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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 29

Early snow on Sugarloaf Mountain, ME www.facebook.com/sugarloaf/

Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **October 29** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: Ted Butler and **Kevin Kieley,** both from ***Crotched Mountain,*** will talk about and demo ski tuning.

*For an **extra door prize ticke**t, bring food items for a pantry, for example: tuna, powdered milk, $5 grocery store gift card, rice, dry soup mixes (beans, etc …). No other canned food this time.*

*Also, **best costume** wins a pair of lift tickets!*

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Important ACE Club Dates 2014–15

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 9	August 26	January 10
October 29	October 16	January 24
December 11	November 18	February 7
February 12	January 20	TBD

Meeting Location

The general meeting on October 29 will be at the

Elks Lodge in Chelmsford

300 Littleton Rd
Chelmsford, MA 01824
www.elks.org - Lodge #2310

Directions from the North:

Take 495 South to exit 34, and then merge onto Rte 110 West/Chelmsford St toward Rte 4. Turn right onto 110 West/ 4 North/Central Square. Continue to follow 110 West. The Elks Lodge will be on your left in about 4 minutes.

From the South:

Take 495 North to exit 32 for Boston Rd. Turn right onto Boston Rd. After a few lights, turn left onto Rte110/Littleton Rd (signs for Chelmsford/Lowell)
The Elks Lodge will be on your right after about 5 minutes.

From the East or West:

Get to 495 and then follow the above directions, or use your GPS ☺

ACE Club Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president and Race Chair
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Membership Chair
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Chuck Riley	EICSL Representative
Bryan Woods	EICSL Representative
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

The days are getting shorter; the nights are getting colder. The predictions are for a snowy winter (yet again). The polar vortex is forecasted to return. It's already snowed on the summit of Mt. Washington.

The ***Boston Ski & Snow Expo*** is scheduled for November 13th through the 16th; there are plenty of discount admission deals out there.

Is your gear sharpened and waxed? Are you looking for new sticks? New boots? A new shell? As in the Seven Kingdoms, ***Winter is Coming***. Are you ready?

Benefits Committee Update

Discount Tickets

In July and August, the Club through Benefits conducted a mail sale of Vermont Tickets. A deposit of at least 50% of the total price was due at the time of the sale. The ***balance is due by November 1, 2014*** by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club. Payment may be brought to the General Meeting on October 29, 2014 or mailed to Ilene Titus, P.O. Box 392, Southborough, MA 01772. If you do not remember your balance due or what you ordered, email IleneTitus@charter.net and you will be emailed a PDF of your order form.

You may purchase ***additional tickets*** at the General Meeting on ***October 29, 2014***. Order forms for Vermont Tickets, Cannon and Bretton Woods will be available at that time. You must attend the meeting to purchase tickets in this sale. Some Vermont Mountains are sold out and there are limited quantities of other Vermont Mountains so come to the General Meeting for the best opportunity to get the tickets you want.

Restrictions for Vermont are currently 16 ticket maximum with no more than 2 tickets from any one mountain. There are no restrictions on the amount of Cannon and Bretton Woods tickets which may be purchased. After the October 29th meeting, there will be an email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email. Restrictions on the purchase of Vermont Mountains will continue to apply. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the December meeting.

Notices from Benefits

Other than those sales at General Meetings, all further 2014-2015 tickets sales will be announced by email with instructions as to how to place an order. There will be no notices sent by regular mail, so keep your email current with the Membership Chair.

Wachusett Mountain GPS Club

Benefits is participating in the Wachusett Mountain GPS "Greatest Possible Savings!" club.

To sign up for a Wachusett Mountain GPS Club – Century Pass:

Go to www.wachusett.com Click on Group Sales - In the drop down menu - click on GPS Club - Move your cursor to right to click on GPS Order on Line - Click on the pass you want to purchase - Enter your information.

The Group Name is ***Ace Ski and Board*** Club and the Group Coordinator is ***Ilene Titus***. One does not have to be an ACE Ski and Board Club member to join our GPS group.

October 29th Bretton Woods Voucher Distribution

Bretton Woods vouchers will be distributed and will be on sale at the October 29th meeting. Your membership for the 2014-2015 year must be paid in full in order to receive vouchers at the meeting. If you have provided the requisite postage, vouchers will be mailed to you.

