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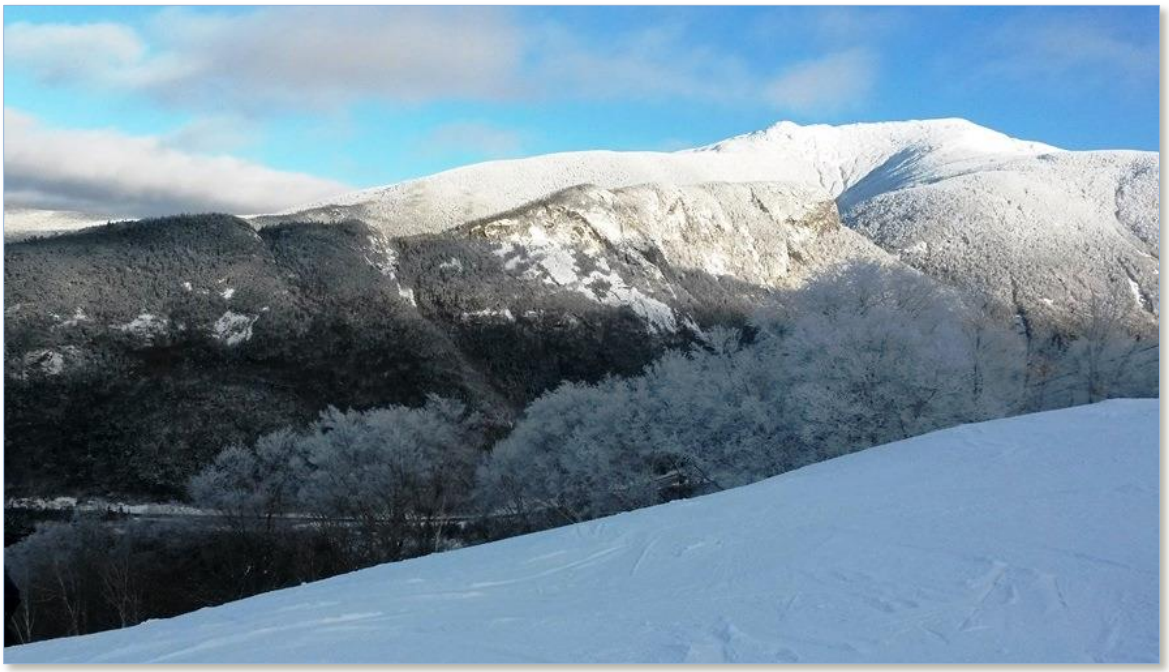
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting December 8

Cannon Mountain, by Beatrice Chaney



Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **December 8** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: A representative of ***Proctor Ski & Board*** from ***Nashua*** will be at the meeting for a presentation and questions. Also, the **tickets** you ordered will be ready for pick up.

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

*For an **extra door prize ticket**:*

Bring non-perishable food items for a pantry like: holiday fixings, boxed stuffing, gravy in a jar, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, …

Or bring clean or slightly used mittens, hats, gloves or slightly used, clean jackets, …

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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 December 8 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 ☺

Fleece apparel with the **ACE logo** will again be for sale at the meeting.

Bring your **checkbook** for payment**.**

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

Another warm November, but we did have an early dumping up North. The multi-day rainstorm last week was fortunately snow in the mountains.

Killington blasted tons of snow to host the **World Cup.**

Taking these auspices bodes well for the season.

Sharpen up your boards!

The ACE Board Needs You!

The Club is seeking members who wish to join the Executive Board.

Roles that are available include **Secretary**, **Meetings Chair**, and **Marketing Chair**. See any current member of the Board for more information.

Benefits Committee Update

Bring your checkbook to the General Meeting on December 8th to purchase tickets.

Vermont Tickets: You may purchase additional tickets at the General Meeting on ***December 8th***.

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 December 8th meeting, there will be an email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email.

Bretton Woods: There are ***Bretton Woods*** ticket vouchers remaining. They will be available at the December 8th meeting.

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***.

Robert and Ilene Titus
Benefits Co-Chairs
P.O. Box 392
Southborough., MA 01772
ilenetitus@charter.net

Bring Food or Winter Clothes!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring $5 worth of non-perishable food items for a pantry, for example: holiday fixings, boxed stuffing, gravy in a jar, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, or a gift card from Market Basket or other supermarket.

