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ACE Ski & Board Club

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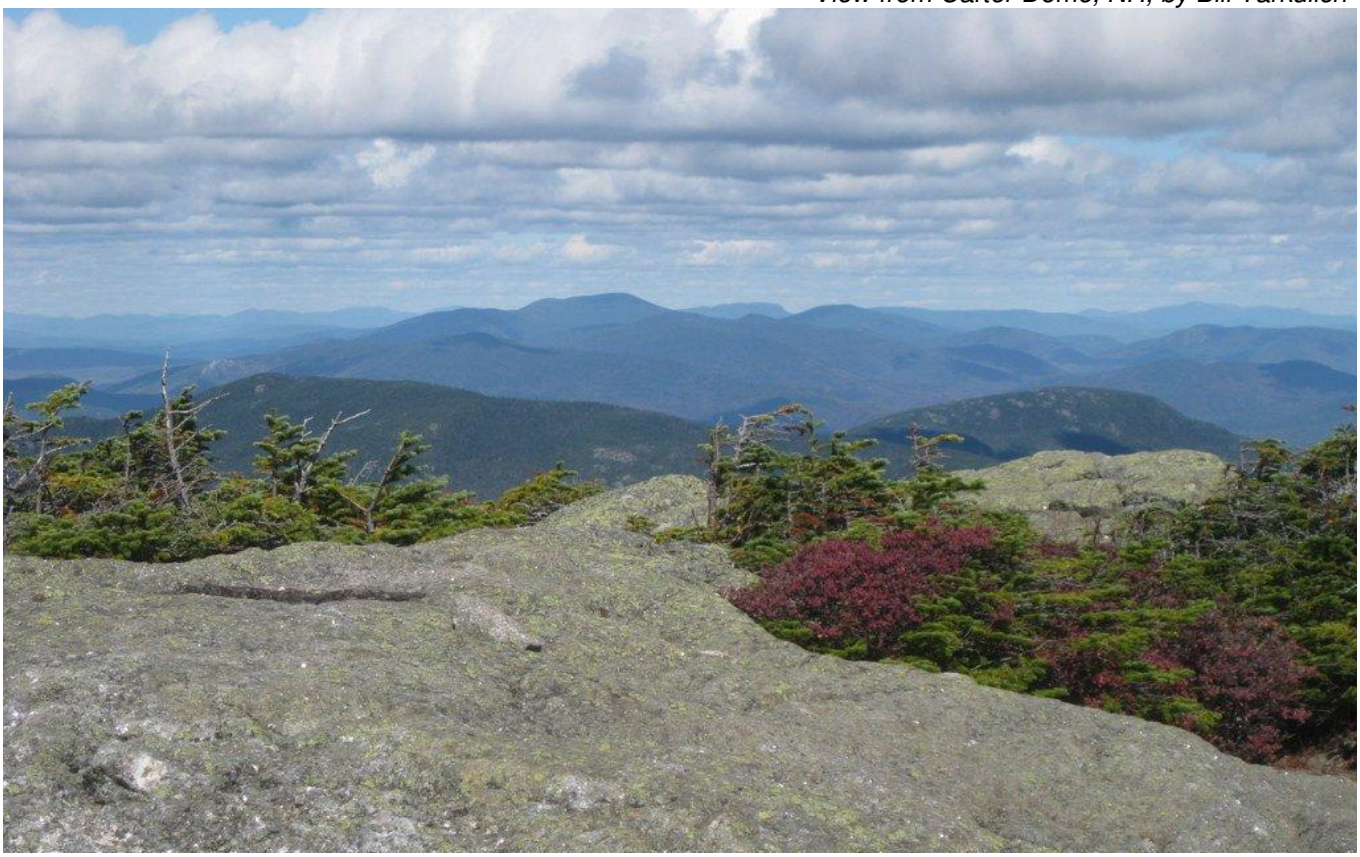
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 23

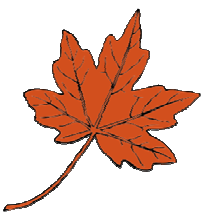
View from Carter Dome, NH, by Bill Tarkulich



Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **October 23** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: **Ed Berry** from **Okemo Mountain** is the featured speaker of the evening.

*To get an **extra door prize ticket**, bring a food donation for a meal, for example a box of pasta and a jar of marinara sauce.*



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Important ACE Club Dates 2012–13

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 13	August 6	TBD
October 23	October 16	TBD
December 11	November 27	TBD
February 12	January 22	TBD

Meeting Location

The general meeting on October 23 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
Shannan Beltz	EICSL Rep
Gerry Welch	Racing Chair
Bill Tarkulich	Marketing Chair
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

We've had our first hard frost. The predictions are for a **snowy winter**.

It's already snowed in Franconia Notch and the Mount Washington Valley (and I don't mean the summit of Mt. Washington!)

