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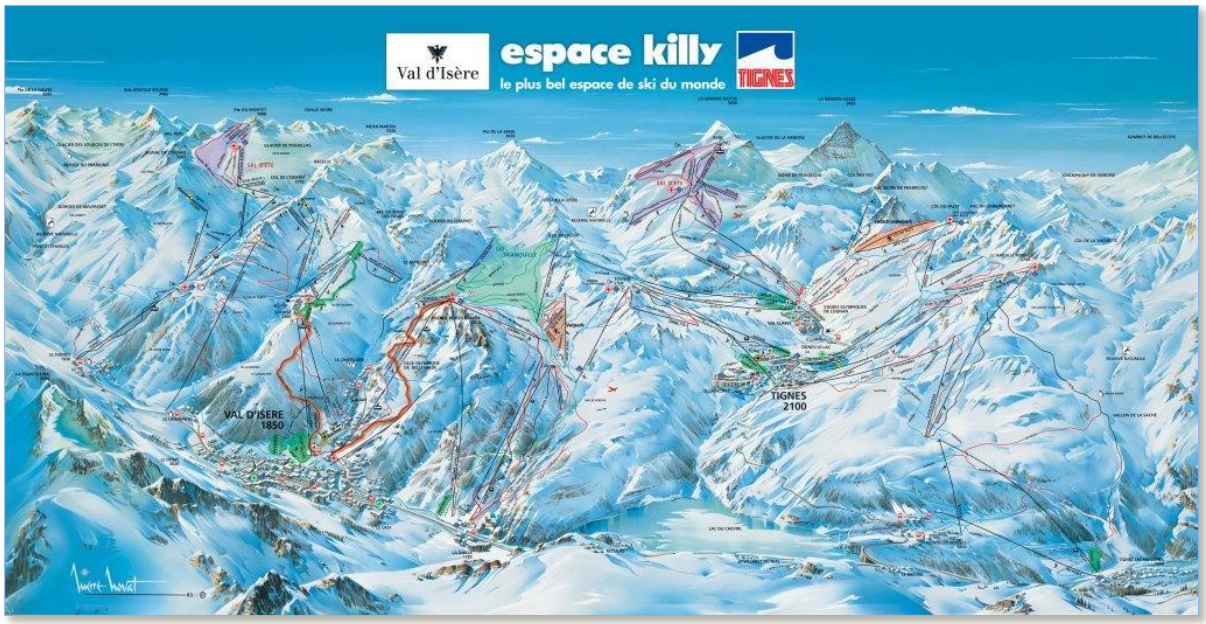
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting January 28

Val d'Isère, France - Plan des Pistes



Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **TUESDAY** **January 28** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA.

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

Meeting Highlights: Socialize with your fellow ACE members and get the latest tips and updates on the club's trip to Val d'Isère!

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

Important ACE Club Dates 2019–2020

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 17 (Tue)	**August 27 (Tue)**	**January 4**
December 10 (Tue)	**November 19 (Tue)**	**January 25**
January 28 (Tue)	**January 7 (Tue)**	**February 8**
		March 7

Meeting Location

The general meeting on **TUESDAY** **January 28** 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
Open	Trips
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

President's Message

It's January, and the temps have returned to consistently below freezing (other than that spring weekend), so the snow guns have been working overtime.

The club has its trip to ***Val d'Isère/Paris*** coming up, and we're already thinking about next year's destination: Back to Italy? Switzerland? If you have a suggestion, pass it along to our resident trip leader, **Bryan Woods**, either at the general meeting or via email.

Also, the club is looking for a new person to take over **Benefits** (lift tickets); after two years of earnest service, ***Michèle*** is choosing to not continue in that role.

We also have openings for club **Secretary** (an Officer's position), and committee chairs for winter **Trips**, **Meetings**, and **Marketing**. Ask anyone on the board if you'd like to find out more.

Have fun out on the slopes!

Benefits Update

Lift Tickets

Discount tickets have again been available to members this season. The online ticket sales were announced to club members through the members-only Google group.

Call to all ACE members:

As ***Michèle*** is stepping down next season, the club needs a **new Benefits Chair!**

Please contact anybody on the board if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

Michèle Grenier, Benefits Chair
benefits@aceskiandboardclub.org

Wachusett Mountain Group Season Pass

As in previous years, **Marcia Ruklic** set up an ***"ace ski and board club"*** group to purchase discounted **Wachusett Mountain** Group Season Passes (referred to as GPS, for GrouPS), which were available to both members and non-members.

