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ACE Ski & Board News

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General Membership Meeting October 27

NEW LOCATION The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be October 27 at the Franco-American Club in Westford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights Speaker is Charlotte Porcelli from Burke Mountain, VT, and a rep from Zimmerman's ski shop will be there too. Win Great Door Prizes, including Lift Tickets!

To get an extra door prize ticket—bring food or come in costume.

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Important ACE Club Dates 2009–10

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 23	September 16	January 9
October 27	October 22	January 30
December 17	December 10	February 13
February 11		March 6

New Meeting Location

This year's general meetings will be held at the

Franco-American Club in Westford

55 West Prescott Street
Westford, MA 01886
(978) 692-7013 - Lounge

Directions from Westford Center:

Take Main Street to Forge Village Road, to Pine Street. Go 2.2 miles to a stop sign (it's a straight run from the center of town to the stop sign!).

Go right at the stop sign, and go down the hill to the railroad tracks. There is a stop light that might be flashing yellow (a couple hundred yards), then go left over the railroad tracks, and the Franco-American Club is 4-tenths of a mile on the left across from the baseball fields. If you pass the VFW, you have gone too far!

From Route 495/ Rt. 119:
Take exit 31 (Rt. 119) toward Groton, MA. Turn right on Beaver Brook Road. Turn left on Rt. 225. Go 1.1 mile. The Franco-American Club is on the left after the ballfield sign.

ACE Club Officers

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Smith	Vice-president and secretary
Jean O'Donnell	Membership
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits co-chairs
Dee McMaster Elaine Lussier	EICSL reps
Bill Ralph	Racing chair
Bill Tarkulich	Meetings, website
Betty Ann Tyson	Newsletter editor

Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed! We need people to help organize trips. We need someone to take over the Newsletter.

Ski Show Coming in November

The Boston Globe Ski Expo will be at the Bayside Expo Center November 19-22. Go online to get a discount entry coupon:
http://www.bewisports.com/expos/boston/coupon/

Recap of September's General Meeting

Another year another location. September's meeting was our first at the Franco-American Club in Westford. The room was large, and we had no noise interference so all could hear our presenters and of course the names of those who were door prize winners!

Chad from RJ Bradleys Ski and Sports Shop brought a load of skis, boots, and clothing for us to see what is "in" this year.

September Door Prize Winners

Betty Ann Tyson	2 Bromley tickets, headliner*	Greg Anthony	Socks – Hot Chiles
Chris Jacobs	Glove liners	June Kramarczyk	Gloves
Wayne Potter	Socks	Jean O'Donnell	Glove liners
Leta Markham	Gloves	Vince Mattock	Gloves
Chris Cole	Combo scarf, socks, Hot Chiles	Robin Smith	Neck gator
Ron O'Clair	Socks, 50% off Wachusett tickets	Dana Blanchard	Skull liner
Rob Titus	Glove liners	Artrina Haynes	2 Stratton tickets
Ken Kozik	Under Armor Top	Alphonse Vautour	2 Stowe tickets
Greg Ruklic	Under Armor Bottom	Mike Mullins	Transpack boot bag
Linda O'Clair	2 Ascutney tickets	Janet Kennett	Backpack, head cover
Marge Kilgus	2 Smugglers tickets **Grand prize winner** Skis and bindings	Gerry Welch	Ski poles
Michele Grenier	Olympics fleece jacket	Jim Twohig	Jacket

*Multiple prizes for extra door prize ticket.

October 27th General Meeting

See you at the Westford Franco-American Club.

Don't forget, this is our Halloween meeting and members are encouraged to come in costume.

We are again collecting food goods to be turned over to a food pantry. Any contributions are accepted gladly, but to qualify for an extra door prize ticket bring at least two items that can provide a meal for a family, for example, pasta and sauce.

As a nonprofit organization, part of our mission is to give back to our community.

Dressing up will get you an extra door prize ticket, as will making a food contribution. However, each member will get only one *extra* ticket.

