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1. GET THE LATEST WEATHER AND SNOW CONDITIONS at the Caberfae Ski Club Weather page by clicking www.caberfaeskiclub.org/weather.htm

2. WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND?

SATURDAY, December 19th

- Open for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. with full food service until 2 p.m.
- Lifts open at 10 a.m. at the latest. Please click http://caberfaepeaks.com/?page_id=42 for the latest information.
- Cross Country excursion departs from Waddy's at 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday afternoon deck party.
- Clubhouse Grille and Stag's Head Lounge close at 3 p.m.
- As a courtesy to members and their guests, any personal items left in Grille or the Stag's Head Lounge will be moved to the Round Room or Warm Locker Room.

SUNDAY, December 20th

- Open for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. with full food service until 2 p.m.
- Lifts open at 10 a.m. at the latest. Please click http://caberfaepeaks.com/?page_id=42 for the latest information.
- Stag's Head Lounge opens at noon on Sunday.
- Saturday afternoon deck party.
- Clubhouse Grille and Stag's Head Lounge close at 3 p.m.
- As a courtesy to members and their guests, any personal items left in Grille or the Stag's Head Lounge will be moved to the Round Room or Warm Locker Room.

3. WHAT'S HAPPENING BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

NOT MUCH! The Clubhouse Grille and the Stag's Head Lounge will be closed Monday through Friday, December 21st thru Christmas Day. Contrary to what was previously reported in last week's newsletter, the Clubhouse Grille and the Stag's Head Lounge will be closed Monday thru Friday, reopening with gusto on Saturday morning, December 26th for 9 days in a row.

4. WADDY'S NO BAD NEWS REPORT for Wednesday, Dec. 16th

I actually have something worth me saying and you hearing! But I forgot what it was... So instead I'll tell you of my winter so far at Caberfae. Yup, that. I spent my mornings last week stomping my way into the McKenzie X-country trail system, trying to keep a visible set of tracks open. It kept snowing so that proved to be more than a meager task. Much to my/our delight, Darryl Staskowski and Kevin Jung took the initiative on Saturday and managed an initial **grooming**/clearing of several loops and greatly improved on what I had been attempting. We had a group outing on Saturday afternoon and had a great ski. We've had light snowfalls continuing since then and the groomed tracks have allowed me good skiing. The forest is laden with snow top to bottom, it's so beautiful that I find myself stopping frequently, listening to the silence, and trying to take mental photographs of the scene. This is a unique time at Caberfae. Anyone who enjoys x-country skiing even a little, owes it to themselves to get out and about. We all owe huge thanks to Darryl and Kevin. If each one of us buys each of them a beer....

As you probably know, Caberfae 'lost' North Peak chair sometime late Saturday. To their credit, they maintained accurate progress info on their website, and worked to get the chair spinning by Thursday, Dec. 17th. Tonight's info indicates they do plan to have North Peak running tomorrow.... the 17th. They've also been very busy making more snow, everywhere, and especially on South Peak. There's rumor, and I'm inflating that rumor, that South Peak may be open and ski-able this weekend!

The ski club will be open this weekend, Dec. 19th & 20th. However, I'm sorry to report that it's my understanding that the club then won't be open 'til next Saturday, December 26th. A Christmas week without the ski club....? Guess we'll have to 'brown bag' it in the Round Room, and offer our donations to Arlo's Pub across the street. I'm sure it's for our own good.

That's all I can think for now, my thought patterns continue to atrophy. X-country skiing and oranges may save me. May not.

I hope to see you this weekend, on the hills, in the forest, and at the club.

May each and every one of You, and Yours, have a very Happy Christmas and Holiday Season.

Be well,

Waddy

5. CROSS COUNTRY SKIING – All skill levels are welcome. The fun starts at Waddy's house at 2:30 p.m. (Caberfae Lane, in the village).

6. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY AT THE CLUB. Have you sent in your reservation yet? Well, go dig it out... you received it in the mail last week. You may also go to the Caberfae Ski Club web site www.caberfaeskiclub.org. The link is right there on the front page. You can fill it out and mail it to the club, along with your check. It's sure to be a fun filled evening of dinner and dancing in the transformed Snowflake Ballroom; all for just \$35 per person. Guests of members are welcome.

7. THE CABERFAE SKI CLUB WEB SITE is a valuable tool for information about the club and members prove this year after year. Our very own Web Master, Jim Neff

put together some interesting statistics about just how often we go there for the latest information about the club.

1. In 2009 the Club website had 9,476 unique visits and those people clicked on 13,976 pages.
2. So far this season (November/December) we've had 1067 unique visits and 1762 page views.
3. The three most popular pages (besides the opening page) were: About, News, and the Calendar.
4. Six of the top 20 most popular pages were copies of the eNewsletter. There were 753 downloads of those 6 newsletters.

Consider Bookmarking www.caberfaeskiclub.org for fast and easy access to everything you need to know about your club?

8. THE CLUB CALENDAR is posted on the club web site: www.caberfaeskiclub.org

9. CHECKOUT THE NEWLY INSTALLED Caberfae Webcam

http://caberfaepeaks.com/?page_id=1394 located at the base of North Peak.

10. CABERFAE SKI CLUB Contact information:

- Caberfae Ski Club web page: www.caberfaeskiclub.org
- Calendar of Events: <http://www.caberfaeskiclub.org/calendar/calendar.htm>
- Dinner Reservation Hotline: dinnerreservations@caberfaeskiclub.org
- I Forgot to Make Dinner Reservation Phone line... or the "I'm-so-ashamed-I-forgot-to-make-reservations-Please-may-I-come-anyway?-I-promise-I-won't-do-it-again Phone Number" (231) 920-6769 (Sue's personal cell phone).
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11. COMMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & SUGGESTIONS

This is your club and we'd like to hear your ideas to continually improve the Caberfae Ski Club for the enjoyment of you and your family. Let us hear your suggestions. Email us at: caberfaeskiclub@caberfaeskiclub.org. If you have a story or an article you've

written that you'd like to share with club members in the eNewsletter, please email or call the eNewsletter editor.

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