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ACE Ski & Board Club

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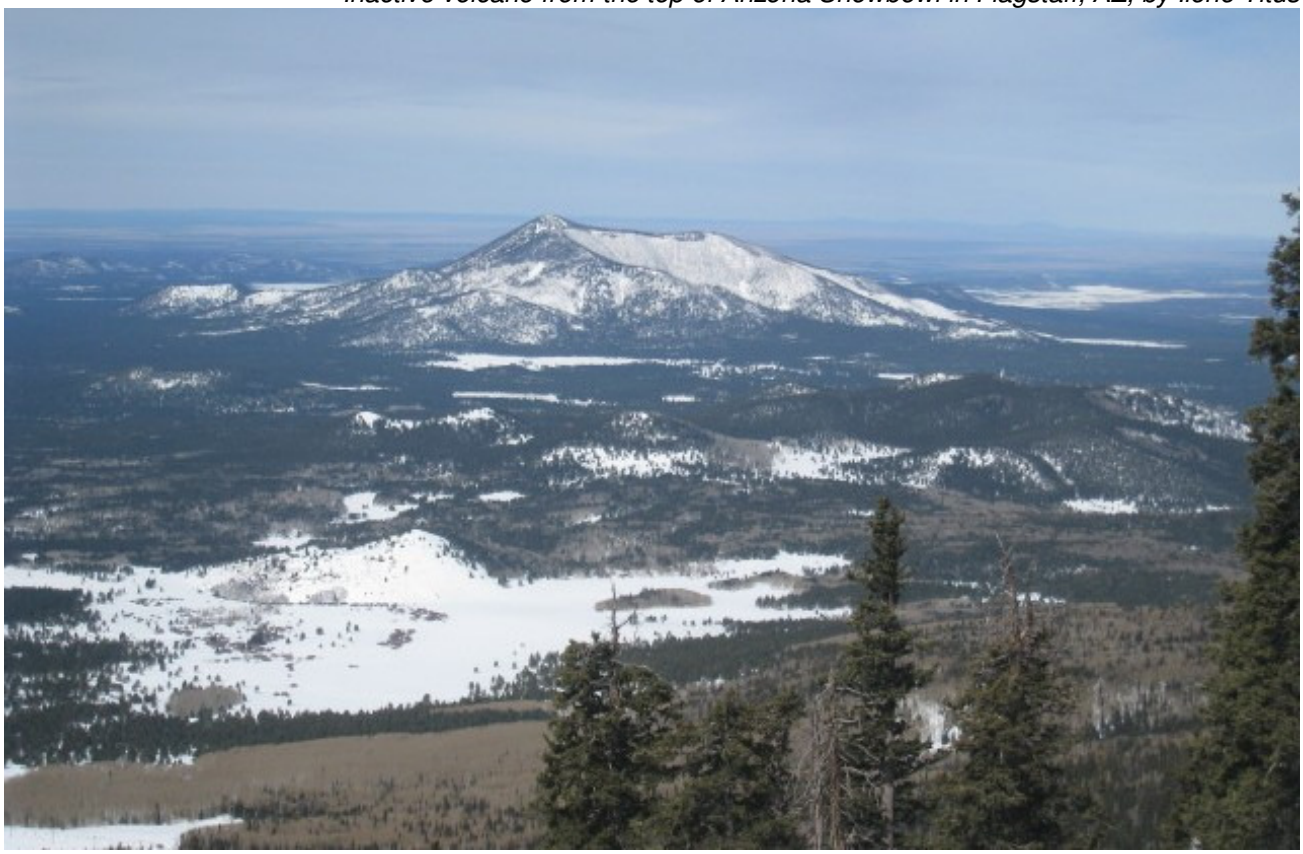
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting December 11

Inactive volcano from the top of Arizona Snowbowl in Flagstaff, AZ, by Ilene Titus



Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **December 11** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: Tickets are available for pickup for those members who participated in the email sale**. Ed Berry** from **Stowe Mountain** is the featured speaker of the evening. **Steve Friedman** from radio station **92.5 WXRV The River** will be present to meet ACE members and EICSL representatives.

