



Jersey Ski & Sports, Inc.

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The President's Corner



By Deborah Evans, President

As the chill is beginning to set in, we are excited to welcome the new season with open arms and present the new schedule for the 2015 -2016 ski season.

We have heard your requests and have added yet another weekend Econo-trip. This makes for a total of three, one per month for January, February and March. We chose resorts that are all within driving distance and provide great bang-for-your-buck deals, as well as flexibility in the number of days one may choose to stay.

The Martin Luther King holiday in January and President's Day holiday in February offer the holiday Monday as an extra day for an extended weekend.

We are also incorporating a range of activities that will entice non-skiers to join us skiers.

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Get Ready to Ski!

Our calendar is set and filled with exciting trips. Round up your roomies, send in your dues and deposits. Check the jerseyski.org website for details on all trips and events. The fun starts Oct. 30 with the JSSI Annual Meet-N-Greet Membership Drive at Papillion 25 Restaurant and Martini Bar, 25 Valley Street, South Orange NJ. [See Page 4.](#)

JSSI Annual Membership Drive



Jersey Ski Trips for 2016:

Jan. 14-18 - Vermont Econo-Weekend

Our annual trip to Swiss Farm Inn, to ski Killington and Okemo. And remember, the room rate includes the best breakfast in Vermont and dinner throughout your stay.

Jan 30 - Saturday at Shawnee Mtn. PA

This is our annual Sponsor-A-Youth, Learn-to-Ski Program. You get all the fun of a JSSI bus ride (6 am departure, 6 pm return) with discounted rates for the kids and those who ride with them.

Feb. 11-15 - Pocono Mts., PA Econo-Trip

Come ski with us and gamble at the Mohegan Sun Casino. Skiers have a variety of mountains to ski, and for the non-skiers the Mohegan Sun Casino is ten minutes away. Great rooms at the Holiday Inn, free breakfast and a 24-hour shuttle system to the casino.

March 17- 20 Stowe Mtn. VT Econo-Trip

Great rooms at the Commodores Inn, below, with free breakfast daily and a great shuttle system to get you to the slopes and around the town.



In Memoriam

Jersey Ski suffered great losses this year with the death of Richard Whitten, a founder and former president, above, and other leading lights of our organization. We remember them on [Page 3.](#)

NBS Eastern Region Trips:

Dec. 5-13 Breckenridge CO

The Early Season Warm Up Ski/ Ride Trip.

Feb. 4-8 2016 Sunday River ME

Winterfest!

The NBS Summit:

Feb. 27 - March 5 Heavenly, Lake Tahoe



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The Black and White Dance

Once again the place was the Leaguers in Newark for Jersey Ski's annual fun and fund-raising event, where everybody wears black and white and shows off their best dance moves. Thanks to our generous sponsor REI, there were lots of door prizes to give out: Canvas bags stuffed with an assortment of JSSI gifts, for lasting memories of a wonderful evening.

At left, JSSI President Deborah Evans with former Newark Mayor Sharpe James.



The Jersey Ski & Sports Family Outing

Jersey Ski members and friends were well represented at the annual Family Outing at Rockland State Park, NY in July.



They will be missed

The passing of any member hits us hard. In recent months JSSI has suffered blow after blow with the loss of founders, past officers and member-friends who served the organization well.

We salute these three whom we recently lost.

Richard Whitten Sr. was one of the founders of Jersey Ski & Sports Inc. He served as one of our presidents and helped to shape the organization. An expert skier and certified ski instructor at Shawnee Mountain PA, Rich skied the big mountains throughout North America and Europe.

He worked for the US Postal Service, and the Essex County Department of Corrections and for a time was a baggage handler at Continental Airlines, a job that allowed him employee benefits for free travel all over the world, so he could ski the world.

You did not have to know him long to learn that he had proudly served his country as a Marine, and that he had a wife, Teresa, whom he dearly loved. Rich grew up without a father in his life, but he was a wonderful father to his children, Brian, Richard Jr., and Diane. He took it upon himself to help raise other relatives and neighborhood kids. He would round them up for outings, introduce them to skiing and serve as a sounding board and mentor.

