



# The Danbury Ski Club Times May, 2015

## A Message from Our President, Pat Howard

Hi DSC Members...the ski season is winding down after a great year of snow and friendship. I hope you will continue to join in our off-season events like rafting, biking and the Mets game that we are planning. Please keep coming out to meet us and have some fun. Danbury Ski Club wants you! Thanks for a great year. phfactor

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It's time for elections again! DSC's **ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS** are set for 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 7th at Hatters Park. The current slate of candidates for DSC officers for 2015-2016 is:

**President:** Pat Howard

**Vice President:** Charles Rubano

**Treasurer:** Kathy Ligos

**Delegate at Large** (2 year term): Dave Zuraw

**Recording Secretary:** Michael Mannion

**Corresponding Secretary:** Susan Edelstein

**Ambassador:** Janice Cohen

**CSC Reps** (Choose 5): Joan Gall, Mary O'Hara, Greg O'Hara, Dave Zuraw, Debbie Herrick

**CSC Alternate Reps:** Jim Seri

## Awards

**Charles Randall Award** for Most Outstanding Member:

Lisa Bilodeau: Switzerland Week Trip Leader, Continued with Ski Swap during trying times.

Joy Seri: DSC Social, Annual Picnic, International Dinner, Organized News-Times coverage during trying times.

Dave Zuraw: Ambassador, CSC By-Laws Committee, Ski Swap and On-Snow Day, Organizing Winter Carnival.

**Steve Frenekes Award** for Most Active Member:

Janice Cohen: Christmas party, Mt. Snow and Okemo/Killington Trip Leader.

Sam Griffith: Lodge Chairperson.

Charles Rubano: V.P., Trips Coordinator, Switzerland and Colorado Week Trip Leader, Ski Swap, Newsletter assistance, Mohawk.

Kathy Ligos: Treasurer, Winter Carnival, Hosting BOD meetings.

Awards, continued

**Bob Butcher Award** for the Member who Promotes Unity and Morale

Dave Kiley: Racing Chair, Organizing On-Snow Day.

Pat Howard: President, Monday Racing, Ski Swap, News-Times article, Efforts to re-energize and encourage more participation in the Club, Mohawk.

Kumar Makayee: Ski Swap, Welcoming presence and coordinated family dinners at the Lodge.

**DSC Rookie of the Year** for the *New Member* who exhibits the most enthusiasm and involvement

Joe Connolly: On-Snow Day and Stowe Trip with his family.

Debbie Herrick: Monday Night Racing, Winter Carnival, Interest in serving.

Jessica Outlaw: Yoga Class, News-Times article, On-Snow Day

Phil Mannion: Stowe Trip, Enthusiastic story teller.

Jeff Kornhaas: Winter Carnival, Volleyball organizer.

In-person voting will be May 7th at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Online voting begins Friday, May 1st, and ends Wednesday afternoon, May 6th. An email containing the link will be sent to all members who have a *valid email* associated with their membership. Only one vote is allowed *per membership* (family counts as 1 vote). Your DSC election ballot will contain the names of those nominated for club offices as well as members nominated for the following awards (select one person for each award).

Awards will be presented at 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**DISCOUNT BULK TICKET VOUCHERS** must be returned by **FRIDAY, MAY 1** - No exceptions. Vouchers can be returned via mail to: Colleen Mannion, 12 Valley Stream Drive, Danbury Ct 06811. Time your mailing so that they are in Colleen's mailbox by the first of May.

Do not mail to ski club PO Box. In order to ensure I have received the vouchers you should also e-mail Colleen Mannion at [vouchers@danburyski.com](mailto:vouchers@danburyski.com) with the name of the mountains and amount of vouchers listed. Once I have the vouchers I will respond that they have been received - this will serve as your receipt for the return. There will be no credit given for vouchers received after the deadline of 5/1/15. (Written by Colleen and we thank you for all your hard work with this program where our members get a good perk.)