*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	January 5
October 23	October 16	January 26
December 11	November 27	February 9
February 12	January 22	March 2

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

Meeting Location

The general meeting on December 11 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 ☺

President's Message

Ullr* has smiled upon us and allowed the snow guns to fire early and often. Many mountains up north have opened already.

Looking forward to test out that new gear gleaming in your closet?

The early season is shaping up to be a good one. Take advantage and go hit the slopes!

(*) *Old Norse god usually depicted wearing skis.*

Title picture:
*Ilene Titus took this picture of an **inactive volcanic crater** in January 2012 from the top of the Arizona Snowbowl ski resort (11,500') in Flagstaff Arizona. The Snowbowl sits atop the San Francisco Peaks, a range of inactive volcanoes that contain the only alpine tundra in Arizona. The peaks reach heights of more than 12,000 feet.*

Benefits Committee Update

Discount Tickets Distribution

The tickets you ordered will be available for pick up at the ***December 11, 2012*** meeting. If you want someone to pick up your tickets for you, please provide a signed written authorization or email me an authorization prior to the meeting. No tickets will be given without an authorization. For those of you who sent postage, your tickets will be mailed on or about December 11, 2012.

Discount Tickets Sale

Remaining Discount ***Vermont Tickets*** and ***Bretton Woods Vouchers*** will be for sale at the General Meeting on December 11, 2012. Order forms will be available at the meeting. You must be present at the meeting to purchase tickets. There are limited quantities of some Vermont Mountains and some of those are on the verge of selling out, so come to the General Meeting for the best opportunity to get the tickets you want. Restrictions for Vermont Mountains are a 16 ticket maximum and no more than 2 tickets from any one mountain, except for Smugglers' Notch, Bolton Valley and Burke for which you may purchase as many tickets as you want, subject to availability.

Notices from Benefits

Members are notified of any mail sales 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 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

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
P.O. Box 392
Southborough., MA 01772
ilenetitus@charter.net

Bring Food!

At the December 11th general meeting, the Club will again be collecting food for charity. 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 Food

Dear Friends at Ace Ski & Board Club:

Thank you very much for your generous donation of canned goods, pasta, & tuna delivered by Robin Diamond on October 25, 2012 to the ***Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.*** *We have had a busy summer. We served over 17,000 meals in the kitchen, had 6,472 visits for fresh produce, & gave out 814 food bags and 5,720 diapers…*

There is crispness in the morning air now that reminds us cold weather is on the way. We are already gearing up for winter, planning our holiday distributions and all that we do to try and keep folks safe during our cold NH winters.

Your contributions make all of this possible. On behalf of all of those who need our services, thank you.

With gratitude,
Lisa Christie

Recap of October's General Meeting

The October meeting was well attended**.**

Brian Halligan, the featured speaker of the evening, gave a lively presentation on **Okemo Mountain.** He was accompanied by **Ericka Priestley**, who also works at Okemo.

Brian noted that Okemo is now the 2d largest resort in Vermont with 19 lifts. It expanded 6 years ago to include the Jackson Gore area, and recently added 3 new intermediate gladed trails.

The resort now offers ***ziplines*** and many other amenities open to non-skiers, such as the ***Timber Ripper***, the first and only mountain coaster in Vermont! It recently built a 2d waffle house at Jackson Gore, which has awesome waffles. ***Epic*** is a nice restaurant at the mid-mountain lodge. On select evenings, you can even enjoy a ***snow cat dining*** adventure there.

Okemo hosts the ***Mountain Dew Race*** as well as Masters races.

Brian predicted that Okemo would open November 17 if there was snow, and it is indeed open!

Check the website www.okemo.com often for online deals, and also Facebook, for deals like Free Fridays, Ladies Day, the Super 7 card.

