



# The Danbury Ski Club Times

December 2014

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PAT HOWARD

Ok it's cold, they're making snow right now as I'm writing this at most mountains in New England. It's time for everyone to line up their skiing calendar. Start with On Snow Day on Jan 31st, race Monday nights with us at Mt. Southington and work toward Winter Carnival, ending up with Stowe in late March. There's more but that would be a good start. So please sign up, join us and ski your face off this year. We want you! Ph

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This year's **SNOW BALL** was a rousing success with great camaraderie, a wonderful band and a fantastic raffle with lots of great prizes. The "before" and "after" parties in the Hospitality Room that we shared with NAVA Ski Club had excellent food...and were lots of fun for all.

Many people helped throughout the evening. I'd like to thank Mary O'Hara and Joan Gall for all their help before, during and after the event, as well as Dave Kiley, Kathy Ligos, Joan Gall and Janice Cohen for doing prize solicitation.

A special thanks to former DSC Ambassador, Athena Detlefs for being my escort and friend, and for helping me to keep my focus.

Being the DSC Ambassador has been a wonderfully rewarding experience and I was very proud to be chosen to represent our club this year!

(Written by Dave Zuraw) And I thank you, Dave! Joan

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### **SKI SWAP 2014: Saturday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> (day 4) and Sunday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> & final day)**

Come volunteer to help your club at the ski swap. This is our only fundraiser to subsidize our lodge, various social events and our On Snow Day this year at Catamount. Many hands make the work light. We need help to set up (8:30 am to 10 am) and break down (5 pm to 5:39 pm) and during the swap 10 am to 5 pm to take in the sale items and enter it in the computer, tend to the cash register to record sales made and be a salesperson to assist the customers to find the items that best suit their needs at discount rates. We suggest 5 hour shifts 8:30 am-1:30 pm or 1 pm-6 pm

Please contact Mary O'Hara to let her know by calling (203) 791-8565 or by email: [maryenohara@gmail.com](mailto:maryenohara@gmail.com) for the days and times that you can help out.

We provide coffee, hot chocolate and donuts in the morning and lunch to all volunteers. All volunteers who put in 5 or more hours get a 15% discount on non-sale items at the Ski Haus in New Milford until March 1st 2015 and may enter their swap items for free. If you put in 18 hours you get two adult lodge vouchers (The Maples) and if you put in greater than 30 hours, you receive 4 adult lodge vouchers.

The Swap enables our club to give back to the community discounts on decent and recent ski and snowboard equipment to purchase and allows the community to turn in their equipment and clothing for \$2.00 an item and place their equipment and clothing in our swap. If it sells they get 80% of the sale. If the item doesn't sell you must present your

claim check and it must be picked up by 4 pm on Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, or it becomes the property of Danbury ski club. Be sure to let sellers know that they must have their claim check to get their item back.

Be sure to tell your friends and family about the swap. The Ski Haus will put in merchandise to the Swap also.

This year we will not be accepting cross country skis and boots, rear entry boots, helmets and straight skis,

All equipment should be in good condition prior to being accepted into the swap.

**The Ski Swap co-chairpersons are Pat Howard, Mary and Greg O'Hara.**

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The following is from our Recording Secretary, Mike Mannion's recent minutes:

"The **MAPLES LODGE** will open on Fri. December 5<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing to help out with the opening or looking to book lodging should contact Sam Griffith [lodge@danburyski.com](mailto:lodge@danburyski.com).

Dave Kiley updated the members regarding his plans for the **ON-SNOW DAY** which will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Catamount this season. Dave wants to **reintroduce racing** to the event and Catamount has agreed to set up a dual race course for our use. Catamount will also arrange the catering. Dave is contemplating the hiring of a disk jockey and is also considering bus transportation as an option.

