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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting October 30

Swiss Alps in the fall – Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, by Beatrice Chaney

Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **TUESDAY 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 will be **Jeff Proctor** of ***Proctor Ski & Board*** (proctorski.com)

*For an **extra door prize ticket**, bring **food** **worth $5** for a Thanksgiving dinner like: chicken broth, pasta, canned pumpkin or squash, canned veggies, boxed pie crust …*

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

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Important ACE Club Dates 2018–2019

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 11 (Tue)	**August 28 (Tue)**	**January 5 (Sat)**
October 30 (Tue)	**October 16 (Tue)**	**January 26 (Sat)**
December 18 (Tue)	**December 4 (Tue)**	**February 9 (Sat)**
February 19 (Tue)	**January 29 (Tue)**	**March 3 (Sat)**

Meeting Location

The general meeting on **TUESDAY 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 Executive Board

Jonathan Levy	President
Robin Diamond	Vice-president and Acting Race Chair
Open	Race Chair
Open	Secretary
Open	Meetings
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
Michèle Grenier	Benefits Chair
Roscoe Diamond	Membership Chair
Bryan Woods	EICSL Chair
Open	EICSL Co-Chair
Open	Marketing
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

Well, we've had our first hard frost, and Wildcat opened on Saturday after receiving 9.5 inches mid-week. The peak of Mount Washington got over a foot. A good omen for the season!

I'd like to recognize **Marcia Ruklic** for assuming responsibility for the ***Wachusett GPS*** Program. This is one of the many components that ***Ilene & Rob Titus*** had managed under Benefits.

I'd like to thank **Chuck Riley** for his years of service as an ***EICSL*** representative for ACE. Speaking of which, the Board now has an opening for this position.

The **ACEWOS** online ordering system seems to have been well-received. Thanks for your patience while we worked out the bugs in the software rollout.

Now that everyone has lift tickets, all we need is snow!

Benefits Update

ACEWOS Online Ticket Purchasing

After many years of using paper forms, paper checks and the US Postal Service to place orders, the ACE Ski & Board Club has entered the Digital Age.

Tickets are now purchased **online** at our website, www.aceskiandboardclub.org. A **member account** is required for each person wishing to buy tickets.

You can also purchase your memberships or race registration through the **ACEWOS** system.

Spousal/Family Memberships have been eliminated. Everyone joins as a Primary Member now.

A detailed **Powerpoint** presentation on how to create an account and purchase memberships and tickets is available on the website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/new-web-ordering-system-overview/

Tickets Distribution

All tickets that were ordered on the website will be handed out at the ***December General Meeting on December 18, 2018***. No tickets will be sold at the meetings.

See you at the October General meeting!

Michèle Grenier, Benefits Chair
mgrenier444@gmail.com

Wachusett Mountain Group Season Pass

As in previous years, there is an ***"ACE Ski and Board Club"*** group set up to purchase discounted **Wachusett Mountain** Group Season Passes, thanks to *Marcia Ruklic*!

GPS now stands for **GrouPS** –although the old acronym *Greatest Possible Savings* is still on the latest brochure.

Members and non-members may use this group to obtain the discount.

Notes: A **minimum of 4 people** are needed in order to get the discount. Incentives are offered for 4 or more; the name of one club member from the purchasers will be "picked from a hat" at the December club meeting to receive the incentives.

Also**, prices go up after 11/14/2018!**

To see the **GrouPS** pass options and pricing, and to purchase a discounted pass, go directly to:

www.wachusett.com/Tickets-Passes/Groups/GPS-Club.aspx

Select the pass and quantity and then press the ***"Add to Cart"*** button.

View the items in the cart, then press the ***"Check Out"*** button and add the information requested.

Enter **"ace ski and board club"** for the group name.

The **Gold, Silver, and Bronze** pass prices go up $100 on 11/15/2018.

The **Weekender Pass** price goes up by $50 on 11/15/2018.

The **Junior Gold and Bronze** (no Silver) prices do not change.

