The Newsletter of the
ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting September 15

Steamboat Springs, Colorado, here we come!

Location: The General Meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **September 15** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: **Robin Diamond** and **Michèle Grenier** will present the Club's planned winter trips to ***Eastern Townships, Quebec*** and ***Steamboat Springs, CO.***

*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 2015–16

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 15	September 1	TBD
October 29	October 15	TBD
December 8	November 17	TBD
February 9	January 26	TBD

Meeting Location

The general meeting on September 15 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.

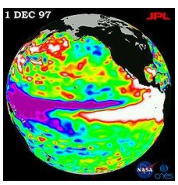
From the South:

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 ☺

El Niño 1997



ACE Club Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president and Race Chair
Betty Ann Tyson	Secretary
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Membership Chair
Rob and Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Chuck Riley	EICSL Co-chair
Bryan Woods	EICSL Co-chair
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Welcome back! ***Ullr*** was once again quite kind to us last winter. Hopefully, we will be in his good graces again. He will be battling ***El Niño***.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to **Bryan Woods**, our second EICSL representative. He joined the Board during the season last year.

The Club is offering three trips this year: The EICSL-sponsored ***Jay Peak***/Seasons' Pass December Trip, a New England trip to the ***Eastern Townships*** of Quebec, and a Western trip to ***Steamboat***, CO. Stay tuned for details!

We're also offering our usual benefits of interesting meeting speakers, discounted lift tickets, racing, EICSL benefits, 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 Tickets**. A deposit of at least 50% of the total price was due at the time of the sale. ***The balance is due by October 31, 2015*** by check or money order made out to Ace Ski and Board Club. Payment may be brought to the General Meeting on September 15th or on October 29th 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 also view a laptop PDF of your order form at a General Meeting.

You may purchase ***additional tickets*** at the General Meeting on **September 15, 2015**. Order forms for Vermont Tickets will be available at that time. You must attend the meeting to purchase tickets in this sale. Some Vermont Mountains are sold out and there are limited quantities of other Vermont Mountains so come to the General Meeting for the best opportunity to get the tickets you want.

Restrictions for Vermont are currently 16 tickets maximum with no more than 2 tickets from any one mountain. After the September 15th 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 2015 meeting.

We are in the process of negotiating with ***Bretton Woods*** and ***Cannon*** and will update you as soon as we have information. The Club is able to offer you the best price for these mountains.

You may access other New Hampshire ticket discounts through **Ski New Hampshire** or by joining **EICSL** for an additional $10 added to your ACE Club membership. In the past, EICSL has also offered discounts on ***Sunday River*** tickets. See ***Michèle Grenier***, our Membership Chair and ***Chuck Riley*** or ***Bryan Woods***, our EICSL Representatives, for further information.

Notices from Benefits Other than those sales at General Meetings, 2015-2016 ticket sales will be announced by email (ACE Google Group) 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, ***Michèle Grenier***.

Wachusett Mountain GPS Club

Benefits is participating in the Wachusett Mountain GPS "Greatest Possible Savings!" club. To sign up for a Wachusett Mountain GPS Club Pass:

Go to www.wachusett.com Click on Group Sales - In the drop down menu - click on GPS Club - 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***. Prices for passes increase $100 after November 18, 2015.

Check out the link "***Perks our PassHolders Receive***". Among others, there are discounts for Wachusett Mountain products and amenities, and discounts for select mountains in New England and Western Resorts. According to the website information, Fallon Community Health Plan Members can use the $400 "It Fits Family Fitness" reimbursement toward Wachusett Mountain Season passes. There is a link for the Fallon Reimbursement form and a disclaimer as to restrictions.

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
P.O. Box 392
Southborough., MA 01772
ilenetitus@charter.net

Bring School Supplies!

For an extra chance at a door prize, bring new, not used, school supplies to the September 15 meeting, especially backpacks, or items for older children such as pocket dictionaries, calculators or three-ring binders.

