club Condominium and Brainard Ridge; Stuart Berelson, attorney, counsel to Wormer, Keily, Galef and Jacobs and avid Windham skier; and Dan Frank, resort president for the past 23 years. The group, called Windham Mountain Partners, plans to maintain the resort's current management team led by Frank and General Manager Tim Woods.

"To say that this is a great stocking stuffer is an understatement," said Frank, who has been working hard to finalize the deal for the past several weeks. "We all have extensive personal experience with Windham Mountain and realize its extraordinary potential. Now our mission is to transform that potential into reality."

Snow Time, Inc. will focus its energy on running three resorts in Pennsylvania - Liberty Mountain, Whitetail Mountain and Ski Roundtop - and has no plans to sell those properties.

Power Play Hockey Game

NJ Devils vs. NY Rangers

Join the club for the game at Madison Square Garden

Make Checks Payable to “Hoboken Ski” club for \$27.50

Where: Madison Square Garden

When: Sunday, January 22, 2006

Time of Game: 7PM



Mini Pre-game Bar Crawl in Garden area - Crawl will start at 3pm/or 4pm prior to the game for eats/drinks. The crawl information will be available in late December 2005 or early January 2006.

I expect a big response to this game, so buy your ticket now!!!

Contact: Peggy Rose Viera at PRViera@yahoo.com or (917) 583-3022.

Successful Holiday Party/ Toys for Tots Fund Raiser

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and still spreading all that good cheer into the New Year. We had another fun Hoboken Holiday celebration, while collecting \$300 and lots of prizes for the “Marines Toys for Tots Foundation (www.toysfortots.org). The Marines have thanked us and you for you generous donations.

This year we added live music from Lorrie Tomlinson to our venue. She was later joined buy a few members, friends, and even Santa, on vocals, as well as our own VP, Ed Murray, on guitar.



January Calendar:

Thursday, January 12th

Thirsty Thursday - Check website for details

Friday, January 13th

Sunday River, Maine (MLK Weekend) departs

Saturday, January 14th

Warren Miller movie at Brooklyn Brewery

Friday, January 20th

Okemo, Vermont departs

Saturday, January 21st

Warren Miller movie at Brooklyn Brewery

Friday, January 27th

Meribel, France departs

February Calendar:

Thursday, February 9th

Thirsty Thursday - Check website for details

Friday, February 10th

Killington, Vermont departs

Thursday, February 16th

Ice Skating - Check website for details

Friday, February 17th

Stowe, Vermont departs

Friday, February 2th

Jay Peak, Vermont departs

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

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