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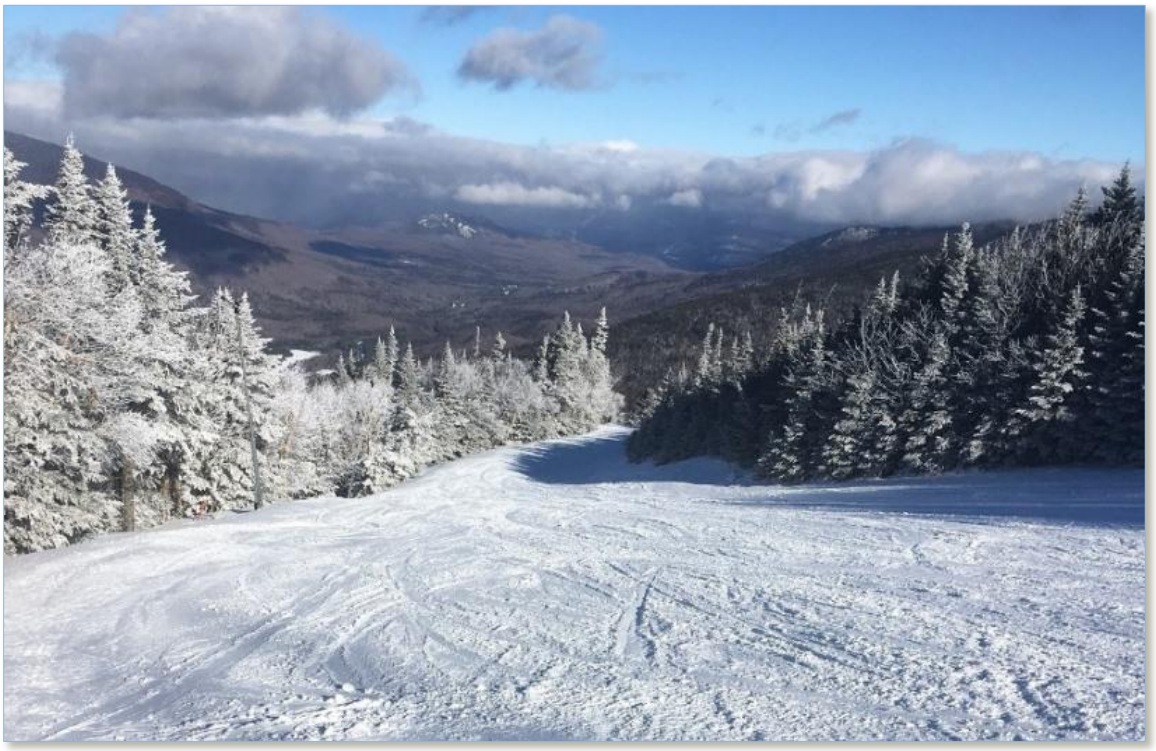
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting February 8

Wildcat Mountain, by Michèle Grenier



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

Meeting Highlights: The ACE Club is pleased to welcome special guest speaker **John Marunowski**, ***Backcountry/Wilderness*** and ***U.S. Forest Service*** Manager. John will highlight the various volunteer programs you can become involved in on the ***White Mountain National Forest, NH***.

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 or a $5 Supermarket Gift Card.*

Only current ***ACE Club members*** *are eligible for door prizes.*

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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 February 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 ☺

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

What a change from last season! Mountains are fully open, fresh snow almost every week - this winter is unrecognizable compared to last year's.

Check your calendars. It's already February. Get out there while you can!

ACE Board Openings

The Board has a critical need to fill the following positions:

Benefits Chair:

This position is responsible for the procurement, pricing, and distribution of lift ticket vouchers. Ideally, a team of two would fill this position.

For next year, the new Board Chairs would apprentice alongside the current chairs, ***Ilene & Rob Titus***, taking over completely the following year. This role is critical to the operation of the Club.

Secretary:

This is one of the four Officer positions. Role includes taking minutes at five Board meetings during the calendar year, and then distributing them to the Board.

Benefits Committee Update

Bring your Checkbook to the General Meeting on February 8, 2017 to purchase tickets.

Vermont Tickets: 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.

Bretton Woods: There are numerous Bretton Woods ticket vouchers remaining. They will be available at the February 8th meeting for a $2 administration fee.

Notices from Benefits Other than those sales at General Meetings, tickets sales are 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!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring ~ $5 worth of food items or a $5 Supermarket Gift Card.

Always in demand: Breakfast Cereal, Hearty Soups, Pasta -Ziti/Rotini/Shells/Rigatoni, Beans - Baked & Refried, Boxed Rice/Rice-a-Roni, Helpers and Sides, Canned Pasta/Canned Chili, Tomato Paste/Whole Tomatoes, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Cake, Muffin and Cookie Mixes…

Thanks for the Food!

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

Special Guest Speaker

Presentation on Volunteer Opportunities at the White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire

On **February 8th, at 7:00 PM** the ACE Ski and Board Club will sponsor a presentation by **John Marunowski**, ***Backcountry/Wilderness and U.S. Forest Service*** Manager.

Did you know that New Hampshire Fish and Game conducts over 150 Search and Rescue missions each year and more than half of those rescues occur in the White Mountain National Forest? Interested in giving back to the community? Want to play a key role improving visitor safety, preparedness and knowledge? Our goal is to keep hikers and other visitors safe and we can use your help.

