

ACE Ski & Board News

*General Membership Meeting December 6
Special Sale on Smugglers' Notch tickets: \$10 each!*



Santas at Sunday River.

The next General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be December 6 at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park Lodge, Westford, MA

Doors open at 6:30.
General Membership Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights:
Guest speaker will be Rob Arey from Cannon Mt.
Pick up your lift tickets.

Great Door Prizes—including more Lift Tickets!

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October Door Prize Winners

Chris Cole	Ski bag
Don Butler	Ski shirt
Rose Villani	Ski shirt
Leta Markham	Shirt
George Coolidge	Hot Chillys
Julia Horgan	Gloves
Dee McMaster	Gloves

Vince Mattock	Skis and bindings
Paul Kennedy	Cap and goggles
Marcia Ruklic	Lift tickets
Greg Ruklic	Lift tickets
Mike Andre	Lift tickets
Jean O'Donnell	Lift tickets
Marcia Ruklic	Lift tickets*

*Extra door prize ticket for bringing in canned goods makes her a double winner!

Club Membership

Many of you have renewed your membership in the ACE Ski and Board Club. We may not be alike in our skiing ability since some of us are experts who win the top prizes in the EICSL recreational racing, and others are intermediate or leisurely skiers. But as a group, we all love going down the slopes, seeing the great alpine or mountainous views, and breathing in the fresh clean air.

At press time, the club has 93 members, 73 primary, 20 associate members, one almost teenager, and nine new members. We hail from six states with Massachusetts in the lead with 70 members, New Hampshire in second place with 16, New York in third with three, and New Jersey in fourth with two. Vermont and Maine each have one member.

Slightly over half of the membership is male. Although we ski together or at the same couple of mountains, we don't live in the same towns. The following have four members each: Winchester, Acton, and Bedford. Our club members favor certain towns, but in different states: Milford, Manchester, and Bedford. Finally, we cluster in towns that begin with a "W."

All joking aside, we all value the door prizes, discount lift tickets, ski trips, recreational racing, friendship, and ski camaraderie.



Why Join Yahoo! Groups?

We would, first of all, like to thank the 90 or so of you who have joined Yahoo!Groups, since that helps getting out club announcements tremendously.

For those of you new to the ACE Ski and Board Club, Yahoo!Groups is the club's official distribution list and share for its ski club members. Any news after press time will come to you via Yahoo!Groups —such as any changes to meeting dates or locations.

Do you want to hear the latest reports on the weather or trail conditions where you are planning to ski or to hear about reopened ski areas that you are wondering about? Maybe you want someone to join you for a last-minute ski or board trip. Then send e-mail to ACEskiandboardclub@yahoogroups.com!

Rest assured, our club's Yahoo!Groups is *private* with a restricted membership and not listed in the Yahoo!Group's directory. The moderators approve all messages prior to their being sent out. All members may post e-mails. Finally, the archives are for members only.

—Jean O'Donnell and Dana Blanchard

What's Happening . . .

Boston Snow/Sports Expo

Plan on attending this event next year held every November. Practically every booth gives you a chance to win something. You can also find out information about ski resorts in the U.S. and Canada and buy discounted ski equipment and clothing and do boot fittings.

“Vampire” Skiing at Jiminy, Nashoba, Wachusett

Night skiing has come into its own as more people are taking advantage of better lighting, off-hour availability, and the sense of peaceful relaxation that comes with skiing under the stars. It's big in Massachusetts and other parts of New England as stressed out day workers unable to make it to their mountain during working hours hit the highways at night in search of their own illuminated slice of heaven. Shawnee Peak is popular with the nighttime set, as is Ski Ward in Shrewsbury, Nashoba Valley in Westford, and Ski Bradford in Haverhill. Then there's Wachusett Mountain in Princeton and Jiminy Peak in Hancock.

From OnTheSnow.com

EICSL

EICSL Holiday Party – Saturday, December 3
8 p.m – 12 a.m. at The Wave at Waverly Oaks
Athletic Club, Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham

Kick off the holiday season! Live band, dancing, holiday cheer, snacks, raffle prizes, cash bar. Tickets required, must be 21 years of age. Tickets \$15 at the door. Contact Christina Brown (Christina_m_brown@hotmail.com), or Maria Rocco (vp1@eicsl.org).

