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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting September 12

Biking on the Island Line in Burlington, VT, by Mary Mattock

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

Meeting Highlights: Our own **Jon Levy**, **Michèle Grenier** and **Robin Temple Diamond** will present the club's planned trips for this upcoming season, including to ***Eastern Townships***, ***Canada, Sun Valley, Idaho***, and ***Mount Snow, Vermont***.

*To get an **extra door prize ticket**, bring a **backpack!** Or any **school supplies** worth at least $5 like pocket dictionaries, calculators, three-ring binders, filler paper…*

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Important ACE Club Dates 2013–14

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 12	August 29	January 4
October 30	October 16	January 25
December 10	December 3	February 8
February 11	January 9	March 1

Meeting Location

The general meeting on September 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 ☺

1 ***Ullr:*** *Old Norse god Patron Saint of skiers*

ACE Club Officers

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president
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
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Welcome back*!* ***Ullr***[1] was quite kind to us last winter. Hopefully, we will be in his good graces again.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to **Ryan Conway**, our new Webmaster. He's been working on a complete re-design of the Club's site. You'll see the results shortly!

The Club is offering three Club-sponsored trips this year: Sun Valley, Eastern Townships, and Mount Snow.

We're also offering our usual benefits of interesting meeting speakers, discounted lift tickets, racing, EICSL 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 and Snowboard Chair. Speak to me at a meeting or send an email if interested.

Here's hoping for another great winter, with lots of snow!

Benefits Committee Update

Discount Tickets In July and August, 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, 2013*** by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club. Payment may be brought to the General Meeting on September 12, 2013 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 12, 2013***. Order forms for Vermont and New Hampshire/Maine Tickets will be available at that time. You must attend the meeting to purchase tickets in this sale. 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 12th 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 30th and December 10th*** meetings.

Notices from Benefits 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***. 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 Backpacks or School Supplies!

For an extra chance door prize ticket, please bring **new,** not used, school supplies to the September 12 meeting, especially **backpacks**, or items for older children such as pocket dictionaries, calculators or three-ring binders. ***Staples*** and ***Five Below*** offer good deals on articles like these at this time of the year.

Thanks for the Food and Supplies

Thanks to all the members who brought food and toiletries to the February 2013 meeting.

Robin Diamond delivered all your donations to the ***Salvation Army in Nashua NH*** after the meeting**.**

Update on New Website

We are proud to announce that over the next month ACE will be rolling out a brand new website. Created with the ***user experience*** firmly in mind, the website has been designed using the ***latest technology*** so the site is compatible with today's browsers and mobile devices.

The new site will offer more detailed information, news and blog posts. It is aesthetically pleasing with an attractive design and ***improved, user-friendly navigation*** making for a more engaging, interactive experience.

Over time we will be integrating a ***forum***, and everyone will have their own user name attached to their profile. You will be able to talk about anything from: meeting up at a mountain, selling unused tickets to other members, or selling gear. We also plan to integrate ***PayPal***, so next year you will be able to renew your membership directly through the site.

Our goal is to really have the website be the hub for news, and a central place where ACE members can connect. We're excited and we hope you are too!

Ryan Conway, Webmaster

Recap of February's General Meeting

T'was a good meeting. There must have been about 42 in people in attendance. We had three presenters: first was **Irene Sinteff**, who represented ***Vermont Adaptive Skiing,*** an organization that provides sports and recreational opportunities to individuals with disabilities or handicaps.

Katie Hafner spoke about an event to be held at ***Wachusett*** to benefit the ***American Cancer Society***.

Finally **Ed Berry** spoke about ***Cold-Related Emergencies:***

'***Frostnip***' precedes frostbite. There is no permanent damage with frostnip.

Those with ***hypothermia*** can be susceptible to cardiac arrest. The treatment requires rapid warming. Core temperature must be raised. When the body chills, blood is withdrawn from the extremities to keep the core and brain warm. Drinking hot fluids can help move blood to extremities.

