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ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting February 19

Club trip to St. Anton and Prague, by Jon Levy

Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **TUESDAY February 19** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA.

Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: **Robin and Roscoe Diamond** will give a presentation on ***sea kayaking*** and what gear is needed to have a successful day on the water.

*For an **extra door prize ticket,** bring* canned goods, non-perishables, paper goods, over the counter cold/cough medicines.

Pizza will be offered for **$2 CASH** per slice on a first come, first served basis.

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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** **February 19** 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

It seems to have been a strong season everywhere: up North, out West, and also over in Europe. Our Club's group just returned from a snow and sun-filled week in **St. Anton, Austria**, followed by a fascinating trip to **Prague.**

We've reduced the prices on our remaining lift tickets, so take advantage while there's still inventory.

It's mid-February; there's only a certain number of weekends left to get some turns in. Enjoy it!

Benefits Update

Lift Tickets

Prices on the remaining lift tickets have been reduced, so take advantage while there's still inventory!

See you at the ***February 19*** General meeting!

Michèle Grenier, Benefits Chair
mgrenier444@gmail.com

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/

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 (GrouPS), thanks to *Marcia Ruklic*!

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

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.

Thanks for the Coats!

Congratulations! 18 coats and jackets donated by club members were delivered to the **Burlington Coat Factory in Nashua NH** for their ***Warm Coats & Warm Hearts*** drive.

Bring Food and Winter Supplies!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring canned goods, non-perishables, paper goods, over the counter cold/cough medicines.

ACE Logo Wear

We have fleece jackets, vests, and some cool hats with the **ACE logo** for sale.

Come check them out at the ***February 19*** meeting!

Checks or PayPal – no cash

Trips

Trip to St Anton and Prague

Feb 1-12, 2019

Participants reported fabulous conditions, bluebird days and a fascinating visit to Prague!

Trips - Continued

Eastern Townships, Quebec

March 8-10, 2019

As of February 8 we have 5 participants for the Eastern Townships ski /drive yourself trip. If you are still interested please contact **Robin Diamond** at robintdiamond@comcast.net with subject: EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, or call 603-533-7360.

$325 double occupancy or $435 single.

Make checks payable to ***Ace Ski & Board Club*** with a note: **ETS** and mail to:

Robin Diamond
50 Hillside Ave
Derry NH 03038

We are staying at the **Manoir Des Sables** in **Magog:** www.hotelsvillegia.com/en/manoir-des-sables

3.5 Hours from Boston – Drive yourself!!
NOTE: Bring your passport!

Includes 2 days skiing at **Mount Orford** www.orford.com/ski/en/

Non-skiers deduct **$100.00**

Trip Includes:

- 2 nights lodging
- 2 full American breakfasts - with French Canadian flair – enough food to get you going for the day of skiing, shopping, sightseeing.
- 3-course dinner Saturday night as a group at the hotel.
- 2-days skiing at Mt Orford, elevation: 2,799′.
- Hotel amenities: pool, outdoor whirlpools, indoor pool, hot tub and dry sauna.
- Spa: massages, manicures, and more.

Other Ski Areas: Purchase online, at the hotel or on the mountain:

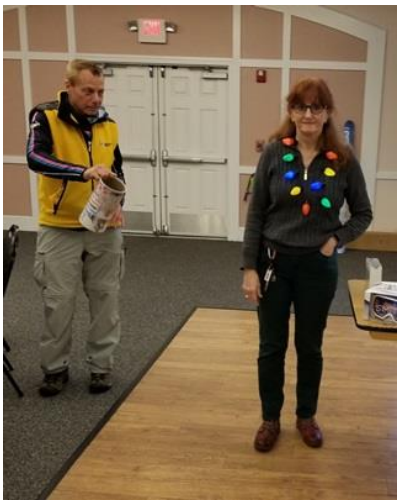
Mount Sutton - 35-40 minutes from hotel www.montsutton.com/en/

Owl's Head – 30 minutes from hotel www.owlshead.com/en/

Recap of December General Meeting

The December meeting was well attended, as members came to pick up the tickets that they had purchased online. **Jon Levy** emceed the meeting.

Robin Diamond gave an update on the race program at ***Attitash and Wildcat.***



Bryan Woods reported that the EICSL trip to Jay Peak experienced slick and rainy conditions, but that the EICSL kick-off was a great success.

Robin Diamond gave details about the upcoming trip to the ***Eastern Townships in Quebec, March 8-10*** and encouraged people to sign up as soon as possible before the deadline. Did you know that Mount Orford is an ancient volcano?

Bryan Woods announced that the trip to St. Anton and Prague was almost full, with 33 people registered so far. The trip includes an optional one-day excursion to Innsbruck, as well as an optional 3 night extension to Prague with a half-day city tour. Bryan solicited input and ideas for next year's trip.

Members took the opportunity to socialize and pick up their tickets before settling in to watch an old ski movie.

Michele Grenier, Benefits Chair

December 2018 Door Prize Winners

Beatrice Chaney	Socks
Jon Levy	2 Bromley tickets
Kelly Gage	Smith goggles
Ginny Solla	Socks Wachusetts tickets (1 day any day + 1 night any night)
Linda O'Clair	2 Pico tickets
Roscoe Diamond	2 Suicide Six tickets
Greg Ruklic	2 Bolton Valley tickets
Bill Tarkulich	Ski poles
Jeffrey Tobin	Goggles
Chris Cameron	Gloves
Ken Kozik	Thermo top – Pepper Skins
David Schwartz	Boot bag
Duane del Fosse	Thermo bottom
Marcia Melanson	Jacket
Bryan Woods	Skis – Nordica Navigator
Barbara Patzner	Club jacket

Cool skis!