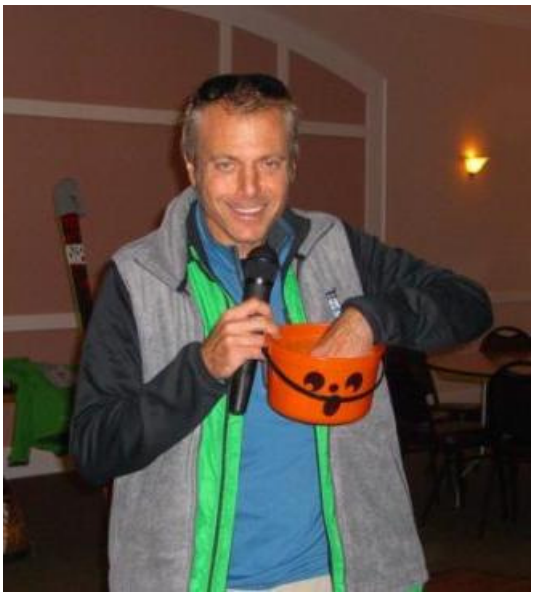
Okemo was represented at the Boston Ski Show.

Brian Halligan talks about Okemo

The audience listens attentively

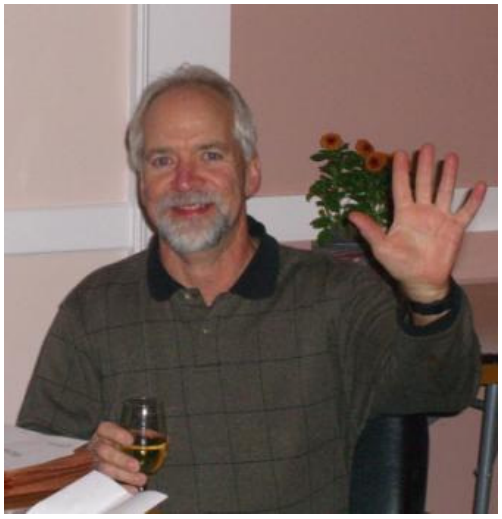
Ericka Priestley is ready to answer questions

Jon Levy builds up the suspense …



Michèle Grenier tells all about membership

Rob Titus is back!



Bill Tarkulich on marketing and deals

Leta Markham and Michèle Grenier at the membership table

Ilene Titus and Vince Mattock at the benefits table

Marge Kilgus and Chris Gerber

October 2012 Door Prize Winners

Debbie Potter	Goggles
Shelly Sage	Bromley tickets
Kelley Gage	Atomic skis
Ilene Titus	Helly Hanson jacket
Robin Diamond	Ski poles
Ivo Meznik	Fleece
Leta Markham	ACE Ski Club hat (red)
Andrew Sage	Gloves
Janet Kennett	ACE Ski Club hat (red)
Linda O'Clair	Goggles
Norma Hendrickson	Okemo tickets
Robin Diamond	Jay tickets
Noreen Cipriano	ACE Ski Club hat (grey)
Dana Blanchard	Boot bag
Ken Kozik	Socks
Mike Mullins	ACE Ski Club hat (grey)
Vince Mattock	Smugglers tickets
Shelly Sage	Socks
Wayne Potter	Gloves
Bryan Woods	Gloves
Julia Horgan	Under Armour

Kelley Gage won the grand prize!

Julia Horgan contemplates her under armour

Debbie Potter likes her goggles

Ivo Meznick with his fleece … Nice color!

Dana Blanchard beaming with his boot bag

Leta Markham shows her warm ACE Club hat

Robin Diamond with all her prizes

Ilene Titus holds on to her Helly Hansen jacket

All the proud door prize winners!

News and Deals, etc …

by Bill Tarkulich

New Password & Web Updates

In the next week, we will be changing the members-only password. The new password will be delivered to members via a special mailing.

Ski and Snowboard Expo, Boston

We shared booth space with 92.5 The River as part of our joint-marketing campaign. Over 150 flyers and cards were handed out. We had many members spend time at the booth and for this we are grateful. Hopefully we will gain a few more members.

Ed Berry (our December Speaker), Bill Tarkulich and Lauren Farley of Stowe

Steve Friedman (WXRV) and Artemis Twohig working the 92.5 booth

92.5 The River

Starting in January, radio station WXRV 'The River' will be hosting **$9.25 days** at various resorts throughout New England. We anticipate having some tickets set aside for the club. Stay tuned here for more information, including dates and resort names.

