

ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting February 12

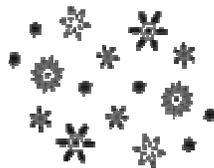
View of Mount Washington from Wildcat by Dana Blanchard



Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **February 12** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: A representative from the **National Ski Patrol** will discuss frostbite. **Katie Hafner** from the American Cancer Society will speak about the *Hope on the Slopes* event at Wachusett Mountain.

To get an **extra door prize ticket**, bring a food donation like dry cereal, breakfast bars, powdered milk, or hygiene products like toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene items.



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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



Meeting Location

The general meeting on February 12 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

By the time you read this, the **Club's Magic Mountain Day**, led by **Marty Stark** and Club Marketing Director **Bill Tarkulich**, will have been a rousing success. Did you go? Cheap ticket, private mountain tour, and free pizza were all a part of it.

And Sunday, January 27th? That was an **ACE-only** discount day at **Attitash**; \$23 off the window price - almost enough to pay for your membership! The periodic **Deals Update** offers enough savings to justify buying some new gear (or at least it's a good rationalization :-).

We're midway through the season; there's only been some snow, but at least it's been cold enough to blow lots of the man-made stuff.

Get out there and enjoy.



Benefits Committee Update

Discount Tickets Sales

Remaining Discount **Vermont** Tickets and **Bretton Woods** Vouchers will be on sale at the General Meeting on February 12, 2013. Order forms will be available at the meeting. There are no restrictions on the amount you may purchase, subject to availability.

In addition, in the meantime, an email sale commenced on January 23, 2013 and will continue until tickets are sold out. There are no restrictions on the amount of tickets you may purchase, subject to availability.

Notices from Benefits

Other than sales at a General Meeting, Members are notified of any ticket sales by email. No notices will be 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
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ilenetitus@charter.net

Bring Food and Supplies for Charity

At the February 12th general meeting, the Club will again be collecting food and supplies for charity.

Suggested food items include dry cereal, breakfast bars, powdered milk.

Hygiene products would also be appreciated, such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap bars, shampoo, rinse, floss, feminine hygiene items.

Thanks for the Food!

Thanks to all the members who brought food to the December 2012 meeting.



Robin Diamond delivered all your donations to the *Salvation Army in Nashua NH*, in time for the holidays.

Recap of December's General Meeting

The December 2012 meeting was well attended, emceed by **Robin Diamond**.

Marty Stark, an ACE member, announced a day trip to Magic Mountain that he was organizing along with **Bill Tarkulich**.

Gerry Welch, the race chair, talked about the numerous opportunities for racing besides club events. For example, for 10\$ you can just show up at any NASTAR race, then get your instant score. Mountain Dew races also happen all over New England.

Steve Friedman, the first featured speaker of the evening, talked about great offers sponsored by the radio station **92.5 The River** at various ski resorts on special days for **9.25 \$** a ticket!! To find out when and where these incredible deals are happening, check out their website www.wxrv.com often.

Ed Berry gave an overview of **Stowe Mountain**, its history, all it has to offer, and recent developments. The resort is over 40 years old, and the town itself has been around for over 200 years. One thing people don't know is that summer is even busier than winter!

A new base lodge is being built on a scale that hasn't been seen except out west. The food is spectacular; the chef was at the ski show.

Ed Berry on Stowe Mountain



Steve Friedman from 92.5 The River



Trees and out-of-bounds terrain offer some awesome skiing and snowboarding. Caution: don't just follow any tracks leading into the woods! It is easy to get seriously lost. Don't go alone! Preferably find a local who knows the area. Be prepared!

Stowe gets lots of powder, an average of 333 inches a year! Goat and Starr are steep, never groomed. Stowe will not open a trail unless it has enough snow cover. We don't want to wreck your skis! Stowe put a ton of money into skiing and not condos. They actually built a lake to support snowmaking.

A new inter-mountain transfer gondola now connects Spruce Peak and Mount Mansfield, and there is a brand new high-speed Quad on Mt. Mansfield. The original Mansfield Quad was very steep.

A new convenience is a personalized RFID card for 5\$. After that, you can just get tickets online for 78\$. It is linked to your credit card. Just show up, no need to wait in line, your card gets debited the first time you take a ski lift that day. Stowe also offers ski club appreciation days, and discounts for groups.

Stowe's famous blankets: How cold is it? Was measured in number of blankets, like 2-3-4 blanket days! Wrap one around your head ☺

Robin Diamond is the emcee of the evening



Mary Mattock and Ilene Titus contribute to a festive mood!



Shannan Beltz tells all about EICSL



Members listen and socialize



Interesting conversations



The Ruklics always have fun



December 2012 Door Prize Winners

Jack Coady	Smugglers Notch Tickets
Fran Minnock	Burke Tickets
Andy Sage	Burke Tickets & 92.5 CD
Nate Bemis	Burke Tickets & 92.5 CD
Kelly Gage	Men's ski jacket
Andy Sheehan	Women's ski jacket
Marcia Ruklic	Ski poles
Shannan Beltz	Gloves
Mary Mattock	Gloves & socks
Dee McMaster	Socks
Betty Ann Tyson	Goggles
Bruce Fitzpatrick	Hat and foot bed
Greg Ruklic	Stowe ticket from Ed Berry
Chris Cole	Goggles & socks
Vince Mattock	Hat & 'Let It Snow' plaque
Ilene Titus	Under Armour & hat
Ilene Titus	Boot bag
Roxanne Arey	Base Layer
Lee Arnold	Socks & 92.5 CD
Nate Bemis	Skis

Nate Bemis won the grand prize!



