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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting December 17

Photo from Lenzerheide, Switzerland by Beatrice Chaney

LOCATION The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **December 17** at the Franco-American Club in Westford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: Come pick up the tickets you ordered! Limited quantity of additional tickets may be available.
Dan O'Rourke, an Ironman triathlete and founder of NRG BAR in Southboro, MA, will speak on healthy eating.
Win Great Door Prizes, including Lift Tickets!

To get an extra door prize ticket-- bring a new, unwrapped toy worth 5$ or more to be donated to Toys For Tots!

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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 13	January 30
December 17		February 13
February 11		March 6

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
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter editor

Benefits Committee Update

At the General meeting on December 17, 2009, tickets will be distributed. Members will be asked to check their orders for completeness and sign a form acknowledging receipt of the same.

Additional Vermont and New Hampshire Tickets will be on sale later in the evening. The Club has sold out of several Vermont and New Hampshire mountains, and there are limited quantities of other Vermont and New Hampshire 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 or New Hampshire mountain and of the total of all mountains will apply.

Payment is by check or money order. Cash and credit cards are not accepted. Your membership dues for the 2009-2010 season must be paid in order to receive your ticket order. If you have not paid, or do not remember if you paid, for the current membership year, please stop by the Membership table first.

Rob and Ilene - Benefits Co-Chairs

Recap of October's General Meeting

Our last meeting was held October 27 at the Franco-American Club in Westford.

Joe Kasprzak from Burke Mountain, VT showed a movie and gave us lots of information about Burke Mountain. He hopes to see many of us skiing or snowboarding at Burke this winter!

A number of members showed up in imaginative costumes for Halloween! Everyone who came in costume or brought items for the food pantry earned an extra door prize ticket.

Leta Markham as 'She-Devil'

and Mary Mattock as 'Queen Mary'

October Door Prize Winners

Vince Mattock	Sunapee tickets Neck gator
Robin Smith	Mad River tickets
Mary Sue Ankner	USA Olympics fleece
Rob Titus	Neck gator
Arden Sonnenberg	Ski gloves
Roscoe Diamond	Smugglers tickets Wachusett 50% trial ticket & cocoa
Artemis Agelaridou	Waterville tickets
John Sweeney	Burke Mountain tickets
Roxane Arey	Burke Mountain tickets (donated by Burke)
Chuck Riley	Transpack boot bag
Dee McMaster	Ski pants (men's)
Sue Rasmussen	Ski jacket (women's)
Jean O'Donnell	Ski jacket (men's)
Chris Cole	Skis & bindings

Bill Tarkulich with Burke Mountain rep Joe Kasprzak

Chris Cole with the grand prize!

Sue Rasmussen in her new ski jacket!

Jean O'Donnell as 'the Cat'

You can catch a glimpse of John Sweeny's step-son Jarrod, who came as the 'Balloon Boy'

Artrina Hayes with door prize ticket bucket

'Queen Mary'

Recent Member Activities

By Ilene Titus

Club Members Ilene Titus and Artrina Haynes attended the **Wine Cheese Chicks and Skis** annual event at **Wachusett Mountain** on Friday night, November 13, 2009.

This event gave women skiers the opportunity to connect with each other, see what's new, discuss the trends in equipment, and relax in front of the blazing fireplace in the Coppertop Lounge while consuming substantial amounts of Pricilla chocolates, delicious sampling of Hors D'oeuvres, and a selection of red and whites to round out the night!

Among topics discussed:

* 10 things you should never leave home without
* Importance of a custom footbed
* New technologies for Women only
* Why should I take a lesson?
* Let's talk skiwear

Update on Bretton Woods Day

By Robin Smith

This past Saturday was great. The conditions were great for the time of year. Just one rock jumped out at me. Skis are now in the shop. But the free day for new EICSL members was perfect, my friend was able to ski free and only had to pay for rentals. This day enabled him to get out and try skiing w/o a large out lay of cash. He did 8 runs on the learning slope.

The Demos worked out great. I did see a few club members there. EISCL Racers were everywhere.

