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ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 26

Mad River Glen, by Bill Tarkulich

Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **October 26** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: At this time, no featured speaker has been confirmed for the evening. Come hear about the latest club news and upcoming trips, renew your membership and socialize with your fellow ACE club members!

Pizza will again be offered for **$2 CASH** per slice - first come, first served.

*Bring food to get an **extra door prize ticket!** Food banks are looking for canned items like ham, side dishes, vegetables, canned pasta, ...*

*Also, **best Halloween costume** wins a pair of ski tickets!*

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Important ACE Club Dates 2016–17

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 13	August 30	January 7
October 26	October 12	January 21
December 8	November 17	February 4
February 8	January 25	March 4

Meeting Location

The general meeting on October 26 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 Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Temple Diamond	Vice-president and Race Co-chair
Emily Barnaby	Race Co-chair
Open	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

The days are getting shorter; we've already had our first hard frost. Multiple sources predict a very snowy winter (would be a nice change from last year). It's already snowed on the summit of ***Mt. Washington***; they're blowing snow on ***Wildcat***.

The ***Boston Ski & Snowboard Expo*** is scheduled for November 10th through the 13th; there are plenty of discount admission deals out there.

Is your gear sharpened and waxed? Are you looking for new boards? New boots? A new shell?

Winter is Coming (Season 6). Are you ready?

Benefits Committee Update

Bring your Checkbook to the General Meeting on October 26th to Purchase Tickets.

Vermont Tickets: In July and August, the Club through Benefits conducted a mail sale of Vermont tickets. Benefits conducted a sale at the September meeting and then conducted an email sale. The total price of the tickets was due at the time of sale.

You may purchase additional tickets at the General Meeting on ***October 26, 2016***. 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 ticket maximum** with no more than **2 tickets from any one mountain**.

After the October 26th meeting, there will be another email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email Remaining tickets will go on sale at the December 2016 meeting.

Cannon and Bretton Woods: Currently, there is an email sale of ***Cannon***. Tickets for those mountains will be on sale at the October 26th meeting. There is no limit on the amount of tickets which you may purchase. We are working with ***Bretton Woods***. It appears the same program as last year will be offered. Benefits will keep members updated.

New Hampshire/Maine Mountains: You may access other New Hampshire and Maine discounts by joining **EICSL** for an additional $10 added to your ACE Club membership. 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, 2016-2017 tickets 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 16, 2016. Check out the link ***"Perks our PassHolders Receive".***

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

Thanks for the School Supplies!

Thanks to all who brought school supplies to the September meeting! Your donations were delivered to the ***Nashua Children's Home***.

Bring Food!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring food items to the October meeting.

Food banks are looking for:

- Canned ham
- Side dishes (pasta mixes, rice packets)
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned pasta
- Canned vegetables

Best Costume Wins a Prize

Come in costume if you are so inspired! Best costume will win a pair of ski tickets.

ACE Apparel with Logo Available

Fleece items with the ACE logo will again be for sale at the meeting. Bring your checkbook for payment.

Recap of September General Meeting

The September meeting, the first of the season, had a somewhat light attendance.

Robin Diamond presented a slide show of the club's trip to Eastern Townships in Quebec last winter, including some great pictures. **Ilene Titus**, who participated in the trip, concurred on how much fun everyone had. She and Rob Titus stayed an extra night before heading home.

Bryan Woods gave a preview of upcoming EICSL activities for the season, including details about EICSL's annual trip to ***Jay Peak***. He described some of the perks enjoyed by EICSL members, such as parties, events and deals.

As usual, there were raffles and door prizes!

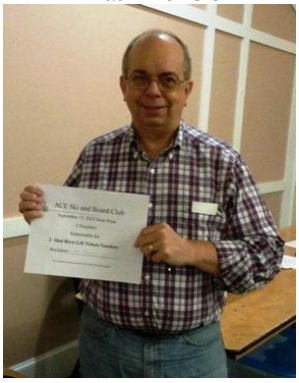
Ken shows off his new ski bag

September 2016 Door Prize Winners

Vince Mattock	Magic Tickets
Rob Titus	Socks
Bill Tarkulich	Mad River Tickets
Virginia Sola	Pico Tickets
Ron O'Clair	Goggles
Michèle Grenier	Gloves
Emily Barnaby	Socks
Fred Sola	Gloves
Jeff Tobin	Fleece
Greg Ruklic	Fleece
Kelly Gage	Poles
Ken Kozik	Ski bag
Rob Titus	Jacket
Linda O'Clair	Skis

Linda O'Clair won the grand prize

Bill won tickets to his favorite mountain, Mad River Glen!



Michèle's new gloves will keep her comfy

Kelly's glow-in-the-dark poles

Fred Sola likes his warm gloves

Ron O'Clair picks a new raffle ticket

Nice, stylish jacket, Rob!

Emily's socks will keep her toasty

Winter Trips

For the most up-to-date information on the club's winter trips, or to sign up, visit the club's website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/.

EICSL Trip to Jay Peak

Dec 13 – 18, 2016 (5.5 days)
Dec 15 – 18, 2016 (3.5 days)

You must be an EICSL member for the 2016-2017 season to go on this trip. Final details and the registration form will be posted to the EICSL website soon. Approximate prices:

5 day condo - $575 per person
3 day condo - $345 per person
5 day hotel - $830
3 day hotel - $500

Access to the Jay Peak Resort's **Waterpark** is included for the full trip duration.

5 day trip participants get an **unlimited season pass** worth > $900.

3 day trip participants get a **midweek pass** with blackout dates worth >$500.