Thanks for the School Supplies!

Your donations of backpacks and other school supplies were brought to the ***Nashua Children's Home*** and were greatly appreciated!

Bring Food!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring food items worth about $5 to the October meeting!

Think Thanksgiving: boxed chicken broth, pasta, canned pumpkin or squash, canned veggies (green/yellow beans, peas, carrots, potatoes), boxed pie crust.

Best Costume Wins a Prize

It's Halloween!! Be creative and come in costume to the meeting, you might win a pair of ski tickets!

ACE Logo Wear

Come to the October 30 meeting to see what cool items are available with the ACE logo, including ***zippered totes*** and ***baseball caps, $15 each.***

Check or PayPal – no cash

Trips

St Anton and Prague

Feb 1-12, 2019 - $2,625/person, double occupancy

For full details and current updates go to: aceskiandboardclub.org/trips/st-anton-and-prague/

EICSL Trips

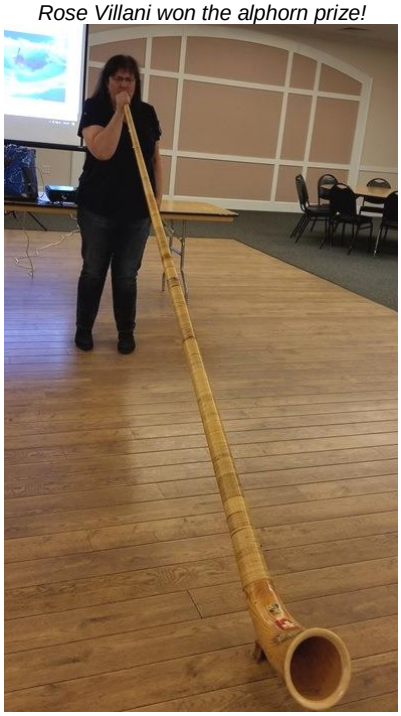
See EICSL Trips on page 8

Recap of September General Meeting

Jamie Chabot and Charna Cummings

Jamie Chabot and **Charna Cumming** from ***Alphorn Tours*** www.alphorntours.com were the featured speakers of the evening.

As the organizers of the club's upcoming trip to ***St Anton*** and ***Prague,*** they presented a wealth of information on the trip and answered questions from members.

Rose Villani won the alphorn prize!

The highlight of the evening was when they pulled out and assembled an actual alphorn and held a contest of who could produce the most melodious sound from this instrument! Volunteers took turns and had fun trying to blow into the alphorn, and several produced surprisingly decent sounds. The prize went to ***Rose Villani***, who had practiced playing (another kind of) horn as a child.

David Schwartz

Jon Levy then gave a presentation of the ACE Club's new ***Web Ordering System (ACEWOS)*** and walked the audience step by step through creating a member account and ordering tickets.

Charna Cumming

September 2018 Door Prize Winners

Robin Diamond	Skis
Michele Grenier	Goggles and 2 Burke tickets
Arnold Smith	Goggles
Linda O'Clair	Ski poles
Ryan Conway	2 Bromley tickets
Virginia Solla	Ski Jacket
Eric Solla	Boot bag
Jon Levy	2 Pico tickets
Ross Diamond	2 Suicide Six tickets
Jean O'Donnell	2 Magic tickets

Robin won the grand prize!

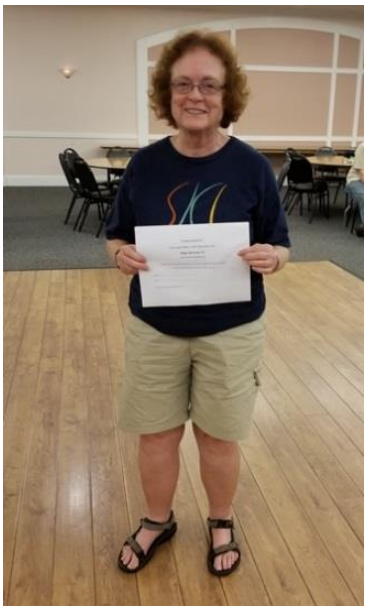
Nice cozy jacket, Virginia!