The **Boston Ski & Snow Expo** is scheduled for November 8th through the 11th; there are plenty of discount admission deals out there.

Is your gear sharpened and waxed?

Snow's approaching. Are you ready?

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 October 23rd 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 23, 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 October 23rd 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 11th meeting***.

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 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 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.

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
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Bring Food!

At the October 23th Club meeting, the Club will again be collecting food to benefit the ***Worcester County Food Bank.*** All contributions will be accepted, but to qualify for an extra door prize ticket, bring at least two items which together can provide a meal for a family - for example, pasta and sauce, or a can of tuna and pasta sides.

Thanks for the School Supplies

The backpacks and school supplies collected at the September 13 meeting were donated through the **7th annual Set for Success School Supply Drive,** which each year benefits approximately 2,400 Worcester school system students classified as homeless, including those in shelters, and many of whom are in foster care.

The drive is sponsored by **City Councilor Kate Toomey** and Friendly House, in collaboration with the Worcester Public Schools, Worcester Fire and Police Departments, the Junior League of Worcester, Worcester Sharks and the Sharks Booster Club.

Recap of September's General Meeting

Matt McGee explains all about boots

Matt McGee from **R.J. Bradley** was the featured speaker of the evening. Matt talked about exciting new trends in skiing equipment and clothing.

Wide skis are no longer just for powder, but are gaining all around popularity. You can even race with them!

Rocker is now commonplace, as it allows for easier edging, and skis can be shorter. Blizzard, for example makes a ski with flipped core and built-in rocker.

Another trend growing in the US is **Exploration Ski** equipment for backcountry trekking. Specialized AT (Alpine Touring) bindings have a setting where you can lift your heels for walking, then lock them for downhill skiing. Also, boots are available that can open up to give room while walking. You will need 'skins' to attach to the bottom of your skis for uphill climbs.

Boots now come with more side support built-in to allow skiing at a higher level, as well as improved foot beds. R.J. Bradley custom-fits boots for each individual person and guarantees the fit for the first year.

R.J. Bradley recently moved to a new location from Westford to 312 Great Road in **Littleton**. Go check them out!

Volunteers all received handsome warm and fuzzy **vests** with the new **ACE logo** on it!

Robin unpacks the vests as Gerry looks on

Dee likes her new vest with the ACE logo

Leta picks the next winner as Jon holds the tickets

Ilene Titus explains all about benefits

Bea Chaney talks about the Club Newsletter

Gerry Welch gives the latest update on racing

Dee McMaster and Dana Blanchard

Leta models the new ACE vest

The benefits table is busy today

BettyAnn Tyson and Mary Mattock

Mary and Vince Mattock

Socializing is a big part of the fun

September 2012 Door Prize Winners

Ivo Meznik	Goggles
Shelly Sage	Goggles
Jim Twohig	Skis
Arnold Smith	Jacket
Carol Erickson	Poles
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Leta Markham	Ski bag
Carlos Herpin	Gloves
Leta Markham	1 of 3 Mountains Tickets
Mary Stillson	Gloves
Kamila Meznik	Mad River tickets
Robin Diamond	Socks
Kamila Meznik	Bromley tickets
Dana Blanchard	Socks
Ken Kozik	Smugglers Notch tickets
Kelley Gage	Magic tickets

Jim shows off his grand prize!

Carol hit the jackpot with not one, but two pairs of poles!!

Leta with her new boot bag

Robin displays her socks

Shelly takes away her goggles

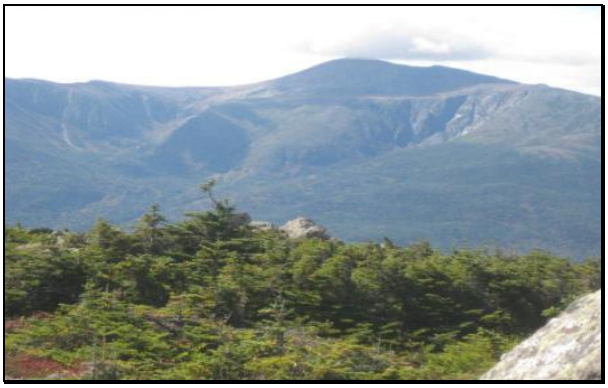
All the proud door prize winners!

Member Stories

AMC Hike to Carter Dome

by Bill Tarkulich

Great day on Carter Dome - ***Mt. Washington*** in all its glory - not socked in for a change!



Knubble Bay Sea Kayak Training – AMC NH Paddlers

by Robin Diamond

A sea kayaking training weekend doesn't necessarily mean you will be on the open ocean. For beginners it means learning the basics of rescue assisted/solo, navigation, necessary gear, food and water.

We start the weekend with introduction of the coaches and attendees and then move into what will be expected for the weekend. Wet suits, the first piece of gear we talk about. Everyone must have one to attend the training. Next is the rest of the gear, boat/paddle/pfd/food and water.

