

SkiVenture

2012

Spring Newsletter



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Although it seemed like a sad winter we still had 15 skiable days

Local skiing on natural snow for an upcoming **76th** year

2011 – 2012 Season.

Another ski season has moved into the history books. Although not the season most of us hoped for, several families did get in about 7 days of skiing this year on the hill, with some excellent conditions. Despite very modest snow fall SkiVenture was skiable about 15 days this season. We made very good use of the little snow we got. I hope you took advantage. Never underestimate SkiVenture. Several members took advantage of the \$100 membership and spent some time at Willard and Maple Ridge. Additionally the SV season pass provided a \$10 discount on a Saturday, midseason at Gore Mountain, and was good for a half price deal late in the season at Hunter.

During the April school break of few of us had some well earned fresh tracks on Mount Washington. While we did not ski in Tuckerman Ravine at all due to the crevasse and considerable avalanche danger, we made fresh tracks on Hillman, the Land Slide Gully (A.K.A. LSD) and the Northeast Snow Fields. It was another wonderful pilgrimage to the mecca visited by the SkiVenture members since the club started in 1937.

Thanks for the great photos Sue!



Hill Maintenance this Summer

Typical of last year we will be continuing “Wednesday night at the Hill”. These work parties are focused on fixing, repairing and upgrading small work projects such that during our major work parties we can focus on the priorities that set us up for skiing.

The Wednesday nights typically start at about 6 and end ~ 8:30.

If you cannot make a work party but would like to take on a task – please contact Ed at 399 – 5530 and he will provide you with a list of items that need to be completed.

This summer during our major work parties we will be focusing on several key projects mainly aimed on updating our main lift.

Please follow our communications on Twitter and emails if you would like to help out.

Power Line Trail expansion – final work

The new upper Power Line trail was roughed out last fall by the help of many members with chain saws. This summer we will continue to clear the brush such that the tractors can mow it in the late fall.

We Want You



For a Wednesday night work party

• **Starting May 9th** •

Help keep us strong

SkiVenture strong

Wednesday night at the hill

Lean To Out Post

During hurricane Irene, several large oak trees around Frank's house and the neighborhood were uprooted due to the water soaked soil. This white oak is an excellent source of wood for hand split shingles. Over the winter and continuing into the spring there has been activity transforming these trees into shingles for the roof of the lean to. It is expected that by the time snow begins to fall the lean to will be buttoned up and ready for the ski season. For those of you wondering – it takes about 2000 shingles to cover the roof. White oak shingles are expected to last 75 year. Nate and John – reroofing it will be your problem when your grand kids are on the hill.



How many shingles Ed!

Glades

In the fall of 2011 there was some strategic tree cutting in the glades to remove some dead trees and provide the stronger larger trees space to grow and create a canopy. Tree removal is now concluded and our focus is on the small brush and wood lying on the ground. We are planning a work party this summer of just cleaning up this brush and chipping it to better enhance the glade area. If you would like to help with this brush removal please contact Frank.

Main Lift Building – Total Upgrade – Phase 1

This summer we plan the following work for the main lift

- Pour the foundation piers for the new lift building and pole.
- Erect the new pole.
- Relocate the tensioning system to the bottom of the hill.

If this work goes smoothly we will begin construction of the new lift house in preparation for the swap in the summer or 2013.

2012 – 2013 Membership / Waiting list

For our 2011 – 2012 season we had a full membership and were able to include everyone that wanted to join. This year there have been several families asking if they can join for next year and we have added them to the waiting list. Just like last season, everyone who was a member for the 2011 – 2012 season will have the opportunity to rejoin for the 2012 – 2013 season. The cutoff date will be the September 22 work party, club dinner /&reelections. At this time we will begin calling folks on the waiting list to fill open slots.

Important Dates – Mark your Smart phone

Wednesday night at the hill	starts May 9 th
Summer chipping party	TBD
First fall work party	Sept 22
Elections / Club dinner	Sept 22
Waiting list opens	Sept 22
Second fall work party	TBD

Don't forget to secure your membership for the 2012/2013 season



It really did snow this winter!