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ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 30

View from Pack Monadnock, MA, by Beatrice Chaney

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

Meeting Highlights: The featured speaker of the evening is **Bob Greene** from ***Saddleback Mountain***, Maine. **Jon Levy**, **Michèle Grenier** and **Robin Temple Diamond** will give an update on the club's planned trips to ***Eastern Townships***, ***Sun Valley,*** and ***Mount Snow,*** respectively.

*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, or a can of tuna and pasta sides. Come in costume!*

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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 October 30 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
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Membership
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Open Position	EICSL Rep
Gerry Welch	Racing Chair
Bill Tarkulich	Marketing Chair
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

We've had our first hard frost. The predictions are for a snowy winter (again). It's already snowed on the summit of ***Mt. Washington***.

The ***Boston Ski & Snow Expo*** is scheduled for November 14th through the 17th; there are plenty of discount admission deals out there.

Is your gear sharpened and waxed? As in the Seven Kingdoms, Winter is Coming.

Are you ready?

EICSL Rep - Need Volunteer!

The ACE Ski & Board Club is currently looking for an EICSL representative. Please contact Jon if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

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 October 30, 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 ***October 30, 2013***. Order forms for Vermont Mountains, Cannon and Bretton Woods 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 and some have sold out. 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 30th 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 10th*** meeting.

Notices from Benefits 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***. One does not have to be an ACE Ski and Board Club member to join our GPS group.

Prices increase $100 on November 14, 2013. The Club earns an incentive based on the number of persons who purchase a pass through the Club's GPS Group. At the December 10, 2013 meeting, those who are Club members and who have purchased a GPS through the Club will be eligible for the drawing.

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Benefits Co-Chairs
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Bring Food!

At the October 30th meeting, the Club will be collecting food to benefit the ***Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Devens, MA.*** 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.

Halloween Costume

Best Halloween costume has a chance to win **2 lift tickets!**

Thanks for the School Supplies

Thanks to all the members who brought backpacks and school supplies to the last meeting. Your donations went to ***Marguerite's Place*** - www.margueritesplace.org, a women's shelter in Nashua, NH.

The children were very grateful for the backpacks and supplies that they normally would not have had for the beginning of the school year.

Recap of September's General Meeting

The September meeting was well attended. Club officers presented the three exciting trips the Club is planning for this season.

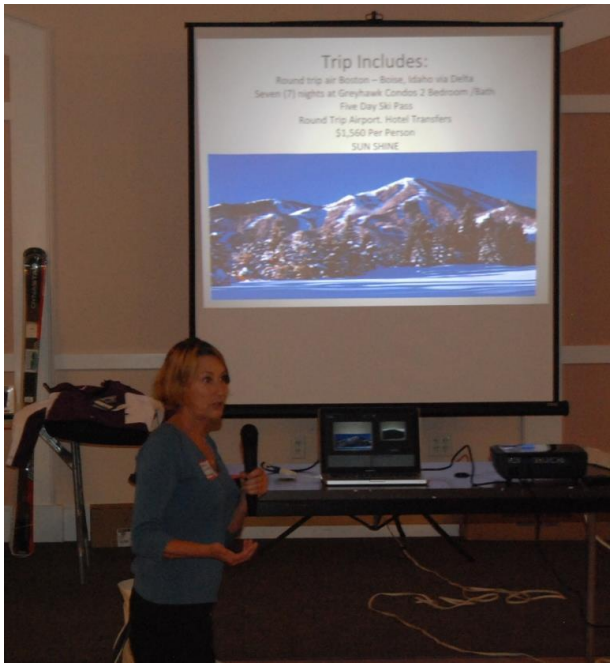
Michèle Grenier showed slides of the spring trip out West she is coordinating, to ***Sun Valley, Idaho***. March is the optimum time to visit Sun Valley, as the weather is sunny, but the snow is still good. The area offers lots of activities in addition to downhill skiing, such as Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, sleigh rides, tubing, and last, but not least, shopping!

Robin Temple Diamond talked about the local trip to ***Mount Snow, Vermont*** she is leading, also in the spring.

Jon Levy presented the trip to three ski areas in the ***Eastern Townships of Quebec,*** just north of the border in Canada. This trip explores skiing in new areas in another country (!) and features great accommodations and various après-ski activities like visits to spas, etc… Jon brought numerous brochures and fliers and trail maps for all to browse.

Finally**, Gerry Welch** gave an update on the racing programs, **and Robin Temple Diamond** announced new T-shirts for the Club.

