

# Ski Venture Newsletter



“Local skiing on natural snow”

Ski Venture is back for another year of skiing and riding – this season will be the club’s 70<sup>th</sup> year of continuous operation. This makes the club one of the oldest in operation in the country!!

This is the club’s annual newsletter. It gives you background on the club, schedule of events, application form, and an update on latest club news.

Club members are excited about the club and are working hard to make it accessible to all who have an interest in local skiing on natural snow.

For more information check out the club Website: <http://www.skiventure.com>

## Who should join Ski Venture?

**Anyone who enjoys local skiing or riding on natural snow in a friendly club environment. It is great for families with kids! And it's great for any serious skier looking for a great workout.**

### Club Facts:

Conveniently located in West Glenville  
Founded in 1937, purchased property in 1949  
Cozy A-frame cabin with wood stove  
Over 100 vertical feet  
4 trails – beginner to expert  
Two rope tows (main and kiddie lift)  
New main rope installed in November, 2004  
Member owned and operated (volunteers!)  
Open day and night to qualified Hill Masters

## 2006/07 Schedule of Events

### Work Party

Sunday, Nov.5, 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 11, 11:00am-4:00pm

### Annual Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 11, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Hill Master Training #1

Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:00 am

### New Year’s Eve

Ski & Celebration

### Hill Master Training #2

Saturday, Jan. 6, 9:00 am

### Date Night

Saturday, Feb. 10, 6:00pm

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blow-out

Late February, Date TBD

### Tuckerman’s Ravine Ski Trip

April – stay tuned!

## Membership Dues

The club is actively seeking new members. Annual dues continue to be very low:

\$60.00–Family membership.

\$100.00 – Sustaining family membership (includes a Ski Venture T-shirt & weeknight deal Maple Ridge and Willard).

**\*Why "Sustaining Membership"?** The club could use more funds to run smoothly and to improve the club for the future. Maple Ridge and Willard Mountain discounts will apply only to those families

who chose to sign up for the sustaining membership. With your sustaining membership card you can purchase \$10 lift tickets on Tuesday – Thursday evenings at Maple (a \$5 savings!). Willard has promised to provide a comparable deal. Check the web page for updates.

What is a Hill Master? There are no paid lift operators or staff at SkiVenture. Hill Master’s are individuals who have received training to operate the two rope tow lifts and agree to enforce the club procedures. Only an approved Hill Master may start the tows and a Hill Master must be present during hill operation. Two people must be present at all times during lift operation. Hill Master lock combinations are changed every year and given out during Hill Master training. Hill Master responsibilities are designed to comply with state regulations. Hill Masters must have prior first aid training.

#### Hill Masters and Hill Master Training

Reminder – Hill Master’s need to have training refreshed annually. Combination locks will be changed! Training dates are Dec.17 and Jan.7 at 9:00 am. Once you are a Hill Master, SkiVenture is available to you 24 hours per day.

##### Hill Master Training Agenda

- Review procedures
- Pay annual membership
- Sign certification form
- “Bring your calendar” and sign up to be a weekend Hill Master: Saturday or Sunday: 11:00am-3:00pm

#### 2006 Organization Structure

President: Frank Winters 384-2541  
Vice President: Ed Kudlacik 399-5530  
Treasurer: Rachel Winters 384-2541  
Secretary: Tony Dean 370-1445  
Committee Chairs:  
Phone tree: Joe Beaulieu  
Hill & Grounds: Open  
Tow & Electric: Ed Kudlacik  
Hill Master Schedule: Open  
WebMaster: Steve Leavitt  
Nominations for 2007 officers and committees are encouraged (Call Frank).

#### Financial Status

The club is solvent and has paid all current taxes, and has a small positive balance. We are planning capital improvements. With our small surplus we acquired a new culvert and will installed it on Nov. 11. Three years ago, we purchased a new rope for the main lift.

Last year we purchased a used SkiDoo Sandic work snow mobile for grooming the hill. It runs well but needs a secondary clutch which we will likely purchase this year.

#### Property Tax Saga

The town’s appraiser reassessed the property from \$10,000 to \$162,100!! Finding this excessive, Frank and Ed grieved the assessment with the appraiser, and assessment was then raised to \$179,000!!! They completed the NY Real Property Services complaint form and the tax assessment was reduced to \$14,000. The tax bill in the fall did not initially reflect this change, but at press time we are back to a fair assessment and tax burden.



View from the top!!

## Volunteer's Make the Difference

The club is run by volunteers and together we maintain the facilities. Thank you to **all** who participated in the work parties last year.

If it weren't for dedicated members who are willing to donate time and equipment we would not have a club. There is no way we could afford to pay for the important work of clearing the hill, improving drainage and maintaining the A-frame.

Upcoming work parties:

We are seeking members this fall to help with the following tasks:

- Fix main culvert \*
- Cut brush \*
- Fix mower \*
- Snow fences up
- Trim brush and treeline \*
- Fix light on green slope
- Fix motion detector light
- Clean A-frame \*
- Move firewood \*
- Check barrels on poles \*
- Check chimney
- Replace upper lift building decking

**\* completed as of 11/11/06**

Pass information to friends and colleagues: The newsletter and application form is available for download on-line at <http://www.skiventure.com>



Fresh Powder on the Meadow run!!

## Ski Venture Challenge!!

Is your teenager too old for Ski Venture? Be the first to ski thirty minutes non-stop and receive a \$10 gift certificate (Rules: ski down and go up the main tow non-stop for thirty minutes with a Ski Venture officer in attendance)

## Last Season

I hope you made good use of Ski Venture early in the season last year. For the first time in recent memory with were able to ski during Hill Master training. After that the season was light on snow but we still had acceptable conditions From December 17 – January 25. It was a good thing that we had the Maple Ridge discount. We enjoyed many \$8 lift tickets at Maple when the SV snow went south.