Knubble Bay is a beautiful spot on the mid coast of Maine near Bath ME. It is a large bay about 2 miles inland from the open ocean, actually on a tidal river. Nearby is ***Beal Island*** - an AMC Island that has two out houses, a few campsites and some hiking trails; a wonderful spot! Anyway, Beal is in the west end of Knubble Bay and there are two ways around. We don't go all the way around till the students know how to read the river. So we do some navigation training on the quiet water and from afar, explaining how to navigate this island. So when we do paddle around we don't have anyone swept away in the current in a 16ft kayak.

On the first day we talk to each student and get more background on their experience, some have no experience some are more experienced.

We move on to some dry land training, going over gear, paddling strokes and instruction on doing a wet exit and re-entry. Before heading to the water we make sure the boats all fit, everyone has the correct gear and has packed a lunch and some water. Of course, sun screen is also important.

On the water we do wet exits, first self assisted then assisted. It is always better with a buddy. So, never paddle alone! After all the students have done the rescue training we practice some basic paddling strokes, front/back, draw, and bracing.

The training goes well and we are set for the second day of paddling. Before getting off the water, we do some ferrying and play in the eddys and then have a late snack and bio break at Beal's sandy beach. We also walk the hiking trails to the far end of the island to check out the tricky water patterns of the river.

Then we head back to the Knubble Bay camp for a well deserved Sun Shower and a dinner of lobster, corn chowder, salad and a mixed berry dessert. After dinner the group goes over the charts for the next day, around Beal and back.

Each day we check gear, bring lunch and water and practice and demo rescue skills. Topics in the evening include: wilderness preparedness, group dynamics and hypothermia, all part of Sea Kayaking.

If you are interested in Sea Kayaking check out www.outdoors.org or www.nhpaddlers.org - two good locations for getting more information on sea kayaking and trips and training planned throughout the year.

Deals and Other Good Things

by Bill Tarkulich

How to Get Discounts and Deals

- Have you ***volunteered?*** You'll be the first to receive updates on ***ACE Club Discounts and Deals***, which contains time-sensitive information. You'll also be entitled to cool swag – volunteers from last season received awesome embroidered vests.

- Have you ***renewed***, but not volunteered? You'll receive updates on ACE Club Discounts and Deals a few days after the volunteers do.

- Have you forgotten to renew? You'd better do so fast!

- Have you renewed with the ***EICSL option***? You'd better – lots of deals this year will require an EICSL Card, so renew that one too!

Volunteers, we need ya!

There are lots of smaller tasks that need attending to for marketing. They don't require a lot of hours, and can be done from the safety of your sofa! Some small items include:

- Organizing deals

- Writing Discount and Deals updates

- Organizing mailing lists

- Keeping Yahoo groups up to date

- Keeping an eye on and updating Facebook and/or LinkedIn

- Storing and bringing various club materials to the meeting (projector, screen, etc.)

Please, please, please, drop Bill a note at bill@aceskiandboardclub.org (yes, he's got his own personal club vanity email address) and pitch in!

Without help, you're gonna be missing a lot of good deals this year!

New Programs for 2012-13

Thanks to Bill's hard work we are pleased to announce the following:

- Special ***ski/board days at 14 ski areas in Vermont and New Hampshire***. Discounts are as much as 50% off. You'll need an EICSL card to participate this year. One card, one ticket per day. Look for details at the end of October.

- Special ***ski days at 92.5 The River***, with discount tickets. We expect to have EICSL club representatives present on those days to distribute coupon vouchers and coordinate club pr activities.

- Breaking news! ***NASTAR Eastern Championships at Okemo Mountain on February 1st-3rd.*** Lots of activities and races. Open to individuals, teams, families. One racer enrollment allows purchase of additional lift tickets at a steeply reduced price. Stay tuned in November for more information.

December Meeting

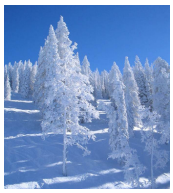
- Stowe Mountain Resort
- Ticket distribution

Thanks to all the Volunteers!

In addition to our all volunteer board (see page 2) thanks to Roscoe Diamond, Kelley Gage, Leta Markham, June Marshall, Mary and Vince Mattock, Dee McMaster, Chuck Riley and Jim Twohig for their help this year.

And thanks to our board for the purchase of a ***new projector*** and projection screen.

Membership Update



Dear members,

There is some snow in the mountains!!!!!!!!!

Now it is 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.

Let it Snow!!!!!!!!

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 and Forms

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

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html

Tickets:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/tickets.htm

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/racing.html

Newsletter:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletter.html

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/aceskis

Twitter:
www.twitter.com/aceskiandboard

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 October 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 EICSL representative Shannan Beltz, 4 Sargent Drive Hooksett NH 03106, 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!!!

Gerry Welch - Race Chairperson
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For up to date racing news and to download the **EICSL New Racer ACE Ski & Board Club Racing Application** form go to:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/racing.html