Ed emphasized the need to dress properly for the cold, with many layers and wicking fabrics next to body.

Irene Sinteff on Vermont Adaptive

The Benefits team always has fun!

Ed Berry gives the facts on Cold-Related Emergencies

February 2013 Door Prize Winners

Jackie Deithrick	Red Club Hat
Gerry Welch	Gloves, RJ Bradley Wool Hat
Shelly Sage	Gloves
Artemis Twohig	Red Club Hat
Brian Woods	2 Bromley Tickets
Janet Kennett	Bradley Wool Ski Hat
Elaine Lussier	Gray Club Hat
Mary Mattock	Head sock, 2 Pico Tickets
Dee McMaster	Grey Club Hat/Neck Gator
Jack Cody	Bromley Tickets
Chuck Riley	2 Smugglers Notch Tickets
Marcia Ruklic	Socks
Wayne Potter	Gray Club Hat
Marty Stark	Socks
Ilene Titus	Ski Jacket – Grand Prize!
Ryan Conway	Gray Club Hat
Roxann Arey	2 Burke Tickets
Noreen Cipriano	Pink Fleece Top
Jean O'Donnell	Hat
Renee Lau	Grey Club Hat

The 3 Hats! Dee McMaster, Wayne Potter and Elaine Lussier

The whole Twohig family

All the proud door prize winners!

Winter Trips 2013-2014

The club is running no fewer than three 'big' trips this year! For the latest detailed trip info and fliers, visit www.aceskiandboardclub.org/winter_trips.html .

Eastern Townships of Quebec, Canada

by Jon Levy

You're schussing down the slopes, and all you hear is French. The currency in your pocket is different colors and sizes. You must have endured a seven hour flight to ski in the Alps, right? Nope, you just drove 30 minutes north of Jay Peak, and are skiing/riding in the **Eastern Townships of Quebec, Canada.**

Come with the Club and stay at the four-star all-suite **Estrimont Suites & Spa Hotel in Orford, Quebec**. The trip includes three nights' accommodation, double occupancy, three buffet breakfasts, and three lift tickets, one each to ***Orford, Sutton, and Owl's Head***. Add-on options include a visit to an outdoor spa with multiple pools and yurts, and night skiing at ***Bromont***.

Trip dates are **Thursday, January 30th to Sunday, February 2nd, 2014**. This is a drive-yourself trip; no transportation is provided**. Bring your passport!**

Cost is $479; single supplement is $250.
Contact trip leader Jon Levy at trips@aceskiandboardclub.org
$200 deposit is due at trip signup; balance is due by October 30 general meeting.

Mount Snow, VT

by Robin Temple Diamond

Trip dates: **March 7 – 9, 2014**

Stay at **the Gray Ghost Inn** Bed and Breakfast www.grayghostinn.com in ***West Dover,VT,*** just down the hill from ***Mt Snow***. Use the **MOOver** to get to the mountain from the Gray Ghost or drive yourself.

Cost is $225.00
2 breakfasts
1 dinner (Saturday night)

Purchase lift tickets from ACE Ski Club or on your own. This is a drive-yourself trip. Register with Robin Diamond at robintdiamond@comcast.net

$50.00 deposit is due by **November 1, 2013**
$50.00 by **December 12**
$125.00 final payment due **January 15, 2014**
No cancellations after **February 1**
Make Payments to: ACE Ski and Board Club

Sun Valley, Idaho

by Michèle Grenier

Trip dates: **March 4-11, 2014**

Bald Mountain can be accessed at ***River Run*** on the south and ***Warm Springs*** on the north. Finely appointed lodges await along its 65 varied runs serviced by 13 lifts. Its seemingly endless runs stretch across 2,054 acres to the edges of the ***Sawtooth National Forest*** with a total of 3,400 vertical feet.

