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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting September 13

View from Pack Monadnock, NH, by Beatrice Chaney

Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **September 13** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: **Matt McGee** from **R.J. Bradley** will be the featured speaker for the evening. He will talk about new trends in equipment and clothing.

*To get an **extra door prize ticket**, bring **school supplies**! Backpacks, pocket dictionaries, graphing calculators, three-ring binders, filler paper…*
*Or bring **a friend** … Or bring the ACE **postcard** announcing the meeting …*

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Important ACE Club Dates 2012–13

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 13	August 6	TBD
October 23	October 10	TBD
December 11	November 27	TBD
February 12	January 23	TBD

Meeting Location

The general meeting on September 13 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 Officers

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president, Webmaster
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Membership
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Robin Temple Diamond	EICSL Rep (interim)
Gerry Welch	Racing Chair
Bill Tarkulich	Marketing Chair
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Welcome back to a hopefully better year of skiing and riding!

New this year: A drop-off service for a discounted ski/board tune at our September Meeting. Pick up on your schedule at Bradley's NEW location in Littleton Common.

We're also offering our usual benefits of interesting meeting speakers, 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. The club can do more, but it takes more volunteers to do it.

Think about volunteering for OUR ski club!
We have critical openings for 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 a **MUCH** better winter than last year, with lots of snow!

Benefits Committee Update

Discount Tickets In July 2012, 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, 2012*** by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club or it may be brought to the General Meeting on September 13th 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 ***September 13, 2012***. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire/Maine Tickets will be available at that time. 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. After the September 13th 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 ***October 23rd and December 11th*** meetings.

Notices from Benefits In the past few years, members have been 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 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 the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Wachusett Mountain GPS Club 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 group early season rates are valid through November 14, 2012. One does not have to be an ACE Ski and Board Club member to join our GPS group.

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Bring School Supplies!

For an extra chance door prize ticket, please bring

new, not used, school supplies to the September 13th 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.

Thanks for the food

Dear Friends at Ace Ski Club:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of 6 boxes of food delivered by Robin Diamond on January 13, 2012 to the ***Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter****. We are very grateful for your support.*

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Stay warm and safe this winter and thank you for helping your neighbors do the same.

Recap of January's General Meeting

Bill Quigly, Gunstock

Bill Quigly captivated his audience with a lively talk on the **Gunstock** ski area www.gunstock.com and its history.

Gunstock was originally built for ***Nordic Ski Jumping*** in 1937 during the Great Depression as a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project. The ***Gunstock Inn*** was built to house WPA workers. Gunstock had the first 90 meter jump in the East.

In the old days, visitors stayed with local farmers. The resort had a big economic impact on the region, bringing business not just to the slopes (18%) but also to neighboring towns like Winnipesauke.

The area started out with a single chair lift, which occasionally had to be dug out, then it built the nation's only double chair lift at the time. This era celebrated the romance of skiing as a social activity.

In the late 80's and then again in 2004, Gunstock expanded to what it is today, always working with environmental agencies.

Bill Tarkulich, Marketing

It now has 32 miles of ***X-country skiing***, and includes the longest ***tubing*** run in New Hampshire.

Gunstock practices state-of-the-art grooming, which is an art and a science, and uses Accuweather Premium Snowmaking.

Even on a crowded day, the lift lines are rarely longer than 13 minutes. In fact, Gunstock offers a 15-minute guarantee or you get a refund.

The view from the top is spectacular; on a clear day you can see the ocean and Mt. Washington.

For a tree-top summer adventure, there are now 24 ***ziplines,*** as well as ***segway*** tows on X-country trails. There is a Soul Fest on Halloween.

On Sundays, the **Ski Club gets $20 off lift tickets!** $10 off the Zipline.