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**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP** runs until August 31, 2015. For the new ski season 2015 /2016 you can sign up as early as you like. The benefits of signing up early are that your new membership cards will be mailed to you as soon as the new CSC membership stickers are available. No self-address envelope is required. Your cards will be mailed to you. (Written by Ed Blasco and we thank him for serving us so effectively last year.) FYI: If a new member signs up as of the annual meeting (5/7/15), their membership is valid until August 31, 2016. Please join/renew online at [www.danburyski.com](http://www.danburyski.com).. Those who wish to mail in their check must renew online, select the "check" option, and mail their payment to Ed Blasco, DSC Membership Chair, PO Box 764, Danbury, CT 06813-0764. Rates are as follows: Single, \$45; Family, \$70; College, \$35, Senior, \$45 (age 65+), Senior Family \$55. Kindly provide and maintain valid contact information (email address).

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**2015-2016 TRIPS are in the works!** We will likely offer 2 week long trips: Val D'Iserre, France and Whistler, BC are the front-runners. We'll probably run a bus trip to Stowe again, and Jay Peak is being discussed as well. Stay tuned for more details...

# DANBURY SKI CLUB INVITES YOU TO ITS **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

**7:00 PM - Midnight**

AMBER ROOM COLONNADE

1 Stacey Rd., Danbury, CT

**MEMBERS: \$30, NON-MEMBERS: \$60**

Includes cocktail hour/cash bar, stationary and butler-style passed hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner with salad, choice of beef, chicken or seafood, dessert & coffee/tea

MUSIC provided by ExciteDJ <http://www.excitedj.com/>

Let's welcome new officers and recognize members who stepped up this season - Most Outstanding, Most Active and Member who best promotes unity and morale, Rookie of the Year and more...



## ***CHEERS TO DSC'S 60 YEARS OF:***



- Friendship and Camaraderie On & Off The Slopes
- Ski Trips To North & South America And Europe
- Ski Swap, On-Snow Day, Ski Instruction, Winter Carnival, Monday Night Racing
- A Club For All Seasons: Skiing, Snowboarding, Scuba Diving, Whitewater Rafting, Camping, Baseball Games, Picnic, International Dinner, Hiking, Cycling, Christmas Party, Halloween Party, Broadway Shows, Concerts, Ski-TV presentations, Warren Miller shows
- Community Spirit: Special Olympics, Relay For Life, Adopt-A-Street, Still River Clean-Up, Danbury Women's Center, Toys for Tots, Green Chimney Donations and more!

**RSVP by May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Come to meetings to sign up or mail checks payable to **DANBURY SKI CLUB** to

Joy Seri/DSC, 93 Great Plain Rd., Danbury, CT 06811, [danburyskisocial@yahoo.com](mailto:danburyskisocial@yahoo.com), 203-798-2597

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We've got a great **RAFTING TRIP** planned on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts July 10 - 12, with rafting, camping and a free mountain coaster ride. Sign up early and you will participate in a raffle for T-shirts, hats, etc... Also, if you are interested in staying at the one cabin we have reserved, you NEED to sign up by mid-May. Cost depends on how many stay at the cabin. Check out the flyer below and email me if you are interested and/or have questions. Dave Zuraw: [dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com)

# DANBURY SKI CLUB ----- WHITEWATER RAFTING, 2015



## *Deerfield River, Massachusetts, JULY 10-12, 2015*

Whitewater rafting is back at the Deerfield River in Charlemont, Massachusetts, an exciting Class III-IV river that drops steadily throughout the day through a narrow 5 mile gorge. There will be a snack on the river and a BBQ is included on Saturday after rafting. Wet suits, photographs and videos will be available for purchase. Also available: **A free mountain coaster ride** (normally \$10); A Zip line for a small fee (pre-register); and a Mountain Bike park should also be open by then.

Tent camping (bring your own) is also included Friday and Saturday night at nearby Country Aire Campgrounds. The campground has bath facilities, a pool, a small camp store, campfires, many outdoor activities. We have also reserved one cabin (see below).

**What to bring:** Swimsuit, hard soled water shoes or old sneakers, waterproof bug repellent and sunscreen. Also consider bringing a waterproof camera, sunglasses, and spare prescription glasses or contacts. For camping, bring a tent or share, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot, pillow, flashlight, lantern, cooking equipment, food and drink.