Thanks for the Food

Thanks to all the members who brought food items to the last meeting. **Ross Diamond** brought your donations to the ***Nashua Soup Kitchen***.

ACE Fleece Jackets

Fleece jackets in attractive colors with the ACE logo will again be for sale at the next meeting. All sizes available.

$25 each, check them out!

Recap of February's General Meeting

Despite the bad weather, there was a good turnout of ACE members at the last meeting of the season. The scheduled speaker, however, did not make it, so he sent a video instead.

Jon Levy started off right away with handing out door prizes.

Bryan Woods gave an update on EICSL and notified members that the last race had been cancelled. He reported that the race program was under budget and had lots of cash.

Bryan Woods talks about EICSL

The main feature was viewing the trailer for the new film ***'Ravine'***, recently produced by the ***Friends of Tuckerman Ravine.***

Michèle Grenier, our membership chair, talked about the early Spring event ***'Inferno Pentathlon'*** at ***Tuckerman Ravine***, featuring racers from all over the world. She described how you can watch people skiing up, racing, ... Some come in costume, even wedding dresses! The whole event is followed by a banquet, on April 11. If it's a nice day, you can hike up. The event includes biking, running, kayaking on the Sacco, skiing. As a spectator, you can just hike up and watch. It's a great experience for everyone!

Michèle Grenier at the membership table

Jon then noted that the upcoming trip to ***Chamonix*** was not yet sold out and encouraged people to consider signing up, praising the variety of trails, including high-level ones to be travelled with mountain guides, as well as the historic 100 year old ski town.

Jon Levy ready to hand out prizes

All attendees won prizes! There was a subsequent Yankee Swap among the winners.

Robin Diamond announced that a new Race Chair was needed for the next season to replace her. She would be happy to show interested candidates what's involved.

Jon also noted that the club has openings for Snowboard, Marketing and Meetings Chairs.

Clubware fleeces are now available in all sizes, and can also be ordered from the website (a shipping charge applies).

Jon concluded that he hoped we would all get lots of skiing during this historic winter. And historic it was!

Betty Ann Tyson, Mary Mattock and Janet Kennett

February 2015 Door Prize Winners

Janet Kennett	2 Magic Mt. tickets
Dana Blanchard	Gloves, Tuckerman Ravine poster
Ryan Conway	Socks
Jean O'Donnell	Goggles, hand warmers
Betty Ann Tyson	Socks, hand warmers
Michele Grenier	Goggles, 2 Bromley tickets
Mary Mattock	Ski poles
Robin Diamond	Ski jacket
Bryan Woods	Boot bag, gloves
Vince Mattock, Ken Kosik, Jeff Tobin, Kelley Gage, Bea Chaney	Hand warmers Everyone who attended won a prize!

Robin shows off her new ski jacket!

Dana tries on his gloves

Janet won Magic tickets

Ryan has warm socks

Good coffee!

Mary Mattock's Valentine

Ross and Robin Diamond

Winter Trips

Visit the Club's website www.aceskiandboardclub.org/ for the most up-to-date information on the Club's winter trips, or to sign up.

Steamboat Springs, CO

by Michele Grenier

February 24 – March 2, 2016

$1,649 p/p 4 per 2 bed, 2 bath Condo

Grab your Cowboy and Cowgirl Hats!

By the end of February you're eating lunch outside, skiing in light gloves in the best snow ever!

We've picked ski-in ski-out 2 bedroom condos. You can walk to town or take a shuttle. WiFi, hot tubs, cable TV, laundry in condos. Land close to Steamboat.

Price includes flight, transfers, condo and ski tickets.

- Round trip air Boston to Hayden via United Airlines
- Seven (7) night accommodations at the Phoenix condos
- Five (5) out of seven (7) day ski pass to Steamboat
- Round trip airport / hotel transfers
- Baggage handling
- Welcome Reception
- All current taxes

Slide Show and signup sheets at general meeting 9/15/15.