Membership

If you haven't yet joined, please return the 2009 – 2010 membership form (can be found on the ACE Ski and Board Club web page) and your membership fee to either the membership table at the next meeting or to the club mailbox: ACE Ski and Board Club Membership, Attn: Jean O'Donnell, 22 Palermo Street, Westford, MA 01886.

Club Website

Members can post classified ads on our web page. Send a message to the webmaster with your information. http://aceskiandboardclub.org/

YAHOO! GROUPS

The club uses a Yahoo list distribution as our means of communicating with members. It is necessary that you are on the list to hear about the benefits that the club offers. But you can also communicate with each other. You can ask if others want to organize a last-minute ski trip, find some extra ski tickets, or pass on tickets that you cannot use.

It's very easy; all you have to do is send email to:

ACESkiandBoardClub-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Or go to our website www.AceSkiandBoardClub.org . At the bottom of the home page, type in your email address.

Go one step further and create a YahooGroup UserProfile by going to www.YahooGroups.com and clicking on "click here to register". With a YahooGroups Profile you'll be able to post photographs of your latest ski trip and view other members' photographs and documents, like the membership form. We are also using the YahooGroups Calendar to send out reminders to members about upcoming meetings and trips. Can you help? We need a person to be responsible in keeping the calendar up to date.

Once you have a YahooGroups Profile, you can also choose how you receive the email sent out. You can choose to get each individual email as it is sent out or as a daily digest of all the email from that day.

Our club's General YahooGroups is Private and not listed in the YahooGroups directory. Membership is restricted—all members must be approved. Any member can send out a message, but all messages are approved before they are released. The club Archives are for members only; Email attachments are allowed but are not stored.

Benefits Committee Update

In June 2009 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, 2009, by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club. Bring your check to the General Meeting on October 27 or mail it 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 27, 2009. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire tickets will be available at that time. The Club has sold out of several Vermont mountains, 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 on the number of tickets one may purchase of any particular Vermont mountain and of the total of all Vermont mountains will apply.

In early November, there will be an email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis by email return request. Restrictions on the purchase of Vermont mountains will apply. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the December 17th meeting; based on the number of Vermont tickets available at that time. There will be a determination as to whether restrictions will apply.

Ace Ski and Board Club Is Going Green. Unlike past years, this year, members were notified of the mail sale by email with sales on a first come, first serve basis by postmark. From now on, other than those sales at General Meetings, all ticket 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 Jean O'Donnell, Membership Chair, wienerin1900@yahoo.com

To sign up for a 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 (Group Name is Ace Ski and Board Club; Group Coordinator is Ilene Titus) . The early season rates are valid through November 18, 2009.

Ilene and Rob Titus, Benefits Co-Chairs

Recreational Racing – 2009–10

–Bill Ralph

While we are proud of our many wins, the club's racing program is designed for skiers of *all* experience and ability levels. In addition to highly skilled competitors, each season we attract many entry-level and first-time racers. Our program is designed for FUN. We think that having a good time, in a friendly environment, will help you in improving your skiing.

Please join any and all the programs to ensure that the 2009/2010 ski season is as successful as last year. The club offers these programs:

- EICSL's White Mountain Racing
- Team Racing (Nashoba and Wachusett)
- USSA Masters

For a detailed summary of each program, see the September newsletter. You must be an ACE club member to participate in the EICSL races. And you must submit your EICSL membership application by October 31.

We're looking forward to another outstanding season. Come join us! Deadline for submitting your application is November 30.

Bill Ralph, Race Chairperson
wralph@maine.rr.com

119 Berryfield Road.
Yarmouth, ME 04096

(207) 377–9295

EICSL News

The ACE Ski and Board Club is one of the 23-member clubs of EICSL (Eastern Inter-Club Ski League). Members of our club can join EICSL for an $8 fee, which entitles ACE members to all the benefits available to EICSL members.

As an EICSL member, you can go on their ski trips, purchase EICSL's discount ski tickets, get merchant discounts, participate in the EICSL race program, get discount ski tickets at the mountain where the EICSL race is held on the day of the race, book inexpensive lodging at a club house, and attend club parties.

