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ACE Ski & Board Club

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ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting December 11

Swiss Alps, by Dan Villani

Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be MONDAY December 11 at the Chelmsford Elks Lodge in Chelmsford, MA. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Meeting Highlights: The Club will present the movie ***'This is Home'*** recently released by ***Faction Skis***:

'From Europe to the US and back again, we follow our athletes as they return to their respective bases ... this film chronicles what it *means to be a freeskier today …'*

For an *Extra Door Prize ticket*:
Bring non-perishable food items or Gift *card for Children's Home* (see page 3)

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

Important ACE Club Dates 2017–2018

General Meetings	Board Meetings	EICSL Races
September 12 (Tue)	August 29 (Tue)	January 6 (Sat)
October 24 (Tue)	October 17 (Tue)	January 20 (Sat)
December 11 (Mon)	December 7 (Thur)	February 10 (Sat)
February 13 (Tue)	January 30 (Tue)	March 3 (Sat)

Meeting Location:

The general meeting on **MONDAY December 11** 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
Dana Blanchard	Treasurer
*Rob & * Ilene Titus	Benefits Co-chairs
Michèle Grenier	Membership Chair
Chuck Riley	EICSL Co-chair
Bryan Woods	EICSL Co-chair
Roscoe Diamond	Marketing Chair
Ryan Conway	Webmaster
Beatrice Chaney	Newsletter Editor

(*) stepping down at the end of the 2017-2018 season

President's Message

The Club is about to change, and not for the better.

At last month's General Meeting, I highlighted how the Club will change if new Benefits Committee chair people are not identified, as **Ilene and Rob Titus** are stepping down after over 15 years of dedicated service.

Specifically, what will change: ***no more*** Vermont discount tickets; ***no more*** door prizes; ***only two General Meetings***; ***only Full Membership Tier*** ($40) available.

Those are big changes! Now things can continue as they are now, with skis being given away at every Meeting, deeply discounted Vermont tickets (50+ % off for Stowe, Killington, and others), and a $30 Membership. **BUT, two Members who are willing to donate some time to the Club must step forward.**

Benefits Committee Update

As we announced last February, after several years of serving the Club as Benefits Chairs, we are stepping down. The Club is seeking **someone to step up and take over this function for the 2018-2019 ski season** which commences with the Board Meeting in June 2018 along with the ticket sale functions commencing in July 2018.

Bring your Checkbook to the General Meeting on December 11th to Purchase Tickets. **Vermont Tickets**: You may purchase additional tickets at the General Meeting on ***December 11th***. 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. There will be no restrictions on the amount of Vermont tickets one may purchase at the meeting. After the December 11th meeting, there will be an email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email.

Bretton Woods: There will be order forms at the meeting for Bretton Woods ticket vouchers.

Notices from Benefits Other than those sales at General Meetings, 2017-2018 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

Ilene and Rob Titus

Thanks for the Food!

Your October donations were greatly appreciated by the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry NH.

Dec. donations are going to the Nashua Children's Home.

Bring Food or a Gift For an ***extra chance at a door prize***, bring food or a Gift from the below list of items to the December meeting!

Christmas 2017 Wish List "Ideas" for 46 Children Ages 7-18

- "You're Fired" Pottery Painting gift cards
- AC Moore or Michael's gift cards
- Amazon cards
- Art Supplies
- Barnes & Noble gift cards
- Clothing Store gift cards
- Craft Projects
- Grocery Store gift cards
- Hair Accessories
- Hair Cut gift cards (Supercuts)
- Hair Products (non-aerosol)
- iTunes cards
- Leda Lanes Bowling Passes
- Movie Theater gift cards
- Shoe Store gift cards

ACE Logo Wear

Thanks to **Roscoe Diamond**, cool new ***zippered totes*** and ***baseball caps*** with the ACE logo will again be available at the December meeting!

Totes or B-Caps: $15 each
Check or PayPal – no cash
Want Something Special?
We can get it (4pc min.)
See Roscoe with questions.

Roscoe Diamond

Recap of October General Meeting

The October general meeting was well attended, with several people in creative Halloween costumes! 2 lift tickets were awarded for the best costume.