Greyhawk/Sawtooth Condos - great location in ***Warm Springs***, walk to lift at ***Baldy Mt***., 2mi to town; fully equipped kitchens, gas or wood fireplace, hot tub, private WiFi.

Cost is $1,560/person; single supplement is $550 (based on 4 people per 2 bed/2 bath condo)

- Round trip air Boston to Boise, Idaho via Delta Airlines
- 7 nights at the Greyhawk/Sawtooth Condos
- 5 out of 6 day ski pass valid at Dollar and Bald Mt.
- Round trip airport/hotel transfers
- Baggage handling and taxes

$500 deposit due **September 19, 2013**
Balance due **December 13, 2013**
For more information, email Michèle Grenier: mgski@verizon.net or sign up at the general meeting

What to Do When No Snow

The lack of snow does not stop skiers and snowboarders from staying active, both for the love of the outdoors and to stay in shape for the next season.

Bicycling

by Mary Mattock

The **Nantucket Daffodil Festival** is always the last weekend in April. After watching the parade of decorated old cars, the kids on bikes and the dog parade, we biked out the 7 miles on the bike trail to ***Siasconset*** to attend the tailgating party.

There all the cars are decked out and people bring their finest china for a fun party. There is dancing in the streets and entertainment. A lot of festive people are dressed in yellow and daffodils are everywhere. Over three million daffodils are along the roadside and bike trail. The festival began back in 1975 when ***Jean MacAusland and the Nantucket Garden Club*** planted the bulbs.

Everyone had a great time and headed back to town to catch the ferry back to the mainland.

Attendees: *Rob & Ilene Titus, Janet Kennett & Bruce Fitzgerald, Tom & Fong Roy, Jean O'Donnell and Mary & Vince Mattock*

Hiking

by Bill Tarkulich

This was a hike on **Mt. Moosilauke** on May 26, 2013. I'm in red. I started at the bottom in a T-shirt.

In July, I led a hike and conducted map and compass training at **Wachipauka Pond, NH.**

Windsurfing and Paddleboarding

by Beatrice Chaney

Windsurfing and - for the more adventurous – kiteboarding are the perfect complement to skiing and snowboarding, as the seasons pretty much complement each other, although they overlap somewhat in the spring.

The **AMC Windsurfing Club** runs local trips and beginner clinics throughout the summer and fall, including the annual September trip to ***The Lighthouse Inn*** in West Dennis, on Cape Cod.

Wind is to windsurfers what snow is to skiers. On those no-wind days, a number of windsurfers have turned to **Stand Up Paddleboarding** (SUP). It's not that difficult in calm water, but requires more balance than you'd think in choppy conditions. It's a lot of fun, and great for your core muscles!

Kayaking

by Robin Temple Diamond

Sea kayaking at **Knubble Bay** AMC camp in Maine

Roscoe Diamond

Ice Cream!

We had a record turnout at **Kimball's** in Westford – a dozen people – including two friends who were former Digital Equipment employees. We distributed trip info and heard tales of last ski season along with plans for the upcoming season.

Memories of Spring: Burke Mountain

Photos by Mary Sue Ankner

On one of the last perfect days of spring skiing, ***Bill Tarkulich*** led a day trip to **Burke Mountain**. The snow was perfect, the sky was blue, what more do you want! We ended the day tired and happy.

Attendees: *Bill Tarkulich, Beatrice Chaney, Mary Sue Ankner and Roxann Arey*

Member Stories

Members, I 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,

Only a few more months till snow appears!

Now it is time to sign up or renew your ACE Ski and Board membership. You may still mail your completed forms and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Michèle Grenier
ACE Ski and Board Club
46 Kelly Road
Dracut, MA 01826

Paying via **PayPal** is a viable payment method this year! If you are a PayPal user, just send your payment to payments@aceskiandboardclub.org. To complete the membership process you will need to mail me your completed form or bring it to any general meeting. Membership forms are available at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership.html. If you mail me the form 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

New and renewing primary members will be automatically signed up with the club's **Google Group**, unless they explicitly request not to be included. Google Groups will be used to disseminate club news and announcements.