Gerry Welch, Racing

Michèle Grenier, Membership

Beatrice Chaney, Newsletter

Leta Markham and Robin Diamond, VP

Michèle Grenier and Chris Gerber, former Membership

Ilene Titus, Benefits

Mary Mattock, Benefits table

Jean O'Donnell

Dee McMaster, Elaine Lussier and Pam Beck

January 2012 Door Prize Winners

Michèle Grenier	2 Bolton tickets
Linda Boyer	Ski poles
Ron O'Clair	Jacket
Vince Mattock	Goggles
Shannon Beltz	Boot bag
Jon Levy	2 Waterville tickets
Chuck Riley	2 Lift tickets
Dana Blanchard	Socks
Dee McMaster	Goggles
Robin Diamond	Socks
Mary Mattock	2 Smugglers tickets
Andy Sheehan	Something nice

Linda with her new ski poles

Shannon shows off her boot bag

Dana inspects his socks

All the proud door prize winners!

Member Stories

Mad River Glen/Sugarbush Trip

by Beatrice Chaney

Early February, a few of us joined the *'Show and Go'* trip to Mad River Glen and Sugarbush organized by Bill Tarkulich and Michèle Grenier.

We stayed at the ***Inn at Mad River Barn***, a historic New England accommodation, operated by the renowned and colorful Betsy Pratt (83) a matriarch of New England skiing.

Bill Tarkulich with Betsy Pratt

We enjoyed sunny weather on both days with somewhat hard-packed conditions. We skied ***Sugarbush*** on Saturday, and ***Mad River*** on Sunday.

Members, send us your stories and pictures!

Beatrice Chaney

newsletter@aceskiandboardclub.org

Ladies January Week-end

by Beatrice Chaney

Late January, a few of us caught the best snow of the season on a trip to Okemo and Bromley.

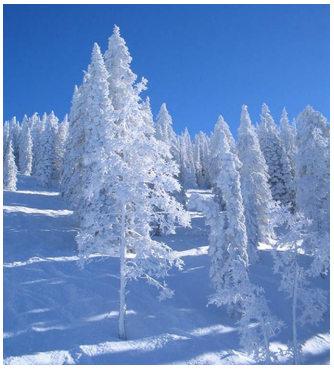
We stayed at a lovely inn near Londonderry, VT.

Although it was a little cold, the snow was heavenly powder, and the weather spectacular!

We thoroughly enjoyed both days, the first at ***Okemo*** and the second at ***Bromley***.

Membership Update

Dear members,



Another year of Winter Wonderland is around the corner and now is the time to sign up or renew your Ace Ski and Board Membership.

You may mail your completed forms and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Michèle Grenier
ACE Ski and Board Club
1 Riverview Blvd. 9-201
Methuen, MA 01844

I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application. You may also sign up or renew at every general meeting.

We are gearing up for a great season! So get your skis tuned!

See you on the slopes!

Michèle Grenier
Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Membership forms are available via the club's website: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

New members will be automatically signed up with the club's **Yahoo group** unless the "Do not add me to the Yahoo Groups email distribution" box is checked on the membership form.

If you are already a member, please make sure you are signed up with the club's Yahoo group. See detailed instructions on the next page or send email to membership@aceskiandboardclub.org for help.

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 boarding

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 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)

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
- 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
- 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

YAHOO! GROUPS

The club uses a Yahoo list distribution as our means of communicating with members. It is necessary that you be 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. We are using the YahooGroups Calendar to send out reminders to members about upcoming meetings and trips.

Signing up with the Yahoo Group

NOTE: New members will be signed up with the Yahoo group automatically unless they check the "*Please do not add me to the Yahoo Groups Email distribution"* box on their membership application form.

Subscribing to the club's distribution list is very easy; all you have to do is send email to: ACESkiandBoardClub-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Go one step further and create a ***Yahoo! Profile.*** Go to: http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/AceSkiandBoardClub/

Click on *"Join This Group!"* and follow the instructions.

With a Yahoo! Profile you'll be able to post photographs of your latest ski trip and view other members' photographs and documents. You can also edit your membership preferences to get each individual email as it is sent out, or as a daily digest, or as web-only.

Our club's General Yahoo Group 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 is for members only; email attachments are allowed but are not stored.