Robin Diamond started the meeting, followed by various members of the board.

Michèle Grenier talked about the ***Crested Butte*** trip and said *'I hope it snows!'*

Bryan Wood gave several EICSL updates: EICSL fees are due end of October and the deadline is not flexible; the EICSL kickoff is at Bretton Woods on December 9; the Jay trip costs $480 for 5 days and a season pass, or $300 for 3 days and a mid-week pass; there will be a Halloween party at the Wedeln house. The trip to Italy is up to 41 people and is being finalized. It includes one week in ***Cortina*** and an optional extension to Venice, during the world-famous carnival!

Bryan then gave an overview of the many benefits EICSL has to offer to ACE club members who are also EICSL members. A number of EICSL clubs offer housing options in the Mt. Washington Valley, for example the ***Ski-Bees, Wedeln, Makusue*** and others. Take advantage of affordable housing! There are about 20 clubs with various types of accommodations. Every house is different! Some have bunk beds, some offer small bedrooms with 2-4 beds and a sink. Usually the houses are not full, except on race weekends. House rules are also specific to each club. Some clubs have tiers. Some host parties. Some turn out the lights at 11 pm, some stay up routinely until 3 am. Some cater to families, children, some to singles. So, it is important for you to inquire which club is for you. A club hosting a party is responsible for all the planning, including police detail, and working the doors. There are two types of parties: 4-7 pm after-ski parties and 9pm-1am night parties, usually involving transportation by bus.

Robin again stressed the need someone to volunteer for the Benefits chair to keep the ball rolling for the ACE club, which has been going for 30+ years! She asked for new ideas for ACE Logo wear. Currently there is one tote bag left, as well as a few hats and fleece garments.

Ilene Titus announced an upcoming email sale for Vermont tickets, and noted that ***Cannon*** tickets were now available.

Marcia Ruklic has agreed to take over managing the GPS passes at Wachussetts Mountain. Thanks Marcia!

The price of ***Bretton Woods*** discount tickets has increased to $55 for the $2 vouchers. This is the last time Rob and Ilene will be handling the ticket sales, as they have been doing for the last 15 years! Rob is now retired and Ilene is semi-retired.

The speaker of the evening was **Gay Howe**, Sales Manager for ***Attitash*** and ***Wildcat Mountain***. Gay grew up near Sugarloaf Mountain, and married a Wildcat man 36 years today!

Attitash has made a lot of improvements over the last 3 years: several miles of pipes were replaced at a cost of multiple millions. The mountain now offers full coverage of snowmaking for all trails. They should be making snow right now, but it is 75 degrees outside! Her garden is still flowering in Jackson, NH. Attitash added an additional mile of snowmaking this past summer.

Attitash and Wildcat offer a ***7 mountain season pass*** that includes Mount Snow, Crotched Mountain, Hunter Mountain (NY) and 2 others. The best time to buy this pass is in the spring; it goes on sale the first week in March and is still valid for the rest of the season. 3 tiers: currently at the highest price.

There is a discount program for ski clubs: $50 per person to start, and the price drops the more tickets you buy. You can also buy discount tickets online, but have to show the club card at the mountain.

Be sure to check out daily deals, as well as appreciation days. There will be a **St.Patrick's day special for $17!**

The ***Grand Summit Hotel*** at Attitash offers many amenities, including ski-in, ski-out right out of the hotel! It is the only one in the Mount Washington Valley.

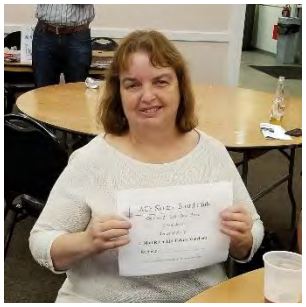
The evening concluded with members voting for the best costume by acclamation! **Michèle Grenier** won the prize of 2 tickets to Mount Snow.

