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Ski Club

Ladies & Gents

Welcome to our January / February Newsletter and hello 2008!

I hope you all had a very special holiday season and I hope you are totally prepared and ready for everything we have planned for this ski season and beyond. The snow angels are smiling at us right now – as the conditions are improving and already Hoboken Ski Club has had some amazing trips already – Quebec City, Breckenridge, Okemo, Sugarbush, Stowe, JayPeak – all awesome!

For those of you who are new to this club – then may I extend an extra big welcome. This newsletter is one of our many forums to share stories and photographs from past trips and to promote / highlight upcoming events both on and off the slopes.

This edition starts with a New Year message from our honorable President Adam W. and also contains a review of our amazing New Years Eve celebration north of the border to Quebec City and to the “snow endowed” and beautiful mountains of Mt. Sainte Anne, Le Massif and Stoneham.

So please, sit back, make yourself comfortable and enjoy!

Keep dreaming of snow.

Cheers

Carolyn

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Thanks to Gary "Creative Genius" Toriello - the Club website is really a perfect haven for everything the Club has to offer. Definitely check out the month by month Events Calendar for a great overview of all the events we have to look forward to. All the contact details for all the Board Members are also on the site along with photographs and all the Club forums.....

The important stuff.....

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 together, to avoid confusion and expedite the process. If signing up by mail, please send a SASE so that your membership card can be sent. If this is not provided, it will be the member's responsibility to pick it up at the meeting. Your membership period will be valid from the dates specified on the membership form.

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

Message From The Executive Chair Lift "Going Up"

Not surprisingly, we had a great 2007 season and accomplished some pretty kick A@@ events from our paintball trip, baseball outings and softball team (1-1) earlier in the season to the holiday party in December with our support for Toys For Tots.

We received a very nice thank you note from the folks at Toys For Tots who wanted to thank you all for the generous donations of close to \$700 in cash and 4 GIANT garbage bags full of toys, which I will share with you.

"On behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and the many needy children who will experience the joy of Christmas because of caring people like you, please accept our very warmest thanks for your generosity." ...

Matthew T. Cooper, LtGen, USMC (Ret) - President

Switching trails - I wanted to extend a welcome to all of the new members who have recently joined our little HSC community. Hopefully, you were able to get on one of our great trips this season – from Quebec over New Years to our only European trip to Cortina, Italy. There are still a few spots open for Lake Placid so get to a meeting and sign up! If you had fun this year or didn't get on a trip yet and want one last hurrah, I'll put my money on a sure thing -- Beth & Ronit WILL run a great trip.

I remember my first trip with the club to Jay Peak, VT. I think at that point, I only knew about 5-10 people in the club including former presidents, Howie Stone and John Risdon, my VP, Maria Carrera and the two trip leaders, Chris DeSanctis and Chris Fallo. By the end of the trip, I think I had met everyone and remain friends and skiing buddies with a few folks as well.

I will say that if you extend a little bit of effort, by the end of a weekend trip, you can know just about everyone... now remembering everyone's names... that's a different story.

Anyway, if you haven't been to a meeting lately... stop by and say hello. If you are shy, walk up to the folks at the membership table and introduce yourself. They are more than happy to introduce you to others in the club.

I will leave you with this call to action. We as a club LOVE to try new things or revisit things we've done in the past that were successful. If you have any thoughts or ideas and especially if you'd like to step up and run an event, please come see either myself or Suzy... It's a great way to meet people in the club. And if you are interested in a leadership position with the Hoboken Ski Club Board... bios are due in the end of April.

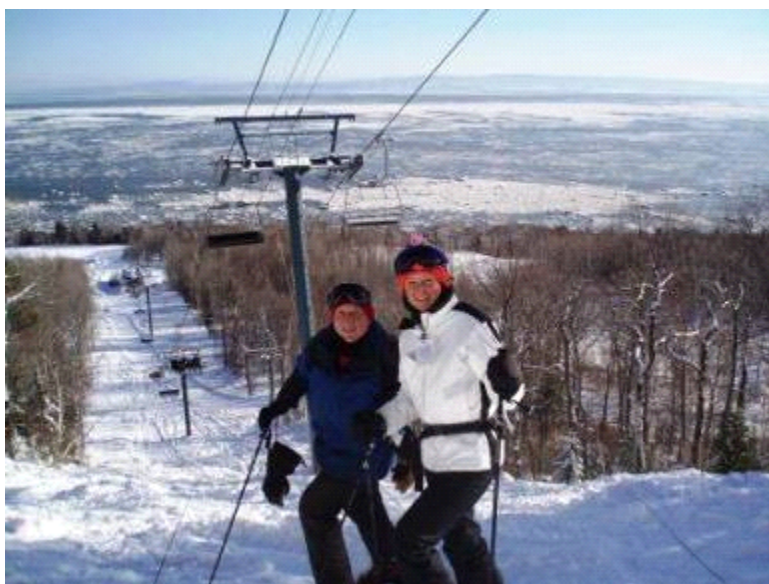


Hope To See You On The Slopes!
Adam W

SKI SEASON 2008 HOBOKEN SKI CLUB STYLE!

Over the next few issues we will be sharing stories and photographs from all of our 2008 trips. If you would like to share memories then please email them to me at newsletter@hobokenskiclub.com.

A few of my favorite photographs follow:



Birgit L and Neil R – the views from Le Massif – Quebec City Trip were absolutely amazing.

Jen C and me in Quebec City



Attractive group of skiers in Le Massif – Quebec City



Okemo Trip – January 2008



Stowe Presidents Weekend – The Rusty Nail night spot never disappoints

DON'T FORGET:

LAST CHANCE SKI CLUB TRIP OF THE SEASON:

LAKE PLACID MARCH 28TH – 30TH. \$380!

