

# MANCHESTER SKI CLUB

Monthly Newsletter



## Special points of interest:

- Second Work Day takes place on Saturday, June 25th.
- Membership Rates will not increase for 2011-2012 season.
- The Membership Renewal Form and instructions are attached.

## President's Message

While the weather has been warming up, the board has been busy planning for next year. Some key highlights are listed below:

- \*The spring lodge cleanup began (see article below) Thanks to all involved for their help!
- \*We are in the planning stages of purchasing several used UCONN "dorm" bunk beds and new mattresses. UCONN is offering wood framed bunks for \$10— this is an excellent opportunity to inexpensively beautify the rooms. The mattresses will be six inches longer and will be more comfortable for our taller members. They can also be easily flipped for a soft or hard sleeping surface preference and are encased

in a protective cover.

\*The board has finalized the 2011-2012 budget. Please refer to second page for important news regarding membership rates and storage fees.

\*Please be sure that you submit your membership applications prior to 9/1 to be eligible to purchase CSC discount tickets

\*We will offer a new bronze membership to take advantage of CSC days this fall. Please note: MSC will not be offering discount vouchers to this class of membership—and will only be offered access to CSC days at various mountains.

\*Due to low attendance of some of our meetings last season and the high cost of hall rentals, we will only plan to have three

general membership meetings this coming season. These will be the October, December Holiday Party and April End of Season meetings.

\*Due to low attendance at our summer picnic we have reallocated funds toward the November CSC ball. Additional details will follow in future newsletters.

\*Please remember that summer discount rates apply to lodge stays until Okemo opens for the season. Please give us two weeks notice and make your reservation by emailing:

[manchesterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterskiclub@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Orzolek

MSC President

## Second Work Weekend...Volunteers Needed!!!

The Board would like to remind you that the next Manchester Ski Club work "weekend" will take place on **Saturday June 25, 2011** (Just Saturday). We really need help from our members to prepare the walls and ceiling of the living room for painting.

walls, and the ceiling was sheet-rocked and spackled. Now we need to pick up where we left off and do some sanding and additional spackling in order to make the walls and ceiling really smooth prior to painting.

We need your help!!!

Please consider volunteering for **Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**. With your help we can all enjoy a nice, attractive living room to hang out in during the ski

season.

There are other tasks to do as well, such as some minor carpentry work, some touch ups here and there, and some other miscellaneous tasks.

Please contact **Mark Reitsma** via email at [markre@cox.net](mailto:markre@cox.net) if you can make it or if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our club!

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## Membership Rates and Fees for 2011-2012

Despite the continued uncertainties with the economy, the increasing cost for gas, utilities and potential roof repairs, the board is pleased to report that Lodge Membership (Gold Membership) renewal rates and lodge rates will remain the same as last year.

Please keep in mind that we are accepting 'new' lodge memberships. If you know of someone or a family that you feel would compliment our great club and help sustain it as such please direct them to Jon Hiller, Membership Chair and he will provide them further information.

Keep in mind that we offer referral rewards to those who direct new members to the club. A new family membership=3 night stay voucher and a single membership= 1 night stay voucher.

The cost of locker rentals will be increased to \$30 for the season. Also, locker assignments will be on a first come, first serve basis and will be assigned by post mark date of the membership application. If there is a greater demand than resources we will be renting plastic tubs for \$20. More details will follow in future newsletters.

For the associate/ non lodge members (Silver Membership) we have decreased the prices to be more competitive with some of the other ski council clubs. Rates will be \$20 for a single 62 and over with 25 years membership, \$25 for a regular single, and \$50 for families.

Please submit your membership renewal form BEFORE 9/1/2011 in order to purchase CSC discount tickets. More information on prices for these tickets will follow once the CSC finalizes prices.

## May 2011 Work Weekend Update

Thanks to the following volunteers who came to the lodge this past May and worked very hard to get a lot of significant projects started for this year: Jon, LoisAnn, and Spencer Sisson, Jon Hiller, Anne Knight, Joan Raynor, Bill Jones, MaryAnn and Kristen Orzolek, and Diane Alcorn. Here's what was accomplished:

1. The living room wallpaper was stripped, the glue was soaked and scraped off the plaster walls.
2. Some of the major cracks in the walls were spackled.
3. The door opening that once led to the hallway (it's now the men's shower) was sheetrocked to blend in with the wall.
4. The living room ceiling was sheetrocked, taped, and spackled.