A number of people took this opportunity to buy a pass this season and are now happily skiing several times a week literally in their own backyard - thanks Marcia!

ACEWOS Online Ticket Purchasing

For the second season, the club has successfully used **online ordering** for discount tickets, membership and race registration, a final goodbye to many years of using paper forms, paper checks and the US Postal Service!

A **member account** is required on the club's website, www.aceskiandboardclub.org for each person wishing to buy tickets.

There are no Spousal/Family Memberships; everyone joins as a Primary Member.

Detailed **instructions** on how to create an account and purchase memberships and tickets is available at www.aceskiandboardclub.org/store/

ACE Merchandise

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

Come check them out at the ***January 28*** meeting!

Checks or PayPal – no cash

Thanks for the Food!

Thanks to all who brought food to the December meeting! Your donations were delivered to The New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester, NH.

Bring Food to the January 28 meeting!

For an **extra chance at a door prize**, bring canned goods, non-perishables, or a $5 supermarket gift card.

Trips

Val d'Isère, France and Paris

Jan. 31 - Feb. 11, 2020

$2,820 / person double occupancy

$3,435 single occupancy

For details, visit:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/trips/val-disere-and-paris-france/

Participants have their bags packed - come to the January 28 meeting for last minute tips and details!

Recap of December General Meeting

The December meeting had a good attendance. Members picked up the tickets they had ordered online, and then enjoyed the screening of the movie by Faction Skis. A technical glitch made for a moment of suspense, but fortunately all was well after it was resolved!

December 2019 Door Prize Winners

Jean O'Donnell	Skis with bindings Women's poles
Dana Blanchard	Men's poles
Eric Solla	Men's jacket
Kelley Gage	Women's jacket
Bryan Woods	Neck gator
Ryan Conway	Neck gator
Mike Griggs	Neck gator
Marcia Ruklic	Women's gloves Boot bag
Andy Sage	Men's gloves
Ken Kozik	2 Pico tickets
Deb Della Selva	2 Mad River tickets
Marcia Melanson	2 Middlebury tickets
Jeff Tobin	ACE bag

Jeannie won the grand prize!

And the poles too!!

Bryan shows off his warm neck gator

Dana is beaming with his new poles!

A warm neck gator for Ryan!

Warm gloves for Marcia

And gloves for Andy too!

Nice club bag, Jeff!

Nice jacket, Kelley!

And a jacket for Eric too!

Mike got a neck gator and a hat!

Membership Update

For the second season, the club has successfully used **online ordering** for discount tickets, membership and race registration.

For detailed instructions on how to purchase your membership and tickets through the online ***ACE Web Ordering System (ACEWOS),*** see: https://www.aceskiandboardclub.org/store/

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

Roscoe Diamond, Membership Chair
membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

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.

Purchase Membership and Tickets:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/store/

Membership:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/

Email: membership@aceskiandboardclub.org

Tickets:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/tickets

Email: benefits@aceskiandboardclub.org

Racing:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

Email: racing@aceskiandboardclub.org

Newsletters:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/newsletters/

Email: newsletter@aceskiandboardclub.org

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.

EICSL Clubs Update

Welcome the **Penguins** as EICSL newest (returning) club. They are a family club located near ***Attitash***.

For more information: www.penguinsskiclub.org

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 .

2019-2020 EICSL Applications

The EICSL signup or renewal **deadline for the 2019-2020 season was October 31, 2019**.

EICSL Trips

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

ACE/EICSL Racing 2019–2020

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: racing@aceskiandboardclub.org with Subject: ACE RACING 2019-20 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.

2019-2020 Race Dates and Locations

1st	**January 4, 2019**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd	**January 25, 2019**	**Attitash**
3rd	**February 8, 2019**	**Wildcat**
Champ.	**March 7, 2019**	**Attitash**

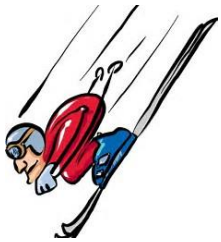
Stay tuned for further details on racing at:

www.aceskiandboardclub.org/membership/racing/

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.