Robert and Ilene Titus
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Bring Food!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, please bring items that can be donated to a food pantry, for example: tuna, powdered milk, $5 gift cards to grocery stores, rice, dry soup mixes (beans, etc …). No canned food items this time (except tuna) - save them for the December meeting.

Thanks for the School Supplies

Thanks to all the members who brought backpacks and school supplies to the last meeting. Ross Diamond brought your donations to the ***Nashua Children's Home.***

Best Costume Wins a Prize

Come in costume if you are so inspired! Best costume will win a pair of free ***ski tickets***.

Recap of September's General Meeting

The September meeting was well attended. **Jon Levy** welcomed everybody to the kickoff of the new season.

Next, **Chuck Riley**, the new EISCL representative, gave an update on the upcoming EICSL race dates and locations.

Ilene Titus talked about the process for purchasing discount tickets for the Club, which was made more difficult this year due to new rules and restrictions by some mountains, including the choice of batch sizes.

Bea Chaney encouraged members to send in their own short stories and pictures to publish in the next newsletter.

Robin Diamond, the new Race chair, gave additional details on the EICSL racing program: race forms will be available at the October meeting; racers will be able to use PayPal; stay tuned for details on Junior Races.

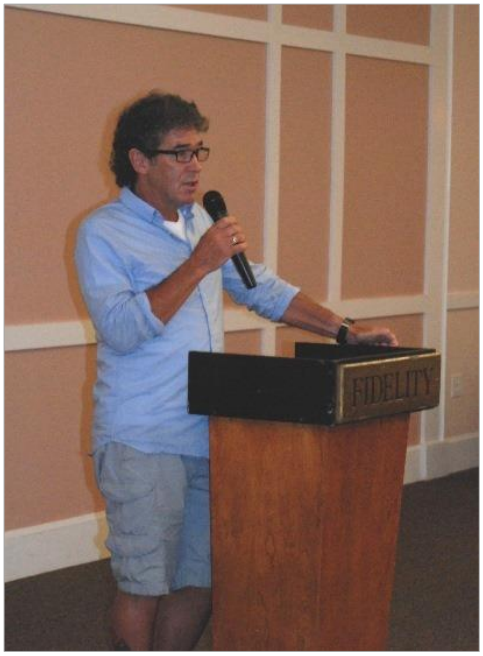
The featured speaker of the evening was **Kevin Kieley** from ***Crotched Mountain*** www.crotchedmountain.com. He started off with his personal story on how he became associated with Crotched Mountain: while in rehab from an injury received during week-end NASTAR racing, he met and became friends with a skier who convinced him to come work for Crotched. He has also known **Robin Diamond** for a long time; she was part of his NASTAR team.

Crotched Mountain has a variety of programs for everyone: ***Adult Racing*** on Wednesday or Thursday starts at 6:00 pm, with an optional free clinic a half-hour before. The intermediate-level course is challenging, but still safe. The program lasts for 10 weeks followed by a championship race. After the race, participants gather in the lodge for camaraderie and raffle prizes from many sponsors.

The mountain offers extensive programs for families and children from ***4 to 18 years old***. The youngest ones are admitted as soon as they are potty-trained. The ***'Tigers'*** program helps kids gain confidence while having fun. They typically learn faster and better than if they were taught by their own parents! The equipment is of high quality; all kids are videotaped.

Chuck Riley gives an update on EICSL racing

Kevin Kieley speaks about Crotched Mountain



Several ***college teams*** have regular practice at the mountain, including Harvard, BU, … The USSA program is top notch; it produces the best skiers in the world.

Crotched Mountain has a lot to offer, including great snowmaking. The drive is about one hour and five minutes from Nashua. So, come and visit, and sign up for the Adult Race League!

September 2014 Door Prize Winners

Lorraine Guest	2 Smuggler's Notch tickets
Bill Tarkulich	Goggles
Kelley Gage	2 Bromley tickets
Michèle Grenier	Thermal top, ski poles
Greg Ruklic	2 Magic Mountain tickets
Jean O'Donnell	Thermal top
Roscoe Diamond	Boot bag
Carlos Herpin	Ski jacket
Rob Titus	2 Smuggler's Notch tickets
Ilene Titus	Ski poles
Armin Kasum	Goggles
Ryan Conway	2 Mad River Glen tickets
Leta Markham	Skis and bindings

Leta Markham with the grand prize

Carlos Herpin with his new jacket

Michèle Grenier likes her ski poles

Bill Tarkulich and Jean O'Donnell

Betty Ann Tyson

Members are signing in

Michele Grenier at the Membership table

Mary and Vince Mattock at the Benefits table

Rob Titus is back in town from Arizona

All the lucky prize winners!