5. Framing was constructed to prepare for the installation of doors for the men's room bathroom stalls.
6. All the pots, pans, dishes, plates, silverware, etc was washed, dried, and put away. The stovetops were cleaned as well.
7. Woodwork upstairs was cleaned of scuff marks and chipped areas were spot painted.
8. Detailed measurements were taken of the ladies' room in order to create a detailed major renovation plan and timetable.
9. The loose stair at the bottom of the staircase from the kitchen was repaired.
10. The bowed-out and water stained section of sheetrock on the ceiling of the barn was removed to assess the

reason and to determine an action plan for repair.

11. The grass was mowed and weeds were sprayed with weed killer.
12. Some general cleaning was done.

We really need to get more members to participate in these work weekends...volunteering not only helps improve the lodge appearance but also minimizes expenses and allows us to keep our rates low.

If you'd like to help in some way, but the dates don't work for you, please let Mark Reitsma know at [markre@cox.net](mailto:markre@cox.net) and he can help assign a project or tasks that you can work on at your own convenience.

## Membership Renewal Instructions

MSC electronic application form instructions

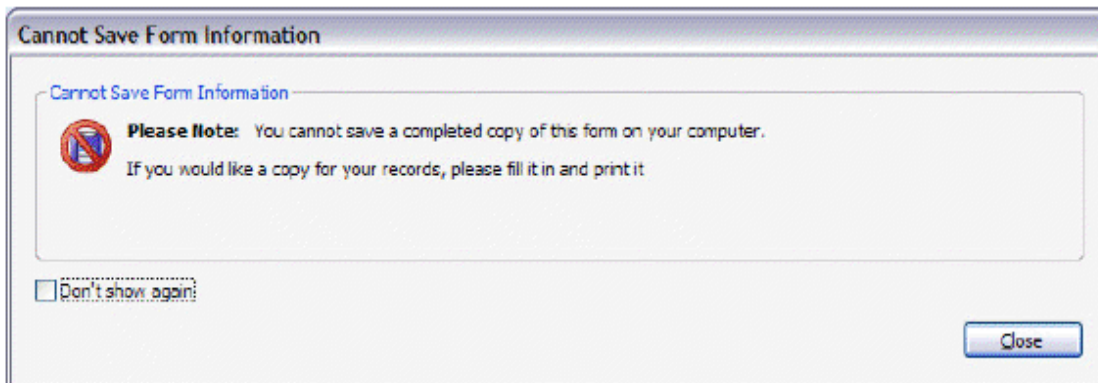
The 2011-2012 ski season application forms:

This year's forms in the "pdf" format are now available for Gold and Silver Membership.

All forms may be filled out using Adobe Reader and the result printed.

Clicking a form field (usually highlighted in blue) will take several seconds to activate (I counted 15 seconds on my 2006 HP running Windows XP). A pop up window will then display. Close it and you will be ready to start.

This is the pop up message that will display:



Once you have filled out your information, you are ready to print. You will not be able to save a copy once you add data to the form.

When printing the forms, some printers, notably ink jets, will clip off some of the bottom and top of the page unless the option to maximize the printed area is selected in the printer properties dialogue box.

Filling out the form in Adobe Reader:

Form fields were created where you can enter text, and check or uncheck a box. The amount field on the bottom of page 2 will automatically format the fee so no need to type in a dollar sign. Once completed, print out the result, remember to sign the waiver, and then send in the application with the appropriate fee. For family groups, the spouse/partner and all young adults over 18 who are part of the family membership need to sign the waiver.

Alternately, the blank forms can be printed and completed by pen and ink.