John will highlight the various volunteer programs you can become involved in on the National Forest to include an overview of each activity, the commitments and the benefits. No matter your age or ability, opportunities exist for all.

Most program activity occurs in the summer months, when the number of visitors peak. Training will be provided. Volunteers become a part of public land management and serve as the eyes and ears of the White Mountain National Forest during the peak summer months. Our programs have been cited by the Forest Service and NH Fish and Game as critical to reducing the number of back country injuries each year.

For more information, contact:

Bill Tarkulich

781 799 2930

bill@tarkulich.com

https://www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain

Club Apparel

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

Bring your checkbook for payment.

Recap of December General Meeting

The December meeting was well attended, as people came to pick up their tickets for the season. Several board members reported on their respective chairs: **Bryan Woods** on EICSL**, Ilene Titus** on Benefits, **Michèle Grenier** on Membership, **Emily Barnaby** on Racing and **Robin Diamond** gave an update on the club's planned winter activities.

Door prizes were popular as usual!

Jeff Proctor, owner of ***Proctor Ski & Board*** from Nashua, was the featured speaker of the evening. Jeff recounted the history of the shop, as well as his own interesting life story. He learned to ski in his own back yard, on old skis far from the top of the line. He went to attend Keene College, which led him into ski racing, where made it to the top 15. He later married a girl from Lowell, settled in NH, taught skiing, was a guidance counselor in Chelmsford.

Jeff met Ken Jones while teaching skiing at Nashoba Valley. In 1984 he started working at Ken's Ski Mart store in Nashua and became Ken's long term partner in running a successful business. However, the Spit Brook Rd. location had a number of drawbacks, notably not enough parking as the business grew. The first floor of the building had housed a restaurant, and at some point a smoke shop.

After Ken's passing away, Jeff bought out his shares of the business and found a new location a little further North. Jeff honored Ken's wish not to use the Ken Jones name, so he had to look for a new name. He then he realized that the most successful stores have a family name, so he decided to use his own family name, Proctor! it signals 'I am Jeff Proctor, I like it here'.

Jeff brought a vast assortment of skis and talked about how shapes have changed dramatically in recent years, with wider skis becoming much more popular. He emphasized however that the ideal specifications have to be tailored to the individual skier, taking into account their size, weight, gender, skiing ability and type of skiing. One size does not fit all!

Jeff spent time demonstrating many different skis to a captivated audience of ACE members. Lively discussions took place between Jeff and Bryan Woods, who has bought many pairs of skis from Jeff, over the merits of combinations of length and width and other factors.

Besides a large selection of equipment, the Proctor Ski & Board store offers expert ski tuning, including free ski tuning clinics. They sponsor high-school races nearby, not high end, but to get kids interested in skiing. Check out www.proctorski.com as well as their facebook page!

Robin, Michèle and Leta, the 3 graces at the greeting table

December 2016 Door Prize Winners

Mary Mattock	Bromley Tickets
Leta Markham	Thermal
Leta Markham	Burke Tickets
Mariana Socaciu	Mad River Tickets
Harish Konnapali	Goggles
Mary Stillson	Magic Tickets
Rob Titus	Thermal
Eric Solla	Pico Tickets
Shelley Sage	Goggles
Bryan Woods	Thermal
Andy Sage	Thermal
Ken Kozik	Heated Socks from Proctor
Greg Anthony	Boot Bag
Dana Blanchard	Bronze Pass to Wachusett!
Roscoe Diamond	Jacket
Roscoe Diamond	Skis!

Roscoe Diamond won the grand prize!

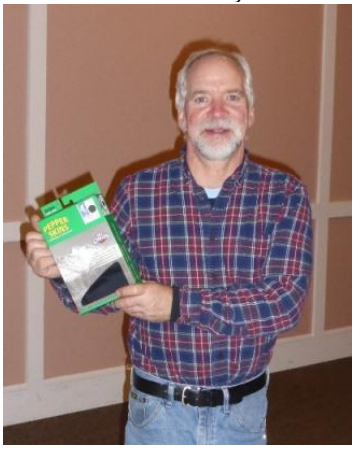
Nice goggles, Harish!

You'll love that boot bag, Greg!

A great jacket for Roscoe to go with his skis

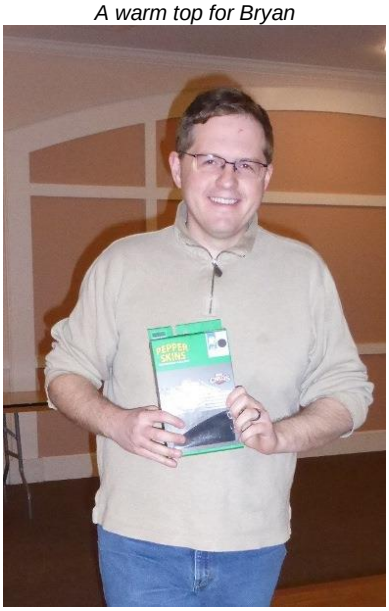
Leta will be nice and toasty!

Rob will be toasty too!



Mariana will have a great day on the slopes

A warm top for Bryan



Great goggles for all conditions, Shelley!

Andy will be warm too!

Membership Update

Dear Members: It is still 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

The EICSL renewal deadline for the 2016-2017 season was October 31, 2016 for current ACE members. New ACE members may still enroll for the remainder of the season.

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 .

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**, send email to: robintdiamond@comcast.net, or inquire at the Club's next general meeting.

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 .