Foot Stompin' music at 92.5 The River booth

Bill and Jim Sullivan (Magic) are cooking up something special for ACE!

Meet with WXRV on December 11

Please help us - Steve Friedman is scheduled to attend the December 11th ACE Club meeting to "check out EICSL." Bill Tarkulich is requesting that many of our members attend this meeting as a "show of force" for the club. This is a super opportunity for us to increase our recruiting new members by increasing our visibility in the Boston market.

Contact bill@aceskiandboard.org

ACE Sign at Wildcat

We've worked with other EICSL clubs to have our club logos displayed over the bar at the Wildcat Ski Area. It will be prominently posted for a 5-year duration. Another example of your membership dues at work. We hope to have an inaugural photo for next issue. Thanks to the EICSL team for coordinating and manufacturing the signs.

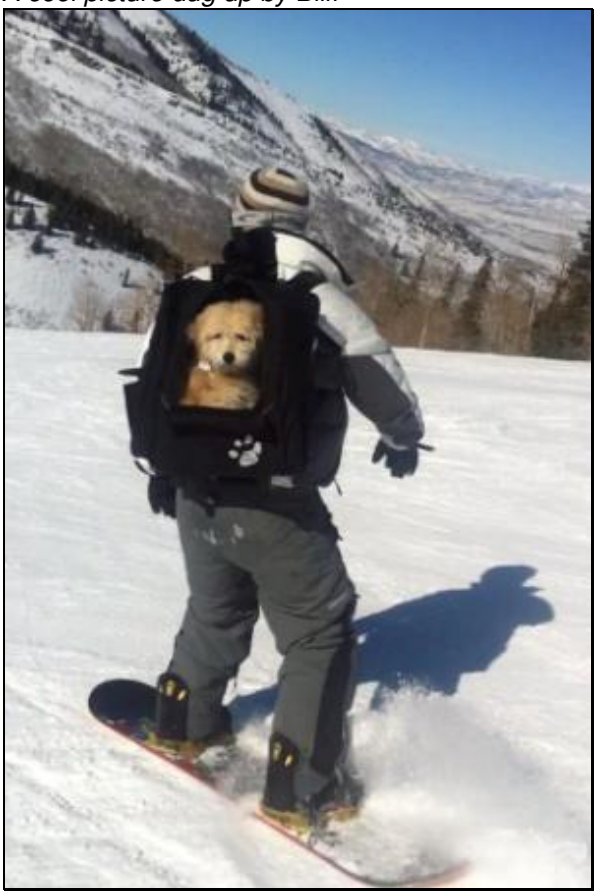
News and Deals Updates

Updates are streaming out weekly. ***Steve Rheaume*** has joined Bill Tarkulich in compiling and producing these valuable updates. Again, your club dues at work. This is for members only.

Trips

Looking at putting together some carpooled day trips. Stay tuned for one potential day trip to Magic. Not a lot of volunteer effort – step up and help your club run more activities!

A cool picture dug up by Bill!



Volunteer Privileges

Those who volunteer are entitled to early access to News and Deals:

- From August through December 2012 - early access to N&D through the end of December, current season.
- From January through May 2013 - early access to N&D from January through May.

Those who participate in both the Fall and Winter periods will ALSO be invited to the annual appreciation banquet.

Thanks again to all the Volunteers!

In addition to our all volunteer board (see page 2) thanks to Mary Sue Ankner, Chris Cole, Roscoe Diamond, Kelley Gage, Chris Gerber, Leta Markham, June Marshall, Mary and Vince Mattock, Dee McMaster, Wayne Potter, Stephen Rheaume, Chuck Riley, Greg and Marcia Ruklic, Marty Stark and Jim and Artemis Twohig for their help this year.

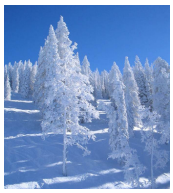
Member Stories

Members, we need your stories!