Dave Kiley, who coaches the Ridgefield High School ski team, reported that there will be a showing of a **Warren Miller ski movie** at the Ridgefield Playhouse as a fund raiser for the team which the Club has historically supported. As a financial sponsor, the Club would be authorized to set up a table in the Playhouse during the screening. After brief discussion, a motion was made to appropriate the sum of \$200 as a contribution to the Ridgefield High School Ski Team. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously." Thx, Mike!

Ridgefield High School Ski Team will be showing Warren Miller's 65th feature film "**No Turning Back**" at the Ridgefield Playhouse on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30 pm.

Tickets \$10 and terrific door prizes. Tickets available at Ridgefield Ski and Sport. To reserve tickets you can email [RHSwarrenmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:RHSwarrenmiller@yahoo.com)

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"The Danbury Ski Club **CHRISTMAS PARTY** will take place on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 10 pm at Hatters Park, Banquet Room, 7 East Hayestown Road. We have a brand new format filled with a game, dinner, live music and dancing.

*Agenda:*

**6-7pm** Enjoy socializing with your own beverages as we play "Chinese Grab Bag."

Purchase a \$12 wrapped gift and trade it for a similar surprise!

**7-8pm** Dinner Buffet – DSC members will enjoy a delicious buffet where the club will provide the main entrees and the participants will bring side dishes or desserts.

Please call Janice Cohen at 860 274 6967 to inform her of the dish that you would like to bring by December 5<sup>th</sup>, and if any non-members will be attending.

**8-10pm** Music by the live band, '**FORGET PARIS**'. Wear your dancing shoes, and we will welcome in another ski season.

**10-10:30pm** Clean Up Committee – Please remember to bring home anything that you brought including empty bottles and dishes. Non-members are welcome but they will need to pay \$10 at the door. Thanks so much, Janice" (Written by Janice Cohen) Please bring a wrapped gift (either girl/boy) or toiletries/gift card for the Women's Center OR a non-perishable food item. Thx, Janice, and we look forward to a fantastic party. Joan

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**CSC KIDS DAY-** Full details were in the November 2014 newsletter but wanted you to know that Sam Griffith indicated that the Lodge will be open to youths 18 years of age and under for the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at a steeply discounted rate of \$5 for the weekend which coincides with CSC Kids Day at Okemo.

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Message from our Membership Chair, Ed Blasco:

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS** will be available for pick up at the ski swap and the cards not picked up will be mailed out by the 2nd week of December.

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**SKI/SNOWBOARD LESSONS** at Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Patterson, NY – Programs start Monday, January 5 through Sunday, January 11, 2014). See page 4 for sign-up sheet and address to mail in your enrollment form and check...please allow enough time for processing before classes start date. Classes are for all ages.

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**2015 TRIPS....**See flyers @ danburyski.com

Also from Mike Mannion's minutes (Business Meeting 11/6/14):

"Greg O'Hara updated the members present on the trip to Stowe which he is running. The dates are March 19 through 22 with accommodations at the Golden Eagle Lodge which is close to the clubs and dining and entertainment venues at Stowe. A full daily breakfast at the Golden Eagle is included as are the pool, Jacuzzi, etc. There will be a pizza party on Saturday and motor coach transportation is included in the price of \$425 (double occupancy). The deposit for **Stowe** to be no later than December 18, 2014

Charles Rubano has spots for 2 people (double occupancy only) left for his trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland Jan 23-31. **He needs a single female to share a room with the same** and has a single or double occupancy left for the Keystone trip Feb28 – Mar 7. It's close to a sellout. Charles reports that Lisa Bilodeau will be a co-trip-leader for the Grindelwald excursion which is required for international group travel. Contact [capturemic@yahoo.com](mailto:capturemic@yahoo.com)

Charles reminded the membership that Jan Cohen is running two trips.

[1] Okemo/Killington. This trip includes 5 five nights lodging: 3 nights at Killington Grand Resort Hotel and 2 nights at the Okemo Jackson Gore Lodge with 5½ days skiing. The Killington lift ticket includes Pico. The dates are Jan. 11 through 16 and the cost is \$590. This trip is close to a sellout.