EICSL also sells discount tickets. They received some Bretton Woods tickets, while we missed out this year. Check with EICSL about availability.

EICSL's Aspen trip is March 7-14. Space is still available. If you couldn't go when the ACE trip was scheduled, you can sign up for the March trip.

Thanks for Sharing Info

Many thanks to Bill Tarkulich for forwarding on much useful information by means of the Yahoo list. He provided locations of ski swaps and where ACE club members can get discounts. (You must be an EICSL member to get the discounts that EICSL advertises.)

Bill has \$25 Cannon Mountain vouchers good through December 24. that he will send you. Just send a SASE to Bill Tarkulich, 12 Hathaway Rd, Lexington, MA 02420 and say how many you want.

Ski Free

That's right, ski free on your birthday at **Wildcat!** It's in their brochure. Check their website, www.skiwildcat.com.

Christmas Gift Ideas

- Check Bill Tarkulich's e-mail of Dec. 2 to Yahoo list for ideas on buying ski passes.
- A book about skiing: Seen at the Snow/Sports Expo—*The Powder Road*. Get a taste of these guys' dream adventure of skiing Alaska for 3 months. Enjoy the multimedia adventure: www.powderroad.com

Winter Trips

The ACE club trip to Aspen is January 28 to February 4, 2006, and we now have 28 people signed up.

Mary Mattock is our Winter Trips chair (mmmattock@rohmmaas.com). For years the group has spent a long weekend at Stowe. We are still looking for someone to organize a trip to Stowe for this year. The weekend of March 10–12 would be a good time to go—no conflicts with the Aspen trip or with EICSL races.

Important Club Dates 2005–2006

<i>General Meetings</i>	<i>Board Meetings</i>	<i>Winter Trips</i>	<i>EICSL Races</i>
September 15	October 12	Aspen, Colorado January 28 –February 4	January 7, Loon
October 27	November 30		January 21, Attitash
December 6	January 24		February 4, Cranmore
February 7			March 4, Attitash

The first three general meetings will be held at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Lodge. The February meeting will be at Ken's American Café, Littleton, MA.

Any member may attend the Board meetings; these are held at Ken's American Café in Littleton, MA.

Directions to Tubing Park at Nashoba Valley Ski Area

Powers Road, Westford, MA 978–692–3033

Boston or Rt. 95/128

Take Rt. 2 west to Concord rotary, then go west on Rt. 2A. Follow for 6.5 miles and the entrance to the park is on the right.

North of Boston

Take Rt. 495 south to Exit 31. Go right off the exit. Go straight through the light and follow for 1.5 miles. The entrance is on the left.

South of Boston

Take Rt. 495 north to Exit 31. Go left off the exit. Go straight through the light and follow for 1.5 miles. The entrance is on the left.

Lift Tickets Are Going Fast!

SOLD OUT

Ascutney	Mt. Sunapee
Attitash	Okemo
Burke	Pat's Peak
Cannon	Ragged
Crotched	Sugarbush
Jay Peak	Suicide Six
Loon	Waterville
Mt. Snow	

Mailing Lift Tickets:

To have tickets mailed, enclose with your order a certified self-addressed stamped envelope with a completed PS Form 3800 and a completed PS Form 3811. Note: You must request \$4.42 worth of stamps for the certified stamped envelope; do **not** use PVI (you cannot use a single sticker worth \$4.42 because it is dated).

ACE Ski Ticket Receipt Acknowledgment

I (Name Printed) _____ have received and checked my Ski Ticket order (Order #) _____ on this day (date) _____ and acknowledge that it is complete or that I am owed a refund of \$ _____ from the ACE Ski and Board Club.

I understand that these tickets may not be sold on the premises of any participating New Hampshire or Vermont Ski Area or Sold on any Web auction site such as Ebay.