Thank you for considering the Manchester Ski Club

***“Please note that the deadline for submitting your membership renewal is September 1, 2011”***

***“If you do not submit your renewal by this time you will not be able to purchase Bulk Tickets!!!!”***



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FEES BY CHECK ONLY***

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## Monthly Newsletter

*The Manchester Ski Club was founded in 1942 and is an organization devoted to increasing the enjoyment and availability of skiing to enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Our membership is made up of approximately 400 individuals consisting of families, children and singles. The Club owns a large house for the use of its members, located near the base of Okemo Mountain in Ludlow VT. The lodge is available year-round for our members by reservation. Payment of an annual Lodge fee and nightly fee required.*

## 2011-2012 Membership Application Form



### Acknowledgment of Responsibility and Release of Liability

**EVERY ADULT MEMBER (18 and older) MUST SIGN THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY. PARENTS MUST SIGN FOR THEIR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT COMPLETING THE LIABILITY WAIVER FORM.**

#### *Liability Release, Indemnity Agreement and Code of Conduct*

- 1.) I acknowledge that skiing and its' related activities are HAZARDOUS and can result in damage, injury and/or death. I have considered these facts and make a voluntary choice to participate in these activities despite the risks that are present. In consideration for being permitted to participate, I agree to ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF DAMAGE, INJURY AND/OR DEATH that might be associated with or result from my participation in these activities.
- 2.) In consideration of my participation in these activities sponsored by the MSC, I hereby RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND TO FOREVER DISCHARGE the organizers and sponsors of these activities and the following parties:  
 The MSC Ski Club and it's Board of Directors (including it's affiliated organizations), their officers, agents and employees from any and all responsibility, liability, claims and demands whatsoever for any damage, loss, expense, delay, injury, sickness, accident, and/or death, whether caused by negligence, skiing conditions, weather or any other reason. This agreement applies to ALL activities that are in ANY WAY CONNECTED with any membership or participation in MSC activities.
- 3.) I have carefully read and understand this agreement and all of its terms. I understand that this agreement is a release of liability that will legally PREVENT me or any other person from filing suit or making any other legal claim arising out of or related to my membership or participation in MSC activities. I, nevertheless, enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon relatives, my heirs, administrators, executors, legal representatives and me.
- 4.) While it would be impossible to list all prohibited conduct, the following standards are reasonable and necessary for proper conduct for members and guests at any MSC activity. I acknowledge that the MSC will not tolerate the following actions and have the right to revoke my MSC membership if I do not comply with this code of conduct during MSC activities.
  - a. Any act in violation of Federal, State, County or local, civil, or penal laws or statues.
    - i. Any use or possession of narcotics or illegal drugs while attending an MSC activity
    - ii. Any act of providing alcoholic beverages to club members, family members, or guests under the legal drinking age in attendance at MSC activities.
    - iii. Any act that may create a dangerous situation, such as possessing a weapon at MSC activities or verbally, physically, or sexually assaulting another individual.
  - b. Any act of dishonesty, theft, or misappropriation of the MSC, member or guest's property.
  - c. Any issuance of a check to the MSC or its' agents, that is returned for insufficient funds that is not rectified within 30 days.
  - d. Any use of the MSC name, logo, or reputation for personal gain.
  - e. Any actions or behaviors that will in any way reflect poorly on the public image of the MSC.

Printed Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return waiver, application and fees to: **Jon Hiller, 26 Pinelock Dr., Gales Ferry, CT 06335**

2011-2012 Membership Application Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Renewal

New Membership      Were you referred by a member      Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ski resort employee      Resort Name \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL FEES

Please check appropriate box(s):	SILVER membership	GOLD membership*	Senior Silver**
Late fee after Sept. 1, 2011	Single: \$25	Single: \$150	Single: \$20
\$30	Family: \$50	Family: \$225	

\* Gold membership is subject to space availability in the lodge. Priority will be given to returning Gold members. First time Gold members may be placed on a waiting list if necessary. All new silver and gold members are asked to complete a work-job.

\*\*Same as Silver Membership but for MSC veterans of 25 or more years who are 62 years of age or older.

Skills you can offer to the club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY membership** information, print names:

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children to age 23 or in High School/College:

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 4: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_ 5: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_ 6: \_\_\_\_\_

*All membership fees and page 1 waiver must be included with this form. Failure to do so will result in your application being returned to you. Form must be completed in its entirety.*

Return waiver, application and fees to: **Jon Hiller, 26 Pinelock Dr., Gales Ferry, CT 06335**

**The signed waiver on page 1 must be returned with this application to grant membership. Thank You!**

**MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

Membership forms postmarked after September 1, 2010, will be returned for an additional late fee of \$30.00.

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Make checks payable to "MSC"      Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_