He was a jazz lover, a savvy card player and a man concerned about his community. In 2006 Rich was among those the New Jersey Performing Arts Center honored in its "Tribute to the Elders," saluting him for his lifetime of service to the community.

Jersey Ski joins all those who celebrate his life, mourn his loss and thank his family for sharing him with all of us.



Madeline Holmes was affectionately known as "Mat." She studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, and had a passion for fashion design, interior decorating, sewing, dancing, modeling and the performing arts. Madeline's good looks and talents won her the Miss Black New Jersey title in 1968. In addition to being one of Jersey Ski's cornerstone members, she served as Secretary of the Eastern Region of the National Brotherhood of Skiers for more than 20 years.



Avant Lowther was for many years a driving force behind Jersey Ski's youth programs. He worked diligently on the club's programs to teach young people to ski and his son Dane was part of Jersey Ski youth. Avant taught science and mathematics at West Kinney Junior High School in Newark. He taught at-risk youth in the SOS program, worked summers as the adult education coordinator at Central High School in Newark and was a high school equivalency diploma instructor. He also served as union representative for the Newark Teachers Union.

Sunshine and Rain

Heartfelt Sympathy: Our hearts also go out to **Stephanie Williams**, whose mother, **Viola Simpson**, passed away and to **Eric Little**, who also lost his mother, **Evelyn Little**.

Get Well: **Dolores Garrett** was badly shaken up and injured in a rear-end car accident. **Annie West-Koontz**, wife of member **Booby Koontz**, is also recovering from an automobile accident.

Member and Summit Chairperson **Sheris Williams**, daughter of **Wanda Williams-Nunnally**, is on the mend from surgery.

We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

Graduation: Webmaster and member **Marilyn Donley-Hall's** daughter **Laura** graduated from Stewartsville Elementary School and is now attending Phillipsburg High School as a freshman .

Moving: **Bill Holliday** and his wife, and **Eugene and Margaret Williams** are relocating to the Tampa FL area, where they will be in close proximity to **Gail and J.B. Brown** and **Cara Washington**.

Sonya Littlejohn has recently re-located to North Carolina with her job.

JSSI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM SHARP!

(Light Refreshments)

Pavillon 25
RESTAURANT AND MARTINI BAR

25 Valley Street - South Orange, NJ 07079

\$40 Individual/\$75 Family/\$25 Student (18-24)\$30 Seasoned/\$10 Youth

Deborah Yvonne Evans at 973.374.5351 (www.jerseyски.org)

Make check payable to Jersey Ski & Sports, Inc. Cash accepted.

Membership has its privileges. Space is limited.

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For the Pocono-Econo February 11-15, 2016 trip, the lodging provides a 24-hour shuttle for a quick ten-minute ride to Mohegan Sun Casino. One can ski a different mountain each day, starting Friday and ending Monday on the way home if one so desires.

For next season, March 2017, plans are in the works for Snowshoe Mountain Resort, West Virginia!

Official Mt. Tremblant Roots berets and JSSI ski straps are on sale on our website

jerseyski.org



Member on the Move: Biking and Kayaking



Left: Carla front row, right, with her cycling group. Above, Carla in a kayak.

Jersey Ski member Carla Harris went cycling in Texas with a group that churned out a series of 20-mile plus tours, often in 100 degree weather. And that's Carla kayaking this summer.

The New Jersey State Ski Council wants photos of members doing outdoor and sports activities. Send photos to Nancy McLaughlin, NJSSC Rep., Morris County Ski Club:

nmclaughlin71@gmail.com.

The Special Olympics NJ Summer Games



From June 12-14, nearly 2,500 athletes from throughout New Jersey, joined by 800 coaches and chaperones and hundreds of spectators and families, participated in the activities and competitions of the 2015 Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games at The College of NJ, Trenton.

JSSI members have made a tradition of helping out at the state Special Olympic games. Contact Jersey Ski President Deborah Evans for information on volunteering.

Left: Some of the 2015 Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games winners.