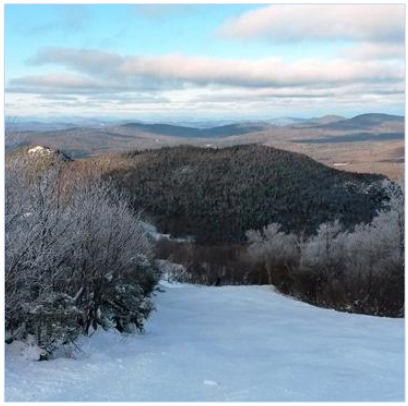
Or: bring clean or slightly used mittens, hats, gloves, or slightly used, clean jackets, … Your donations will go to ***Boston Rescue Mission*** www.brm.org.

Who doesn't have an extra pair of gloves, or a slightly used jacket that is taking up space in the closet? These items will make someone less fortunate a bit more comfortable this winter season…

Update on Cannon Mountain

Cannon Mountain will implement a total of $6.5 million in improvements for this winter including a massive snowmaking and energy efficiency upgrade, along with a new T-Bar plus more snowmaking at ***Mittersill***.

The snowmaking improvements will allow Cannon to increase snowmaking production by 50% while saving up to 50% on energy costs by employing high efficiency/low energy snowmaking tower guns and



with the installation of a new booster pump house at mid mountain. The new booster pump house will be able to deliver twice as much water to the upper mountain than previously possible, meaning an increase in snow production and a decrease in the time and energy required to make it.

New for the 2016-2017 season:

- 388 new HKD high efficiency/low energy tower guns
- 42 updated and remanufactured year-old guns
- 3 new fan guns
- 1 updated and remanufactured fan gun
- New snowmaking booster pump house
- New T-Bar at Mittersill
- Snowmaking on the Taft Training Slope at Mittersill
- Energy efficiency upgrades in main ski area buildings
- Trail improvements

Thanks for the Food!

Thanks to all who brought food to the October meeting! The ***Loaves & Fishes Pantry*** in ***Devens, MA*** was very happy to receive your donations.

Recap of October General Meeting

Attendance at the October meeting was down somewhat from what is typical at this time of the year, possibly due to the lack of a featured speaker. The upside was that many attendees got a prize, and all enjoyed a re-run of **Jon Levy's** now famous ***'Pole Cat Video'***, shot with his GoPro on ***Wildcat Mountain*** along with **Dana Blanchard**.

Several board members presented reports from their respective committees. **Robin Diamond** gave an update on the upcoming trip to ***Eastern Townships*** in ***Quebec***, and pointed out the highlights of the trip: great hotel, great deal, activities in addition to skiing such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, shopping, ... You don't have to be an ACE member to join the trip, but you do need a passport!

Chuck Riley at the membership table

Robin also encouraged members to join ***the ACE racing team,*** and noted that it's a great opportunity to meet new people. She pointed out that there are also a lot of local races, for example at ***Crotched Mountain.***

Jean O'Donnell as The Cat

Bill Tarkulich as lumberjack

Several people came in costume for Halloween! **Bill Tarkulich** was voted best costume as a lumberjack and won a pair of tickets to ***Mount Snow.***

A jolly Halloween crowd!

October 2016 Door Prize Winners

Dana Blanchard	Thermals
Ilene Titus	Socks
Robin Diamond	Magic Tickets
Vince Mattock	Goggles
Mike Socaciu	Boot Bag
Beatrice Chaney	Thermals
Marcia Melanson	Goggles
Jean O'Donnell	Bromley Ticket
Greg Ruklic	Socks
Vince Mattock	Burke Tickets
Bill Tarkulich – Best Costume	Mt Snow Tickets
Ilene Titus	Poles
Rob Titus	Jacket
Scott Hughes	Skis

Scott Hughes won the grand prize

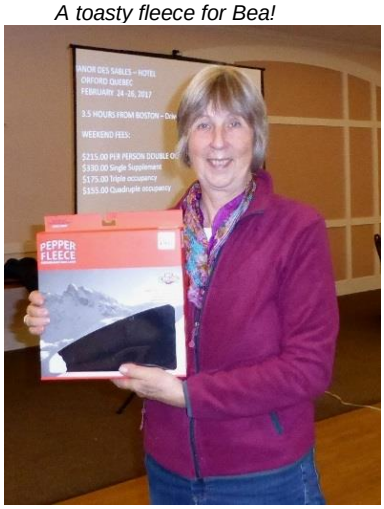
Nice poles, Ilene!

