

MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

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Presidents Message

Greetings to everyone!

Winter finally appears to have arrived. Okemo currently has 91 of 119 trails open. Ski conditions have been great.

Please note the Route 91 bridge in Brattleboro is now open and Shaw's has officially moved out of the tent this past weekend!

Bill Jones is in charge of our nominating committee and will be presenting the slate of officers at our April meeting. Please contact him if you are interested in a club position.

Some enhancements are being made to our website. Please see page 4 for updates.

Our racing at Mt Southington continues to increase in popularity and success, building on the clubs racing heritage. For our first week we only had 4 racers but were able to finish 10th out of 14 teams. This coming week we should have 8 members participating (the more members we get the better our points get). Please consider joining us for the camaraderie and opportunity to improve your skiing skills.

There are several changes to the upcoming Interclub race. The Lysoby family will not be hosting the party this year. Instead we will have the awards reception at the Grumman Ski club. Also, the name of the race is now the Okemo Interclub Race, the race will be on Bull Run, snow boarders are welcome, and all handicapping is now based on NASTAR results. Additionally we have invited a fourth club (Mt. Laurel) to join the fun. To encourage your participation and prepare you for NASTAR racing, the club will have special incentives for this race weekend.

Our club marketing and value that we offer are attracting many members. At this point we are approaching over 500 members (Gold/Lodge, Silver and Bronze) and we have 6 new families in the queue that have expressed interest in joining the lodge.

See you on the slopes!

Jon Orzolek-Club President

Upcoming Club Events

Monday Night Racing

Come and see what all the fun is about! This opportunity is for all abilities. Free Pizza will be provided to all who join in. We have completed the 2nd race out of 8 and we are racking in the points. Thank you all who attend. The format is the giant slalom with skiers racing the best of two runs. Registration is in the Ready Room above the Rental Shop beginning at 5:30 p.m. thru 7:15pm. The \$30 fee entitles you to racing and an all area lift ticket for the night.

Friday February 3rd 2012

Free race training day with practice runs on the same course that we will use on Saturday. Jon Hiller will be providing free breakfast (compliments of the MSC) at the lodge for all who attend. Make it a 3 day weekend with Saturdays race/party and Sunday is a great day to ski with fellow friends and members. If you book 3 night stays for this weekend the club will cover the NASTAR fees associated with the Friday training.

Saturday February 4th 2012 Interclub Race

Come support your club and compete against other clubs in Ludlow. We are expecting 4 clubs and up to 100 racers. There will be awards and a party at the Grumman ski lodge from 4 to 6pm. Don't miss out on this club sponsored event. The party is a BYOB event (soda, water, appetizers, etc. will be provided by the club).

Please sign up with Nastar (www.nastar.com) and bring with you the waiver attached to the newsletter. Send Lou Gaedt an email with your Name and Nastar Registration Number to lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net before Feb 1st 2012 to insure our roster is in correct. Late signups will be allowed but you will have to race from the back of the pack.

Saturday February 25th 2012 MSC Blake Race

The Club Championship, better known as the Blake Race, will be held at Okemo Mountain using the Nastar system. The club will pay for the racing fees and awards. Bring an appetizer for the awards party held in our Ludlow Club House. This event is perpetually one of our largest turnouts. Please bring the waiver attached to the news letter. Sign up with Nastar online (www.nastar.com) and send Lou Gaedt an email (lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net) before **Feb 22nd** so the club will have time to establish our roster. Again, late signups will be allowed but you will have to race from the back of the pack.

March 2 & 3 2012

Race the Connecticut Ski Council Winter Carnival at Killington. We will be sending a team on Friday for the State Downhill and on Saturday for the Team GS. This is an experience not be missed. We may also be attending the after party and dance. If you are interested please send Lou Gaedt an email at lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net.

2012 Manchester Ski Club – Race Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone Number (H) _____ (W) _____

Age: ____ Male: ____ Female: ____

Skier: ____ Snowboarder: ____

Check one or both races:

Interclub Race: _____ **R.W. Blake Challenge Race:** _____

Saturday Feb 4, 2012 10 am

Saturday Feb 25, 2012

Open to all ages, shapes, sizes, and abilities both skier and snowboard

Please read and sign (mandatory) the waiver below to participate

in the Interclub Race or the R.W. Blake Challenge

The Manchester Ski Club is a year-round social/sports club providing a variety of activities for its members. Many of the club activities are, to varying degrees, hazardous. By making application for participating in the above race(s),

I/We voluntarily assume all the risks involved. By assuming all risks involved, I/We agree to not hold the Manchester Ski Club, its officers, or board members liable for any accident or injury resulting from my (or other family members') participation in a club activity or use of club facilities.