As the purchaser of the Vermont Ski Areas Association (VSAA) and Ski New Hampshire lift tickets, I agree to the following: These tickets are not for resale. Resale could result in the forfeiture of all tickets purchased by the ACE Ski & Board Club. If I cause this forfeiture, the ACE SKI & Board Club will make every effort to recover lost funds from me personally. This could amount to several thousand dollars. These tickets may be given as gifts, but the responsibility for the above remains with me, the original purchaser. By purchasing these lift tickets and signing this form, I assume responsibility for their use and agree not to resell them at any time.

Name (Signature) _____

Tickets Will Sell Out - Order Early!!

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LIFT TICKET PURCHASE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please review the following information outlining the 2005/2006 Membership requirements for ticket purchase and the general terms and conditions of purchase.

- TICKET PROGRAMS:** The ACE SKI & Board Club Benefits Committee is responsible for the sale of discounted lift tickets. Discounted lift tickets are purchased by the ACE Ski & Board Club from the Ski New Hampshire (www.skinh.com) and the Vermont Ski Areas Association (www.skivermont.com) discounted lift ticket programs. Tickets are offered for sale to Adult Members of the ACE Ski & Board Club NE over 21 years old for use during the current ski season. Please read disclaimer of ticket purchase and use on the 2005/2006 Ticket Order Form (Paragraph above where you sign). Ski NH tickets have no restricted use dates. Vermont tickets have various restricted use dates - usually at Christmas/New Year's, Martin Luther King weekend and the February school vacation week. Restricted use dates are subject to yearly change by the resorts and the ACE Ski & Board Club does not know in advance of its purchase what dates are restricted.
- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** To buy discounted lift tickets, you must be 21 years or older and a member of the ACE Ski & Board Club for the 2005/2006 season with annual membership dues **paid**. If you are not a **paid** Member, your ticket order will **NOT** be fulfilled. Please contact Jean O'Donnell (wiennerin1900@yahoo.com) regarding your Membership status or visit the Membership table at the next meeting to join or renew your Membership.
- TICKET PURCHASE METHOD:** Lift Tickets will be available for sale at the December 6th General Club Meeting (on a first come/first serve basis). Tickets purchased will be distributed at club meetings or via US Certified mail. Ticket prices do **not** include mailing costs. Mountains have been divided into three tiers this year. Restrictions are as follows: 8 ticket maximum with a 2 ticket maximum per mountain on Tier #1, 8 ticket maximum with a 4 ticket maximum per mountain on Tier #2 unless no tier #1 tickets were ordered then it is a 12 ticket maximum with a 4 ticket maximum per mountain on tier #2. There is a 16 Ticket maximum with 4 tickets maximum per mountain on tier #3 tickets this year. There will be a second mail sale with those tickets available which have not sold out in the first mail sale or at the September 15th General Club Meeting. **One order form must be submitted for each club member.** After **Dec 6th**, club members can purchase as many tickets and for as many mountains as desired. Tickets will also be available for purchase without restrictions at the **Dec 6th** meeting. **All orders MUST include a check for the total amount of your order.** Please make checks payable to the ACE Ski & Board Club. Mail ticket orders to:

Robert Titus
Attn: ACE Tickets
PO Box 392
Southborough, MA 01772
- TICKET PAYMENTS:** The ACE Ski & Board Club only accepts personal checks and money orders for payment of tickets. Cash, credit card, debit card, or other payment options are **NOT** accepted. Payment, in full, is due at time of purchase. **All ticket sales are final. Refunds or returns are NOT available.**
- TICKET PICKUP at Meetings:** The preferred method for distributing is at club meetings. Tickets should be available at the Dec 6th ski club general meeting.
- Mailing Lift Tickets:** To have tickets mailed, enclose with your order a certified self-addressed stamped envelope with a completed PS Form 3800 and a completed PS Form 3811. Note: You must request \$4.42 worth of stamps for the certified stamped envelope; do **not** use PVI (you cannot use a single sticker worth \$4.42 because it is dated).
- QUESTIONS:** If you have any lift ticket purchase questions, contact Robert Titus, Benefits Chair, at ilenetitus@charter.net

The 2005/2006 Season General Meeting Schedule
 • Thursday, Sept 15th • Thursday, Oct 27th • Tuesday, Dec 6th • February 7