Mountain Range

Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range: Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Pioneer Ridge, and Christie Peak. 2,965 acres (1200 hectares) of permitted terrain offer a diversity of trails for all levels of ability. Gladed areas of Pioneer Ridge, Sunshine and Storm Peak are Steamboat's particular claim to fame, with legendary Champagne Powder® snow in the trees for the most avid powder hounds.

Elevations

- Base Elevation: 6,900 feet/2103 meters
- Christie Peak Elevation: 8,020 feet/2444 meters
- Mid-Mountain Elevation: 9,080 feet/2768 meters
- Summit/Mt. Werner Elevation: 10,568 feet/3224 meters
- Vertical Rise: 3,668 feet/1118 meters

Trail System

- Permitted Acres: 2,965 acres/1,200 hectares
- Trails: 165 named trails
- Trail Classification: 14% Beginner 42% Intermediate 44% Advanced
- Longest Run: Why Not – over 3 miles/4.8km

Snow

- Annual Snowfall: 349"/886cm
- Snowmaking: 375 acres/152 hectares

Terrain Parks

Mavericks Superpipe is a freerider's dream. Mavericks is 450 feet long, 56-feet wide and has 18-foot walls, and a 22-foot transition. Steamboat's terrain park adjacent to Mavericks features an outdoor sound system, a variety of rails-kinked, sliders, rainbows, "s" mailboxes, double barrel, and Mini-Mav, a miniature version of the superpipe with eight-foot walls, perfect for novice riders. Click here for more Terrain Park information

Eastern Townships, Quebec

by Robin Diamond

February 26 - 28, 2016
$215 p/p double occupancy
Remember to bring your passport!

Manoir des Sables Hotel, Orford, QC Canada
www.hotelsvillegia.com/en/manoir-des-sables/

Lift tickets are not included – figure on $175 or less for three days of skiing.

Drive yourself – drive is about 4 hours from Boston. Rt 93 to 91 to border, then Rt 5 in Canada. ***Magog*** is 30 minutes from the border.

Eastern Townships – Continued …

Included in trip cost:

- Two nights lodging at ***Manoir des Sables***
- Two full breakfasts – buffet
- Dinner Saturday night – **Group Dinner: a 3 course dinner at the hotel is included in cost of trip.**

Local Ski Areas

Owl's Head - Celebrating their 50th Anniversary

Mont Sutton - Glades for everyone. Quiet and "Old New England" skiing. Something for all abilities.

Orford - Steep and Deep, moguls and glades. Great food and lodge atmosphere. Old time ski area.

Bromont - Night skiing – the best in the EAST – 360 degree lighting. All trails.

If you are not up for skiing, there is shopping, sightseeing, wineries, National Forest Cross country skiing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, skating and more.

Payment schedule

A. Pay In Full by mail or at any Fall Ski Club meeting.

B. Payments:
1st payment by October 31st, 2015 - $100.00
2nd payment by December 1st, 2015 - $115.00

No refunds after January 20th, 2016 unless you find a replacement.

Make Checks out to ***Ace Ski and Board Club***, with a note "Eastern Townships".

Contact

For additional information or questions, contact Robin Diamond at robintdiamond@comcast.net.

EICSL - Jay Peak 2015

3.5 day trip: 12/17-12/20/2015
5.5 day trip: 12/15-12/20/2015

Full info to come, stay tuned for details …

Member Profiles

by Betty Ann Tyson

As introduced in the previous issue, each ACE Newsletter presents a short profile of one or more selected club members.

Kelley Gage

Kelley has been a member for four years and was introduced to the club by Chris Cole, who is also from Windham, NH. She and her husband are avid skiers and have skied many areas in the West. They now have an eleven-year-old daughter who skis with them. In the East they ski Stowe, Suicide Six, and Middlebury in Vermont and Cannon in New Hampshire. They enjoy Suicide Six which has some nice runs and is not crowded. Kelley said it is a great place to go, and using the club's $5 tickets it is a great value.