Winter Trips 2014-2015

EICSL Trip to Jay Peak, December 2014

As in previous years, EICSL is offering an early season trip to ***Jay Peak*** on **December 16-21, 2014** or **December 18-21, 2014**. Contact your EICSL Rep for details.

Club Activities

Old times …

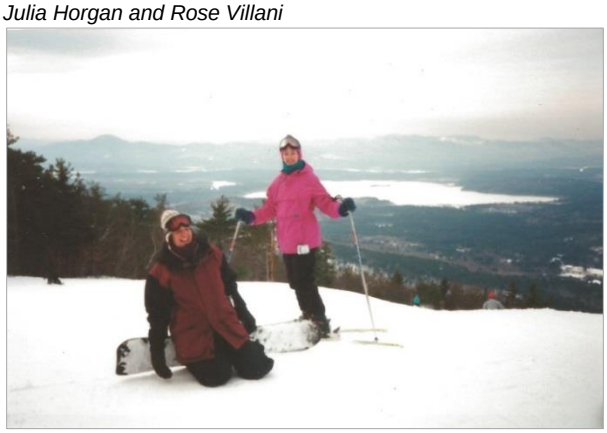
by Robin Temple Diamond

Where are these are from? what year?

Make a guess - maybe Shawnee Peak? I don't think it is Sunapee… the lake gives us a hint.

Rose Villani on snowboard

Julia Horgan and Rose Villani



Julia Horgan in pink jacket and other people

Member Stories

Members, I need your stories!

When you go on a trip, why not send me a picture or two with a few lines describing your adventure, and I'll publish them in the next newsletter!

Beatrice Chaney – Newsletter Editor
newsletter@aceskiandboardclub.org

Membership Update

Michèle Grenier, Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Dear Members,

Thanks to all who already signed up or renewed their ACE Ski and Board membership!

You can download membership forms from the ACE website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/ and then send your completed form and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Michèle Grenier
ACE Ski and Board Club
46 Kelly Road
Dracut, MA 01826

If you are a **PayPal** user, just send your payment to payments@aceskiandboardclub.org.

If you are paying by PayPal you will need to complete the membership process by sending your signed form to the above address, or you may scan and email it to membership@aceskiandboardclub.org, or bring it in person to any general meeting.

I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

You may also sign up or renew your membership at every general meeting.

New and renewing primary members will be automatically added to the club's "Members Only" new Google Group (formerly Yahoo!Group) unless they explicitly request not to be included. This "Members Only" Google Group will be used to disseminate club news and announcements.

What the ACE Ski & Board Club Does

- Encourages camaraderie and enjoyment of skiing and riding
- Encourages and promotes an active recreational race program
- Provides availability of reasonably priced tickets
- Encourages participation in skiing in new and exotic places
- Promotes a greater knowledge of ski/board techniques, ski resorts, and technical knowledge of skiing and snowboarding

Brief History of the Club

- 25+ years old – the former Digital Ski Club
- Became the ACE Ski & Board Club, a Compaq employee club, in 1998
- Became a MA Chapter 180 nonprofit corporation, and an IRS 501(c) 7 organization in 2003
- Members are adult fans of skiing and snowboarding in the greater New England area including some former Digital, Compaq, Intel, Cabletron, and Hewlett Packard employees
- An original EICSL club (Eastern Inter Club Ski League)

Benefits of Membership

- Newsletter published four times a year
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Active race program
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Some shop discounts
- Timely information on coupons, special discount days and other deals
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: cycling, hiking, camping trips
- Google Groups and Yahoo!Groups distribution lists; see details
- Optional EICSL membership
- Opportunities for family member racing
- Eligibility to win gear worth over $ 2,000 at general meetings

For details on winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meetings and membership, see the club's website:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Members-only Google Group

The club has moved the members-only email distribution list to **Google Groups** as a tool to disseminate club news and announcements. The members-only Yahoo!Groups was deleted at the end of September 2014.

New and renewing members are ***automatically added*** to the club's "Members Only" **Google Group**, unless they explicitly request not to be included. Members that have not renewed by Sept 30th will be marked as ***"NoEmail"*** until they have renewed their membership.