Nice new poles for Marcia Ruklic



Dee McMaster likes her socks



Shannan Beltz got warm and stylish gloves



Andy Sage will be skiing at Burke!



All the proud door prize winners!



ACE Club Activities

ACE Logo now in Wildcat Lodge

Thanks to our ACE Marketing Team, the ACE Club logo now features prominently on the wall of the lodge at Wildcat Mountain!

Our ACE logo now hangs in the lodge at Wildcat Mountain



AMC Summer Trip

Sea Kayaking at Knubble Bay Camp

August 1 – 4, 2013

Led by **Robin Diamond**: Training, learning, enjoying the sport. Must have wetsuit/drysuit for this event.

Visit the AMC website at www.outdoors.org and search for 'Sea kayaking' for details about the trip and Robin's contact info.

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

Membership would like to thank everyone for another great ACE Ski & Board Club Season!

Next Season, to be sure everyone gets their EISCL cards on time, please sign up by mail before the first general meeting in the Fall 2013. If you can not attend this meeting, send your check, membership form and signed EISCL release form by **November 1, 2013** to the following address:

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.

This year I am working on putting together an ACE Ski & Board Club trip to **Sun Valley, Utah** in **February/March of 2014**.

Sun Valley is a **SUNNY, WARM**, bluebird skied destination mountain with great runs for all levels and beautiful snow fields! Watch for details forthcoming!!!!

Now lets ski some more in 2013 !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

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



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.

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 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

EICSL Racing Results and Highlights

WOW!!! What a race day at the *1st Q race of 2013* at *Bretton Woods* on Saturday the 6th.

Not only did the snow and ski conditions prevail, so did all our attending ACE/EICSL racers who showed up and were 'Racer Ready'. If only the flu hadn't stopped some of our missing racers, this would have been one for the record books.

What a very impressive race day. See the awesome results below:

1 st	Jarrold Revane	AA	Junior	Overall Junior Winner
3 rd	Robin Diamond	AA	Women Super Vet	
1 st	Shannan Beltz	A	Women	
1 st	Gerry Welch	AA	Men Super Vet	
3 rd	John Sweeny	AA	Men	
3 rd	Rick Longtin	B	Men Super Vet	
1 st	Stephen Gauvin	C	Men Super Vet	
1 st	James Scully	D	Men Super Vet	
8 th	Carlos Herpin	D	Men	Honorable Mention, his first EICSL race
16 th	Bob Beltz	D	Men	Kudos, first racing career timed result

Here are the official results and highlights of *the 2nd Q EICSL* race at *Black Mountain*, Jan 26th 2013.

Another great day for ACE/EICSL racing. Other than a very cold day and firm racing conditions our ACE racers fared very well; see race result below.

Our next stop will be **Shawnee Peak, ME 3rd Q 02/09/2013.**

Carlos: awesome run, overall Class D winner, upgrade to Men's C , 1st place, and **Shannan** upgraded to Women's AA. Congratulations to both of you!

1 st	Carlos Herpin	C	Men
1 st	Robin Diamond	AA	Women Super Vet
2 nd	Shannan Beltz	AA	Women
3 rd	Rick Longtin	B	Men Super Vet
3 rd	Gerry Welch	AA	Men Super Vet
3 rd	Stephen Gauvin	C	Men Super Vet
3 rd	James Scully	D	Men Super Vet

EICSL Racing Awards and Season Ending Party 2013

April 6, 2013 Ceremony held at *Wildcat Tavern*, in *Jackson NH*.

All EICSL members and racers are welcome, just bring your membership card.

Cash Bar and food provided during awards presentation.

See www.EICSL.org for last minutes details.

GS Racing Wachusett Mountain Ralph Crowley Classic

Friday, March 1, 2013

See www.wachusett.com for details.

This exciting race features the finest competitors racing down the challenging Smith Walton trail. Open to the public and to all staff members!! Don't miss this top to bottom, one of a kind event!

Sign-up early - the race order is determined by when you sign up! Women run first!

Two divisions - straight timing and NASTAR timing.

Registration: 8-9:30 am by Customer Service
Race Start: 10:00 am
BBQ Lunch: 1 pm, followed by awards/raffles
Register at the Customer Service Desk
or call 978-464-2300 ext. 3200

Race Fees:

Pre-registration: \$39

Race Day: \$49

Season Pass Holders/Employees: \$19

*Must be 18 + to enter

Awards:

\$1000 CASH PURSE!!!

Top Male & Female win Skis

Tons of great raffle items

Mountain Dew Final Race: Okemo, VT

March 23, 2013

See www.snocountry.com for details.

Final Words...

To all club members and racers:

As we wrap-up this season of racing, please see the racing opportunities that will close out this 2013 racing season.

To all our EICSL race team members:

Kudos to all of you for another dedicated racing season.
As always, Racer ready...

Again, until next year, have fun...



Gerry Welch - Race Chair
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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