This release shall be binding on my distributees, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and personal representatives.

I/We have read this release in full and understand it, and I/We hereby apply for participation in the selected race(s).

Your Name: _____ Spouse _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Return form to:

Lou Gaedt, Race Chair

Email: lgaedt@ct.metrocast.net

Website Updates

The club is working hard on updating the website to improve communication and value to our membership. These changes will include publication of our annual financial report (behind the secured login area), a list of discounts from various local vendors, another list showing volunteers performing different functions to support club operations, as well as an area to swap/sell ski related equipment.

MSC Gold and Silver members can now place and view classified ads while logged into the “Member Area” section of the website.

Selection choices will appear as:

- View Classified Ads
- Place a Classified ad

Members can place ads in the following categories:

Accommodations

Clothing

Equipment

Tickets

Travel

Fill in the required fields, as shown below, providing sufficient information and “submit” the ad. All ads will be reviewed before they will appear on the web site.

Properties available for skiing/vacation rental/purchase

Used/outgrown sports wear

Skis, boards, boots, and sports equipment

Lift tickets/vouchers, need to buy or sell

Plan trips

Click the “Member Area” tab on top of the web page to return to the MSC site.

Ladies Bathroom Design Contest

Time is running out to submit proposals for the ladies' room renovation. The men's restroom has been updated this past summer and finally the women's restroom will be addressed this upcoming summer season. The deadline for all submissions is the end of March 2012. The Lodge Committee will review all entries and select a few finalists based on cost, quality and style. This is a great opportunity for members to contribute to the design and outcome of the renovation. The general restrictions on this renovation is following: the room will stay the same shape, but the floor below the stalls will be lowered and the plumbing adjusted accordingly. Swinging doors will then be added to the bathroom stalls and shower. The design committee would prefer to have plans finalized before the end of the ski season, so the project can get rolling early in the off-season. There is a lot of linear time needed for this project . It would also help us from a budgeting perspective.

Everyone is invited to give their opinion. If you have an idea, please fill out the form below and submit photos, sketches or a description to Mark Reitsma at markre@cox.net

Item	Manufacturer	Model Name/Number, Color if applicable	Source	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Sink						
Faucets						
Countertop						
Cabinet						
Vanity Light						
Mirror						
Toilet						
Walls						
Floor						

MANCHESTER SKI CLUB RETAIL DISCOUNTS....2011-2012

NORTHERN SKI WORKS

20% Discounts on goods and services

\$149.00 seasonal ski tune

<http://www.northernski.com/>

10 Main Street

Ludlow, Vermont

(Okemo Mountain)

802 228 3344

THE BOOT PRO

20% Discounts on retail goods

\$149 seasonal ski tune (up to 3 pairs
of skis, one demo included)

<http://thebootpro.net/>

The Marketplace

44 Pond St

Ludlow, VT 05149

802 228 BPRO (2776)

COLORADO SKI SHOP

25% off retail 2011-12 ski equipment

(Volkl + Marker excluded)

20% off Retail 2011-12 snowboard equip-
ment

\$10 ski and snowboard tunes

FREE binding mounting with purchase

<http://www.coloradoskishop.com>

1160 Westfield Street

West Springfield, MA 01089

866 541 7787

NEW ENGLAND SKI AND SCUBA

10% off non sale items

MSC ski tune is \$14.99 vs. regular \$24.99

Snowboard is \$19.99 vs. regular \$29.99

Members need to show MSC card

<http://www.newenglandskiandscuba.com/>

520 Hartford Turnpike (Vernon Commons)

Vernon, CT 06066

860 872 0113

SUBURBAN SPORTS

Up to 30% discount with MSC card

<http://www.suburbansport.com/>

25 Webster Square Road

Berlin, CT 06037

800 799 5927

ALPINE HAUS

15% off non-sale items and services

<http://store.alpinehausct.com/>

942 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield, CT 06109

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*Discount upon valid MSC card with current CSC sticker on back



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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.
- Please insure that dishes and utensils are washed, dried and put away after use.
- *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. It is suggested that 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.

PLEASE CLOSE FIRE DOORS DURING SLEEPING HOURS