Linda won ski poles!

Michèle will drive North to Burke,

A handy boot bag for Eric

Jean likes Magic!



Adam will see clearly …

Membership Update

Memberships (and tickets) can now be purchased **online** on our website through the new ***ACE Web Ordering System (ACEWOS).*** If you wish to purchase discounted tickets, you must create a **member account** through **ACEWOS.**

Spousal/Family Memberships have been eliminated. Everyone joins as a Primary Member now.

Although the club strongly encourages everyone to purchase memberships through **ACEWOS**, you can still signup or renew your membership by downloading forms from the ACE website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership and mail your completed form and dues (checks, no cash) to:

Roscoe Diamond
ACE Ski and Board Club
50 Hillside Ave
Derry NH 03038

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

If you are purchasing your membership through **ACEWOS** or 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 nhskidog@gmail.com or bring it in person to any general meeting. I will email you a confirmation that I received your membership application.

You may also get help in signing up or renewing your membership at every general meeting.

Roscoe Diamond, Membership Chair
nhskidog@gmail.com

New and renewing members will be added to the club's ***"Members Only" Google Group*** unless they explicitly request not to be included. This email list is used to send club news and important announcements to ACE Club members.

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
- Eligibility to win gear worth over $ 2,000 at general meetings
- 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

For details on winter trips, tickets, EICSL, racing, meetings and membership, see the club's website:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org

Groups

Members-only Google Group

New and renewing members are added to the club's **"Members Only" Google Group** unless they explicitly request not to be included.

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.

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

Bryan Woods,

ACE EICSL Representative

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! Contact **Bryan Woods**, ***ACE Ski and Board EICSL Chair,*** to inquire.

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

EICSL Guest Lodging

For EICSL Members interested in weekend lodging in the North Conway area, one option is to stay at the ***Wedeln Ski Club***. Contact VP **Rob Murphy**, robertmurphy.wedeln@gmail.com by the Wednesday prior to the weekend you wish to stay.

Cost is $25/night, payable via ***PayPal*** in advance to treasurer@eicsl.org .

2018-2019 EICSL Applications

The EICSL signup or renewal **deadline for the 2018-2019 season is October 31, 2018**.

EICSL Trips

Kick-Off is **December 8** at **Bretton Woods.**

This year's trip to **Jay Peak** is scheduled for **December 11-16, 2018**.

Check out www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html for further details and updates on this season's EICSL trips.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2018–2019

Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

Race Program Details

- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- $20.00 to register for the year
- Discounted lift tickets available at each race.
- You must be an active member of EICSL and the ACE Ski & Board Club.

If you are interested in racing, please contact ***Robin Diamond*** at: NHSkiDog@gmail.com with Subject: ACE RACING 2018-19 INQUIRY ***or see Robin at the meeting!***

You must be an **ACE Ski & Board Club Member** and **EICSL Member** to race. The EICSL membership payment and signed form must be submitted to the ***ACE Ski & Board Club Membership Chair***.

You can get forms at the upcoming General Meeting or by visiting the Club's website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org.

2018-2019 Race Dates and Locations

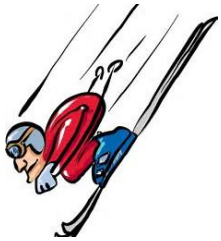
1st	**January 5, 2018**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd	**January 26, 2018**	**Attitash or Wildcat**
3rd	**February 9, 2018**	**Attitash or Wildcat**
Champ.	**March 3, 2018**	**Attitash or Wildcat**

Note: Locations are tentative, stay tuned.

Robin Diamond - Acting Race Chair

Race Registration and Payment

Race registrations can now be purchased online through the **ACEWOS** system on the Club's website at www.aceskiandboardclub.org.

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

Or you can mail a check payable to ***ACE Ski & Board Club*** to Robin.