Thanks go to Bretton Woods and EISCL and the vendors for doing such a great job.
We even won a door prize.

Food provided to Worcester County Food Bank

The food collected at the October 23, 2009 meeting was provided to The Worcester County Food Bank.

The Worcester County Food Bank is a wonderful collaboration of local non-profit human and social service providers, donors from the food industry, corporate, government, civic and private sectors, and individual volunteers whose support and partnership is focused on "providing relief from hunger" to friends and neighbors in Central Massachusetts.

Since its incorporation in 1982, the Worcester County Food Bank has collected and distributed more than 50 million pounds of food and grocery product through a network of local shelters, food pantries, senior centers, residential rehabilitation programs, soup kitchens, after-school programs and neighborhood centers that help feed hungry people of all ages in 60 communities in Central Massachusetts. The Worcester County Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's official network of food banks and food rescue organizations.

To learn more, visit www.feedingamerica.org

"…We sincerely thank everyone that participated in your food drive last month. Many of our neighbors … must choose between paying for housing, utilities, or medicine and putting food on the table. For the families we serve, these difficult choices are made easier by wonderful donors like you…"

History of the Club

- 25+ years old – the former Digital Ski Club
- Members are adult fans of skiing and snow boarding 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)

What ACE Ski & Board Club Does …

- Encourages camaraderie and enjoyment of skiing
- 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 boarding

Benefits of Membership

- Bimonthly newsletter
- Free classified ads
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Active race program at: the White Mountains
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England or
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Some shop discounts
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: of cycling, hiking, and camping trips
- Yahoo!Groups distribution list: AceSkiandBoardClub@yahoogroups.com
- Optional EICSL membership
- Opportunities for family member racing

If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership, please fill out the **2009 – 2010 Membership Form** at the end of this newsletter (also found on the ACE Ski and Board Club website) and return it along with 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

For details of our winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meeting, and membership, look at the club website:

www.Aceskiandboardclub.org

Jean O'Donnell, Membership Chair
ACE Ski and Board Club
wienerin1900@yahoo.com

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.

Group Email Addresses

Related link: http://www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Post message: AceSkiandBoardClub@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: AceSkiandBoardClub-owner@yahoogroups.com

Recreational Racing – 2009–10

–Bill Ralph

While we are proud of our many wins, the club 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 goodtime, 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. The only change is a new race format that now breaks up men and women racers into the following age groups: junior (18 and under), senior (19-49), and veteran (50 and older for women, 55 and older for men) .

The EICSL races are on Saturdays, with the championship race in early March:

Qualifier 1 – **January 9, Bretton Woods**
Qualifier 2 – **January 30, Wildcat**
Qualifier 3 – **February 13, Sunday River**
Championship Race – **March 6, Shawnee Peak**
(Juniors invited to participate)

You must be an ACE club member and an EICSL member to participate in the EICSL races.

We're looking forward to another outstanding season. Come join us!

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

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Yarmouth, ME 04096

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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.

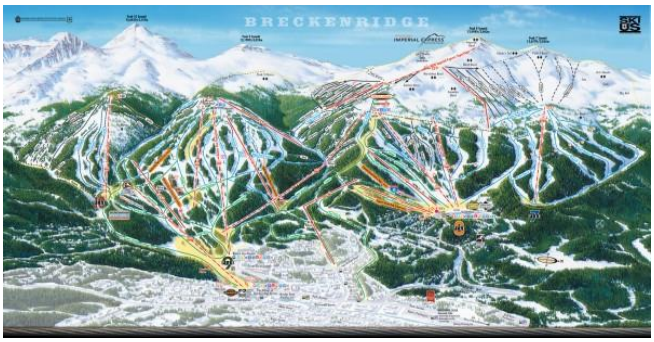
You can still sign up for EICSL membership or order discount tickets for this season by contacting our EICSL reps, Dee McMaster or Elaine Lussier. However, you will need to make arrangements with them on how to receive your membership cards or tickets outside of general club meetings.

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 educt $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):

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Typical NASTAR Handicap: _____ Best Recent NASTAR Handicap: _____