[2] Mount Snow. This trip includes 3 nights at the Grand Summit Hotel (with daily breakfast) and 4 days skiing plus 1 night of tubing at Mt. Snow. The dates are Feb. 9 through 12 (which is a Ski Club Week at Mt. Snow) and the cost is \$389. Jan needs a single female and single male for the Killington/Okemo trip. Payment for both trips is due not later than 12/1/14.

Thx, Mike. Joan

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**FYI:** Robert Dexter <[skicouncil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skicouncil@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

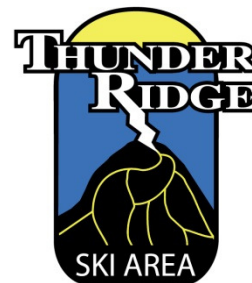
Race coaching at Mt Southington every Wednesday night from

January 7 to February 11, 2015 = 6 week program. If you want to get faster - this is the way to do it locally.

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Danbury Ski Club is **on SOCIAL MEDIA!** Follow us on twitter: @danburyskiclub or visit our Facebook group page: Danbury Ski Club to get quick updates on our events and activities. (Written by Joy Seri) Thank You! Joan

*Lessons are for skiers, first grade and up and for snowboarders, third grade and up. Adults are welcome.*

MON	5:30pm	(start date: 1/5/15)
TUES	5:00pm or 6:30pm	(start date: 1/6/15)
WED	5:30pm	(start date: 1/7/15)
THURS	5:00pm or 6:30pm	(start date: 1/8/15)
FRI	5:00pm	(start date: 1/9/15)
SAT	3:30pm or 5:30pm	(start date: 1/10/15)
SUN	3:30pm	(start date: 1/11/15)

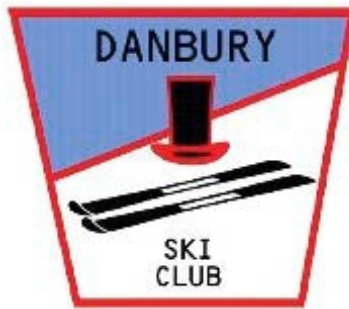


**email: [fun@thunderridgeski.com](mailto:fun@thunderridgeski.com) [www.thunderridgeski.com](http://www.thunderridgeski.com)**

# December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7:30pm Business meeting	5 The Maples Lodge Opening	6 Ski Swap Day 4
7 Last Day of Ski Swap	8	9	10	11	12	13 CSC Kid's Day @ Okemo
14	15	16	17	18 6:00 pm Christmas Party	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Happy, Healthy New Year !			

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### **DANBURY SKI CLUB**

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Dave Zuraw, [dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com)

#### **CT SKI COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Lisa Bilodeau, Joan Gall, Mary O'Hara, Greg O'Hara, Jim Seri

**WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME TO THE MEETINGS AND GET THE LATEST  
UPDATES ON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Directions to Hatters Park, Banquet Room, 7 East Hayestown Road, Danbury, CT**

From I-84 East: Exit 5. Straight to traffic light, straight onto North St. Right at

4th traffic light (Hayestown Rd). Left at next traffic light (Tamarack Ave..becomes East Hayestown Rd). Hatters Park is on right after a quarter of a mile.

From I-84 West: Exit 6. Right at traffic light (North St), then right at next traffic light (Hayestown Rd). Left at next traffic light (Tamarack Ave. becomes East Hayestown Rd).. Hatters Park is on right after a quarter of a mile.

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**MEETINGS:** Danbury Ski Club will hold **a business meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.** Board of Directors meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, and are open to all...you can listen, comment. Except for certain special programs, meetings are held at Hatters Park. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the BOD. Please check DSC's website, [www.DANBURYSKI.com](http://www.DANBURYSKI.com) for the latest information. You can also check us out on our social media.