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**ACE SKI & BOARD CLUB •••• 2005/2006 SEASON
LIFT TICKET ORDER FORM**

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Tier 1 Mountains (8 Tix Maximum, 2/Mtn Maximum)

Tier #1 MOUNTAINS	TIX PRICE	# TIX	TOTAL \$\$\$
Attitash	38	SOLD	OUT
Loon	38	SOLD	OUT
Mt. Sunapee	38	SOLD	OUT
Wildcat	38		
Killington	38		
Mt. Snow	38	SOLD	OUT
Okemo	38	SOLD	OUT
Stowe	38		
Stratton	38		
Sugarbush	38	SOLD	OUT

Tier 2 Mountains (8 Max, 4/Mtn, or 12 Maximum 4/Mtn if no Tier 1)

Tier #2 MOUNTAINS	TIX PRICE	# TIX	TOTAL \$\$\$
Cannon	34	SOLD	OUT
Cranmore	26		
Gunstock	34		
Pat's Peak	24	SOLD	OUT
Waterville	26	SOLD	OUT
Ascutney	20	SOLD	OUT
Bolton Valley	20		
Bromley	26		
Jay Peak	26	SOLD	OUT
Burke	24	SOLD	OUT

Tier 3 Mountains (16 Tix Maximum, 4/Mtn Maximum)

Tier #3 MOUNTAINS	TIX PRICE	# TIX	TOTAL \$\$\$
Black	24		
Tenney	24		
Middlebury	5		
Suicide Six	5	SOLD	OUT

Tier #3 continued MOUNTAINS	TIX PRICE	# TIX	TOTAL \$\$\$
Crotched	24	SOLD	OUT
Ragged	24	SOLD	OUT
Smugglers Notch	10		
Mad River Glen	20		

Do Not Include Club Membership Dues

TOTAL \$ Enclosed

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To receive your ticket order, you MUST complete the following:

~Make checks payable to ACE Ski & Board Club~

Name: _____ (One order form per member!)

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone #:** (_____) _____ - _____



ACE Ski & Board Club 2005 / 2006 Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT

Membership type: New: _____ Renew: _____ Update: _____

Primary Member Name: _____ Age (Opt.): _____ Female or Male (circle one)

E-Mail: (Please print clearly): _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City/State: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Work Phone: _____

Family Member Name: _____ Age (Opt.): _____ Female or Male (circle one)

Family Member E-Mail: (Please print clearly): _____

Please do not add me to the Yahoo Groups Email distribution []

(Please use back of this form for additional family members)

PRIMARY MEMBER

Optional** FAMILY - Additional Adult Family Member(s) _____ X \$ 20.00 = \$ _____

Optional** EICSL* Membership for Primary Member \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

Optional** EICSL - Additional Adult Family Member(s) _____ X \$ 8.00 ea. = \$ _____

EICSL Members must sign EICSL Release and Indemnification (see Back of this form)

TOTAL \$ _____

ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

- ** You **must** be a member of the ACE Ski & Board Club to participate in EICSL or ACE Ski & Board Club programs.
- * Eastern Inter-Club Ski League (EICSL) membership is required to participate in the EICSL race programs along with EICSL social events. EICSL memberships need to be submitted by Oct 31 and will not be accepted after December 31.
- Racers also must complete separate racing applications.

I am interested in helping the ACE Ski & Board Club committees checked below:

- | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> EICSL | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings worker | <input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarding | |

Complete this application and the Adult Participation/Release form (below) and attach a check (no cash), made payable to "ACE Ski & Board Club". Submit the application to the membership committee at a general meeting or mail it to:

ACE Ski & Board Club
PO Box 455
Littleton, MA 01460-0455
ATTN: Membership

www.AceSkiandBoardClub.org

Note: **Members must be at least 21 years old.** Only Primary members receive club mailings.
Membership is valid through September 30, 2006.

