



The Danbury Ski Club Times March 2015



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PAT HOWARD

Hi DSC Members...I believe that March is the best month to ski in Vermont. We have the Winter Carnival and the Stowe trip running this month, so come out and join us. The lodge is a great way to take advantage of Vermont snow and Spring skiing, so sign up now. Danbury Ski Club wants you! ph

The **CT SKI COUNCIL'S WINTER CARNIVAL** will be held at Okemo Mountain Resort, as Pat mentioned above, the weekend of March 6, 7 & 8th. We will also be celebrating our 60th anniversary after the Downhill race on Friday, Sitting Bull Loft, Clock Tower base lodge, 4 to 7 pm so do drop in. Important things to know about this event include: bulk tickets purchased pre-season CAN BE USED during the OnSnow weekend; and, the Saturday night dinner will be held at Jackson Gore!!!

On January 31st, over 50 of us headed up to **Catamount**, most on a bus, for our annual **ON-SNOW DAY**. This is historically a trip that the Board heavily subsidizes in order to make it affordable for everyone, so that we have a great turnout, and this year was no exception. We got a little bit of a late start with the planning, but thanks to our honorable Race Chair, Dave Kiley, our President, Pat Howard, the rest of the Board and many others, the day was a success!

It was a beautiful, sunny day with no wind and great snow conditions and everyone enjoyed themselves on the mountain.

Many of us took a few runs on the race course, which was the first time we were able to do that since the last time we were at Catamount many years ago, Our club champions for this year are Dave Kiley, who narrowly beat out Dan Slywka on the men's side, and Hana Nielsen, who came in just under her sister Mia's time on the women's side. Of course everyone that raced was a winner, especially those that raced for the first time ever, like new member Jessica Outlaw, Kaiori Nielsen, Bill Webber, Rose Scheer and Leona Bridgeforth. Last but not least were all of our junior skiers, Hana Neilsen, Mia Neilsen, Althea Hurley, Caroline Casey, and Aisling Connolly. Dave Kiley presented medals for all the kids, first time racers and a few others. Of course, just because the sun goes down doesn't mean the party stops. The mountain served some tasty appetizers, and a wonderful buffet dinner. Then the music started and the energetic DJ, Sean McKee from James Daniels Entertainment, did a great job getting the crowd out on the dance floor for the rest of the night. We even drew the attention of some other groups who joined us on the dance floor.

I'd have to say a great time was had by all, and we are looking forward to going back to Catamount next year for On-Snow Day 2016. Hope to see you there." Written by Dave Zuraw, Ambassador. Thx to Dave Z and Dave K for the fun.

Discount lift ticket vouchers MUST be returned early April (date TBA). A full credit for vouchers is not guaranteed; if possible, please use your vouchers or sell them to another CSC/DSC member .

It's almost time for **elections** again! In order to have a strong, vibrant club, it's necessary for members to offer their time and service to the organization that offers so many great benefits. As time passes, members who have been active tend to step to the background. It is, therefore, important for others to step forward to take their place. Please volunteer to ensure DSC not only survives but thrives. Details to follow in the April newsletter.

Save the date, Friday, May 15th so you can join us in celebrating our 60 years at a **dinner dance** held at the Amber Room. Details to follow soon.

The March meetings have been moved back one week due to the Winter Carnival...business on Thursday, March 12, Board of Directors on Thursday, March 26...both at 7:30 pm.

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2015 TRIPS....

"A memorable trip in **GRINDEWALD, SWITZERLAND** with magnificent mountain views no matter where you were. Grindelwald is a paradise for skiers with a vast choice of mountains and ski-runs. The 6 days Ski Pass was probably the best deal in town. It offered unlimited free access via picturesque railways and bus rides to all the ski mountains and area villages. In no other region of central Europe are glaciers so easily accessible as at Jungfrauoch, the "Top of Europe" at 11,333 feet. A few people went to Schilthorn which is the highest summit of the [Bernese Alps](#) in [Switzerland](#). It overlooks the [valley of Lauterbrunnen](#) in the [Bernese Oberland](#). There is a panoramic revolving restaurant, named [Piz Gloria](#), at the summit, which is where the 1969 [James Bond](#) movie "[On Her Majesty's Secret Service](#)" was set. A famous black ski run featured in the film starts at the summit and leads down to the Engetal, below Birg. The restaurant revolves a full 360 degrees in 55 minutes. There were plenty of Apres-Ski spots; most favorite was the outdoor Quicky Bar right off the mountain. After a long day of skiing many headed to the Grindelwald Sports Centre to stretch their muscles in the beautiful heated pool and, if you were adventurous, many went on the outdoor slide. The meals at the hotel were real nice and most special were the laid back evenings where everyone shared their ski adventure and day's event over a glass of Swiss wine. Many congratulations to Charles for being such an awesome trip leader and hosting a perfect, 'Snow Globe' ski vacation in the beautiful Swiss Alps!" Written by Lisa Bilodeau and our thanks to her for being Charles' Assistant Trip Leader and fulfilling various requests such as the well-written above article.

"We had 24 wonderful people on our **MOUNT SNOW** trip (2/9-12). There was plenty of snow for all. The accommodations were excellent, with an outdoor pool that was heated like your bath water. The free breakfast buffet and deli omelets were very tasty. Since the price was such a bargain, we may wish to do this trip yearly with other clubs. Mt Snow even provided us with a pizza party and dancing at the Snow Barn. It was another great trip with great people. Thank you for coming, Janice Cohen" Our club is grateful to Janice for two fun destination ski trips this winter.

As you're reading this newsletter, our adventuresome members are enjoying the trip to **SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**. We wish them a MAHvelous time and get home safe/sound.

For complete details on the **STOWE** trip late March, kindly refer to the February issue of the DSC Times. It promises to be a blast.

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