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Presidents Message

Fellow Members,

I hope that you all enjoyed the 12/5 Holiday party. For those that were unable to participate I am pleased to report that the food was great and the Alpine Haus boot fitting presentation was quite informative. In celebration of the club's 70th anniversary we held a raffle and 25 winners walked away with over \$2500 in prizes. If you were one of the lucky ones you probably got your dues back in winnings – see list of winners and winnings in the newsletter.

As you look at the list of donations, please thank the various mountains and or vendors when you visit them for supporting our club. We are working on a list of vendors and discounts they offer. These will be posted on the website shortly.

Thanks to the many volunteers that made this event successful including the Mitchell's, Stoloff's, Donna Wertenbach, Gary Troutman, Diane Alcorn, Lexi Jones, Paula Deutz, Sheila Klapatch, Pat Folmsbee, Anne Knight, Mark Reitsma and Jon Hiller.

I also want to thank the Sylvestre's for handling the CSC tickets. This is a significant effort to manage, track and distribute over \$30K of CSC discount tickets. The club has additional Okemo adult tickets and you can order them by contacting Gary (slyone@snet.net or by phone [\(860\) 633-2261](tel:860633-2261)).

We had a very successful recruitment for lodge members this year and would like to welcome Scott, Jennifer and Conner Corbett, Katie Ganong, Tyler Racca, Ryan Reitsma, Christa Sterling, Bruce Ruiz, and Tim, Maria, Olivia, Walker and Taylor Strelevitz, Will Wendell and Wendy Pollard.

Please make these new members comfortable when you meet them at the lodge and slopes.

The BOD and I wish you a happy and safe holiday season. We are looking at a great and exciting year and hope to see you on the slopes.

Jon Orzolek

MSC President

Extreme Makeover....Lodge Edition

Attention all you wanna-be home remodelers! Now's your chance to make your mark on the MSC Lodge by coming up with the bathroom of your dreams and having it potentially become a reality!

We are in the beginning stages of planning a complete remodeling of the ladies bathroom- new sinks, toilets, lighting, mirrors, etc.-the whole works. You are invited to submit one or more proposals along the lines of "if you had your way, what would it look like"?

There are two methods for you to submit your ideas: Method (A) fill out the attached form, include photos (preferred) and mail your proposal to **Mark Reitsma at 140 Lisa Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074**, or scan the photos and send to him via email at **markre@cox.net.**, or Method (B) Just compose in your own words what your concepts are or if you have some pictures, send them along. Method (A) is preferred since it'll have the details we need to do a good evaluation.

We plan to leave the current configuration in place, although we do plan to add doors to the bathroom stalls and shower, and eliminate the raised floor for the bathroom so it's level with the rest of the room. Wallpaper will come off and be replaced by paint.

Submit your proposal to Mark by March 1, 2012. Proposals will be evaluated based on style, quality and of course, cost. We're looking for a classy, updated (but not too trendy) look without spending a ton of money.

December Holiday Party Recap

Our sincerest thank you for all those who were able to make the December Holiday Party—and to those who were there in spirit.

It was a great way to start of the season, greet old friends and get up to date on MSC happenings.

The following page shows the list of all our lucky raffle winners.

Thanks to Alpine Haus for a brilliant presentation on proper boot fitting!

Vendor/ Person who Donated Gift	Gift	Member Who Won	Value
Bonnie Reitsma (for Friendly's Restaurants)	Friendly's Gift Basket with Sundae Fixings	Gary Troutman	\$50.00
Jon Hiller	Burton Snowboard Bindings	Jeff Cohen	\$200.00
Eastern Mountain Sports	Rentals of two snow show packages	Tyler Wescott	\$50.00
Boot Pro	Ski Tune-up	Lexi Jones	\$50.00
Suburban Sports	Ski Tune-up	Mark Reitsma	\$50.00
Northern Ski Works - Ludlow, VT	Ski Tune-up	Margaret Kehoe	\$50.00
Northern Ski Works - Ludlow, VT	Ski Tune-up	Mark Worobel	\$50.00
Northern Ski Works - Ludlow, VT	Ski Tune-up	Bill Jones	\$50.00
Northern Ski Works - Ludlow, VT	Ski Tune-up	Niko Stanwicz	\$50.00
Northern Ski Works - Ludlow, VT	Ski Tune-up	Glenn Stoloff	\$50.00
Pats Peak	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Charlie Lyons	\$120.00
Gore Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Joan Youngs	\$110.00
Ragged Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Diane Alcorn	\$120.00
Windham Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Donna Plen	\$144.00
Loon Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Bob Klapatch	\$156.00
Otis Ridge Ski Area	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Katie Wandzy	\$100.00
Catamount	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Sam Raynor	\$122.00
Bromley	One One-day Lift Ticket	Jeffrey Peck	\$65.00
Mount Snow	2 One-day Lift Tickets	David Kass	\$126.00
Burke Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Russ Mitchell	\$160.00
Mohawk Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Jolanta Nowakowski	\$108.00
Ski Sundown	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Lou Gaedt	\$110.00
Saddleback	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Will Wendell	\$160.00
Okemo Mountain	2 One-day Lift Tickets	Paul Choma	\$178.00
Alpine Haus	\$150.00 Store Credit	Kristen Orzolek	\$150.00

A note from the VP in the Membership Corner.....