Marcia will see every bump with these goggles!

A jacket for every mountain for Rob!

Warm feet for Greg!

A toasty fleece for Bea!

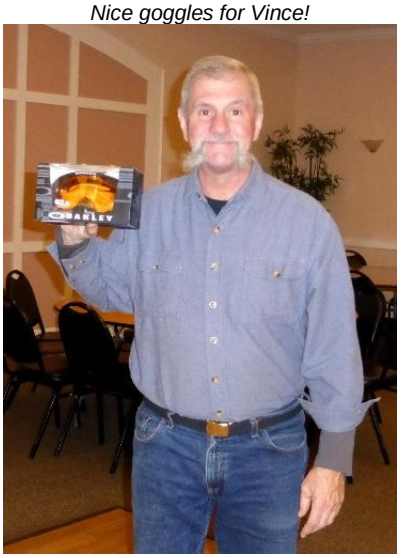


Ilene likes her warm socks!

Janet Kennet picks the next prize winner

Thermals will keep Dana warm on cold days

Nice goggles for Vince!



Great boot bag, Mke!

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)

Limited space is still available for this trip. For full details, visit www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html. **You must be an EICSL member for the 2016-2017 season** to go on this trip.

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.

Bring your passport!

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.***

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

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 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.

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
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- Promotes a greater knowledge of ski/board techniques, ski resorts, and technical knowledge of skiing and boarding
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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.

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

EICSL Applications

To ensure 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 as soon as possible.

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

Club Application and EICSL Release is required.

EICSL Trips

Check out this season's EICSL's trips at www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html .

Limited space is still available for the upcoming trip to ***Jay Peak*** December 13-18.

Opening Day

Opening day at ***Bretton Woods*** was Sunday, November 13.

Skiing was free with a canned food donation.

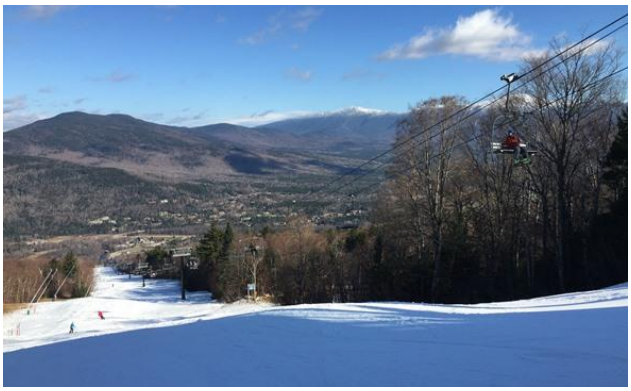

Photo: Bryan Woods

Kick-Off Weekend

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

Tickets are **$25 for EICSL members**, free for new EICSL members. Tickets are on sale until 9:30am upstairs by the climbing wall.

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 Thursday December 8, 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 Race Dates (Confirmed)

1st	**January 7, 2017**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd	**January 21, 2017**	**Shawnee**
3rd	**February 4, 2017**	**Wildcat**
Champ.	**March 4, 2017**	**Attitash**

On-Line Race Registration

We're attempting to make it easier to join the EICSL race program. Current and interested racers can now **sign up online** at http://bit.ly/RaceReg2017 . Follow instructions as provided.

NOTE: You will still need to submit payment of $20.00 to ***ACE Ski & Board Club*** with a note on the check to say: "Race 2016".

Send check to:

Robin Diamond
50 Hillside Ave
Derry, NH 02038

Wildcat Racing & Development Program

A program designed to help develop a solid foundation for adults who would like to further their skill within a structured race emphasis program.

The participants will be coached by **certified USSA/PSIA instructors** within a 5 week progressive program. Each session will be 4 hours long with a lunch break. Each session will go from 10-2. Coaches will be available from 9-3 during these sessions - Groups are going to be 8-10 with 3 coaches per session.

For additional information and sign-up go to www.skiwildcat.com/adult-seasonal-programs.html or contact Bob Gargano at robertg321@gmail.com .