The Farmer's Almanac says we are due for a good one this year, so get those legs in shape.

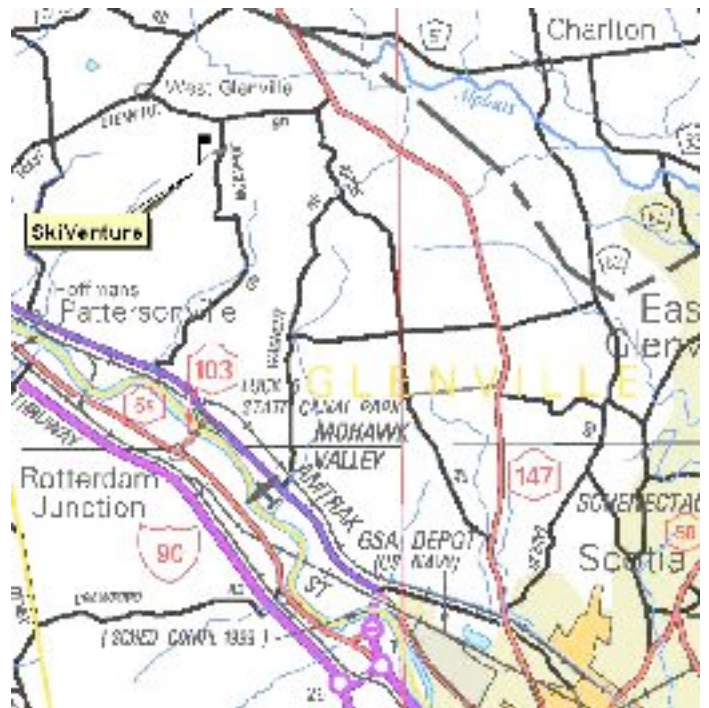
## SkiVenture Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner:

The club annual meeting and potluck dinner was held on Saturday, November 11 at the ski hill following the work party. The 06/07 board was voted in and the budget was approved. Following dinner, a slide show of the '06 Tuckerman Ravine trip and showing of Warren Miller's Journey (outside on the deck!) rounded out the evening.

## Directions to SkiVenture

From Rte 5 east of Scotia, head north on Johnson Rd and go up and over the hill. Ski Venture is on the left near the bottom of the hill before you get to West Glenville Rd.

From everywhere else: From Route 147 take West Glenville Rd (left). Take the second left onto Johnson Road. Ski venture is 0.4 miles up on the right.



### The Tuckerman Connection

In keeping with the SkiVenture tradition, we made two trips to New Hampshire's fabled Tuckerman Ravine in April of 2006. Once again the adult trip was epock with blazing sunshine and mediocre weather was the call for the kid's trip. Everyone put in the effort and had a spectacular time.

Tuckerman's Trip: Luke and the Kelly boys (above)  
Luke's first run at Tuckeramn's (below)



### Kid's Commentary

"Ski Venture has great hot chocolate" and "My favorite season is winter because I can go to ski venture with daddy"

- Megan Hunt (age 6)

"You can go there any time you want."

-Luke Winters, (age 10)

"The big rope tow pulls you right out of your boots!."

-Colin Winters, (age 7)

"Come join. You will have a lot of fun"

-Chris Kudlacik (age 11)

"It's fun to ski in the powder snow!"

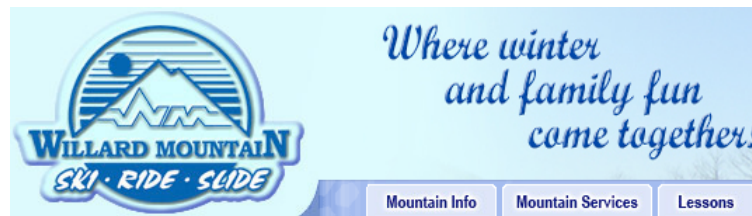
-John Dean (age 9)

"Ski Venture is a really great place to play at."

-Jeffery Leavitt (age 11)

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A special thanks to Maple Ridge and Willard Mountain for offering their special weeknight rates to Ski Venture Sustaining members.



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A special thanks to Price Chopper for providing supplies for the annual meeting



Ski Venture Membership Application

2006-2007 Annual Rates are:

- \_\_\_ \$60.00—Family membership
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**\*Why "Sustaining Membership"? The club could use more funds to run smoothly and to improve the club for the future. If you choose to pay \$100 for your annual family membership, you will be eligible for a Maple Ridge Ski Area \$10 4-hour lift ticket on Tuesday thru Thursday nights and a similar deal at Willard Mountain, plus we certainly appreciate it. If you choose to pay the \$60 membership, we appreciate that too. Your choice.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City / Town / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member's/Dependants:  
Name and Age:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* By signing this application, applicant acknowledges that SKI VENTURE, Inc. is not in any manner liable for direct or consequential injury or damages suffered by applicant, applicant's family, or guest as a result of using the corporation's facilities.

Make your check out to Ski Venture, Inc. and send an application to:  
Ski Venture, Inc.

C/O Rachel Winters, 113 Hetcheltown Rd., Glenville, NY 12302, (518) 384-2041

**Ski Venture Liability and Guests**  
 Ski Venture continues to offer affordable family skiing by not carrying liability insurance for its members or its guests. Everyone at Ski Venture must ski at their own risk. You may invite guests, however, be careful about inviting minors without their parents. We cannot guarantee complete safety when skiing, accidents are always a possibility. The parents of injured minors are going to be much more understanding if they were present and knew that an accident couldn't be avoided. To assure continued operation of Ski Venture, your complete cooperation and understanding is required concerning all operating procedures

-----For Office use-----  
 Date Rcd \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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