**Directions:** I91 to exit 26 (Route 2 West); Drive 13 miles to Charlemont. Driveway is on the right, look for the camper logo just before the Oxbow Motel and Otter's Restaurant. Driveway is about ¼ mile long. All MUST arrive before 10pm Friday, much earlier or you'll be setting up in the dark, and quiet hours start at 10pm. Campground: (413)625-2996.

**Sign-Up:** Contact Dave Zuraw C:(203)232-9057. Bring payments to DSC meetings or mail to: Dave Zuraw, 33 Hilltop Rd., Naugatuck, CT 06770, Attn: WWR. Email me when you send check.

**One Cabin Available:** 1 Queen bdrm, 2 twins bdrm, sleeper sofa, loft with 3 mattresses. Cost starts at \$210 for 2 adults. Add \$18 per adult. **MUST sign up and pay by May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pay in full by May 28<sup>th</sup> (May 13<sup>th</sup> for cabin) to be entered in a raffle at held at Berkshire East (check-in) Saturday ~8:45am (Prizes T-shirts, hats, etc...)**

**Cost:** \$140pp (Sat. rafting, 2 nights camping, BBQ after rafting, mountain coaster ride).  
**Payment:** \$90 deposit due May 28<sup>th</sup> (Late signups OK if space is available)  
**Final Payment:** \$50 due June 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Refund policy:** Full refund available until May 28<sup>th</sup>. Full refund -\$20 available until 6/25. Some compensation for hardship cases possible.  
**Requirements:** Minimum age ~15 and in good health.  
**Transportation:** Car pool  
**Camping:** Arrive by 10pm Friday night, earlier or you'll be setting up tent in the dark.  
**Registration:** 8:30am Saturday at Berkshire East

Trip Leader: Dave Zuraw C:(203)232-9057, [dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com).  
Outfitter: Berkshire Rafting, [www.berkshirewhitewater.com](http://www.berkshirewhitewater.com)  
Campground: Country Aire Campgrounds [www.countryairecampground.com](http://www.countryairecampground.com)



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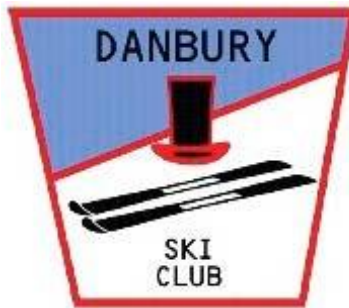
Danbury Ski Club's **Annual Baseball Outing** will take place Sunday, August 16th at 1:10 p.m. at Citi Field in New York City as the New York Mets play the Pittsburgh Pirates. The cost of the tickets is \$29 per person. The seats are located behind home plate in the Promenade section. If the group is large enough, we may arrange for bus transportation. If interested, please contact Jim Seri by email at [jimseri@yahoo.com](mailto:jimseri@yahoo.com) or by phone at 203-798-2597. At last year's baseball outing over 40 people attended. Please let me know if you can make it! (Written by Jim Seri...thanks & we look forward to the game!)

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Danbury Ski Club is **on SOCIAL MEDIA!** Follow us on twitter: #danburyskiclub or visit our Danbury Ski Club [Facebook page](#) to get quick updates on our events and activities. (Written by Joy Seri.Thx)

<b>MAY 2015</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					<b>1 Online Voting begins</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 NJ Ski Show</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Online Voting begins</b>	<b>7 7:30 Annual Meeting</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 7:30pm BOD Mtg.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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# A CLUB FOR ALL SEASONS



## DANBURY SKI CLUB

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### DSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Pat Howard

**Vice President:** Charles Rubano

**Treasurer:** Kathy Ligos

**Immediate Past President:** Greg O'Hara

**Delegate At Large:** Joan Gall

### DSC OFFICERS

**Recording Secretary:** Michael Mannion, Michael-mannion@att.net

**Corresponding Secretary:** Joan Gall, dscdelegate@danburyski.com

### AMBASSADOR

Dave Zuraw, 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 HELD AT:*

### 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.**

Boards of Director Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month 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 Facebook.

- I'd like to thank all of our members who contributed to The DSC Times for the last 3 years and, as editor, I know there are a lot of FUN members out there. Keep up the good work. It's been my privilege. Joan