All season pass holders get additional perks, including discount lodging on future stays and reciprocal mountain benefits. For details, see: jaypeakresort.com/skiing-riding/tickets-passes/season-passes/passholder-benefits/

Registration will probably close early November, so if you plan on going on the trip this year **please, please, please** start organizing your condo mates!

Most of the configurations of the condos are:

BR1: 1 Queen, BR2: 1Queen or
BR1: 1 Queen, BR2: 2 twins

There is a pullout couch in most of the living rooms - if you have 4 single people in your condo and no-one is willing to share the queen bed, be prepared to draw straws to decide who sleeps on the couch!

ACE Trip to Eastern Townships, Quebec

Feb 24 – 26, 2017

Like last year, we will be staying at the beautiful ***Manoir Des Sables*** hotel in Orford, Quebec. www.hotelsvillegia.com/en/manoir-des-sables/

This is a **drive-yourself trip**, 3.5 hours from Boston.

Lift tickets are not included in this package.

Trip cost:

$215.00 per person – double occupancy
(no increase from 2016)
$330.00 - single supplement
$175.00 - triple occupancy
$155.00 - quadruple occupancy

Trip package includes:

- 2 nights' lodging
- 2 full American breakfasts - with French Canadian flair – enough food to get you going for a day of skiing, shopping, sightseeing
- 3-course dinner Saturday night as a group at the hotel

Hotel Amenities:

Pool, outdoor whirlpools, indoor pool, hot tub and dry sauna. Spa**:** massages, manicures, and more.

Payment schedule:

Make checks payable to ***ACE Ski & Board Club.***
Pay in full at any of the 3 club meetings this Fall:
$215.00 for double occupancy

Or: $100.00 first payment
$115.00 second payment

Payment methods:

- Pay ***Robin Diamond*** at the meetings
- Via **Paypal** on the ACE Club website
- Or mail payments to:

  Robin Diamond
  50 Hillside Ave
  Derry NH 03038

With a note: ***ETS*** - make checks payable to ***ACE Ski & Board Club.***

ACE Trip to Eastern Townships, Quebec (continued)

Special Event: Carnival Weekend in Sherbrooke

About 30 minutes from the ***Manoir Des Sables***.

Admission: Fee based ($12 online)
Free activities / shows
Paid activities / shows : $10 - $40
More info here, or if you speak French:
www.carnavaldesherbrooke.com/

Ski Areas:

Mt Orford - 10 minutes from hotel
Mt Sutton - 35-40 minutes from hotel
Owls Head - 30 minutes from hotel.

Lift tickets are not included - purchase online or at the mountain.

Member Stories

Fall Excursion to Mad River Glen

by Bill Tarkulich

We were visiting ski buddies and longtime friends in Vermont last weekend and decided to take the single chair ride at ***Mad River Glen*** for $10. Such a deal, betcha can't get a lift ticket for that price! The single chair ordinarily runs slow, and they slowed it to less than half speed. It was a great day, chilly and overcast but not cold. We even stopped in the warming hut on top. It was the highlight of the weekend for all of us. Some people in our party were not in condition to hike, so we took the chair back down too.

Then we went to the lodge and had a wonderful lunch at ***General Stark's Pub***. Seats that can't be beat, with wonderful micro brews to choose from. Grabbed another bumper sticker and put it on my new car.

The next day we went to the Stowe Arts and Crafts fair. It was enormous. All the leaf peepers were out and Mountain Road was a veritable traffic jam. Busiest weekend of the year; it makes the ski traffic look like nothing.

Great way to get ready for the ski season!

Hunter Moon at Wachusett Mountain

by Beatrice Chaney

A few of us – ***Mary and Vince Mattock, Beatrice Chaney*** and a couple of friends with their dogs – hiked up Mount Wachusett at sundown to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon in October dubbed ***Hunter Moon***.

There was a sizeable crowd, but not everybody hiked up as there is a road to the top. The bagpipe player was there again like last summer!

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,

Now is a good 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 b**y 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.

NOTE: If your email has changed, please put a note on your membership form that ***"my email has changed".*** Thank you!

Let it Snow!!!!!!!!

Michèle Grenier, Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

New and renewing members will be automatically added to the club's "Members Only" Google 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 boarding
- 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

Google Groups

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.

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 **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

Check out the club's public website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org.

In addition, look for news about coupons, special discount days and deals available only to club members 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

EICSL:

www.eicsl.org

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 now! Email **Chuck Riley**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair*** @ slohand53@gmail.com to inquire.

Don't forget to put EICSL in the subject line.

For more information about EICSL, go to www.eicsl.org.

EICSL Applications

To insure getting your EICSL membership card in a timely fashion, the ACE Ski & Board Club recommends having your EICSL and Club applications submitted to the club by **Oct 31, 2016**.

If you have **PayPal** you can make your EICSL and Club dues payment by sending your payment to payments@AceSkiAndBoardclub.org

EICSL Trips

Check out this season's EICSL's trips at www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html as well as details for the upcoming EICSL trip to ***Jay Peak*** December 13-18.

The EICSL season kick-off is scheduled for December 10, 2016 at ***Bretton Woods***.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2016–2017

Robin Temple Diamond & Emily Barnaby
Race Co-Chairs

Racers and non-racers: if you would like to race as part of the ACE team this year, send email to: robintdiamond@comcast.net, or sign up at the Club's next general meeting this coming Wednesday October 26, 2016.

Details

- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- $25.00 to register for the year (make check payable to ACE Ski & Board Club).
- Discounted lift tickets available at each race.
- You must be an active member of EICSL and the ACE Ski & Board Club.

2016 - 2017 Races dates and locations

January 7	Bretton Woods
January 21	Shawnee Peak
February 4	Wildcat
March 4	Attitash