



MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

April/May 2010

Manchester Ski Club, P.O. Box 1267, Manchester, CT 06045

Manchester Ski Club Lodge, 4 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149 (802) 228-2226

Reservations: ManchesterSkiClub@gmail.com or call Jon Orzolek (860-828-8124)

Please pay lodge overnight and dinner fees by check only

CLUB WEBSITE WWW.MANCHESTERSKICLUB.ORG

President's Message:

Okemo has closed for the season after some great late-season snow followed by some unseasonably warm weather in April. Late-season skiing can be a real workout. Overall, this has been another great year of skiing. Now it is time to wax our skis and put them away until the snow falls again.

The Manchester Ski Club had another excellent winter season as well. In spite of the troubled economy, the club was able to maintain membership, and the lodge utilization was even up slightly over last year.

At the April club meeting the new board for the Manchester Ski Club was voted in. We have been unable to find a member to serve as Secretary this year so, if you have an interest in joining the Board of Directors in this role, please contact Mary Sylvestre.

Ticket returns also took place at this meeting. The board wants to remind the members that mountain policy limits Okemo returns to no more than 20%, and that some other mountains are even more restrictive. This year there were several members who returned more than the permitted percentage. In the future please keep in mind that we do have a ticket exchange and we always have members looking for more tickets.

With the end of the ski season it is again time to begin performing our annual maintenance activities at the lodge. We have already had one well-attended work weekend in May where much was accomplished, but much more remains to be done. I am sure you will all be pleased with the planned improvements. Volunteers are always needed to help out, so if you can, please try to make one of the upcoming events.

Thanks very much to all of those who have helped make this a successful ski season. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Here's hoping for more sun and less rain than last year.

Bill Jones
President

From the April meeting:

Elected Officers:

President - Bill Jones
Vice President - Jon Orzolek
Treasurer - Kevin Leyland
Secretary – Vacant (temporary secretary - Lexi Jones)

Elected Board Members:

Dave England
Jon Hiller
Joan Raynor

Appointed Board Members:

Donna Wertenbach
Mark Nowakowski
Paula Deutz

Lodge News

- Lodge Work Weekend - May 1st and 2nd.

“Thank you” to all of the following club members who participated in the Lodge Work Weekend on May 1-2, 2010. Everyone was hard working, cooperative, and enthusiastic!

Anne Knight
Pete Casey
Arlene Gazza
Jon Hiller
Joan Raynor
Bill Jones
Hank Moleris
Diane Alcorn
Charlie Traynor
Donna Wertenbach

Here are the things that got done:

Cleaned all kitchen cabinets & shelves, inside & out
Cleaned the stovetops and ovens
Cleaned the shelves next to the refrigerator which stores the common food items and discarded expired food
Organized storage/tool closet, added plastic storage bins to organize loose items, inventoried major hardware & painting supplies
Cleaned boot rack and removed dust from the electric blower motors
Mowed the grass
Vacuumed carpeting throughout the house
Cleaned bugs from light fixtures and fire alarms
Cleaned baseboards, window frames, and door jambs in bedrooms and bathrooms
Assessed use of kitchen cabinet space
Caulked corners of walls in the second floor of the barn
Painted rear door and replaced door sweep
Filled pothole in driveway
Disassembled and re-assembled basement ski rack to accommodate wider skis

Taped, spackled and painted ski room (75% complete, still need to install wood trim, light fixture, new motion sensor, and new ski rack)

Removed carpeting from ski room, painted floor, put down heavy duty carpet runner (90% complete)

Gutted closet next to room 6 in order to make new lockers similar to the ones we have next to room 7
-Mark Reitsma

- Summer Reservations:
Summer Lodge rates
\$10.00/ night for members (all ages)
\$15.00/ night for guests (guests must still have a sponsor)
Summer rates began April 19th and will be in effect until Okemo Mountain opens for the season.
Please give Jon Orzolek one week's notice for reservations. He will be checking email once a week. (ManchesterSkiClub@gmail.com)
Payment should be sent to P.O.Box 1267, Manchester, CT 06040.

CSC News

- Plans for next year's **Snow Ball** have begun. It is scheduled for November 20th at the Windsor Marriot.
- The **2011 OnSnow Winter Carnival** vote went to Mount Snow.
- Chile trip is still scheduled, August 11-20, 2010.

MANCHESTER SKI CLUB EVENTS 2010

The club is planning a great year of fun filled activities.

Saturday, June 4th - 6th, we are holding our first **Spring Fling Weekend at the Lodge in Vermont**.

See the attachment below.

August 21st, we are holding our annual **Summer Picnic**. The picnic will be at the Leyland Lake Compound in East Haddam on Saturday, rain date the 22nd.

In September or October, we are going to hold a fall event at the lodge that will possibly include golf, hiking, biking, or perhaps take in a fall festival at one of the ski resorts.

In November, we will be holding a Ski Sale and SWAP at Manchester Illing Middle School. The tentative date is Friday evening, November 4th. So when cleaning out the basement or garage this summer, **DON'T TOSS OUT YOUR OLD GEAR!**

For **New Year's Eve**, we are holding the 2nd New Year's Eve Bash at the lodge. If we are lucky, we will have a disco ball like last year and lots of dancing! We will be up past 10 p.m.

Anyone interested in the Secretarial position?!

Please contact Mary Sylvestre, Mjsylvestre@snet.net (860-633-2261)



SPRING FLING

A Weekend that you should not miss! Members and Guests are invited to come to the MSC Ludlow, Vermont lodge for the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Friday night guests can attend the Okemo Summer Concert, held on Friday evenings at Jackson Gore at 7 p.m.