Email: ski-lakeplacid@hobokenskiclub.com



**The Hoboken Ski Club Is Looking for A
Few Good Individuals To
Help Guide the Club into 2009**



Interested?

Bios Due April 22nd For the 2008/2009 Executive Board!
Contact Adam Weissman at: president@hobokenskiclub.com

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION!

QUEBEC CITY DECEMBER 28TH – JANUARY 1ST

It was midday Friday December 28th when 48 HSC members left Hoboken aboard Dave's bus – we were heading North of the border for the Ski Club's first trip of the season to Quebec City. New Years Eve Canadian style!

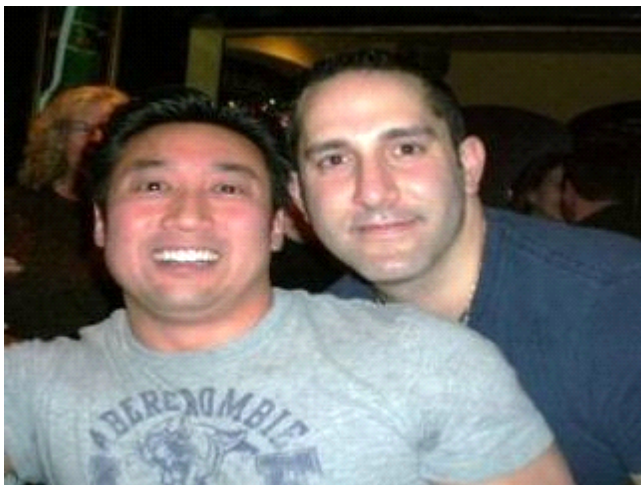


Trip Leaders: Carolyn H (i.e. me) and Lisa S

For the next 4 nights, we were staying in the center of the city in the Hilton Hotel – perfection! With a different mountain each day – we headed to Mt Sainte Anne for our first day. Ladies and Gents – the snow was amazing – we were in for a total treat. The mountain had serious amounts of fresh powder – with very few groomed slopes, the snow was a lot of fun and crazy - everybody enjoyed the challenge. We literally laughed our way around the mountain.

Saturday night was our first full night in Quebec, and we were determined to show Quebec how HSC parties in style. We held our Group Happy Hour in a local Irish bar with a great live band and the Giants game - everyone was happy. Following far too many pitchers of beer, wings and wine - a few of us continued the night by embarking on an impromptu bar crawl. We crawled from bar to bar – every time we heard a good tune we would walk in, buy a beer and command the dance floor. To be honest – we were pretty much the only patrons that night – the locals were clearly saving themselves for the big New Years Eve celebration. For the HSC partygoers, every night would be a practice night for the big night itself!

Now most people know that Lisa S and I love to dance, but on Saturday night we were literally



out danced by Ron S and his soon to be famous move, “the crazy invisible horse move”. This groove literally cleared the dance floor – no one could compete or really wanted to be near this move.

Dave K and The Invisible Horse Dancer Ron S

The following day we headed to Le Massif. This is the biggest mountain in the area and the sun was shining – the snow was perfect, this was a truly amazing experience. For those that made



the trip to the mountain they were not disappointed – the conditions were that great that most people stayed on the slopes all day. The bar on the mountain was absolutely kicking for the après skiers. Clear blue sky and great snow we really felt that we were skiing out West! We were really blessed.

Jen C looking very stylish on the slopes

Following a great day on the slopes we headed out for our Group dinner at a local French style steak restaurant. The food and service was superb. Quote of the evening has to go to Rich P – when the French waitress apologized for her lack of English – Rich responded “that’s ok I don’t speak French but I do speak the language of love”. Classic Rich! We also celebrated Neil R’s Birthday – Neil is the very happy man on the far right of the following photograph – he is



joined by (from left to right) Amy C, Kevin M, Donna M and the lovely Birgit L.

The night did not end following the meal – more bars were visited on the way home – some of the guys even went to a local establishment to confess / create new sins!

The third day on the slopes was also New Years Eve. Some of the group decided to relax all day and prepare themselves for partying but some – like me – knew that Statham would not disappoint.

Statham was the nearest mountain to Quebec City and yet again we were blessed with great snow. A lot of members started the partying early at the bars, others just took the entire day to get ready!



2008 marked 400 years of Quebec City – so everyone was out partying. That night we all headed to Club Maurice – apparently the place to be if you want to party. With 3 floors of music everyone was dancing. The cheap sparkling wine that we bought to celebrate the special mid night moment definitely helped everyone’s dance moves. At the stroke of midnight we all went crazy on the dance

floor – this was a great HSC moment as almost everyone was there. Special mention has to go to Gene S – his dance moves while clutching a bottle of wannabe champagne, were truly emotional. All the usual crowd Howie S, Maria C, Gary T, Ronit R et al partied until the crazy early hours. The bar was only a 10 minute walk from the Hotel, so everything was perfect and I think its safe to say that the majority all had sore heads for our ride back to Hoboken the next day.

Thank you to all of you who came with us. Lisa and I had a great time running this trip, Quebec City is a beautiful place, the mountains were “snowtastic” and the New Years Eve party was memorable and so much fun.

Thank you all for being so much fun!

Quebec City 2008 – awesome!

Carolyn H

March Calendar:

Thursday March 13th
Thirsty Thursday - Liberty Bar in Hoboken

Saturday March 29th
Wollman Ice Skating New York 6:30pm

April Calendar:

Thursday April 10th
Thirsty Thursday - TBA

Friday April 18th
Spring Fling - Buskers Hoboken

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

Newsletter Submissions :

This is your Newsletter – so you are encouraged to be involved. Submissions for the March Newsletter are due by March 30th. They can be sent by email to newsletter@hobokenskiclub.com.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season !!!!