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www.hobokenskiclub.com

Thanks to Gary "Creative Genius" Toriello - the Club website is really a perfect haven for everything the Club has to offer. The website is updated on a very regular basis, so be up to date with everything ski club and check it out !!!

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

The important stuff.....

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

The HSC acts only to arrange activities for its members and is not responsible for any loss, damage, delay, injury, or accident as a result of or in any HSC activity. The HSC and its members have no responsibility for personal or bodily injury to members or their families, or of damage to or loss of personal property, which may occur by reason of participation in the activities of the HSC.

Minimum Age: 21 Bounced Check Fee: \$15

Members only on all trips. A trip leader may ask to see your card to verify membership.

Trip/Event Sign up: Trip/Event leaders will sign up members for trips/events at the weekly meetings. A deposit or full payment is required to hold a spot on the trip/event. Payment for Trip/Events: On events costing under \$100, full payment must be made to hold a spot. For trips over \$100, trip leader will announce the necessary deposit to hold a spot. A separate check is required for each trip deposit. For trips/events less than a week long, final payment is required two weeks prior to the first day of the event. For trips/events a week long or longer, final payment is required 60 days prior to the first day of the event. For trip/events involving a flight regardless of length of trip/event, final payment is required 60 days prior to the first day of the event.

Waiting List for Trip/Events: Trip/event leaders will keep a waiting list for people who want to attend the event above the number of spots available. Wait listee must put a deposit down with the trip/event leader. Cost of deposit will be determined by trip leader or 50% of the trip/event cost if the trip is under \$100. The deposit check will not be deposited unless the member gets a spot on the trip/event. 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. If a wait listee can not attend the trip/event, they must notify the trip/event leader and have their name removed from the wait list.

Cancellation of Trips/Events With No Airfare : If a member cancels, his/her spot on the trip/event will be placed up for sale or, if the trip/event is sold out, the open spot will be first offered to members on the waitlist (gender may become an issue if rooming assignments have been completed). If the trip/event is not sold out, and consequently there is no waitlist, the burden of filling the spot lies with the member canceling. All replacements must be approved by the trip/event leader (gender may be an issue considering room assignments). Efforts will be made by HSC to fill the open spot, however, no refunds are guaranteed. If the open spot is not sold, the amount of refund to the canceling member, IF ANY, will be the amount of adjustments made by vendors or service providers in view of unused services. No adjustments or refunds are guaranteed. Refunds for cancellations will always be less any expenses incurred by HSC as a result of the cancellation.

Cancellation of Trips/Events With Airfare If a member cancels 65 or more days prior to the first day of the trip/event, HSC will refund the total amount paid for the trip/event by the member minus any airline cancellation/rebooking fees. If a member cancels 64 days or less before the first day of the trip/event his/her spot on the trip/event will be placed up for sale or, if the trip/event is sold out, the open spot will be first offered to members on the waitlist (gender may be an issue considering room assignments). If the trip/event is not sold out, and consequently there is no waitlist, the burden of filling the spot lies with the member canceling. All replacements must be approved by the trip/event leader (gender may be an issue considering room assignments). Efforts will be made by HSC to fill the open spot, however, no refunds are guaranteed. If the open spot is not sold, the amount of refund to the canceling member, IF ANY, will be the amount of adjustments made by vendors or service providers in view of unused services. No adjustments or refunds are guaranteed. Any refunds for cancellations will always be less any expenses or penalties incurred by HSC as a result of the cancellation. Any refunds less than 31 days before the event will be made after the event is completed.

Refunds : Refunds are to be picked up at a weekly HSC meeting from the trip/event leader after the trip has concluded. If the member is unable to attend a weekly meeting, then a self-addressed stamped envelope must be provided to the trip/event leader so the refund check can be sent via mail. All fees and penalties incurred by HSC are the responsibility of the canceling member and will be deducted from any refund amount.

Cancelled Trips/Events : If a trip/event is cancelled or rescheduled by HSC and a member is therefore unable to attend, a full refund will be issued at HSC's earliest convenience.

Transfer of Funds Between Trips/Events The transferring of any monies from one trip/event to another trip/event is at the sole discretion of the HSC Treasurer.