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
- Google and Yahoo! Groups distribution lists; 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

Members' Only Google Group

Due to changes in Yahoo!Groups, the club is being forced to move our news and information dissemination to **Google Groups**.

New and renewing primary members will automatically be signed up with this **Members' Only Google Group** unless they ask to not be added. Members do not need to create or attach a Google Group Profile to this group. It is necessary that you be on this Members' Only list to hear about **benefits, newsletters** and late breaking **deals** that the club offers.

If you are a **primary** member (Full or Basic) and are **not** receiving any news or information from the club, please send mail to the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

General Group

We will continue to use the clubs **General Group** on ***Yahoo!*** 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. At this point in time, the ***Yahoo!Groups Calendar*** will continue to be used to send out reminders about upcoming meetings and trips.

ALL Members are encouraged to Subscribe to the General Yahoo!Group's distribution list. This is very easy; all you have to do is send email to: ACESkiandBoardClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To join this group, go to: http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/AceSkiandBoardClub/ Click on ***"Join This Group!"*** and follow the instructions.

Go one step further and create a ***Yahoo! Profile.*** 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.

Both Google Groups and Yahoo!Groups are **private** and not listed in the respective groups directory. Membership to these Groups is restricted - all group members must be approved. As a Yahoo!Group member you can send out messages to the whole group. However - to avoid Spam - all messages are approved before they are released.

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 General Yahoo Group or updating your email address, send mail to the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

General Yahoo Group Addresses

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 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

Trips:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/winter_trips.html

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/racing.html

Newsletter:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletter.html

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/aceskis

EICSL Updates 2013-2014

Haven't skied in the last couple of years? Last couple of decades? Never skied at all? What's your excuse? No money? No time? No skis? Whatever your reasons, we've got an answer.

The **Eastern Inter-Club Ski League** (EICSL), which began in 1950 as a small group of ski clubs, is an organization comprised of clubs with over 1,200 members. Don't let those numbers scare you. Each of the clubs has anywhere from 25 to 150 members and likes to keep things as intimate and family-like as possible.

Each individual club has its own elected board of directors and numerous committees to take care of the needs of its members. EICSL binds all clubs together. EICSL' s most important function, according to **John Bycina**, Past President (1998-2000) of EICSL, is *"to help clubs communicate and to obtain benefits for a large group such as a race program, social activities and discount tickets."*

Once a 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 people decide the night before where they'll be skiing and share rides the next morning.

This year the **ACE Ski & Board Club** would like to invite **YOU**- to join EICSL as well. For just $8 per member in addition to your ACE Membership dues you can take advantage of all the discounts - but most important - the social atmosphere!

Join today! Email **Shannan Beltz**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair*** @ shannan52@hotmail.com to inquire. Don't forget to put EICSL in the subject line.

All EICSL applications are **due by Oct 31, 2013**. There is a strict adherence to this policy and applications will not be accepted after this date.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2013–2014

Race Chairperson: Gerry Welch

EICSL 2014 Race Schedule

Currently in the planning stage - we will make a firm decision on location by the fall Boston Ski Expo.

1st Qualifier	Saturday	1/4/2014	Bretton Woods tentative
2nd Qualifier	Saturday	1/25/2014	Black confirmed
3rd Qualifier	Saturday	2/8/2014	Cannon *****
Championship	Saturday	3/1/2014	Wildcat confirmed

***** I agree with racing at **Cannon Mountain** again. We have always had very good races there.

And…. they have a special building dedicated to racing at the bottom of Gary's trail.

Old timers will remember the ***World Cup*** held there in March 1967 when French skier **Jean-Claude Killy** won the gold. Guess who were the volunteer race officials? EICSL of course! That's how we got our original race training established.

Gerry Welch - Race Chair
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Jean-Claude Killy