DIRECTIONS TO THE

LODGE with \$10/night rates for members!!

Directions to the lodge can be found at the club's website: www.manchesterskiclub.org. The address is 4 Pleasant Street, Ludlow, VT and the phone number is 802-228-2226. Reservations **MUST** be made ahead of time, please email: manchesterskiclub@gmail.com



SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Sunday morning, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Manchester Ski Club will have its first ever Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast.

The menu will include pancakes (plain and blueberry), eggs, bacon and sausage links. The cost will be divided among the quantity of hungry breakfast eaters. Coffee will also be served along with orange juice,



toast and jam or jelly. Come hungry, come all.

It is believed that if you eat breakfast you might have a better chance on winning Manchester Ski Club's version of Minute-to-Win-It!

MSC

Minute-to-Win-It!!

Saturday evening, after our wonderful barbeque, with famous Peruvian Chef, Extrodinaire



Elizabeth Guerrero, members and guests alike are encouraged to practice for the Manchester Ski Club's version of Minute-to-Win-It!

Participants are encouraged to visit the NBC's hit show website to learn the games and practice ahead of time. <http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/>

The MSC Minute-to-Win-It games will take place on Sunday, around 11 a.m., after the pancake breakfast.

Donations needed: New playing cards - 3-decks, 3 large bags of M&M's, 36 - 45 large plastic 12 oz. cups, bag of marshmallows, bag of cotton balls, new or used ping pong balls and willing participants!

It is not mandatory to participate in any or all the activities.

Thank you, Paula Deutz

**OTHER ATTRACTIONS**

Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts
 Phone: 802-228-8770
 Fax: 802-228-7402
 Website: www.fletcherfarm.org
 Address : 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT, 05149

SWIMMING

Okemo State Forest-Buttermilk Falls
 Phone: 802-228-5830
 Address: Route 103, Buttermilk Falls Road, Ludlow, VT, 05149

GOLF

Okemo Valley Golf Club
 Phone: 802-228-1396
 Alternate Phone: 800-786-5366
 Email : info@okemo.com
 Website : <http://www.okemo.com/okemosummer/golfcourses/okemogolf/thecourse.asp>
 Address : Fox Lane, Ludlow, VT, 05149

Crown Point Country Club
 Phone: 802-885-1010
 Alternate Phone: 802-885-2703
 Fax: 802-885-2907
 Email : cpcc@vermontel.net
 Website : www.crownpointcc.com
 Address : P. O. Box 413, Weathersfield Center Road, Springfield, VT, 05156

Tater Hill Golf Club
 Phone: 802-875-2517
 Email : info@okemo.com
 Website : <http://www.okemo.com/okemosummer/golfcourses/taterhill.asp>
 Address : 3802 Popple Dungeon Road, Chester, VT, 05143

BROMLEY MOUNTAIN

You Name It, You can Do It at Bromley Sun Mountain Adventure Park Check out [Bromley's](http://www.bromley.com) website for a plethora of activities. They include: trampoline, zip-lines, water slide, giant bounce house, 24' rock climbing wall, space bike, giant swing and bumper boats. <http://www.bromley.com/attractions/>

TRAINS

Green Mountain Flyer: Bellows Falls 463-3069 TOURS - Climb aboard & journey scenic southern Vermont in restored coaches pulled by vintage diesels.

MUSEUMS

Billings Farm and Museum: Woodstock 802-457-2355 MUSEUM Celebrating Vermont's heritage of rural life.

Hartness-Porter Astronomy Museum: Springfield 802-885-2115 MUSEUM

Astronomy museum, amateur telescope making, antique telescope observatory (inkeeper@hartnesshouse.com)

HORSES

Kedron Valley Stables: Woodstock 802-457-1480 RIDING 800-225-6301 Full livery w/trail rides, lessons, boarding, Inn-to-Inn packages, clinics, sleigh/surrey rides, year-round. (barbkend@aol.com)

SERENITY

Path of Life Sculpture Garden: Windsor 802-674-6789 SCULPTURE GARDEN 18 works of art tell the story of the great circle of life on the banks of the CT River. (info@pathoflifegarden.com)

FISHING

Stream And Brook Fly Fishing: Killington 800-451-6108 FISHING Guided Fly Fishing, Fishing Clinics, Fish for trout in the beautiful lakes and streams of Vermont. www.streamandbrook.com. (corinal@aol.com)

Let your keyboard do the walking, there is so, so much more to do in Vermont and where else can you stay for \$10 a night!

SPRING FLING CALENDAR**Friday, June 4th**

Arrive at lodge, get settled in.

Saturday, June 5th Hike 9:30 am

Hike coordinator Jon Hiller will lead the hike suitable for all ages.

Saturday, June 5th

2 p.m. - trip to Long Trail Brewery

Saturday, June 5th

7 p.m. BBQ begins

Sunday, June 6th

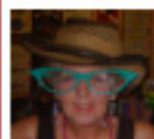
8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 6th

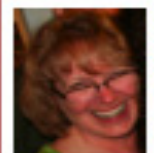
MSC Minute-to-Win-It, 11 a.m.

The Contributors

PAULA DEUTZ, EVENT COORDINATOR



Eccentric and unique, Board Member Paula and the Board of Directors came up with this great Spring Fling idea.



JOAN RAYNOR, MSC NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Joan is our Editor-at-large for the Manchester Ski Club newsletter.

Joan is always hot on the trails of great news!



JON HILLER, BOARD MEMBER A.K.A PADER

Jon will be running or Saturday Hike that begins at 9:30 a.m. Jon may also

be coordinating the Long Trail Brewery trip.