Last year the Ski Club turned all Austrian in St Anton. If you are thinking of a week long trip next year then the following short story will give you an overview of what to expect -

St Anton, Austria: European Week Long Trip 2007

The Hills are Alive... with the sound of the Moosewirt??!?!?

The HSC headed back to Austria for another ski week in Europe. This time, the destination was the famous St. Anton - well known for its terrain and nightlife. For all the excitement and anticipation of the trip, we were surprised to set a record for the most people to miss the flight - 5! (Silke, Johanna, Olaf, Dietrich, und Dietmar; oh yeah - we gave everyone an Austrian nickname).

Fighting the effects of jetlag (or hangovers, in the case of the 3 who arrived from Bormio), a bunch of folks headed out to check out the town's nightlife. The Hotel Nassereinerhof was a little bit of a walk to the main part of town but very close to one of the area's gondolas. A bunch of us found Piccadilly's - a large bar/nightclub that drew a big crowd every night. For those that stayed out late, we were treated to a great acoustic guitar act by Andi Joseph of Australia (and a friend of a friend of Franz) who kept the bar rocking until the wee hours.

The next day gave us beautiful blue skies and some added snow on the slopes from the previous day's rain. Most folks played the area closest to the hotel to get a feel for the area. St. Anton has a ton of interconnected terrain but the resort's popularity made the lift queues a bit long on the weekend. After a beautiful day on the slopes, most of us met for our first après-ski happy hour at the Krazy Kanguruh (the *Australian* bar) on the mountain - yes, on the mountain. After a few cocktails, it was time to ski into town and head back to the hotel for dinner. Some of us didn't quite make it back so quickly though...

Hans, Franz, Glamorous, and Annike sensed another après-ski spot over the next ridge. They stumbled upon the mother of all umbrella bars - the Moosewirt! (Note: "Umbrella Bars" or "Schirmbars" are an Austrian specialty and they do après-ski right; you have to experience this for yourself). This was to be the next afternoon's meeting spot but the four decided to check it out in advance. Our pre-trip research indicated that the Moosewirt was currently "the place" for après-ski in St. Anton; supposedly dispensing more beer than any other bar in Austria. The claims were true! This place was like spring break in ski boots - the



place was packed inside and out with people dancing on and around every table. DJ Gerhardt kept the place jumping and waiters with very large trays of beers and shots kept anyone from getting thirsty (or sober!). When you were finally ready to leave, you had to strap on your skis (or board) and ski down the bumped-up trail into town in the dark. Nothing like a ski challenge after happy hour!

The next day was another beautiful one and many of us ventured into other areas of the resort. Across the main road in town was a gondola to the Rendl area - a great way to escape the crowds and lots of off piste opportunities. The Rendl area was also home to Rendl Beach – plenty of sunshine and beach chairs in front of the bar overlooking the terrain park (just about any activity in Austria involves serving and imbibing of alcohol).



St. Cristoph was the next town up the road and was easily reached via the slopes from St. Anton. Lech and Zurs were further up the road via bus but were also included on the St. Anton ski pass. A larger HSC group made it to the Moosewirt that second day to find the stories to be true. This became the daily happy hour spot for most of us for the rest of the trip. DJ Gerhardt kept the table dancers going. The Moosewirt and umbrella bars are deserving of their own separate story though.

Being on a main European train line makes St Anton relatively easy to get to and to get to other places from there. The closest side trip destinations were Innsbruck, Austria and the tiny country of Liechtenstein. Eugen led the Innsbruck crew while Jonas led the Liechtenstein group. Liechtenstein was a little more than an hour away by train and bus. We arrived in the capital of Vaduz where we hiked up to the Castle Vaduz – home to the Royal family of Liechtenstein. In fact, we had a brush with Royalty when the Prince's son threatened to behead Glamorous for his insolence (he may have just said hello, actually, but there was a little bit of a language barrier). The castle hike was followed by lunch in town and then some wine tasting at the Liechtenstein vineyards. Unfortunately, the US doesn't allow import of Liechtenstein wines and travel regulations made bringing some on the plane home impractical. So we drank them there and there was much rejoicing...

No one sustained any major injuries on the trip (despite all the drunken night skiing from the Moosewirt) and everyone did actually make the flight home.

