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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting September 14

View from Pack Monadnock, New Hampshire, by Beatrice Chaney

LOCATION: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **September 14** at the Franco-American Club in Westford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: The speaker will be someone from RJ Bradley's (the supplier of our door prizes), who will speak about what's new in equipment, soft goods, and fashion trends (is neon back yet?)

Bring school supplies and get an extra door prize ticket! Backpacks, especially girls', pocket dictionaries, graphing calculators, three-ring binders, filler paper…

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Important ACE Club Dates 2010–11

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 14	September 2	December 11
October 27	October 13	January 8
December 17	December 2	February 12
February 1	February 25	March 5

Meeting Location

The general meeting on September 14 will be 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 ball field sign.

ACE Club Officers

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Smith	Vice-president
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Chris Gerber	Membership
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits co-chairs
Dee McMaster	EICSL rep
Gerry Welch	Racing chair
Bill Tarkulich	Meetings, website
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter editor

President's Message

Welcome back for another year of snow sports! We're offering our usual benefits of discounted lift tickets, racing, trips, and the opportunity to win great raffle prizes at the General Meetings.

The club is completely run by volunteers. We have no paid staff. We have evolved from a company-based club to a non-profit corporation, recognized by both the Commonwealth and the IRS.

Two club members have recently stepped up to help run OUR club: Gerry Welch is the new Race Chair, and Chris Gerber is the new Membership chair. The Club extends its heartfelt thanks to Bill Ralph and Jean O'Donnell for their many years of dedicated service.

The club can offer more trips, more activities, greater variety of speakers at the General Meetings, and more prizes at the General Meetings. But it takes more volunteers to do it. Think about volunteering for OUR ski club.

We have critical openings for an EICSL rep, a Meetings chair, a Snowboard chair, and 2nd VP. Speak to me at a meeting or send an email if interested.

Here's hoping for lots of the white stuff!

Benefits Committee Update

In July 2010, the Club through Benefits conducted a mail sale of Vermont and New Hampshire/Maine 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, 2010 by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club or it may be brought to the General Meeting on September 14th 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 and explanation.

You may purchase additional tickets at the General Meeting on September 14, 2010. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire/Maine Tickets will be available. The Club has sold out of several Vermont Mountains, and there are limited quantities of some 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. Please note there are no restrictions on New Hampshire/Maine Mountains through the month of September, but limitations and restrictions will apply after October 1st when the club must finalize our orders with participating mountains. After the September 14th 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 apply and this may be your last chance to purchase some New Hampshire mountains. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the October 27th and December 16th meetings.

Ace Ski and Board Club has gone 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. Other than those sales at General Meetings, all tickets sales will be noticed 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 at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

In addition to Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine tickets, 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. The early season rates are valid through November 17, 2010. If you sign up for your GPS Pass through the ACE Ski and Board club you will be eligible to participate in a raffle of any benefits our group earns for participating in the GPS Club, last year we raffled a free Bronze Century Pass and ThreePeat Pass which was won by John Sweeney!

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
P.O. Box 392
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Bring School Supplies!

For an extra chance door prize ticket, please bring **new,** not used, school supplies to the September 14th meeting. Your contribution should reflect the desire to assist needy children.

Backpacks, especially girls' backpacks, and items for older children such as pocket dictionaries, graphing calculators, three-ring binders and filler paper are needed.

The supplies will be contributed to the ***Set for the Success School Supply Drive*** which will benefit approximately 2,400 Worcester school system students classified as homeless, including those in shelters, and 700 of whom are in foster care.

Ilene Titus

The food collected at the February meeting was donated to the ***Worcester County Food Bank.***

Thanks a lot to all who brought groceries!

Recap of February's General Meeting

Since 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of what started as the Digital Ski Club, the February meeting was dedicated to bringing up remembrances of the old days and exchanging stories of past trips and adventures. Some members wore clothes or hats distributed at past events.