Kelley works part time on accounting and auditing projects.

In addition to downhill skiing, she enjoys cross country skiing. She is a tennis player, and in the summer months she likes to swim and windsurf.

Membership Update

Michèle Grenier, Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Now it is time to sign up or renew your ACE Ski and Board membership!

You can download membership forms from the ACE website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership and then send your completed form and dues (checks, no cash) to:

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

If you are a **PayPal** user, just send your payment to payments@aceskiandboardclub.org.

If you are paying by PayPal you will **still need to complete the membership process by sending your signed form to the above address**, or you may scan and email it to membership@aceskiandboardclub.org, or bring it in person to any general meeting. I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

You may also sign up or renew your membership at every general meeting. Please be sure to include a new email, address or phone number.

New and renewing primary members will be automatically added to the club's "Members Only" Google Group (formerly Yahoo!Group) unless they explicitly request not to be included. This "Members Only" Google Group 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 snowboarding

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 snowboarding 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

- Newsletter published four times a year
- Discount lift tickets
- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Active race program
- 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 Groups and Yahoo!Groups 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

New and renewing members are ***automatically added*** to the club's "Members Only" **Google Group**, unless they explicitly request not to be included. Members who have not renewed by September 30th will be marked as ***"NoEmail"*** until they have renewed their membership.

Family/Associate members will also be included automatically, assuming an email address was provided on their membership form.

If you are **not** receiving emails, please contact the Membership Chair at membership@aceskiandboardclub.org.

To **post** to this group, send email to aceskiandboardmembers@googlegroups.com

To **unsubscribe** from the Google Group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to aceskiandboardmembers+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com

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

The club's Google Group is **private** and not listed in the Google Groups directory. Membership to this group is **restricted** - all group members must be approved and must be members of the ACE Ski and Board Club.

As a member of this group you can send out messages to the whole group – see email address above for posting. However - to avoid spam - all messages are approved by a **moderator** 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.

Old Yahoo!Groups

The **old members-only Yahoo!Groups** is **gone;** it was deleted at the end of September 2014. You will not receive any club related email for this group.

The **general Yahoo!Groups** is still around for general discussions related to the club. It may include current members as well as past members who still hold an interest in the club. However, it does not necessarily include all current club members, since signing up for it is optional. This group, like the members-only Google Group, is also a moderated group. Yahoo!Groups requires that participants send an acknowledgment when they are being signed up.

Links and Forms

The club's website www.aceskiandboardclub.org no longer has a members-only area. Instead, look for news about coupons, special discount days and deals in your members-only email.

Membership:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

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

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

Newsletters:
www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/aceskis

ACE/EICSL Update

Chuck Riley, Bryan Woods
ACE EICSL Representatives

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.

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.

Although ACE doesn't have a lodge, we have standing agreements with a few clubs if you are interested in staying at their house as a guest. Cost is very low (about $25/night), so don't expect the Marriott.

The **ACE Ski & Board Club** would like to invite **YOU**- to join EICSL as well. For just $10 per member in addition to your ACE Membership dues you can take advantage of all the discounts - but most important - the social atmosphere!

Join next season! Email **Chuck Riley**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair*** @ slohand53@gmail.com to inquire. Don't forget to put EICSL in the subject line.

EICSL Applications

All EICSL applications for the current season **are due by Oct 31, 2015**. There is a strict adherence to this policy and applications will no longer be accepted for the current season after this date.

EICSL Social Events

If you are still holding any **blue invites** for EICSL socials, they are no longer valid. New **sand colored** invites are required for EICSL social events.

EICSL Lift Tickets

Bryan Woods expects to have an update by the September meeting.

EICSL Trips

Save the date on the upcoming trip to ***Jay Peak*** in December 2015:

3.5 day trip: 12/17-12/20/2015
5.5 day trip: 12/15-12/20/2015

Full info to come.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2015–2016

Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

Stay tuned for details about the 2015-2016 racing season in the upcoming newsletters!