This newsletter will probably find a number of us scurrying about during this holiday season getting ready. Ready for gatherings, family time, religious observations and maybe even some skiing! Skiing? After all that is our common thread here.

In that vein every year we get the lodge ready for the upcoming season. This year it took on a whole new meaning, it wasn't just cleaning, weed whacking etc. etc... it was demolition, sheet rocking, designing, measuring twice and still cutting three times, spackling, taping, and painting. As a result we have some really awesome improvements to the 'Blake House'.

Above all else the one thing that this always involves is time and that can be a tough commodity. As an entity our club is not unlike that of any civic organization, in that there is always going to be a 'core' group of people who contribute regularly to its functioning.

As I have the pleasure of enrolling new members in the club I get to know a little bit about them. I get a feel for how our total membership is going to trend and then report it back to the members. Currently we have more lodge members this year than last year, and that's fantastic for a couple of reasons. One is that more members = more revenue for the club, and more revenue = more projects that we can accomplish to further improve the appearance and comfort of our ski home. This is necessary for several reasons, one to keep it enjoyable for our current members. The second is that we will continue to draw in new members to keep the club a viable entity.

MSC has a 70 year heritage and I'm confident that it can continue for another 70 years. What the club continues to need is help from **everyone** within the membership ranks. The lodge is obviously a large physical part of the club but there are numerous other ways in which members can contribute. Our club is only going to be as good as the strength of the commitment by its members. In that light, we need you to step forward and take an active role.

As some heard Mark Reitsma report, we had a new lodge member that had never even stayed at the lodge yet, drive from New Jersey and dive into the fray on one work weekend.

There are still things that need to be done that could be tackled even while up skiing during the week or on the weekend. Please consider finding out what you can do with some time that you have to contribute to our common goal of enhancing the viability of the lodge.

If 'lodge' work isn't something that you might lean towards please consider another volunteer position that is needed. Kevin Leyland has the list of opportunities that need to be filled.

The board of directors meets year round in an attempt to guide the clubs direction but it's the member body that makes it tick. We need everyone's help and participation. Let's build the club up so that the waiting list has to be reinstated and people are knocking on the membership door wanting to get in on the fun.

Thank you for reading this appeal.

I hope you have a great holiday season and I'll see you at 'Chez Blake' soon.

Jon Hiller

[Upcoming Ski Discounts](#)

Ski New Hampshire's "free week", takes place January 7 – 14 2012. First timers receive a free lesson, rentals and beginner's terrain lift ticket by downloading the Ski and Ride Free coupon from the Ski New Hampshire website (skinh.com) and making a reservation at one of the state's alpine areas participating in the program. A comparable program is available for several cross country areas in New Hampshire.

Ski Vermont's \$29 "Learn To package" is available at most locations in the state for the month of January. The package includes a lesson, equipment rental, and lift ticket. Sign up at participating resorts at skivermont.com.

Check out the CSC calendar online for discount deals at various mountains.

Bus Trips

We are collaborating with the New Haven Ski club to allow our members to take advantage of discount ski days. Many of these trips are less expensive than the cost of a full price ticket.

See additional information below:

Contact Brien Smith at Brien230@aol.com or at 203-230-1019 for further information on the bus trips if these instructions are not clear.

Day Bus Trips

The first price listed (under the bus heading below) is for MSC members paying 10+ days before the trip (that means you need to mail a check to Brien two Thursdays before the trip)

Second price is for members paying 0-10 days before the trip.

Mt Snow	Monday Jan 2	>	Lift = \$36	Bus=\$30 / \$45
Killington	Monday Jan 16	>	Lift = \$42	Bus=\$30 / \$45
Windham	Saturday Jan 28	>	Lift = \$25	Bus=\$30 / \$45
Bromley	Sunday Feb 12	>	Lift = \$40	Bus=\$30 / \$45
Killington	Saturday Mar 3	>	Lift = \$TBA	Bus=\$TBA
Stratton	Sunday Mar 18	>	Lift = \$41	Bus=\$TBA

* To make a reservation pay the bus fare by mailing a check to Brien

* Except at Windham and Bromley, everyone must go to the ticket window on their own and present their membership card to get their lift ticket (Council Awareness Days).

You need to remember to bring your membership card - if you wish a lift ticket.

* All day bus trips leave from the North Haven Commuter Lot (I-91 Exit 10 onto Route 40 Exit 1, left at end of ramp, Commuter lot on left) at 6 am Sharp

* Pick-up at Cromwell Commuter Lot (I-91 Exit 21, right onto Route 372, Lot on right) at 6:15 am.