Michele talks about Sun Valley



Betty Ann picks a ticket from Jon's bucket

Wayne Potter and Bill Tarkulich in conversation

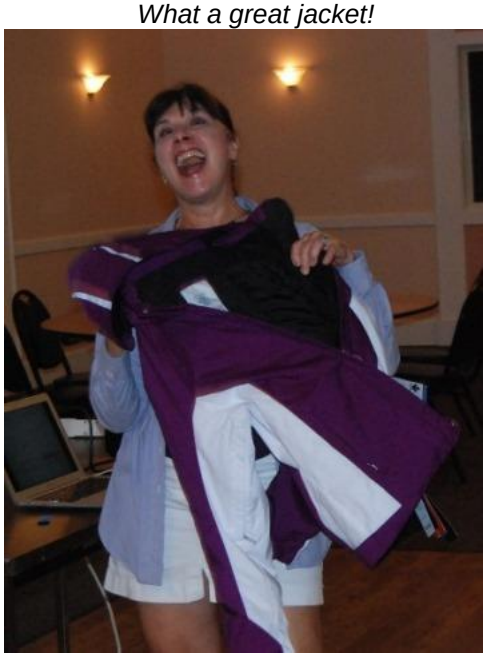
February 2013 Door Prize Winners

Jeff Tobin	2 Smuggler's Notch tickets
Marcia Ruklic	Socks
Norma Henderson	Gloves
Jon Levy	2 Bromley tickets
Betty Ann Tyson	2 Magic Mountain tickets
Jean O'Donnell	Socks
Kelley Gage	Goggles
Carlos Herpin	2 Mt. Snow tickets
Cheryl Campbell	2 Cannon tickets
Chris Cole	Ski poles
Dee McMaster	Gloves
Robin Diamond	Socks
Gerry Welch	Goggles
Mary Sue Ankner	Socks
Michael Socaciu	Hiking poles
Andy Sheehan	Men's ski jacket
Shelly Sage	Women's ski jacket
Cristian Hera	Dynastar skis and bindings

Cristian Hera wins the grand prize!

Handy hiking poles

What a great jacket!



This jacket will keep me toasty

Kelly loves those goggles

Carlos says hi

Robin shows off her socks

Jean likes her warm socks

All the proud door prize winners!

Winter Trips 2013-2014

For the latest detailed trip info and fliers, visit www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/trips/.

Eastern Townships of Quebec, Canada

by Jon Levy

Update: We've had lots of interest, but very few actual signups. **The trip is in danger of being canceled.** Tonight's meeting will determine whether we go or not.

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 - March 7 – 9, 2014

by Robin Temple Diamond

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 - March 4-11, 2014

by Michèle Grenier

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

Membership Update

Dear members,

Snow is falling out West!

There is still time to 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

Or you can fill out the form on the ACE website and pay by PayPal. 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 at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/ . If you mail me the form I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

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.

New and renewing primary members will be automatically added to the club's "Members Only" Yahoo!Group unless they explicitly request not to be included. The "Members Only" Yahoo!Group will be used to disseminate club news and announcements.

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO Trip, March 4 – 11

Email Michèle for details! mgski@verizon.net

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 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 Yahoo!Group

Yahoo!Groups have changed their policy again. We will stay with Yahoo!Groups though this year at least, to disseminate club news and announcements.

However – Members **must acknowledge** their acceptance to be added to the club's "Members Only" Yahoo!Group by responding to an email sent to them when they are being added.

New and renewing members will automatically be sent an invitation to be added to the club's "Members Only" Yahoo!Group, unless they explicitly request not to be included.

It is necessary that you be on this "Members Only" list to hear about **benefits, newsletters** and late breaking **deals** that the club offers.

NOTE: Renewing members from last year may not receive an email depending on when they renewed. 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 Yahoo!Group

We will continue to use the club's **General Yahoo!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. 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 of the club's 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

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 username and password good for this membership year.

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

Tickets:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets/

Trips:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/trips/

Racing:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

Newsletter:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membersonly/

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!

To join EICSL, come to the ***upcoming General Meeting on October 30, 2013*** and apply in person at the membership table, or go to:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

Download the **'2013/2014 Full Membership Form'** and follow the instructions on the form.

NOTE: A **separate** EICSL Release Form must be filled out for each member, primary or associate.

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.

EICSL Rep - Need Volunteer!

The ACE Ski & Board Club is currently looking for an EICSL representative. Please contact the Club's president or vice-president if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2013–2014

Race Chairperson: Gerry Welch

EICSL 2014 Race Schedule

1st Qualifier	Saturday	1/4/2014	Bretton Woods
2nd Qualifier	Saturday	1/25/2014	Black
3rd Qualifier	Saturday	2/8/2014	Cannon Mountain
Championship	Saturday	3/1/2014	Wildcat Mountain (Championship)

NOTE: ALL racers need to make **two** payments to the ACE Ski & Board Club by **Oct. 30, 2013**:

$ 38.00 for **ACE/EICSL Full Membership**
$ 25.00 for **EICSL Racing League**

EICSL 2013 Ski Racing Awards Winners

Racer	**Place**	**Class**
Stephen Gauvin	1st	C SV
James Scully	1st	D SV
Robin Diamond	2nd	AA SV Women
Gerry Welch	2nd	AA SV
Rick Longtin	2nd	B SV
John Sweeny	4th	AA
Jarrod Revane	1st	AA Junior (1st overall)

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Gerry Welch	Gold Medal	Black Mountain, NH
Leta Markham	Silver Medal	Sugarbush, VT

NASTAR Eastern Championships: Okemo, VT

Pacesetter: AJ Kitt

Gerry Welch * Gold Medal

* Qualified for Naure Valley NASTAR National Championships

USSA/SISE Masters Series Eastern Championships: Okemo, VT

Shannan Beltz 1st GS/SL Womens Class 3 Overall

For the latest updates on the club's racing program, visit: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

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