When you go on a trip, why not send me a picture or two with a few lines describing your adventure, and I'll publish them in the next newsletter!

Beatrice Chaney – Newsletter Editor
newsletter@aceskiandboardclub.org

Membership Update



Dear members,

There is 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
46 Kelly Road
Dracut, MA 01826

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 and renewing members will be automatically signed up with the club's new **Members' Only Yahoo!Groups** unless the "*Do not add me to the Yahoo Groups email distribution*" box is checked on the membership form. Please let membership know ASAP if your email address changes from when you filled out your Membership form, so that you continue to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

You can continue to subscribe to the club's old **General Yahoo!Groups** for open communication with each other; see instructions on the next page.

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
- Timely information on coupons, special discount days and other deals
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: cycling, hiking, camping trips
- Yahoo! Groups distribution list; see details
- 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 is now using two Yahoo!Groups as our means of communicating with current and former members. It is necessary that you be on the **Members' Only** list to hear about the Benefits, Newsletter and late breaking Deals that the club offers. We will continue to use the General Group for open communication with each other; asking if others want to organize a last-minute ski trip, find some extra ski tickets, or pass on tickets that you cannot use and passing on other Public information. The Yahoo!Groups Calendar is being used to send out reminders about upcoming meetings and trips. There may be some duplication of calendar events as we move forward.

Signing up with the Members' Only Yahoo!Groups

NOTE: New and Renewing Primary members will automatically be signed up with the Members' Only Yahoo!Group unless they check the "*Please do not add me to the Yahoo Groups Email distribution"* box on their membership application form. Members do not need to create or attach a Yahoo Profile to the Members' Only Group.

Subscribing to the General Yahoo!Group 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 Yahoo!Groups are private and not listed in the Yahoo!Groups directory. Membership to these Yahoo Groups is restricted - all group members must be approved. As a group member you can send out messages to the whole group, but all messages are approved before they are released. The club Archives are for members only; email attachments are allowed but are not stored.

Updating your email address

Please let membership know ASAP if your email address changes from when you filled out your Membership form, so that you continue to receive the latest news and updates from the club.

If you need help …

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

Current Members Yahoo Group Addresses

Current club members Yahoo Group:

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

Post message: AceSkiandBoardMembers@yahoogroups.com

Subscribe: AceSkiandBoardMembers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: AceSkiandBoardMembers-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

List owner: AceSkiandBoardMembers-owner@yahoogroups.com

Past club members interest list Yahoo Group:

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

Links and Forms

ACE Ski and Board Club Website: www.aceskiandboardclub.org

NOTE: The club's website has a ***members-only area*** for coupons, special discount days and deals. Look for a special members e-mail, which will contain the password good for this membership year.

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 December 11** 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!!!

EICSL Club Appreciation Days

77 special days have been negotiated across 16 New England resorts for EICSL clubs!

The list of days contains mostly deals negotiated specifically for EICSL. A few days are open to any club. We've also included EICSL event days where a discount is offered. A list of these deals has been distributed to your EICSL representative. Make sure to bring your EICSL card with you when attending a special day.

Thanks to Bill Tarkulich of the ACE Ski and Board Club for negotiating and compiling these offers.

Recreational Racing 2012–2013

Gerry Welch - Race Chair

To all ACE members: here is the updated information for this year's racing.

If you have any questions about these racing events or any other racing question, please contact your Race Chair.

Thank you,

Gerry Welch - Race Chair
41 Mathew Circle
Goffstown, NH 03045
978-387-2893
gjwelch@netzero.net

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

EICSL 2013 Race Schedule

See www.eicsl.org for full details.

The following locations have been selected for the qualifiers and championship races for the **2013 EICSL White Mountain Racing** season:

1st Qualifier	1/5/2013	**Bretton Woods**
2nd Qualifier	1/26/2013	**Black Mountain**
3rd Qualifier	2/9/2013	**Shawnee Peak**
Championship Race	3/2/2013	**Wildcat Mountain**

All these races are on a **Saturday.**

NASTAR NH, MA, VT and ME

www.NASTAR.com.