Updating your email address

Once you are a member, and signed up with the Yahoo group, please make sure that your email address is up-to-date, for you to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

If you need help …

If you need any help with signing up to the Yahoo Group or updating your email address, send mail to the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Yahoo Group Addresses

Yahoo Group:

http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/AceSkiandBoardClub/

Post message:
AceSkiandBoardClub@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: AceSkiandBoardClub-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: AceSkiandBoardClub-owner@yahoogroups.com

Links

ACE Ski and Board Club:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org

NOTE: The web site has a ***members-only area*** for coupons, special discount days and deals.
For the password, please contact the club at:
info@aceskiandboardclub.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/aceskis

Twitter:
www.twitter.com/aceskiandboard

Forms

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

Ticket Order Form:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/tickets.htm

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/racing.html

Newsletter:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletter.html

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.

We have a standing relationship with the ***Ski-Wheelers*** for lodging; they are located at Kearsarge Road, North Conway, NH 03847 (603) 356-9793. The Ski Wheelers make their home in a turn-of-the-century grand style lodge. It's one of the largest lodges in the Mt. Washington Valley. It was the site of the 1970's movie, "Return of the Secaucus Seven." The spacious 3-story lodge (also known as the Winwood Lodge) has 23 bedrooms with 88 beds. All bedrooms are semi-private with a sink and sleep from 2-6 people. Beds are available to accommodate guests almost every weekend. There are 9 bathrooms, a large dining room (also the party room!) with a fireplace, a cozy living room with a wood stove, a fully equipped industrial size kitchen, and plenty of room to store your gear.

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.

IMPORTANT – Every Ace Ski & Board member that joins EICSL **MUST** sign the **EICSL Release Form** separately. It is has to be printed independently from any other document - in other words, **one sided**. If a couple joins there must be two (2) forms submitted.

Come to the **ACE Club General Meeting on September 23** to join EICSL or renew your EICSL membership. The ACE membership form and EICSL Release form are also available online at the club's website: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

If you cannot attend the meeting when the cards will be dispensed, you can mail a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to our interim EICSL representative: Robin Diamond, 21 Chester Street, Nashua NH 03064 and your card(s) will be mailed to you in the SASE.

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

Recreational Racing 2012–2013

Gerry Welch - Race Chair

Racing update

Looking forward to the new 2013 race season!

Let's reflect back on last year's results:

Note that 50% of our race team came home with EICSL ski racing awards last season. Even though the snow ski conditions of 2012 were not the best, our scheduled races happened to get very lucky. Other than a 'course shorten' on the **1st Qualifier at Bretton Woods** all other weekends were the best the snow season had to offer.

On our **2nd Qualifier at Shawnee Peak** and the 3rd Qualifier we had some of the warmest winter weather on record. A new blanket of powder snow for the **3rd Qualifier at Attitash** gave us all a great day of skiing too.
Luck would prevail one more time for the **Championship Race** held on Sunday at **Black Mountain**, since the usually scheduled day before it would have been a major wash out with a big storm that brought a mix of snow and rain.

2012 Award Winning Racers

Kudos to our entire team and especially to all the award winning racers who keep showing that our ACE racing effort continues to pay off just as it has in the past.

GREAT job to our entire 2012 racing team efforts and results!

1st Junior /AA **Jarrod Revane**
Again top Junior racer, winning all the races he competed in.

1st Super Vet /D **James Scully**
Also top male racer, most points, note: first year racer.

2nd Men's /C **Stephen Gauvin**

3rd Men's /A **Shawn McCormick**

5th Men's /AA **John Sweeney**

NASTAR Racing Results

National Championship Qualifier: 2012
Rick Longtin
Hometown/State: Methuen, MA
Racer Division: Gold
National Championships Division: Silver

Mt Dew Race Results 2012

Gerry Welch 2nd Place M54

Note: Please attend the ACE Club **General Meeting on October 23rd** for our 2013 ACE race team kick-off and racers sign-up.

Again Congratulations to all!!!

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