Deadline for payment of EICSL dues is **October 31** if you want to get your membership card at the December 17th meeting.

EICSL Discount Tickets

EICSL members can order discount tickets. Sign up while the tickets are still available. Orders must be submitted through our EICSL reps, Dee McMaster and Elaine Lussier.

EICSL's Jay Peak Trip

Jay Peak Trip, Dec 17-20, 2009. Open sign-up has been extended.

Getting ready for those ski trips

EICSL Trip to Breckenridge • Keystone • Arapahoe Basin

February 23–March 2, 2010

Includes airfare, transfers, and 5-day lift ticket which includes up to 3 days' use at Vail and Beaver Creek. Includes continental breakfast for hotel property only.

Hotel: $1520, Condo: $1485 based on PayPal payment $45 discount if paid by check, non-skiers deduct $200, Non-EICSL members add $50.

More trip Information: www.eicsl.org/eicsl-trip.html

Contact Clark Linehan, trip@eicsl.org
P: 781.562.0032

WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING/EICSL Race Application / Team Racing Free Agent Form – 2009/2010

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 30th, for EICSL or WHITE MOUNTAIN RACING racers. A Release Form (available from Bill Ralph) must also be completed, signed, and submitted with this application.
Note: Racers submitting applications after November 30, 2009 must pay an additional $5.00 to participate in the first race in early January 2010.

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 30, 2009.

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: _____

ACE Ski & Board Club 2009 / 2010 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: _____

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		$ 20.00	$ 20.00
Optional** FAMILY - **Additional Adult Family Member(s)**	____ **X**	$ 15.00 ea. =	$_____
Optional** EICSL* Membership for Primary Member		$ 8.00	$_____
Optional** EICSL - **Additional Adult Family Member(s)**	____ **X**	$ 8.00 ea. =	$_____

Only EICSL Members need 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:

[ ] Benefits	[ ] EICSL	[ ] Membership	[ ] Racing	[ ] Summer Activities
[ ] X-Country	[ ] Meetings	[ ] Newsletter	[ ] Social	[ ] Winter Trips
[ ] Day Trips	[ ] Meetings worker		[ ] General Volunteer	[ ] Snowboarding

Complete this application and the Adult Participation/Release form (below), 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
22 Palermo Street
Westford, MA 01886
ATTN: Membership

WWW.ACESKIANDBOARDCLUB.ORG

Note: ***Members must be at least 21 years old***. *Only Primary members receive club mailings. Membership is valid October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.*

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 2009/2010 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)

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Member Release and Indemnification Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to become a member of, or to continue my membership of, **ACE Ski & Board Club**, I, individually and collectively on behalf of myself, my successors and assigns:

1. Hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue **ACE Ski & Board Club** and each of the other member clubs of the Eastern Inter-Club Ski League, Inc., and the affiliates, successors and predecessors, as well as the officers, directors, delegates, employees, shareholders, attorneys, agents, representatives, members and assigns of the foregoing (hereinafter, collectively "Releasees"), of and from any and all liability to the undersigned for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demand therefore, on account of any injury to the person or property of the undersigned, or to the person or property of any of my guests, whether caused by negligence of any one or more of the Releasees or otherwise;

2. Hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless and exonerate the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to, or as a result of, the actions of the undersigned, as well damages sustained by the undersigned;

3. Hereby assume full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury due to the negligence of the Releasees while on property owned by one or more of the Releasees, while participating in activities sponsored by one or more of the Releasees or as a result of participating in activities sponsored by one or more of the Releasees. This is a release of liability. By signing this, I am agreeing, among other things, not to bring any legal action of any kind against any of the Releasees, and to indemnify the Releasees for any legal action of any kind asserted by anyone else for damage caused by me, or for damage sustained by me. I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing and voluntarily agree to the terms thereof.

Signed under seal this ____ day of _____ 2009.

_____
Member Signature

_____
Member Name Printed

Adopted by EICSL
5/29/07

Note: This release and indemnification agreement need only be signed if you plan on becoming an EICSL member.

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