New Hampshire

Bretton Woods 603-278-3320
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun 10:00-3:00 PM
Par time: 22.56 Trail: Bretton's Wood

Cranmore 603-356-5544
Wed, Sat & Sun & Holidays 10-3 PM
Par time: 23.17 Trail: North Slope

Crotched Mountain 603-588-3668
Sat, Sun & Holidays 11-3 PM
Par time: 23.00 Trail: Meteor

Granite Gorge 603-358-5000
Trail: Main Street

Gunstock 800-486-7862
Sat, Sun & Holidays plus race leagues
Par time: 23.63 Trail: Ramrod Race Trail

Mount Sunapee 603-763-2356
Sat, Sun & Holidays 1:00 PM
Par time: 21.22 Trail: Eggbeater

Pats Peak 603-428-7653
Sat & Sun Holidays 11-3 PM
Par time: 15.52 Trail: Downdraft

Waterville Valley 603-236-8311
Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun 12:00-2 PM plus holidays
Par time: 19.35 Trail: Lower Utter Abandon

Massachusetts

Wachusett Mountain 978-464-2300
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun & Holidays 11-1 PM
Par time: 26.00 Trail: Challenger

Vermont

Jay Peak 802-988-2611
Thurs. & Fri. 1:00 PM
Par time: 15.25 Trail: Interstate

Okemo 802-228-4041
Fri, Sat, Sun & Holidays 10-2 PM
Par time: 22.25 Trail: Bull Run

Sugarbush 802-583-6818
Fri-Sun & Holidays 10:00-3:00 PM
Par time: 23.25 Trail: Racer's Edge

Maine

Shawnee Peak 207-647-8444
Wed/Thu night league-Public Sat/Sun 12:30 -2:30
Par time: 21.85 Trail: East Slope

MT DEW

www.snocountry.com

The **Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge Race Series** is a free, fun race open to all ages and abilities. Bring your friends, bring your family and join in the fun and the excitement of this race series!

Mt Dew Vertical Challenge Event Information:

8:00 am	Race registration open
11:00 am	Vertical Challenge Race start
3:00 pm	Race Awards and Victory Party

2012-13 Eastern Tour Race Schedule

Sun, Dec 16, 2012	Okemo Mountain, VT
Thu, Dec 27, 2012	Roundtop Mountain, PA
Fri, Dec 28, 2012	Liberty Mountain, PA
Sat, Dec 29, 2012	Big Boulder, PA
Sat, Jan 5, 2013	Cranmore Mountain, NH
Sun, Jan 6, 2013	Black Mountain, NH
Sun, Jan 13, 2013	Sugarbush, VT
Sat, Jan 19, 2013	Jay Peak, VT
Sun, Jan 20, 2013	Burke Mountain, VT
Mon, Jan 21, 2013	King Pine Ski Area, NH
Sat, Jan 26, 2013	Waterville Valley, NH
Sun, Jan 27, 2013	Ragged Mountain, NH
Sat, Feb 2, 2013	Shawnee Peak, ME
Sun, Feb 3, 2013	Pats Peak, NH
Fri, Feb 8, 2013	Cannon Mountain, NH
Sat, Feb 9, 2013	Gunstock Mountain, NH
Sun, Feb 10, 2013	Nashoba Valley, MA
Sat, Feb 16, 2013	Ski Ward Ski Area, MA
Sun, Feb 17, 2013	Mount Southington, CT
Tue, Feb 19, 2013	Mount Sunapee, NH
Sat, Feb 23, 2013	Bear Creek Mountain, PA
Sun, Feb 24, 2013	Ski Butternut, MA
Thu, Feb 28, 2013	Granite Gorge Ski Area, NH
Sat, Mar 2, 201	Camelback Mountain, PA
Sun, Mar 3, 2013	Jiminy Peak Mountain, MA
Sat, Mar 9, 2013	Killington, VT
Sun, Mar 10, 2013	Pico Mountain, VT
Sat, Mar 16, 2013	Bolton Valley, VT
Sun, Mar 17, 2013	Bromley Mountain, VT