Bill Tarkulich talked about finding small ski places that are hidden gems, and told about his experiences at Butternut, a small resort in the Berkshires.

Marcia Ruklic talked about Smugglers Notch.

Roscoe, Robin, Bill and Jon

Bill Tarkulich

Marcia Ruklic

Wayne Potter and friends

Ilene Titus

The Twohigs

February 11 Door Prizes

Hot Chillys Crew Neck Mens Black fleece
Hot Chillys ¼ Zip Womens Fleece pullover
Swany Gloves Wms – Brown/Tan
4 Neck UP/Hand/Toe Warmers
2 Seirus Thermal Face Mask/Hand/Toe Warmers
3 LL Bean Pathfinder Cap with two LED lights on visor

Member Activities

Members, send me your stories and pictures!

Beatrice Chaney
bchaney@iname.com

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: Chris Gerber
43 Ashcroft Rd
Medford, MA 02155

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

www.Aceskiandboardclub.org

Chris Gerber, Membership Chair
ACE Ski and Board Club
cgerber01@gmail.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

EICSL News

The ***Eastern Inter-Club Ski League*** (EICSL), which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs. EICSL binds all clubs together.

Realize that the lodging at any of the clubs is not designed with the glitzy Ritz-Carlton person in mind. Lodging varies greatly from club to club, but most are bunk-style rooms. The Ski Bees for example have segregated floors with seven women's bunk rooms on the second floor and seven men's bunk rooms on the third floor. Two bathrooms are shared by the women on the second floor. And two men's bathrooms are shared on the third floor. Club rules for smoking and quiet hours are instituted. The clubs vary and are all within 10 miles of each other.

Once an EICSL 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 clubs have a race team members can join. Team levels range from Snow Plow Division to AA and Open Divisions. Club teams race against one another about four times per year and some organizations have their own club race once a season. Don't think just because they're called ski clubs that's all they do. To be honest, some members have never skied a day in their lives. The night life après ski is an experience like no other.

Summer is also a great time to come up to a club and hike, bike, and swim. Each year clubs plan either formal or impromptu rafting and canoe trips down the Saco River. Mountain bike trails are everywhere and a few mountains offer lift service to the top for the ultimate downhill mountain bike experience. Clubs hold activity weekends on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Since there's not much skiing that time of year, activities usually turn to volleyball, tennis and golf tournaments.

EICSL Racing 2010/2011 Season

Race dates:

December 11, 2010 – Bretton Woods

January 8, 2011 – Wildcat

February 12, 2011 – Shawnee Peak

March 5, 2011 – Wildcat

EICSL Trips 2010/2011

Jay Peak Trip – This year there will be a 3 day options December 16 – 19, 2010 and a 5 day option that includes the season pass again December 14 – 19, 2010. More information to follow - make sure I have your current e-mail information.

13 Hours of EICSL – If you are a 1st time ever EICSL member please ensure I know who you are, as the free day of skiing at Bretton Woods will take place December 11th and you MUST be registered – and for existing EICSL Members remember you can ski that day for $25.00!

SKI TELURIDE – With EICSL February 22 – March 1, 2011. This is a Tuesday thru Tuesday trip. Details are still being ironed out so cost and condo information will follow!

Visit www.EICSL.org for a listing of the discounts available to you in the North Conway area and more!!!

Recreational Racing 2009–2010

Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter…

Gerry Welch, Race Chair

ACE Ski & Board Club 2010 / 2011 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/Town: _____ 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:

[ ] General Volunteer	[ ] EICSL	[ ] Membership	[ ] Racing	[ ] Summer Activities
[ ] X-Country	[ ] Meetings	[ ] Newsletter	[ ] Meetings worker	[ ] Winter Trips
[ ] Day Trips	[ ] Social	[ ] Web Master	[ ] Benefits	[ ] 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
43 Ashcroft Rd.
Medford, MA 02155
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, 2010 through September 30, 2011.*

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 2010/2011 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 _____ 20___.

_____
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.