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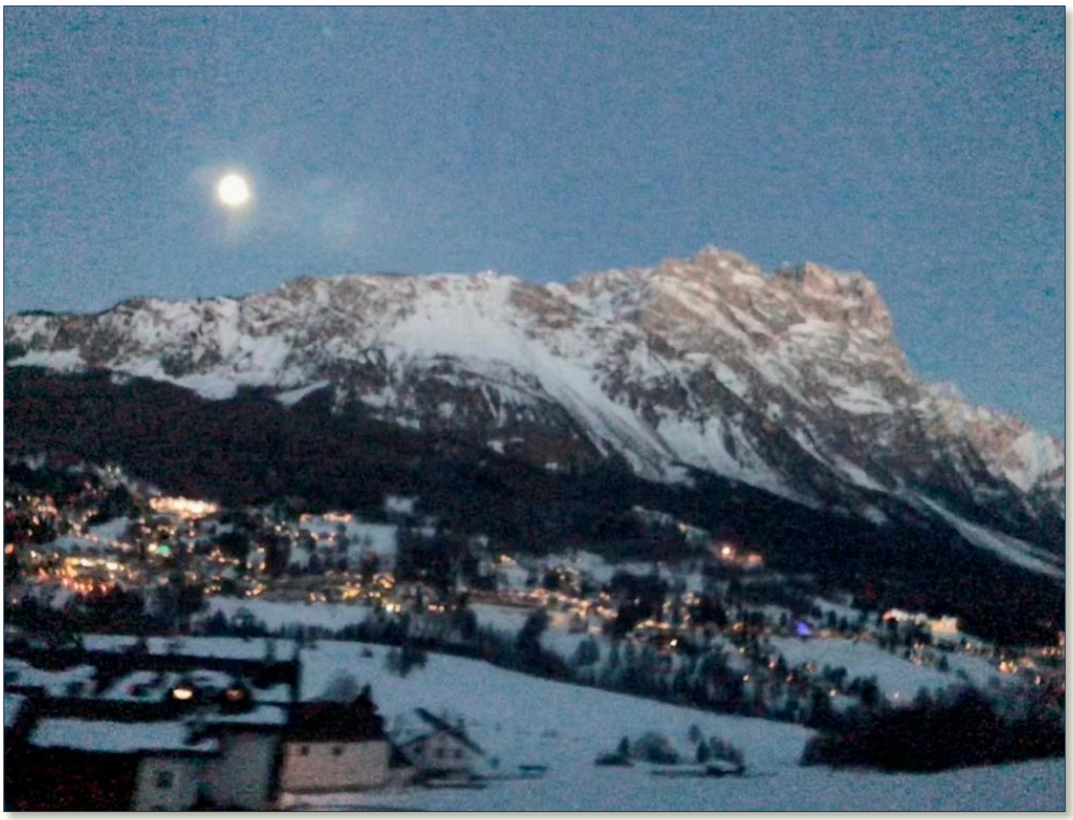
ACE Ski & Board News

General Membership Meeting February 13

Full Moon over Cortina, Italy, by Johnathan Levy



Location: The general meeting of the ACE Ski and Board Club will be **TUESDAY** **February 13** at the **Chelmsford Elks Lodge** in Chelmsford, MA.

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

Meeting Highlights: Bryan Woods and **Jon Levy** will present pictures and stories of their adventures on the EICSL trip to ***Cortina and Venice, Italy!***

*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 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 (Thu)**	**February 10 (Sat)**
February 13 (Tue)	**January 22 (Mon)**	**March 3 (Sat)**

Meeting Location

The general meeting on **TUESDAY** **February 13** 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
Open	Benefits Chair
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

President's Message

The Club is at a crossroads.

As previously announced, without new co-chairs for the Benefits Committee, the nature of the Club will change:

- VT discount tickets will no longer be available
- General Meetings will no longer feature door prizes
- Only Full Memberships (including EICSL) will be available

The focus will shift from offering discount tickets (NH tickets will still be available via EICSL) to offering discount trips.

There will be fewer General Meetings.

President's Message – continued

I would like to recognize ***Ilene and Rob Titus*** for providing a tremendous service to the Club by serving as the Benefits Committee co-chairs for nearly two decades.

They have saved members hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in lift ticket costs, as well as providing the means for the Club to give away over $50,000 in door prizes.

We all owe them a debt of gratitude. They truly exemplify what it means to be ACE Ski Club Members, both taking advantage of what the Club has to offer, as well as meaningfully contributing to the success of the Club.

THANK YOU, Ilene and Rob!

Thanks for the Gifts!

Your December donations were greatly appreciated by the ***Nashua Children's Home!***

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.

Benefits Update

This will be my and Rob's last newsletter. As we announced in 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 February 13, 2018 to Purchase Tickets.