* Depending on number of people interested there could be another pickup in a Windsor commuter lot.

* Bus returns from skiing at 4:45 pm, quick food stop, and back in North Haven 8:30 pm

* Non-MSC members pay \$45 for the bus.

- Anyone under age 21 must be accompanied with an adult member.

Weekend Bus Trips

You must be a paid MSC member for 2011-12 to make a reservations.

The price listed below is per person when confirming reservations two weeks before the trip (contact Brien).

Sugarbush -	Fri Jan 6 to Sun Jan 8	\$359
Stowe -	Fri Jan 20 to Sun Jan 22	\$343

Sunday River - Fri Feb 17 to Sun Feb 19 **\$309**
Jay Peak - Fri Mar 9 to Sun Mar 11 **\$394**

All weekend bus trips leave from the Harugari Club (66 Highland St, West Haven)

Bus arrives at 3:00 pm and leaves by **3:45 pm** except for Jay which will be determined.

* Pick-up at Cromwell Commuter Lot (I-91 Exit 21, right onto Route 372, Lot on right) at 4:30 pm except for Jay

* Quick food stop off I-91.

* Back at the commuter lot and New Haven between 9:30 pm and 10 pm.

* Must be at least 21 years of age

* You must be a MSC member to come on these trips except when trip date comes near the end and space permits.

Sugarbush, VT Fri Jan 6 to Sun Jan 8

Staying near-slope at the Sugarbush Inn very close to Sugarbush

You can take the shuttle to ski or our bus. Hot tubs etc. are only a shuttle bus away

Our meals will be at the Sugarbush Inn

Price includes: 2 night's lodging, 2 days skiing, 2 breakfasts, Saturday's dinner, and the bus.

Stowe, VT Fri Jan 20 to Sun Jan 22

Staying 1/2 mile south of the center of Stowe Village at the Commodore's

You can take the shuttle to ski or our bus. Hot tubs etc. are available

Our meals will be at the Commodore's

Price includes: 2 night's lodging, 2 days skiing, 2 breakfasts, Saturday's dinner, and the bus.

Sunday River, ME Fri Feb 17 to Sun Feb 19

Staying off slope at the Royalty Inn in Gorham, NH about a half hour from skiing

Our meals will be in the Royalty Inn restaurant. Hot tubs etc. are available

This trip is between two winter trips but scheduled to satisfy those looking to ski despite not going on a winter trip over that 5 weekend period.

Price has been adjusted to satisfy a slightly smaller group size.

Price includes: 2 night's lodging, 2 days skiing, 2 breakfasts, Saturday's dinner, and the bus.

Jay Peak, VT Fri March 9 to Sun March 11

Staying in on-slope condos .

The departure time on Friday night will be determined.

This is the first season we have been able to arrange an early March trip here

New this season will be a water park, ice skating, hot tubs, and even curling.

Use of the skating rink during open skating is free while the water park is \$21 per day

Our meals will be in the new hotel restaurant which is walking distance.

Price includes: 2 night's lodging, 2 days skiing, 2 breakfasts, Saturday's dinner, and the bus.

Cancellation Policy On Weekend Trips

\$100 penalty plus any penalties required by the resort for cancellations 9 days or less before a trip

\$50 penalty plus any penalties required by the resort for cancellations 29 to 9 days before a trip

\$20 penalty plus any penalties required by the resort for cancellations 29 days or more before a trip

The **minimum penalty is \$20**

Any additional refund due to a special case must be submitted to Brien and the New Haven Ski Club the Board of Directors.

Cancellation Policy On Day Trips

A **9 day cancellation** notice is required for a refund (unless you are replaced before the day of the trip).



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Upcoming events: (additional information will be in the next newsletter for February events)

Monday night racing at Mount Southington should start December 26th 2011. Races start at 7pm.

Feb 4th Interclub race-

Feb 25th Blake race-

Mar 2, 3 CSC Winter Carnival- Friday state down hill, Saturday GS (including snow boarders)

(TBD) – end of season cookout at the lodge

April – general membership meeting and ticket return – location TBD

Lodge Reminders:

For reservations email to manchesterskiclub@gmail.com or submit reservation from the website (please make sure your arrival date is checked correctly in the checkbox)

- Please remember to take home whatever you brought up with you – we have 160 lodge members and space is at a premium.
- If you are feeling ill – do not come up and endanger the health of other members.
- Please be respectful of the posted quiet hours.
- You can have two outstanding reservations at one time. I would suggest you book one ahead for busy holidays and or race weekends.
- To allow for additional revenue and solidifying confirmations/reservations for guests, please make your reservations by *Tuesday of the upcoming weekend*. Members who make reservations after Tuesday 8:00 PM will not be able to bump guests who confirmed their reservations by the specified date and time. Also, reservations after Tuesday are first come first served for members and guests.

Please note that through the secured side of the website (where you need to log in with your ID and password) a calendar is available to show you who is staying at the lodge.