Family/Associate members will also be included automatically, assuming an email address was provided on their membership form.

If you are **not** receiving emails, please contact the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

To **post** to this group, send email to aceskiandboardmembers@googlegroups.com

To **unsubscribe** from the Google Group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to aceskiandboardmembers+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

It is necessary that you be on this "Members Only" list to hear about **benefits, newsletters** and late breaking **deals** that the club offers.

The club's Google Group is **private** and not listed in the Google Groups directory. Membership to this group is **restricted** - all group members must be approved and must be members of the ACE Ski and Board Club.

As a member of this group you can send out messages to the whole group – see email address above for posting. However - to avoid spam - all messages are approved by a **moderator** before they are released.

Updating your Email Address

Please let Membership know ASAP if your email address changes from when you filled out your Membership form, so that you continue to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

Old Yahoo!Groups

The **members-only Yahoo!Groups** is **gone/deleted**. You will not receive any club related email for this group!

The **general Yahoo!Groups** is still around for general discussions related to the club. This group, like the members-only Google Group, is also a moderated group. However, Yahoo!Groups requires that participants send an acknowledgment when they are being signed up.

Links and Forms

The club's website www.aceskiandboardclub.org no longer has a members-only area. Instead, look for news about coupons, special discount days and deals in your members-only email.

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

Tickets:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets/

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

Newsletters:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/aceskis

ACE/EICSL Update

Chuck Riley, ACE EICSL Chair

Haven't skied in the last couple of years? Last couple of decades? Never skied at all? What's your excuse? No money? No time? No skis? Whatever your reasons, we've got an answer.

The **Eastern Inter-Club Ski League** (EICSL), which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs with over 1,200 members. Don't let those numbers scare you. Each of the clubs has anywhere from 25 to 150 members and likes to keep things as intimate and family-like as possible.

Each individual club has its own elected board of directors and numerous committees to take care of the needs of its members. EICSL binds all clubs together. EICSL' s most important function, according to **John Bycina**, Past President (1998-2000) of EICSL, is *"to help clubs communicate and to obtain benefits for a large group such as a race program, social activities and discount tickets."*

Once a member, perks like 10% off purchases from certain merchants and restaurants in the North Conway area plus - the important thing - discounted lift tickets are organized by EICSL. This year's deals included discounted tickets at **Mount Cranmore** and **Wildcat**.

Because the clubs are centrally located in the ***Mount Washington Valley***, mountains like Wildcat, Attitash and Sunday River in Maine are all within an hour from the clubs. Most people decide the night before where they'll be skiing and share rides the next morning.

Although ACE doesn't have a lodge, we have standing agreements with a few clubs if you are interested in staying at their house as a guest. Cost is very low (about $25/night), so don't expect the Marriott.

This year the **ACE Ski & Board Club** would like to invite **YOU**- to join EICSL as well. For just $10 per member in addition to your ACE Membership dues you can take advantage of all the discounts - but most important - the social atmosphere!

Join today! Email **Chuck Riley**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair*** @ slohand53@gmail.com to inquire. Don't forget to put EICSL in the subject line.

All EICSL applications are **due by Oct 31, 2014**. There is a strict adherence to this policy and applications will not be accepted after this date.

Jay Peak Trips

5 days 12/16/14 - 12/21/14

3 days 12/18/14 - 12/21/14

Price is the same as last year. I will have that price and sign up info shortly. If anyone wishes to be a **coordinator** for the club please let me know.

EICSL Kick Off Weekend

There will be a **$25** ticket at ***Bretton Woods*** on 12/13/14. Cash only; must present EICSL ID.

Ski Show

EICSL will have a booth at the ski show this year again, 11/13/14- 11/16/14. There are openings to help staff the booth. Please let me know if you have an interest …

ACE/EICSL Racing 2014–2015

Robin Temple Diamond, 2014-2015 Race Chair

Register to race with the ***White Mountains Race League (WMRL)*** at the October general meeting, or visit the club's web site at: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/ and send in your application by ***November 15th***.

Cost is **$20.00** to register to race this year. See Robin Diamond at the Wednesday, October 29th meeting.

EICSL 2015 Race Schedule

1st Qualifier	1/10/2014	Bretton Woods
2nd Qualifier	1/24/2014	Black
3rd Qualifier	2/07/2014	Wildcat
Championship	TBD	TBD