Vermont Tickets: You may purchase tickets at the General Meeting on February 13th. 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 February 13th meeting, there will be an email ticket sale on a first come, first serve basis with confirmation by return email.

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…

Recap of December General Meeting

The ACE Club partnered with **Faction Skis**, designer and manufacturer of performance skis, to host a premiere for their new feature film, '**THIS IS HOME'.**

From ***Montana*** to ***Verbier***, 'This is Home' follows Faction athletes around their home ski hills to find out how their riding is affected by where they choose to live.

Jon Levy and Mary Mattock

The movie is action-packed and profiles the ski community at its finest. Those in attendance had their minds blown more than once with some of the jaw-dropping moves performed by these amazing athletes.

'This is Home' has been nominated for multiple awards by ***iF3***, the ***Powder Awards***, and ***International Free Ride Film Festival***, including ***Film of the Year*** and ***People's Choice***.

The movie is now available to watch on **YouTube** for free at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3zFEhrcAvU

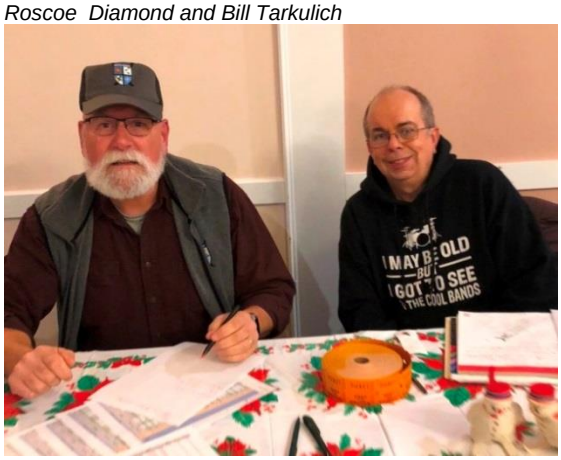
You don't want to miss this one!

Come to our February meeting, ***Tuesday 13th***, for a chance to win some swag courtesy of FACTION!

Dana Blanchard

Jon Levy and Marcia Ruklic

Roscoe Diamond and Bill Tarkulich



Betty Ann Tyson

December 2017 Door Prize Winners

Archibald Shannon	Goggles
Scott Hughes	Hand Warmers
Ilene Titus	Thermal
Shelly Sage	Hand Warmers
Vince Mattock	2 Magic Tickets
Vince Mattock	2 Pico Tickets
Eric Silva	Hand Warmers
Marcia Ruklic	Thermal
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Michael Socaciu	2 Mad River Glen Tickets
Rob Titus	Boot Bag
Mary Mattock	2 Burke Tickets
Eric Solla	2 Bromley Tickets
Chris Cole	Hand Warmers
Duane Delfonse	Gloves
Marcia Ruklic	Wachussett GPS
Virginia Solla	Goggles
Roscoe Diamond	Poles
Jean O'Donnell	Hand Warmers
Roscoe Diamond	Coat
Virginia Solla	Skis - Blizzard

Virginia won the grand prize!!

Roscoe got lucky again, winning nice poles!

Roscoe got a snazzy coat!

Rob won a boot bag, again!

Prizes, prizes, … warm stuff, goggles, lift tickets, something for everybody!

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 now passed.

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

ACE/EICSL Racing 2017–2018

Robin Temple Diamond, Race Chair

Racing Update

We started off the season a bit slow. The first race was cancelled due to frigid temps. The second qualifier was at Shawnee Peak and all raced well. ***Julie Gassler*** placed 1st in the women's C class. ***Warren*** raced well but due to a missed signature at registration was DSQ'd. ***Robin Diamond*** placed 3rd in women's Supervet A class.

It was a warm day but conditions were great.

The first qualifier was rescheduled for Saturday February 3rd at Shawnee Peak. Attendance was light due to the race having to be rescheduled. The race went well and we wrapped up about 11:45 am after the race jury meeting***. Robin Diamond*** placed 1st in women's SV A class.

The day was cold but with the sunshine not a bad day for a race and some New England packed powder (ice) skiing.

We are back on track now and the 3rd qualifier is at Cranmore on Saturday, February 10th. Come out and join us for some skiing and watch the race.

Championship race will be at Attitash March 3rd.

ACE/EICSL 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

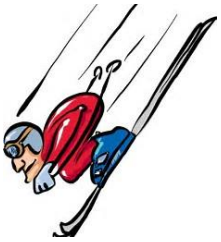
- Four races per year.
- Participate in two races to qualify for championship.
- $20.00 to register for the year (make check payable to ***ACE Ski & Board Club***).
- Discounted lift tickets available at each race.
- You must be an active member of EICSL and the ACE Ski & Board Club.

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.