Nice poles!

Handsome and handy ski bag!

Looks like a warm jacket!

Awsome gloves!

Go ski Pico!

Warm feet in these!

Clear view on the slopes!

Ready for polar vortex!

A trip to Suicide Six

Great goggles!

My History with the ACE (DEC) Ski & Board Club

by Robin Diamond

I started with the club 30 years ago, when it was called the Digital Ski Club, and joined the club's race team. Tom Sherman, who headed the race program at the time, would bring all the trophies to the general meetings and line them up on two tables. In those days races had from 150 to 200 racers and took most of the day on the slopes of Cranmore, Wildcat, Attitash, Shawnee Peak, and Cannon Mt.

Within a few years I joined the Winter Trips Committee, chaired by Eric Rasmussen. Each year we planned New England trips, as well as a trip out West or a European trip. We would all meet in a conference room at the Digital Littleton (LKG) site.

A few years later as Meetings Chair, I planned club meetings for about 10 years. I would spend time making phone calls to ski shops, boot fitters, and ski areas to find speakers for the general meetings. We had speakers like the Egan Brothers and Richelson's Feet First, held ski tuning clinics from local ski shops, showed Warren Miller ski movies and learned about kite flying. Mountains sent representatives to speak at our meetings, from Stowe, Nashoba Valley Ski Area, Cannon Mt, Waterville Valley, Burke, and Tenney.

In the early days, over 150 members would show up at the Digital Ski Club meetings. The September meeting was our kickoff meeting, where we would announce our ticket sales, pitch the winter trips, socialize, and give away many door prizes. The October meeting was planned around Halloween – some of the costumes were so creative! The December meeting was usually the largest, since it was the night that members picked up the lift tickets they had purchased from the club.

As time went on, Digital downsized and so did the club. Our meeting hall (the Chelmsford Elks) burned down and we had to find other locations for the meetings. My responsibilities changed, I stepped away from Meetings and ran winter trips to Stowe, VT, I think for 7 years. I made a lot of friends along the way: Julia Horgan, Bill Tarkulich, Jean O'Donnell, Sue and Eric Rasmussen, Jon Levy, and many more.

For many years now I have been the VP of the Club. I keep track of the committee members and, as a part of the Executive Board, I participate in choosing general meeting speakers. I am also the Race Chair, and still race for the club.

Being a member and board member is not quite a year-round volunteer position, but it is part of my life in a way nothing else has been over the years. I always look forward to the next season, but am glad when we are winding down for the spring and summer, until board meetings start again in June to plan for the September general meeting where we announce trips, ticket sales, race dates, and other activities.

My time these days is split between the ACE Ski & Board club and the AMC – Appalachian Mountain Club – where I am the co-chair of the NH Chapter Paddling Committee. We do all types of paddling: sea, flat water, white water, canoeing, and SUP (Stand Up Paddle). My husband and I run a sea kayaking training weekend in July in Bath, ME and plan day trips to the New Hampshire and Maine seacoast 4 or 5 times a summer. We are both certified in kayaking, first aid and CPR, and Solo Wilderness Rescue. I think being in my boat, a Current Design Solstice sea kayak, is as enjoyable as skiing down Angel Street at Loon or The Chute at Waterville Valley!

My husband, Roscoe Diamond, is now the club's Membership Chair, so it is a family affair. My family also consists of two ski dogs, Chewie and Maddie. The Boys go with us to most meetings and sometimes join me on day trips up North, or stay home and wait patiently for Mom to come home from a day on the slopes.

I will be around for the club for a few more years, but after 30 years I think it is time to step aside for some new ski blood to take over!

Robin Diamond, VP, ACE Ski & Board Club, Race Chair, wife, Ski Dog Mom and an awesome skier!

Did I mention I teach skiing at Mcintyre Ski Area in Manchester, NH on Sundays?

If you see a Subaru Outback with the New Hampshire license plate ***"SkiDog",*** *that's me. See you on the slopes or on the water, depending on the season!*

Membership Update

Thank you everyone for being so patient through this first year of transition of purchasing your membership online and using **PayPal!** Be sure to renew your membership next **September 2019.**

Memberships and tickets are now purchased **online** on our website through the new ***ACE Web Ordering System (ACEWOS).*** For detailed instructions, see: www.aceskiandboardclub.org/new-web-ordering-system-overview/

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 sign up 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

- Social meetings with presentations on aspects of skiing and boarding
- Discount lift tickets
- Eligibility to win gear worth over $ 2,000 at general meetings
- Newsletter published four times a year
- Active race program
- Occasional ski trips to the west or Europe and to Northern New England
- Member organized day trips to New Hampshire / Vermont
- Shop discounts
- Timely information on coupons, special discount days and other deals
- Cross-country skiing outings
- Summer activities: cycling, hiking, camping trips
- Members-only Google Groups list
- 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 was October 31, 2018** and is now passed.

EICSL Trips

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

ACE/EICSL Racing 2018–2019

Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

Race Program Update

The **3rd qualifier** race was held on February 9 at ***Attitash***.

The race was moved from ***Wildcat*** to ***Attitash*** due to a cold front sweeping through the White Mountains. Wildcat forecasted temps of **0 degrees** and winds of **60 mph +!!** The mountain made the call to move the race on Thursday night so the race chairs could get the message out to their racers and other EICSL members who wanted to a ski that day.

Result to be determined as of this writing 2/8/2019.

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.

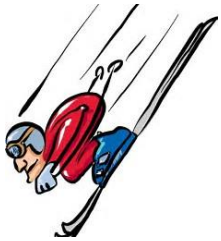
2018-2019 Race Dates and Locations

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

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.