October 2017 Door Prize Winners

Chris Cole	Socks
Duane Delfonse	Socks
Roscoe Diamond	Fleece Top
Michele Grenier	Gloves
Vince Mattock	Poles
Marcia Melanson	ACE Bag
Chuck Riley	Googles
Greg Ruklic	Googles
Mary Stillson	Mad River Tickets
Rob Titus	Boot Bag
Jeffrey Tobin	Burke Tickets
Paul Walsh	Attitash Tickets
Mary Stillson	Gloves
Carol Bower	Boot Bag
Chuck Riley	Fleece Top
Leta Markham	SKIs
Best Costume:	
Michele Grenier	Mt. Snow Tickets

Leta Markham WON the Grand Prize!

Bill Turkulich, Leta Markham, Michele Grenier and Vince Mattock



Mary Stillson will be skiing Mad River!

Vince Mattock – Nice Poles!

Greg Ruklic will be sporting New Oakley Googles!

Chris Cole be keeping his feet toasty with his new pair of drymax sox!

Chuck Riley will be keeping warm with his new Pepper Fleece Base Layer!

Jeffrey Tobin is a winner of two Burke Tickets.

October Door Prizes continued…

Marcia Melanson taking home an ACE Logo-wear Zippered Bag!

Mary Stillson will be keeping warm and dry with her new Gore-Tex swix gloves!

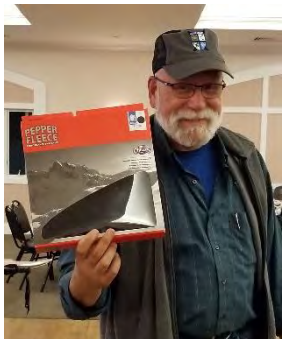
Rob Titus will be sporting a new Boot Bag!

Carol Bower Styling with a new Urban Graffiti Boot Bag

Chuck Riley will be sporting some new Oakley Googles!

Duane Delfonse will be keeping his feet toasty with his new pair of drymax sox!

Paul Walsh is the winner of two Attitash Tickets



Roscoe likes his new Pepper Fleece Base Layer.

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 mail 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** mgrenier444@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 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
mgrenier444@gmail.com

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** email list **will be used to disseminate club news and 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
- 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

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!

Chuck Riley

Bryan Woods

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 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.

2017-2018 EICSL Applications

The EICSL signup or renewal **deadline for the 2017-2018 season was October 31, 2017**, and is no passed.

EICSL Kick-off

The EICSL kick-off at ***Bretton Woods*** was Saturday, December 9.

EICSL Trips

Jay Peak ~ *CLOSED / FULL* ~

5.5 Day Trip	December 12 - 17, 2017
3.5 Day Trip	December 14 - 17, 2017

Cortina d'Ampezzo and Venice, Italy

January 26 – February 3, 2018

For details on this season's EICSL trips, check out www.eicsl.org/trips--discounts.html.

LAST CALL !!!

Weekend Ski Trip to

Eastern Township - Canada

Looking to see if there is any interest from anyone in going on a weekend Ski trip to the Eastern Townships. If you have ANY Interest at all, Please contact Robin Diamond (NHSkiDog@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

ACE/EICSL Racing 2017–2018

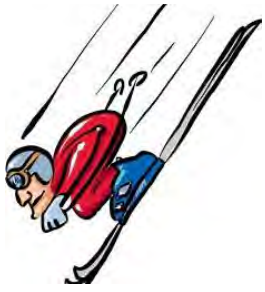
Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

***ACE/EICEL members, there is still time to sign up to race on the* White Mountain / EICSL Race League.**

If you are interested in racing, please contact ***Robin Diamond*** at: NHSkiDog@gmail.com with Subject: ACE RACING 2017-18 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.



Race Program Details

- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- $20.00 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.

Robin Diamond - Acting Race Chair

Racing On-Line Registration

Stay tuned for instructions on how to **sign up online** for the ACE/EICSL race season 2017-2018.

2017-2018 Race Dates and Locations

1st	**January 6, 2018**	**Bretton Woods**
2nd	**January 20, 2018**	**Shawnee**
3rd	**February 10, 2018**	**Cranmore**
Champ.	**March 3, 2018**	**Attitash**

***NOTE*:** Race dates are confirmed, but mountains are subject to change.