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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

FRIDAY, January 22nd

* Open for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. with full service until 7 p.m.

* Lifts open at 10 a.m.

* The Stag's Head Lounge is open until 8 p.m. (maybe later if Waddy's not ready to go home).

* Friday Night Fish Fry is served at 6:30 p.m. with only one seating. Adults: \$8 per person (children under 12, only \$4). The Grille needs at least 20 reservations by noon on Friday to serve the Fish Fry. So if you even think you might be able to make it, please let the club know by using the Dinner eReservation link dinnerreservations@caberfaeskiclub.org or if you prefer, sign up at the clubhouse on the bulletin board... please include your cell phone number so that in the event of a cancellation you can be notified. No matter how you do it, please come join the fun! At worse you may end up with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but it'll be a good sandwich, and you'll be in good company. Besides, the Stag's Head Lounge is open until 8 p.m... you can drink your dinner!

* SATURDAY, January 23rd

* Open for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with full service until 7 p.m.

* Lifts open at 9 a.m.

* Cross Country departs from Waddy's at 2:30 p.m.... whether he's there or not. Like this weekend for example when he's participating in the NASTAR Race Clinic.

* Celebrate the Chinese New Year with a ginger salad, sweet and sour chicken, and beef with vegetables... and don't forget your fortune cookies. Adults: \$9 and children, as always, are half price. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Club needs 20 reservations to serve this dinner. Please make your reservations by Thursday evening and include your cell phone number whether you email or post your reservation on the bulletin board (so that Sue may contact you in the event of a cancellation). dinnerreservations@caberfaeskiclub.org

* The Stag's Head Lounge is open until 9:30 p.m. (maybe later if Kim's not ready to go home).

SUNDAY, January 24th:

* Open for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with full service until 3 p.m.

* Lifts open at 9 a.m.

* Clubhouse Grille and Stag's Head Lounge close at 4 p.m.

As a courtesy to members and guests, any personal items left in the Grille area will be moved to the Round Room or the cubbies in the Warm Locker Room. If you left your things in the Stag's Head Lounge you're out of luck... you'll be wearing your ski boots to work on Monday.

3. WADDY'S NO BAD NEWS REPORT - Tuesday, January 19th.

Skis are freshly waxed, correspondence attended, and now a light snow is falling. I'm inspired to write you.

I've been telling all the 'Dweebs', now you- its time to do something about lack of natural snow this season. So, this Friday the 22nd, at noon, everyone should pause for a moment, concentrate, and THINK SNOW. For those of you who live in a world of multi-tasking, it would be

healthy to just think of one thing- SNOW! Participate, it will only take about 5 seconds of your life.

Speaking of Friday, you should be aware by now that if Sue doesn't get 20 sign-ups for Fish Fry, it won't happen. If you would like these Friday night social hours/dinners to continue..... sign up! Sue needs to know numbers to prepare appropriately.

On to my 'raison d'etre'- skiing. Caberfae continues to give us great downhill skiing due to grooming. But we could use a dose of natural snow. A large dose. X-country trails are similarly in need. Groomers have been concerned that lack of snow on the trails, and the hard-pack-ness of them, may make it counter productive to groom. Trails aren't bad, a tad quick, but certainly skiable. Back to paragraph one- remember to THINK SNOW on Friday at noon.

Most of you know that I participate in our Wednesday Night Race League (for some of us it's more a race to get to the bar afterward). Last couple of weeks have been more interesting than usual in that we've had some crashes that resulted in injuries. My best wishes to Cindy, Chris, Don, and Bill. I think all but two of you will be back this week. I'm sure Joe is on top of the situation and will do what he deems necessary to make the evenings more fun and less dangerous. My feelings are that if you're going to compete you should be aware of the dangers, accept them, and use common sense, and wear a helmet. Yes, you too, Larry.

Onward- I had a very interesting experience last week. Cameron (mng. Demo Center) and Pete (Meyer) had been encouraging me to try a new demo ski. A few of my friends have been very pleased with Nordica skis this year, so I accepted their offer, and took out the recommended performance Nordica skis. My theory that every 3-5 years ski technology advances enough that I can appreciate it. It's that time! Cam and Andy were very accommodating in explaining the ski, how they tune, and what their intentions are at the Demo Center- offer Caberfae's increasingly up-scale customers a chance to try a better ski than the average Rental ski. Another effort to make the over-all Caberfae experience a very positive one for those who don't know about our wee hill. My understanding is that the Demo Center is not intended to be a retail outlet, rather it's an attempt to offer 'more, and better'. I was impressed to talk to Andy (Taylor, former Cadillac Ski Team captain, and hot Wed. night racer) about the tuning/repair facilities. They're set-up to offer a basic tune, or an advanced tune and/or repair at reasonable prices, and in a time frame that will get the average day-skier back on the hill quickly. If you hadn't guessed, I was impressed across the board. Another sign that Caberfae's management has a keen eye on the future- they're attending the present by taking care of we skiers, properly. There goes our 'little secret'.... (Pssst.... I'm selling my Atomic B5's if anyone's interested)

Lastly- my little commentary on our Ski Club. Like most clubs, there's a group of members who volunteer to do most of the work. We do have a small professional staff, but they can only do so much. Members should consider helping as they are able: pick-up after yourselves, and teach your children the same responsibility; volunteer to help somewhere, there's always need and most people can usually find something enjoyable to contribute (remember, Buddha says: 'it's a higher honor to serve than to be served'); read the club rules, and practice them. Like rules everywhere they're created from the majority of a group, with the groups' well being intended. We are a multi-generational club, I think most of us behave as we would/should in our own homes. Practice consideration and empathy. If one's not happy with the way the club is run, petition the Board, or find a group that thinks and acts as you'd like, and join them. It makes sense- birds of a feather flock together. We've got a great, and unique club- pretentiousness is at a minimum, and fun is at a maximum. Enjoy it, and treat it like you love it.

More lastly. There's going to be another Nastar Adult Race Camp this coming Saturday the 23rd. I, and some of our regular x-country skiers will be at the clinic again. If you'd like to do the weekly 2:30 x-country ski, you're more than welcome to start from my house to access the trails. We may go out around 3-3:00 for a quick loop if our legs will allow. We'll probably go Sunday as well, at 2:30. You're welcome to join us.

OK, Robin's taking time from cookie baking to feed me. I'll take my micrometer out to the front porch to measure new snowfall, have a bite to eat, and go skiing. It should be great!

Thought of the day- Carl Sagan got my attention with this one: 'To make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe'. Think about it, or not.

Be well, ski safely, enjoy each other.

Waddy

4. TICKET AGENT AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB... again!

A Caberfae Ticket Agent will be available in the Clubhouse Grille for two hours each day; on Friday from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. There was a little snafu regarding Friday's... but that's all better now.

5. 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

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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6. 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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