Once again, HSC luck held out for having good snow (not phenomenal, but this was perhaps the worst winter on record for the Alps) and Austria once again proved to be the mecca for après ski. Special thanks to Oktav and Franz for putting great trip videos together.

Gene and Ed (who strongly suggest you watch the videos despite having just read the "book")



Hoboken ski club
third annual west point/
army football game tailgate

usma black knights

VS

tulane university



bargain price: \$60

includes: tailgate food/bbq, soda/water, game ticket

when: Saturday October 6, 2007

where: united states military academy
West point, New york

Game time: tba

Meet up location: shoprite parking lot
10th and Madison
Hoboken, NJ

Meet up time: 8:45 am

This is a car pool event!!

Contact: Maria Carrera at Sirena367@aol.com

CHARITY EVENT

Two of our friends in the Ski Club are embarking on an adventure - all in the aid of a very good cause!

Stephen Barabas and Brett Curtis are going to climb two of Ecuador's largest mountains – Chimborazo (20,561 ft) and Cotopaxi (19,388 ft). I am getting dizzy just thinking about this.



The reason they are doing this, is not because they are insane (actually on other occasions they are a little crazy) – but because they want to raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association and the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease.

These boys are climbing 2 big mountains - all you need to do is support and 2 options are below.

Cruise For The Cure

A magical evening on the Hudson River.
Saturday Oct 6, 5:30pm – 9:30pm.
Tickets are \$120 and this includes – open bar, great food, music and amazing views of NYC and NJ. Check out the following website for some more great information. Tickets are available now!



www.theregulars.org/Cruise%20For%20The%20Cure.htm

Raffle

They are also holding a raffle and for \$25 for 1 ticket or \$80 for 4 tickets you put yourself in for a very good shot of winning 2 British Airways business tickets for anywhere in the World. There are other great prizes too. Only 500 tickets will be sold – so this is great odds. Please contact Stephen if you would like a ticket.

Stephen.barabas@spcorp.com. Business Class opens up so many amazing opportunities – Australia here I come!

This is a great Charity event and even though this is not an official HSC event we are proud to be associated with Stephen and Brett - please contact Stephen directly for more information.....

Stephen.barabas@spcorp.com.

ARE YOU READY TO LIVE LIKE A COWBOY?
**OCTOBER 12 – 14, the Hoboken Ski Club's gonna
give you your chance!!**

Do the confines of city living get you down?
Do you long for the wilderness - living the cowboy dream?
Do you dream of nights around a fire toasting marshmallows?
Do you feel happiest when you're riding a horse?

If you answer yes to any of the above - then you can either pay for expensive therapy or join Howie and Carolyn for a weekend of being a Dude (or Dudette) at Malibu Dude Ranch, Milford, PA.



For \$195, you will enjoy:

Rustic Double Accommodations for 2 nights
All your meals
As much horse riding as your body can handle
Rifle Range (no Howie is not the target)
Rowboats
Tennis / Volleyball
Archery (again Howie is not the target - but for a fee we could change our minds)
Fishing
A hayride and bonfire Saturday night
And many other things horse like and fun....

Car pooling will be organized; drivers will be reimbursed for their gas.

Contact Howie Stone or Carolyn Harris for details at
hscduderanch@gmail.com

Only 30 spots are available, so sign up fast, (definitely by September 27)!!

August Calendar:

Thursday August 23
Thirsty Thursday - South Street Seaport
Saturday August 25
Mets Baseball Game - Mets v. Dodgers
Sunday August 26
Hiking - High Point State Park

September Calendar:

Friday September 7 - Sunday September 9
Adirondack High Peak - White Face Mountain Hiking Weekend
Saturday September 8
Mountain Biking - Hartshorne Woods Park
Thursday September 13
Thirsty Thursday - Location TBA (check website)
Sunday September 23
Hiking - Storm King Loop
Tuesday September 25
Breckenridge Ski Trip on Sale !!!!!!!
Saturday September 29
Fall Fling - Nine 9pm - 12

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

Well that's it for now.....

We appreciate your time in reading our Newsletter. Please enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to have the pleasure of sharing a great HSC event with you soon.

Get ready for ski season – less than 5 months away and counting down!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is your Newsletter – so you are encouraged to be involved. Submissions for the September Newsletter are due by August 31. They can be sent by email to newsletter@hobokenskiclub.com.