Accounting Purposes Only: Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Pin: _____ Card: _____ Gift: _____ YahooGrps: _____

Adult Participation/Release Form

I, _____ and _____
(Primary Member Name) (Family Member Name, if applicable)
of _____

(Address of Residence)

hereby request to participate voluntarily in the ACE Ski and Board Club, Inc. and associated activities for the 2005/2006 membership year. In consideration of your granting my request, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and agents waive, release, and forever discharge ACE Ski and Board Club, Inc. from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, and demands for, upon, or by any reason of damage, loss, or injury resulting from my participation in said activity. Further, I hereby consent to the free use of my name and/or picture in any form of publication, in association with my participation in said activity. A participation fee has been paid.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Primary Member)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Family Member)

Please Note: Due to the increased cost of publication, the Newsletter will be emailed and made available on our Web Page. www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Recreational Racing – 2005/2006

–Bill Ralph

So you miss the excitement of competitive challenges? You are a former Buddy Warner, USSA, mountain, high school, or even college-level ski racer and want to jump back in? Maybe you are a recreational skier looking to improve your skiing? Do you need a winter outlet during the work week to let off a bit of steam? How about ACE Ski & Board Club's recreational racing!

We provide many different avenues for all ranges of skiers and racers to get that excitement back during the ski season. Come join the approximately 60 racers affiliated with the club that enjoy the competitive atmosphere of ski racing. For the past 20 plus years we have been racing throughout New England. Our racers can be seen during the week at Nashoba Valley and Wachusett Mountain for their evening races. These leagues run for about 8 weeks midweek for two race runs – but also recreational skiing for the remainder of the evening and always après ski once they close.

Some of our racers venture up to the North Conway area for approximately 5 Saturdays during the winter to race in EICSL's White Mountain Racing. Abilities range from beginner-level skiers to former college racers. Folks that have been participating in this league for a few years have shown dramatic improvements in their recreational skiing. For the serious racer, you can participate in USSA Masters. Racing almost every weekend throughout New England, these racers compete against some of the best in the country.

Whatever your ability, there is a racing program for you. Get outside this winter, sharpen those edges, tighten those boots, and take a ride on the competitive side with ACE Ski & Board recreational racing! For more details, on the four programs as well as other ski racing options, please visit the website, read the September Newsletter, fill out the interest form below, or contact one of the coordinators.

Program	Contacts	Electronic Mail
Race Chairperson	Bill Ralph (207) 377-9295 119 Berryfield Road. Yarmouth, ME 04096	wralph@maine.rr.com
White Mountain Racing League	Bill Ralph	wralph@maine.rr.com
Nashoba Racing	Bill Ralph	wralph@maine.rr.com
Mt. Wachusett Racing	Dana Billings	dbillings@mc.com
Nashoba Gate Training	Dana Billings	dbillings@mc.com
USSA Masters Program	Dana Billings	dbillings@mc.com

WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING/EICSL Race Application / Team Racing Free Agent Form – 2005/2006

Participant Must Be a Member of the ACE Ski and Board Club

Note: If this application is being submitted for multiple programs, copy the completed form and send to each program coordinator.

WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING

Submit application to Bill Ralph – 119 Berryfield Road., Yarmouth, ME 04096. Include \$20.00 check for WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING race fee (made payable to ACE Ski and Board Club); a \$1.00 refreshment fee will be collected later. This race fee is in addition to the \$8.00 EICSL membership fee on the Club Membership Application. Cut-off date is November 25, 2005, for previous EICSL or WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING racers, and December 15, 2005, for new participants. A Release Form (available from Bill Ralph) must also be completed, signed, and submitted with this application.

Note: Racers submitting applications after November 25 must pay an additional \$5.00 to participate in the first race on January 7, 2006.

Team Racing Free Agent

Electronic submittal preferred (on-line application form available from Bill Ralph (wralph@maine.rr.com))

Nashoba Valley or Wachusett Mt.

Submit application to Bill Ralph, wralph@maine.rr.com or call (207-377-9295) if U.S. mail address is necessary. Cut-off date is November 25, 2005.

Racer Information

Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Describe Previous Racing Experience and/or Current Skiing Ability

(Not Necessary if Recent ACE EICSL/WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING Racer):

Typical NASTAR Handicap: _____ Best Recent NASTAR Handicap: _____

